

## Questions and answers about closing of Arlington YMCA

### **What are the basic membership fees?**

Because the Y is a charitable organization that receives community donations, it is able to offer income-based rates to ensure that all members of our community have access to our programs, services and membership facilities, regardless of their ability to pay. Membership rates begin as low as \$20 per month.

### **What costs have increased for the two locations specifically?**

A variety of factors, including significant operating costs plus decreased revenues from lower participation, have complicated efforts to keep the branch open.

### **By how much has memberships declined?**

Membership has been on a decline for the last four years, from a high of 838 memberships to 238 this year.

### **Will members be able to use other Ys, paying the same membership price?**

At the Y, it is our priority to ensure that community members have access to the tools and resources needed to achieve their personal goals. We will extend current Arlington Family YMCA members' First Coast membership for as long as they remain a First Coast YMCA member. That means they will continue to have access to all locations in Northeast Florida. All of these locations offer group exercise and Silver Sneakers classes. Members will continue paying only their current branch-only rate for use of all locations.

### **Will the youth sports program in Arlington continue, or will they end and be offered at a different location?**

The youth basketball league at the Arlington Family YMCA will complete its season schedule through February 2018. Current youth and sports programs at Arlington Family YMCA will continue to be offered at other YMCA locations in Northeast Florida.

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