Oroville YMCA Aquatics Announcement FAQ's

Why are you closing the pool?
The Oroville facility has continuously ended each year with a financial loss, which has been covered annually by the YMCA of Superior California. The cost of operating the pool has significantly burdened the finances of the YMCA, and it is in need of repairs the Y simply cannot afford. In the face of these financial realities, we have reached the difficult decision to close our pool on Robinson Street permanently.

What about the Seniors that rely on the pool for exercise?
We understand that there are senior members that relied on the pool for exercise that supported their wellness and mobility. The YMCA offers many programs that serve the needs of seniors in our community. Seniors are encouraged to check out programs like "Senior Groove" which features fun movements to restore walking gait and stability, "Seated Silver Combo" with low impact exercise, or "Head to Toe" which includes light cardio and strength training. Additionally, the Oroville YMCA offers Pickleball, a low-impact sport that is a combination of tennis, badminton and ping-pong. All are designed to improve balance, mobility, and flexibility.

If there is no pool, what programs will you be offering at the Oroville Y?
The Oroville YMCA offers many diverse programs for a variety of ages; including adult and youth sports, childcare, group exercise classes, a fitness center, community classes like cooking, drama, and music, and many more, serving over a thousand members of the community yearly. To view our current available programs, visit ymcasuperiorcal.org/OrovilleYMCA

How will this affect my YMCA membership?
YMCA membership fees were not covering the expenses of the pool, and will not change with the closure of the pool. Our programs and amenities at the Convention Center will continue to be provided with the cost of your membership. Any requests to change or cancel your membership should be directed to membership@ymcasuperiorcal.org.

What will happen with the property and pool at Robinson Street?
Due to our partnership with the City of Oroville allowing us use of the Convention Center, we will no longer have a need for the Robinson Street facility. At this time, the Robinson Street building is under consideration for rentals, but likely long-term, will be sold.

Why was it so expensive to operate the pool?
With costs significantly rising in today's economy, and the extensive repairs needed to maintain the Robinson Street Pool, the amount of members attending aquatics programming, and program fees did not offset the cost of operations to run the pool.

Where can I or my kids learn to swim?
Swim lessons are available for your children at Nelson's Pool during the summer months. More information can be found at www.frrpd.com/aquatics.

What are you doing with the City to provide future Aquatics Programming?
The YMCA and the City of Oroville share a vision to one day bring back YMCA aquatics programming, and have discussed the possibility of providing aquatics at the Convention Center. We will be following up with a letter of interest to the City Council. However at this time, there is no plan in place to provide a pool in the downtown area.

What if I have more questions?
For questions on programming, please contact Branch Manager Sarah Pierce at spierce@ymcasuperiorcal.org

For questions about community outreach or partnerships, please contact Executive Director Stephani Leigh at sleigh@ymcasuperiorcal.org

For questions regarding overall YMCA concerns or inquiries, contact CEO Sharna Braucks at sbraucks@ymcasuperiorcal.org