**“The Buzz” – October 2019**

**(Official Member Newsletter of the Pittsburg Y)**

Fall is finally here, at least on the calendar, but you wouldn’t know it by the recent temperatures. I find it hard to believe it’s October. The time seems to pass so quickly. You know the saying, “My how time flies when you’re having fun.” That is truly the case with me. While we have had and still do have many challenges, I’m having fun. Working with our staff, members and the community in general has been a great experience for me. There’s so much good stuff going on with the Y that once it comes to fruition people will really be able to get excited. Granted a lot of it has to do with getting organized internally but as I have been mentioning we are working on plans for all aspects of the Y. We haven’t gone public with much yet because we want to be thorough in our efforts. Good planning takes time but when we do begin to make announcements, I’m certain everyone will be excited. In the meantime, hang in there with us. The future looks bright!

As I mentioned last month, we will be announcing a fundraising effort. That is still the plan so information will be coming out in just a matter of a few days. Keep an eye out for it.

I’ve said this often, but I can’t say it enough, thank you for your patronage as we work to revitalize the Y. If at any time you have questions or concerns, don’t hesitate to contact me or come see me. I’ll be more than happy to sit down and talk. If you have ideas, we’re always interested to hear what people have to say. Thanks, Mike

**Youth Programs** – Fall Soccer and Flag Football are well under way. Sign up for basketball has begun, the deadline is October 4th. . This year we will have a skills day with the Pitt State men’s basketball program on November 23rd at 9am in John Lance Arena. Participants will experience a clinic put on by the Gorilla Coaching Staff and Players.

**Swim Team** – Swim Team practice is underway for the winter. Practice is daily M-F, 3:30-6pm. The first fall meet is in October.

**Aquatics** – Last month we were awarded $13,669 from the Pritchett Trust to purchase play features for the pool. These have been ordered so family swim and pool parties will get a big boost when these are installed. An installation date is yet to be determined pending delivery. We’ll keep everyone posted on the progress.

**Dance** – Enrollment is still open. Dance made a handful of public appearances in September. In October they will participate in PSU Homecoming Parade and the Talent on Parade Convention in Tulsa. They will also have their company sleepover on the 11th.

**YMCA Chaplain** – Pastor Adam Parrish has started as the Y’s volunteer Chaplain. His hours are Monday 2:30-4pm and Wednesday 8-9:30am. His office is upstairs at the end of the hall. Welcome Adam!

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