

# POTTSTOWN CITIZENS FOR Enlightened LEADERSHIP

## The 'Complex' better than ever

Three years ago, Pottstown area entrepreneur Charles Gulati rescued the Pottstown YMCA from closing when he bought the 50-year-old Y building on North Adams Street, spent millions renovating it, and created "The Complex."



Commentary by  
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About 40 percent of the building's space is leased to the YMCA, including the swimming pool. Gulati installed a new water infiltration system in the pool and transformed the rest of the facility with extensive renovations, including a new HVAC system.

The rest of the 75,000 square foot building is divided for use by a wide range of tenants, including both athletic and community service organizations.

**YMCA** offers swimming, two fitness studios, cardio room, weight room, child watch, and locker rooms.

**Pottstown Hospital** leases an area for physical and occupational therapy. The area is next to the heated pool, which has been unused for several years but is in good condition. It may be leased in the future by the hospital.

**H.E.A.T.** — Henley Elite Athletic Training — is leasing the building's 8,000 square foot former gym as a turf field, which is adjacent to strength and conditioning workout rooms, so athletes can spend time on strength and skills training followed by actual play time.

**NON-PROFIT WING** on the second floor includes **TCN**, the TriCounty Network, which offers support to non-

profits in the area, including **Mosaic Community Land Trust**. The offices are next to a conference room which can be used by any of the tenants in the building.

**Greater Pottstown Tennis and Learning** offers after-school enrichment programs including financial literacy, tutoring support and STEM Initiatives.

**YWCA** — leases six classrooms and six offices for adult education and testing services on the second floor next to TCN.

**Different Level Training** is a sports and recreation center that leases the basketball gym. There are mats for wrestling as well, including girls wrestling.

**Shinjikan Karate Center** leases the basement.

Gulati said he's delighted to see people of all ages, races, and genders working out and playing together.

"My original vision of athletics has evolved into fitness, wellness and education," he said.

"The tenants are closely related but not overlapping, working together for a bigger positive impact on the community. It's a unique synergy."

Gulati shows what can be done by civic-minded business leaders who have faith in their ideas and the willingness to use their own resources to carry them out.



**Charles Gulati**



**EVERY PARKING SPACE TAKEN** — The former Pottstown YMCA building on North Adams Street has been transformed into a center for fitness, wellness and education by Pottstown area entrepreneur Charles Gulati. Three years after Gulati created The Complex, it's thriving.