

A MESSAGE FROM THE CEO

#2 Flood Update 9/10/24

Dear YMCA Families,

First and foremost, thank you all for your patience, care, and support of each other as we move through recovery from the flood. We appreciate those individuals and families who have personally reached out to me and our staff asking how you can help. With you being there every step of the way, it inspires us to always be there for each other and our community.

We are working diligently to have the 50M pool reopened as soon as we can. Experts were on campus last Thursday measuring the deck to see if any movement occurred. The results look favorable. Monday, engineers were on site conducting a rebar scan and core tests. This will inform us of any voids under the pool caused by an influx of ground water. These too look favorable. Once we have a firm diagnosis from these exploratory tests, we will have a timeline of when the 50M pool will reopen. Working collaboratively with the engineering team and our professional pool company we are aiming to have this reopening timeline by the end of the week. Some areas of our YMCA were hit harder than others and the recovery process will look different, but our number one priority at this moment is to reopen the 50M pool.

We are very thankful to our Wahoo coaches and staff team for securing other outdoor pools for our young athletes to practice from September 9 - October 4, 2024. Their dedication and commitment in pivoting in such a short amount of time to find alternative practice sites for our children exemplifies their love and spirit for the team. Because of them, every child will be provided with swimming practice.

Our 25-yard pool is now welcoming additional lap swimmers, Wilton Y Wahoos Swim Team, and the Wilton High School Swim Team, as well as continuing with swim lessons, aqua aerobics, rec swim, American Red Cross Lifeguard training and birthday parties. To accommodate the various activities in the 25-yard pool the water temperature has been lowered to 83 degrees. We try our very best to keep the air temperature consistent, but some things are out of our control (like a flood!).

After the flood, our hearts were broken. But with heartbreak comes healing and though it will take time, our Y will remain steadfast in its mission in bringing together people from different backgrounds, perspectives, and generations, to ensure that everyone has access to the opportunities, relationships, and resources necessary to learn, grow and thrive.

Warmly,

Christene Freedman

CEO Riverbrook Regional YMCA