

## FAQ 2

- 1. Why is the YMCA investing in Cranford's indoor pool and gym facility?** The Westfield Area YMCA is a non-profit service organization whose mission statement focuses on strengthening the communities it serves. Investing in Cranford's recreation program and improving the facilities and programs that serve Cranford's residents is consistent with their mission.
- 2. Explain the funding and how the town will pay back the YMCA investment?** The YMCA will invest approximately \$1.5 million to renovate the indoor facility. The Township will reimburse the YMCA for the total costs and expenses of Capital Improvements by applying the Township's share of the net revenue from the indoor pool facility at Centennial Avenue until the Township has reimbursed the YMCA 100% of the cost of all Capital Investments. The payback of the costs for the Capital Improvements is interest free.
- 3. Explain the Revenue Share Agreement.** Once the YMCA is fully reimbursed for the total costs of the Capital Improvements, the YMCA and the Township shall equally share (50%/50%) the Net Revenue generated as a result of the YMCA programs and services provided at the Facilities. 100% of the revenue from the outdoor pools belongs to the Township.
- 4. Has the price of pool memberships changed in the last 10 years?** Yes. The cost of membership has risen over the last decade. The details of the cost of membership since 2014 is detailed in the Pool Fees document.
- 5. Are non-members allowed to take classes at the YMCA on a per diem basis?**  
No. The YMCA does not offer classes or the use of their facilities on a per diem basis. The YMCA will consider offering guest passes to friends and family of current members on an individual basis.
- 6. How will the combined Cranford Pools/YMCA membership work?**  
The Township will collaborate with the YMCA to establish and offer a new Cranford/YMCA membership for use of the indoor facilities. The YMCA will maintain and run the health & wellness center, the child watch room and the new multipurpose space as well as multiple programs such as swim lessons. They will use and maintain the trailer and the new back right camp fenced in area. Cranford Township will continue to staff and run the pool for 2023.
- 7. What does the Cranford/YMCA membership include?** The Cranford/YMCA membership will be an annual membership that includes access to both the indoor pool and the gym facilities as well as classes offered by the YMCA. There is no plan to offer separate memberships for the pool or the gym individually. If a member wants to include access to the outdoor pools in addition to the annual membership for the indoor facility membership, there will be an additional charge.
- 8. Can I obtain a membership for the outdoor pools without becoming an annual membership?** Yes. The outdoor pools are not part of this agreement and summer memberships to the outdoor pools will be offered as in previous years.

9. **Who will be accepting registrations and payments?** Cranford Township and the YMCA will establish and offer new Cranford/YMCA Program Center membership for use of the Facilities. The details of how this will be set up are still being discussed but it is envisioned that the YMCA will process the annual membership and the Cranford Recreation Department will administer the summer memberships. The annual Cranford/YMCA Membership fee can be paid in full or in 12 monthly payments.
10. **Will the swim teams still be allowed to use the indoor pools?** Yes. The Cranford High School Swim Team and the Cranford Gators will still have access to the indoor pool including during the renovations.
11. **I am currently enrolled in a water aerobics class at the Cranford indoor facility. Can I continue to take water aerobics class at the YMCA?** The YMCA offers water aerobics classes are Monday, Wednesday, and Friday at 9 AM. The YMCA will increase the class offerings if there is an increased demand and pool availability. Please refer to the YMCA's class offerings and schedules on the YMCA website. You will also have use of the Cardio room, Strength Training Room, and Weight Room and access to other classes.
12. **What happens after May? Will I still have free access to the indoor YMCA pool? How long will that last?** After May, the Township will no longer offer memberships to the indoor pool. The summer memberships to the outdoor pools will still be offered as in prior years because this partnership only involves the indoor facilities. Cranford and the YMCA will offer a combined Cranford/YMCA membership for the indoor facilities. If you are a current member of the indoor facility as of 3/7/23, you can continue to use the Westfield YMCA if you purchase a new Cranford/YMCA membership. You will have use of the YMCA Westfield until the renovated facilities reopen at the Centennial Avenue Pool.
13. **What if I can't afford the membership fee for the gym?** The YMCA offers financial assistance on an individual basis and does not turn anyone away because of inability to pay. The financial assistance program is available for those who live or work in Cranford Westfield, Garwood or Mountainside with a genuine financial hardship. You would need to fill out the YMCA's Financial Assistance Application to apply. All applications kept confidential. <https://westfielddynj.org/?s=financial+assistance>
14. **I currently swim laps on my own at the Cranford indoor pool. Can I continue to do that at the Westfield YMCA?** Yes, the Westfield YMCA offers lap swim. You can find the schedule here: <https://westfielddynj.org/schedules-brochures/>
15. **When will the Cranford indoor pool reduce its hours?** The Cranford indoor pool hours will operate on a reduced schedule effective April 1, 2023 through the end of construction. During this time, current Cranford indoor pool members will have access to the YMCA facilities and programs through May 23<sup>rd</sup>. After May 23<sup>rd</sup>, current members may purchase a new Cranford/YMCA membership that will allow them to continue to use the Westfield YMCA facilities until the construction is completed and the Cranford Centennial Avenue Facilities are reopened.