

## City of Plano Recreation Centers Membership Fee Increase

### What are the new membership fees?

Effective October 1, 2008, Plano recreation memberships will be as follows:

<b>Plano Residents</b>	<b>Annual Payment</b>	<b>Monthly (12x)</b>
Youth* (3-16)	\$80	\$8
Adult (17-59)	\$130	\$13
Senior (60+)	\$100	\$10
College (18-22)	\$65	

Sold in May or June and valid for three months

<b>Non-Resident</b>	<b>Annual Payment</b>	<b>Monthly (12x)</b>
Youth* (3-16)	\$160	\$16
Adult (17-59)	\$260	\$26
Senior (60+)	\$200	\$20

**Work in Plano**      \$195                      \$19.50  
 Proof of employment is required prior to purchasing a membership

\* Children two years of age and younger are admitted free. Children younger than 7 must be supervised by an adult.

Daily Admission Rates will be as follows:

Plano Aquatic Center	\$2
Rowlinson Natatorium	\$2
Jack Carter Pool	\$3
Carpenter Park Recreation Center	\$6 adult / \$3 youth
Oak Point Center	\$6 adult / \$3 youth
Liberty Recreation Center	\$6 adult / \$3 youth
Tom Muehlenbeck Center	\$6 adult / \$3 youth

### Why are fees increasing?

Although we run our facilities as efficiently as possible, the revenue generated by current membership fees does not cover the operating costs. The membership fee increase will allow the City of Plano to continue offering memberships at very low rates and depend less on tax subsidy.

### I live in another city but my kids go to PISD schools. Are we still able to receive the resident membership rates?

You will now be considered a *non-resident* when determining your fee. In the late 1960's the City began its recreation programs through a cooperative agreement with PISD and most of the programs were held in PISD facilities therefore the resident rate was extended to non-resident PISD households. Today all membership facilities are owned and operated by the City of Plano with no financial support from PISD.



**Will there be a family discount?**

We will provide a 10% discount when three or more individuals in the same household purchase memberships at the same time. These memberships must be purchased at a recreation center in order to receive the discount. Proof of residency will be required.

**I attend college out of state and will be home for the summer. Can I buy a membership for just the time I will be home?**

Summer seasonal memberships are available for college students, ages 18-22, whose primary residence is Plano but attend college out of the area. Students may purchase these three-month memberships in May or June of each year.

**Is there a payment plan?**

Members will have the option of paying all at once or making monthly payments throughout the year. Monthly payments for the annual memberships will be at a slightly higher fee to recover the additional transaction costs.

**If I am a senior on a fixed income, can I get a break on fees?**

Individuals 60 and older receive discounts on classes and memberships. Additionally, Plano offers a Financial Assistance Program for those who qualify. Discounts are generally 50% however some discounts are less but are based on contractual obligations with the instructor or program provider. Plano Senior Recreation Center is not covered under membership requirements and remains available at no cost to individuals age 50 and older.

**How do Plano rates compare with neighboring cities/private facilities?****Annual Membership Comparison Survey 2008**

<b>Annual Rates</b>	<b>Youth</b>	<b>Adult</b>	<b>Senior</b>
Frisco	\$ 230 (2-17)	\$ 350 (18-59)	\$ 280 (60+)
Cedar Hill	\$ 100 (7-17)	\$ 150 (18-54)	\$ 100 (55+)
Lancaster	\$ 150 (4-15)	\$ 180 (16-54)	\$ 150 (55+)
Keller	\$ 209 (3-15)	\$ 354 (16-61)	\$ 244 (62+)
Allen	\$ 82.50 (3-13)	\$ 165 (18-49)	\$ 132 (50+)
<b>Other Cities Average</b>	<b>\$ 154.30</b>	<b>\$ 239.80</b>	<b>\$ 181.20</b>
YMCA	\$ 432	\$ 528	\$ 492
Private (non-city)	n/a	\$ 355	n/a
Plano current rates	\$ 40 (7-12)	\$ 65 (18-59)	\$ 50 (60+)
<b>Plano NEW rates</b>	<b>\$ 80 (3-16)</b>	<b>\$ 130 (17-59)</b>	<b>\$ 100 (60+)</b>
<b>Amount below other cities averages</b>	<b>\$ 74.30</b>	<b>\$ 109.80</b>	<b>\$ 81.20</b>



**Will fees increase every year?**

Our goal is to maintain these rates as long as possible. Our last increase occurred in January 2005 which gave members access to all Plano recreation centers and pools with one membership.

**I just bought a membership for my family. Will I be charged the difference?**

Membership rates are based on the date you purchase your membership. When you renew, the new rate will be charged. If you are paying the monthly installments, the monthly charge will remain the same for the full annual membership term.

**I did not buy a membership for my five year old. Do I have to buy one now?**

Effective October 1, 2008 children ages 3 and older will be required to have a membership. Adult supervision by an adult member or daily fee participant is required for all children younger than 7.

**My taxes paid for these facilities. Why do I have to pay a fee to use them too?**

Operation and maintenance costs for Carpenter Park Recreation Center, Oak Point Center, Liberty Recreation Center, Tom Muehlenbeck Center, Plano Aquatic Center, Rowlinson Natatorium, and Jack Carter Pool are approximately \$8 million annually. Membership fees and other fees are targeted at reducing the tax subsidy to 35%.

**What is Plano's tax rate?**

Plano's effective tax rate with a homestead exemption is 37.88 cents per \$100 of assessed valuation. This is the lowest tax rate among our neighboring cities of including Frisco (45 cents), Allen (55.70 cents), Richardson (57.51 cents) and McKinney (58.55 cents), as well as many others in the Dallas metropolitan area.

**Will a P.O. Box in Plano suffice for proof of residency?**

No, we will ask for other forms of residency proof if a P.O. Box is provided. Water bills, driver's license, phone bills, lease agreements, are some of the ways you can prove residency.

**I own rental properties in Plano. Can I receive the resident rate?**

The resident rate is designed for those whose primary residence is in Plano. Owning a business in Plano, including rental properties would qualify you for the discounted Work in Plano membership rate.

**Is there a charge for child care?**

Yes, we will continue to charge a fee for child care. Services are available at Oak Point Center and the Tom Muehlenbeck Center.

**What is included in the membership fees?**

Annual memberships provide access to all recreation centers and swimming pools in the Plano Parks and Recreation system.



**Where are all the Plano Recreation Centers and pools located?**

**Carpenter Park Recreation Center**

6701 Coit Rd 972-208-8087

**Douglass Community Center**

1111 Avenue H 972-941-7174

**Jack Carter Outdoor Pool**

2800 Maumelle Dr 972-208-8081

**Liberty Recreation Center**

2601 Glencliff Dr 972-769-4234

**Oak Point Center**

6000 Jupiter Rd 972-941-7540

**Plano Aquatic Center**

2301 Westside Dr 972-769-4232

**Plano Senior Recreation Center**

401 W 16th St 972-941-7155

**Harry Rowlinson Community Natatorium**

1712 Avenue P 972-941-7670

**Tom Muehlenbeck Center**

5801 W Parker Rd 972-769-4404

**Williams Recreation Center**

1717 Avenue P 972-941-7167

