

ISSUES BRIEF

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Yakima neighborhood plans cleanup

Residents in a City of Yakima neighborhood will have opportunity for spring cleaning on Saturday, April 27th, during a free Community Cleanup event.

Households from Nob Hill Blvd to Washington Ave, between 16th Ave and Voelker Ave, can participate from 8 am to 12 pm on April 27th. If you do not live in the area please do not set items out for the cleanup.



Saturday APRIL 27 8 AM to 12 PM

Residents can bring items to a temporary collection site in the 1700 block of S. Cornell Ave. Large dumpsters will be available.

No commercial waste, construction or demolition debris, concrete, or hazardous waste will be accepted.

Sponsors include City of Yakima Public Works Dept, OIC of Washington, Poor Boys Auto Wrecking, The Heights Church, Safe Yakima Valley, Starbucks and Latino Community Fund.

No loads will be accepted after 12 pm Saturday. Volunteers will also drive trucks through the neighborhood from 8 am to 12 pm to assist with properly disposing of trash, brush and other bulky items. In addition:

- Each household will be limited to no more than two tires (passenger car and small truck tires only).
- No household hazardous waste will be accepted during the cleanup event.
- Friday evening or early Saturday morning before 8 am, gather the items you want to dispose of and stack them in separate piles in the alley adjacent to your home. If your home does not have an alley, then place your items next to the curb by the street.

Click [City of Yakima Refuse Division Homepage \(yakimawa.gov\)](http://yakimawa.gov) for more about the City's Refuse Division.

City seeks volunteers for boards, committees, commissions

Application deadline is May 10th

The Yakima City Council seek volunteers interested in serving on the following City boards, committees and commissions:

- Arts Commission has artist position and community representative terms ending
- Board of Appeals currently has two available openings
- Henry Beauchamp Community Center has two terms ending
- Historic Preservation Commission has one term ending
- Parks and Recreation will have three openings (one vacant and two terms ending) and two youth openings (one vacant and one term ending)
- Tree City USA Board has two upcoming terms ending



Opportunity knocks!

- **Arts Commission**
- **Board of Appeals**
- **Henry Beauchamp Comm. Center**
- **Historic Preservation Commission**
- **Parks and Recreation Commission**
- **Tree City USA Board**

It is the City Council's responsibility to appoint people to serve on governing bodies of those organizations.

Those interested in applying for openings can apply to the City Clerk's Office by no later than May 10th.

Some commissions require a supplemental application or resume.

More on each committee's duties and application can be found at www.yakimawa.gov/council/boards-commissions/

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Briefly

Acting Community Devt Director named

City Engineer Bill Preston P.E. is serving as Acting Community Development Director. He began serving as acting director on March 18th, following his appointment by Interim City Manager Dave Zabell.

"Bill has been highly successful in his role of City Engineer and brings a wealth of experience and knowledge to the Director position," Zabell said. "Bill will be doing double duty, also continuing to serve as City Engineer. I am appreciative and impressed with Bill's willingness to step up and take on this important assignment, and have confidence he will be successful."

Joan Davenport retired after serving the City for almost 37 years, the past 10 as Community Development Director.

City investment policy earns praise

The City of Yakima's investment policy earned the Certificate of Excellence from Washington Public Treasurers Association.

The City's investment policy was judged by an impartial, statewide panel as meeting the high standards of the Investment Policy Certification Program.

Previously, the City of Yakima investment policy received the Certificate of Excellence in 2019.

Harman Center announces drive

From now through June 30 the City's Harman Center is collecting toiletry items for the local Veterans Coalition. A list of items needed for the drive is in the poster below and at yakimaparks.com/senior-center/

Veteran's Coalition Toiletry Drive
Drive will continue until June 30th

Items Needed:

- Shampoo
- Conditioner
- Body Wash
- Soap
- Deodorant
- Toothpaste
- Toothbrushes
- Shaving Cream
- Razors
- After Shave
- Paper Towels
- Toilet Paper
- Laundry Detergent
- Dish Soap
- Disinfecting Wipes

All donations will be given to the Veteran's Coalition.
Harman Center 101 N 65th Yakima 98908

FREE COMMUNITY EVENT

HEALTHY YOUTH HEALTHY FAMILIES

April 19th, 2024
5:30-8:00 PM

OIC Henry Beauchamp Community Center
1211 S 7th St, Yakima, WA 98901

Parents will participate in Hidden In Plain Sight (Education on the risks of opioid use), Receive Narcan Training, and walk away with Narcan kits.

- 🍴 Dinner will be provided.
- 🎁 Door & Raffle prizes
- 👶 Free Childcare K-5
- 👤 Community Resources

All programming will be available in English and Spanish

REGISTER!



OPEN FOR BUSINESS!

Access to businesses on N. 1st Street is maintained during Phase 3 construction.

Project details:
www.yakimawa.gov



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two years in a row!

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Central Washington Subsection
2023
Best Tasting Water

City Council action summary - March 2024

Yakima City Council action during its regular meetings in March included:

- Issuing a Welcome Home Vietnam Veterans proclamation
- Receiving 2023 Update on Capital Improvement Projects
- Receiving Salary Survey Status Update
- Adding to a future business meeting a discussion about joining the YVCOG crime lab
- Receiving the Washington Fruit Community Center Masterplan Presentation
- Authorizing the City Manager to execute a contract with GMP Consultants for recruitment of a Community Development Director
- Repealing Yakima Municipal Code Chapter 1.34: Community Integration Committee
- Repealing Yakima Municipal Code Chapter 1.40: Sustainable Yakima Committee

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)

Yakima welcomes new Windows Alive! exhibit



The latest Windows Alive! art exhibit is now on display in Downtown Yakima. It can be seen along the northside of Yakima Avenue between Hotel Maison and 3rd Street.

Central Washington artists selected for the new Spring/Summer 2024 Windows Alive! exhibit are:

- Christine Talbott-Carter
- Habitat for Humanity
- Lisa Harmon
- Natalie Biegler
- Dr. Yesenia Navarrete Hunter

The Yakima Arts Commission, an advisory group appointed by the Yakima City Council, developed the Windows Alive! idea to harness the creativity of Central Washington artists.

Following a submission and evaluation process, the artists were chosen to be part of the new "Windows Alive!" exhibit.

Now in its 11th year, Windows Alive exhibits have featured artwork of over 130 Central Washington artists.

The current exhibit, which officially opened April 5th, will be available for viewing through late September.

The artists' brief bios, complete statements and a sample of their respective works can be found at <https://windowsalive.com/>

For more about the Yakima Arts Commission and its other ongoing projects, click [Yakima Arts Commission | City Council \(yakimawa.gov\)](https://www.yakimawa.gov/yakima-arts-commission)

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Human Resources:	575-6090
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Parks:	575-6020
Planning:	575-6183
* Police:	575-6200
Purchasing	575.6093
Refuse:	575-6005
Streets:	575-6005
Transit:	575-6175
Utilities:	575-6080
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