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Chelsea Community Center Announces Membership Program

Effective January 2nd, 2019, the Chelsea Community Center will convert to a Membership Only program for its athletic facilities. Since opening in 2015, it has operated as a free to the public facility and has experienced tremendous growth. As a result, there have been some growing pains; such as being unavailable for its Chelsea residents when in use by non-Shelby County groups. The Membership based program is our solution to keeping the CCC available to the Chelsea/Shelby County residents.

The CCC Membership Only program will include a badge system where each member will be issued a badge required to enter the Gymnasium, Exercise Room, and the Walking Track. All other areas of the CCC will continue to be free access for meetings, parties, and different events that are scheduled at the facility. Membership will not be required for Room Rental and rental fees will remain unchanged. The membership will not affect sports programs such as the basketball and volleyball leagues, archery events, or any other programs offered at CCC. However, everyone entering the facility will be asked to sign in. This system will provide for the safety and security of residents and employees.

All of Chelsea's neighboring cities have fee-based membership programs for their Community Centers. The CCC Membership Rates are as follows: A single Chelsea or Shelby County resident will be charged \$75.00 per year or \$37.50 semi-annually. A family will be \$125.00 per year or \$62.50 semi-annually. Active/retired military and Shelby County seniors (65 and older) will receive free memberships. City employees, active COP volunteers, and their immediate families will also receive a free membership to encourage good physical fitness and keep insurance and other related costs down. This does not apply to elected officials. Non-Shelby County residents will be offered membership at a higher rate. A Daily Rate will also be available upon request.

The ultimate goal is to keep the Chelsea Community Center clean, safe, and appropriately staffed for residents and to have it available when citizens wish to utilize it. Memberships can be obtained in person at the CCC or online at <https://chelsea.recdesk.com>. For more information, please contact the Chelsea Community Center at (205) 677-2052.