



A YMCA REGIONAL COMMUNITY CENTER in your community–It’s a great idea!

The Greater Waterbury YMCA has received support from the Tri-bury region to plan, construct, and operate a YMCA Community Center in, or near, Southbury, CT. A Board of Managers – members of the Tri-bury community – has been created to oversee the project. The Board is currently focusing its efforts on land acquisition, securing funding and identifying the core facility and programmatic needs and wants of the communities it will serve. The intent of this community led project is to enrich the lives of the children, families and adults in the region.

I don’t know much about the Y, tell me more about what they do:

The Y is dedicated to Youth Development, Healthy Living and Social Responsibility for all. It’s a non-profit charitable community family center that identifies the needs of the community and provides programming to satisfy those needs. The Y is more than just a “gym and swim” recreation center, it’s a resource center that provides community health programs that enrich the lives of children and families!

So, we are getting a YMCA. How long is this going to take and what happens next?

It’s a planning process that involves the volunteer work of a dedicated board and sub committees. 3-5 years is a realistic estimate, and the board has made great progress thus far. These are some of the recent developments:

- 2013 (January) – YMCA Board of Directors of the Greater Waterbury YMCA unanimously approved the application to develop a branch in Southbury.
- 2013 (June) – Established a fund at the Connecticut Community Foundation
- 2013 (July) – The Board of Managers is established
- 2013 (July) – YMCA of the USA approves the application for a Charter for the Regional YMCA.

What kinds of things will the Y offer?

Based on a community survey, the Board of Managers was able to assess the basic wants and needs of the area including but not limited to:

Standard Amenities: Gymnasium, Community Rooms, Rock Climbing, Youth Activity Rooms, Natatorium (Pool), Locker Rooms, Wellness Center, Group Exercise Rooms, Common Area, Offices and Child Watch

Additional Amenities: Performing Arts, Auditorium, Concession Area (Subway), Child Care Rooms, Ice Rink

How do I find out about ongoing developments for the new YMCA Regional Community Center?

A link to an information page about the project will be located on <http://www.southbury-ct.org/communitycenter>
You may also contact Kathy Bower, President of the YMCA Regional Community Center Board of Managers at:

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