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Work starts April 5th on Phase 2 of North 1st Street revitalization

The second of three phases of the North 1st Street Revitalization Project is expected to begin Monday, April 5th.

Phase 2 includes North 1st Street from N Street to J Street. At least one lane of traffic in each direction will be open most of the time during work on Phase 2.

Traffic may be interrupted completely from time to time, but construction crews will make every effort to maintain at least one lane of traffic both northbound and southbound throughout the project area as much as possible.

The North 1st Street Revitalization Project is intended to improve safety for drivers and pedestrians and increase the economic development potential of the North 1st Street corridor, one of the main entrances to the city.

Click the following link for a story map created by City of Yakima Information Technology Services showing all three phases of the North 1st Street project - <https://storymaps.arcgis.com/stories/5adf75c8a5ba4b9bad67af6dc08defc0>

Total Site Services of Richland is the general contractor for Phase 2. The cost for Phase 2 is about \$2.6 million, \$665,000 below the engineer's estimate of the project.

Phase 2 will be paid for through a combination of water, sewer and stormwater funds, as well as from a \$20 annual car tab fee adopted by the Yakima City Council during its 2018 budget process.

It is anticipated that work on Phase 2 will be complete during the fourth quarter of 2021.

Phase 1 of the North 1st Street Revitalization Project was completed in December 2019. It included improvements between Highway 12 and N Street. It cost about \$3.3 million, funded mostly with federal and state funds.

The timeframe for Phase 3, which would provide improvements from J Street to Martin Luther King Jr. Boulevard, is dependent on funding. The City continues to seek state and federal funds for Phase 3, which has an estimated cost of \$12 million.

Updates on the progress of North 1st Street Revitalization will be provided through the City's communications platforms including the City website, City social media sites, news releases and Y-PAC programming.

State Fair Park hosts COVID-19 vaccine clinic

Drive-thru program receives federal support with FEMA

[A drive-thru COVID-19 vaccination clinic at State Fair Park](#) is open by appointment for those who are currently eligible under the vaccine distribution plan.

The hours of operation are Tuesday through Saturday from 9 am to 3 pm, except Thursdays from noon to 6 pm.

FEMA announced a [pilot program](#) at State Fair Park to increase daily vaccinations from 200 to 1,200.

Individuals who would like to sign up for a COVID-19 vaccine should follow the following four steps:

Step 1: Determine eligibility with Phase Finder www.FindYourPhaseWA.Org

Step 2: Identify a location that is currently distributing vaccines using the [Yakima Health District Website](#)

Step 3: Contact the location to schedule an appointment. Each location will have a preferred method of contact listed on the [Yakima Health District website](#)

Step 4: Go to your first appointment and mark your calendar for your second dose.

It is recommended Individuals schedule their second dose at the same location where they received their first dose.

City Council action summary - March 2021

Yakima City Council action during its meetings in March included:

- Approving extension of Mayoral Proclamation declaring an emergency due to COVID-19
- Receiving an update on status of community gardens Council request
- Discussing a possible amendment to the International Property Maintenance Code ordinance to accommodate landlords
- Receiving the 4th Quarter 2020 Capital Improvement Projects Report
- Authorizing participation in Agreed Order for remediation at 1808 N. 1st Street, former Tiger Oil site
- Discussing fiscal sustainability and financing of public safety vehicles

Complete minutes and agendas from council meetings are available at [Agendas and Minutes | City Council \(yakimawa.gov\)](https://www.yakimawa.gov/agendas-and-minutes).

All council meetings air live on Y-PAC and online at [Live Stream | City Council \(yakimawa.gov\)](https://www.yakimawa.gov/live-stream).

City seeks assistance from local dog owners

Officials reminding the community about City Code requirements related to dogs

With spring weather here and opportunities to play outside in the sunshine, dog owners in the City of Yakima are asked to remember Yakima Municipal Code (YMC) regarding dogs:

- Dogs must be on leash in city limits and not allowed to roam at large.
- Owners must pick up their dog's feces, especially at City parks such as the dog park at Randall Park.
- Dogs must be registered and licensed.

Violations of the above result in fines. Click [Chapter 6.20 ANIMAL CONTROL \(codepublishing.com\)](https://www.yakimawa.gov/codepublishing.com) for the complete YMC regarding dog control.

"These city codes exist for the health and safety of the public and their animals," said Animal Control Officer Anthony Diaz. "We appreciate the community's help in following these codes and being considerate pet owners."

For more information call 575-6038 or e-mail Anthony.Diaz@yakimawa.gov



Though Yakima City Hall is currently closed due to COVID-19 restrictions, a dog licensing and registration form is available online at [Microsoft Word – 2012 Dog License App updated 08202012.doc \(yakimawa.gov\)](https://www.yakimawa.gov/microsoft-word-2012-dog-license-app-updated-08202012.doc).

The completed form can be e-mailed to utilities@yakimawa.gov

If you see pets in the City of Yakima that appear to be neglected, report concerns to the City's animal control hotline at **509-575-6038**.

Click <https://www.yakimawa.gov/services/animal-control/> for more information about the City of Yakima's animal control services.

Clean City program reports progress in 2020

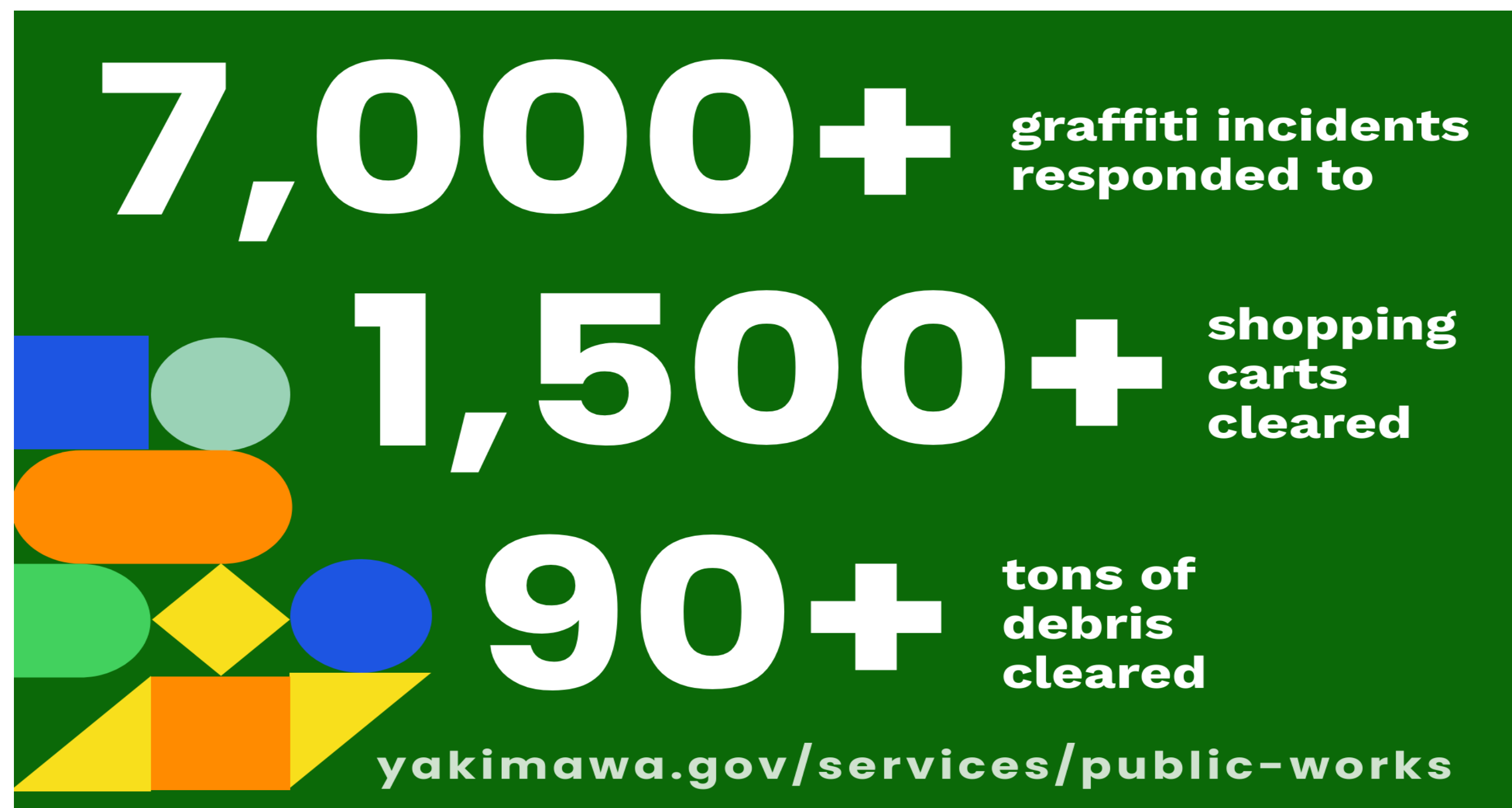
Responding to more than 7,000 graffiti incidents, removing more than 1,500 shopping carts and clearing more than 90 tons of debris are some of the activities provided by the City of Yakima Clean City Program in 2020.

The Yakima City Council received an annual report in its agenda packet for the March 16th meeting.

"The Clean City program experienced a few challenges in its first full year of implementation, particularly due to the COVID-19 pandemic," said Public Works Director Scott Schafer. "Great care was taken for the safety of our employees and the public. Overall, the program accomplished a significant amount of success in providing timely responses to many incidents of blight within the City of Yakima."

Click [Coversheet \(novusagenda.com\)](https://www.yakimawa.gov/coversheet) for a copy of the report. The link also includes a Clean City Program report for the 4th quarter of 2020.

The City of Yakima developed "Clean City" as a program in 2019.



Its main objectives are:

- Address visual blight (trash, graffiti, dangerous building, abandoned vehicles, etc.)
- Address unscheduled collection of waste and litter from the City's public areas/thoroughfares
- Expedite the clean-up of such illegal dumps
- Clean up homeless encampments
- Support Yakima Police Department officers in unlawful camping enforcement
- Provide coordination with neighborhoods for annual clean-up events
- Create educational components
- Engage with community partners and volunteers

Clean City, under the direction of the City's Public Works Division, coordinates the efforts of several City departments and community partners.

Click <https://www.yakimawa.gov/services/public-works/> for more about the City of Yakima Public Works Division.

Section of Mead Avenue closing six weeks for road replacement

Mead Avenue will be closed from Fair Avenue to 18th Street for six weeks for a project that will tear out and replace the existing roadway.

Work begins Monday, April 5th, and is expected to conclude Friday, May 14th.

The Mead Avenue improvements will be done in two installments, starting with the section from Fair Avenue to 14th Street. That will be followed by a second and final phase from 14th Avenue to 18th Street. Detours will be posted in the project area.

While the section of Mead Avenue from Fair Avenue to 18th Street will be closed to through traffic for six weeks, access will be maintained to homes and businesses in the project area.



Emergency vehicles will be allowed through the project area if necessary.

Click [Mead Ave Road Replacement 2021 \(arcgis.com\)](https://arcgis.com) for a digital map of the project area created by City of Yakima Information Technology Services.

The work may cause interruptions in scheduled refuse collection. Contact the City of Yakima Refuse Division at 575-6005 for more information.

Drivers are reminded that the speed limit through all traffic-related work zones within the City of Yakima is 20 miles-per-hour.

As always, the schedule for this type of project is subject to change daily dependent on weather, equipment failure, and emergencies.

For more information about the project, contact Streets and Traffic Manager Joe Rosenlund at 576-6430.

Spring has sprung in the City of Yakima



Fisher Park golf now underway

The City of Yakima's Fisher Park Golf Course opened March 26th for the 2021 season.

The par-3, 9-hole course is located at 823 South 40th Avenue, across from Eisenhower High School. It is typically open from March through October each year, depending on the weather.

Daily specials include Senior Citizen Day on Mondays, Ladies' Day on Tuesdays, Men's Day on Thursdays and Family Day after 3 pm Sundays.

The typical hours of operation are 8:00 am to dusk.

For more information about COVID-19 precautions, fee schedules and daily specials call Fisher Park Golf at 575-6075 or visit <https://yakimaparks.com/parks/fisher-park-golf-course/>



City irrigation began April 1st

The City of Yakima's 2021 irrigation season began April 1st.,

All City irrigation systems should be fully operational by April 7th. Visit <https://www.yakimawa.gov/services/water-irrigation/> for more information.

For billing questions about the City of Yakima's drinking water/irrigation services call 575-6080. Other inquiries for the City's Water/Irrigation Division can be directed to 575-6154.

The city has operated irrigation systems since the early 1900s. The system that now exists to deliver water to customers in Yakima actually consists of 66 individual, smaller systems that were consolidated over 20 years ago into a single utility. Through that utility, the City currently provides water to about 11,000 customers.



Garden webinar set for April 17

The Spring 2021 Heritage Garden workshop is Saturday, April 17th. It will be in a webinar format due to COVID-19 concerns and restrictions.

The free webinar is titled "Sustainable Landscapes." It will be from 9:00 am to 12:00 pm. Register online at <https://attendee.gotowebinar.com/register/6991175829065231885>

Contact Ann Autrey at ann-autrey@conservewa.net or 509-528-2683 for more information.

It is presented by the North and South Yakima Conservation Districts as well as the Benton Conservation District.

One of the webinar sponsors is Yakima Basin Integrated Plan (YBIP) Municipal Water Conservation Committee, chaired by City of Yakima Assistant Director of Public Works David Brown.

Building Immunity for our Community



City of Yakima officials were among those on hand at State Fair Park for a ribbon-cutting ceremony March 31st to mark the opening of the country's first fully FEMA-funded COVID-19 vaccination center.

For an appointment call 1-800-525-0127 or visit: prepmo.doh.wa.gov

Photo courtesy Yakima Health District

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Animal Control:	575-6038	Planning:	575-6183
City Clerk:	575-6000	* Police:	575-6200
City Manager:	575-6000	Refuse:	575-6005
Codes/Licenses:	575-6126	Streets:	575-6005
Engineering:	575-6111	Transit:	575-6175
* Fire:	575-6060	Utilities:	575-6080
Human Resources:	575-6090	Wastewater:	575-6077
Legal	575-6030	Water/Irrig:	575-6154
Municipal Court:	575-3050	YCTV/YPAC:	575-6092

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