



**Shenango Valley**  
**We build strong kids, strong families & strong communities**

Dear YMCA Members,

This letter is to inform you of the very exciting projects that will be completed very shortly. This is an exciting time for our YMCA, and I want to thank you for your support and patience.

The first bit of exciting news is that Barbenders Gym will cease operations and close their doors Monday (6/28/10). In an effort to better serve our community, BBG will become a part of the Shenango Valley YMCA. This is a great opportunity for our YMCA to grow, and will benefit our members tremendously. Some highlights include:

- New members to participate in YMCA memberships and programming
- New equipment to replace some of the older pieces in our fitness center
- Much more of a variety of Group Exercise classes for you to enjoy (including spinning!!)

Equally exciting is that on Monday, July 5<sup>th</sup>, we are opening the doors to our new fitness center at Chavers Community Center, Farrell. Renovations have been under way and will be complete by then. This is a part of the YMCA so anyone with an active membership here will have the ability to use the facility in Farrell also: *at no extra charge!* This site will be designed for all the “heavy lifters”, where they can lift serious weight and play their music loud. Free weights and “Hammer Strength” equipment will be featured there. Initially, the hours of operation in Farrell will be 4-10pm, but hours will be extended in the fall.

By January 1<sup>st</sup>, 2011, we hope that your YMCA membership will not only give you access to the programs and services in our Hermitage and Farrell locations, but others as well. As I am sure many of you are aware of; we have been working very hard with the Borough of Greenville to assume control of what is currently GALSA. The way things have been going, and based upon the feedback we have received from the many surveys we have conducted in that community, we are confident that we will be able to add that location as a third facility by the end of this year.

This is an exciting time for our YMCA, and we are very pleased you will be a part of it. We could have never made this happen without your support, loyalty and patience. We have been blessed to be able to grow while many gyms and Y’s are closing their doors! The Y also owes a big thanks to Greenville Saving bank for not only loaning us the money to make this happen but for giving us such a good interest rate!! Thanks again for sticking with us and I hope everyone enjoys the new additions!

Sincerely,

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