

Dear YMCA Arlington Tennis & Pickleball Center Members,

We are excited to welcome you back to the YMCA Arlington Tennis & Pickleball Center for another outstanding season in 2026–2027!

As valued members of our community, we want to share an important update regarding the YMCA's future redevelopment plans for YMCA Arlington & the YMCA Arlington Tennis & Pickleball Center. While the redevelopment planning is ongoing, and we continue to explore ways to bring new wellness options to Arlington: the YMCA is committed to preserving the legacy of tennis in Arlington. There will be more information to follow in the weeks ahead, and as we embark on the next chapter together, we are grateful for your continued support and trust in the Y. **For now, we look forward to another season of competition, connection, and community together.**



CELEBRATING SUCCESS

We are excited to share the following updates:

- » **Dinking to Defeat Parkinson's:** Our recent fundraiser—**powered by JOOLA**—was a resounding success, raising **\$13,000** for YMCA programs that serve the Parkinson's community needs. This event welcomed four of the top ten pickleball players in the world, including #1 ranked men's player Federico Staksrud, for a demo, clinic and live round robin play to aid our fundraising efforts. Updates on future JOOLA offerings at YMCA Arlington, Bethesda-Chevy Chase, and Silver Spring will be shared via email and at ymcadc.org/pickleball.
- » At this fundraising event, **the YMCA proudly launched our first Pickleball for Parkinson's program**, powered by JOOLA. The program, which was also funded in part by the Parkinson's Foundation, quickly reached full capacity at the YMCA Arlington Tennis & Pickleball Center; and, has now expanded to YMCA Bethesda Chevy Chase! Look forward to more exciting news about this program in the weeks ahead.

RECOGNIZING MEL LABOT

This year, we honor the 10-year anniversary of Mel Labot's passing after a long battle with Parkinson's. As most of you know, Mel was a former Tennis Director at the Y whose impact extended far beyond the court. Mel was not only a leader in our tennis program, but a true champion of the community, mentoring players, fostering connections, and creating an environment where everyone felt supported and inspired. His dedication, generosity, and passion continue to shape the spirit of our tennis community today. In 2027, we will also celebrate our ten year anniversary with our valued partner in tennis instruction, Pass Academy.

A LOOK AHEAD TO THIS SUMMER & FALL

- » **Your current Full Facility membership includes summer court time at no charge (May 19 to September 7, 2026).** Full Facility members also have access to additional tennis and pickleball courts at YMCA Bethesda-Chevy Chase and YMCA Silver Spring.
- » **Y Summer Camps:** in partnership with our pickleball partner, **ProsToYou**, and our tennis partner, **Pass Academy**, we are excited to offer summer camps for both sports! [Click to register](#) your child for Tennis or Pickleball Summer Camp.
- » **Save the date for our 2026–2027 Season Kickoff Party!** On September 16th, from 12–2pm and again from 5–7pm, our season kickoff parties will take place. Enjoy light refreshments while meeting staff and community members.
- » **Reserve your spot at our Friday Night Tennis Socials!** Back by popular demand, our Friday Night Social events are always a hit. You can reserve your spot by [clicking here](#).

MEMBERSHIP RENEWAL DEADLINE

A reminder that the deadline to renew your membership for the 2026–2027 season is August 31, 2026. Members that renew by July 15th will receive 2 free guest passes to share with friends as a thank you.

Speaking of 2026 to 2027, did you know...?

- » In 2026, as a national movement, the YMCA is currently celebrating its 175th year of service at over 2,500 locations nationwide.
- » In 2027, the YMCA of Metropolitan Washington will celebrate its 175th year of service across the greater Washington, DC region.

BEYOND YOUR TIME ON THE COURTS: YOUR IMPACT, YOUR LEGACY

Your membership in the YMCA makes you a part of the largest human service nonprofit in the country. At the YMCA, our members, staff, and volunteers are dedicated to Healthy Living, Youth Development, and Social Responsibility.

- » To learn more about the YMCA's impact across the DMV, please [click here](#).
- » Please consider supporting our local families in need by [donating online](#).

MEMBERSHIP RENEWAL

The following items have been updated [at this link](#), effective for the 2026–2027 season:

- Membership Information Guide (please read for important updates)
- Membership Renewal Options
- A link to the 2026–2027 Full Facility online membership application

- [Seasonal Information and Court Fees](#)
- [YMCA Member Guidelines](#)
- [Pass Academy 2026 Summer Tennis Camp Information](#)
- [ProsToYou 2026 Summer Pickleball Camp Information](#)
- [Party/Event Booking Information](#)
- [CourtReserve Features and FAQs](#)
- [YMCA Donation Pledge Form](#)

Thank you for your membership and support! On behalf of the entire team, we look forward to serving you and the Arlington community this upcoming season.

Sincerely,

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P.S. Have an idea or feedback? Would you like to volunteer? Please stop by my office or email me. I look forward to hearing from you!