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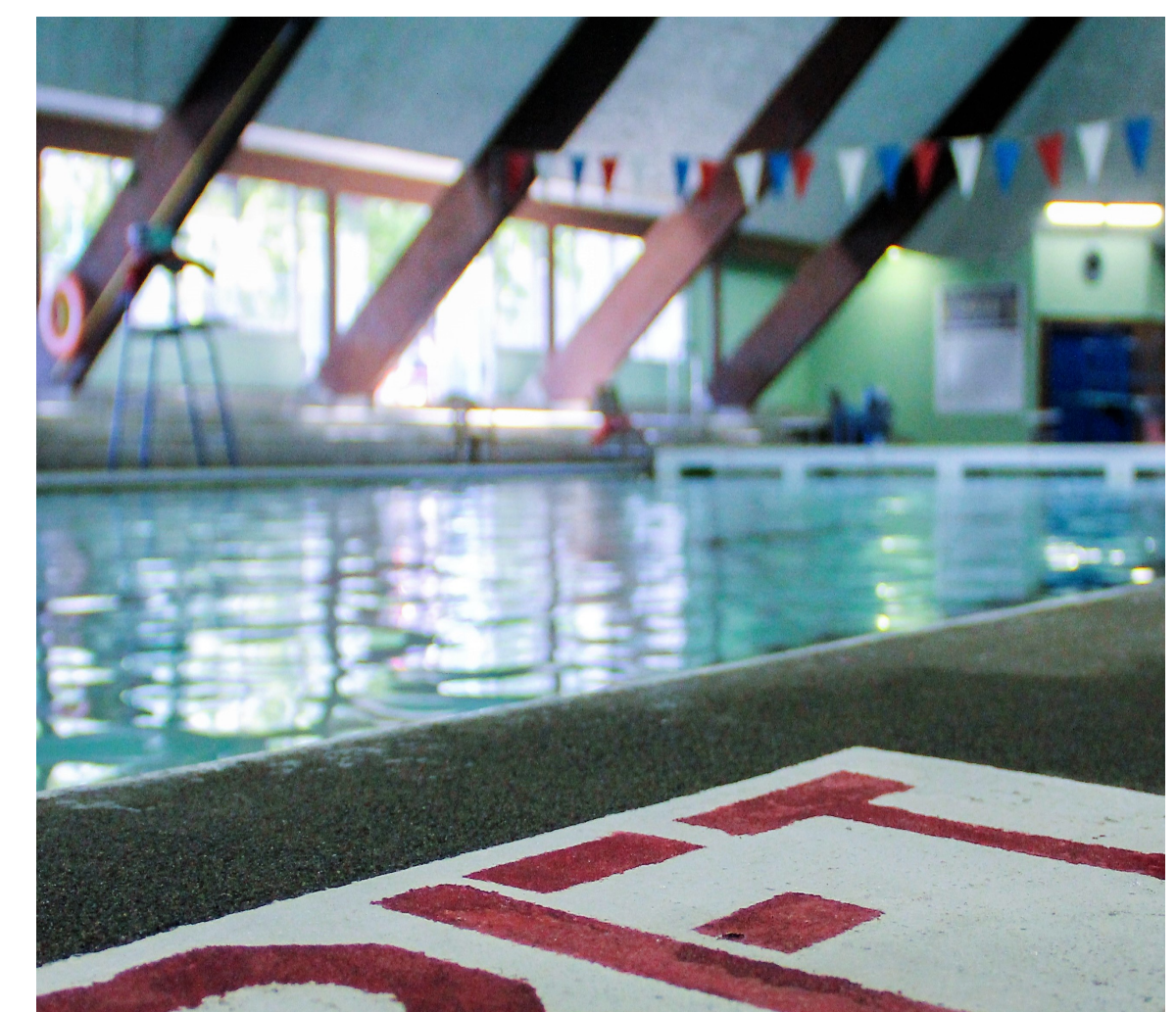
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Yakima Parks and Recreation is asking for the public's input about facilities and programs at the City's Franklin Pool (left) and Lions Pool. The survey also seeks comment about future priorities at the City of Yakima's swimming pools.

## City of Yakima survey now seeking public comment on swimming pools

*Deadline to submit pool surveys is mid-August*

Yakima Parks and Recreation wants to hear from the community in a pool survey launched on its website.

"The Yakima City Council has asked for the master planning process to begin for the modernization and renovation of Franklin Pool and Lions Pool," said Parks & Recreation Manager Ken Wilkinson. "As part of the master plan, we are conducting a community outreach survey to identify what people want included in the facilities. This will help us create the vision for swimming pools for the future."

Surveys are available in English and Spanish at <https://yakimaparks.com/2019-pools-survey/>

### Lions Pool to be closed August 5 - 26

Lions Pool will be closed from Monday, August 5th through Monday, August 26th for annual maintenance on the pool. Yakima Parks & Recreation crews will spruce up several parts of the facility during the closure. General maintenance and repairs will be completed during the closure and some areas of the facility will be repainted.

"We ask the users of Lions Pool to be patient while we get the needed annual maintenance taken care of," said Yakima Parks & Recreation Manager Ken Wilkinson. "There is never a perfect time to close the pool for annual maintenance, but this time of year tends to be the slowest at Lions. So now is a good time to get the work done."

The survey encourages the public to share feedback on several topics. These include programs or activities they participate in at the pools, as well as renovations they feel are most needed at Lions Pool and Franklin Pool if funding was found.

It also asks community members to rate the condition of facilities at Lions Pool and Franklin Pool, as well as programs offered at each pool.

The public can submit surveys on-line or download a printable copy of the survey, fill it out and mail it to the Parks and Recreation office.

Pool surveys will be accepted through mid-August.

Visit <https://yakimaparks.com/aquatics/> for more about City pools and aquatic programs.



# National Night Out events set for August 6th

*City Council meeting moved to Monday, August 5th*

Throughout the Yakima Valley and across the nation, communities will throw a "going away party for crime" during the annual National Night Out on Tuesday, August 6th.

In addition to neighborhood block parties, many organizations and businesses will be sponsoring National Night Out events.

"We want residents to be able to get to know their neighbors," said Assistant Mayor Dulce Gutierrez, who chairs the Yakima City Council's Public Safety Committee. "There's something about sitting down together, sharing a meal, that helps people get acquainted. It's a natural way to build community."

As a result, the August 6th Yakima City Council regular meeting will be held on Monday, August 5th at 5:30 pm at Yakima City Hall so Council members can attend National Night Out events on Tuesday evening.

Sponsored National Night Out events on Tuesday include:



- Henry Beauchamp Community Center, 1211 S. 7th St., 4 pm to 6 pm
- New Jerusalem Baptist Church, 915 S. Naches Ave., 5:30 pm to 8:30 pm
- Bearded Monkey Cycling & Fitness, 1802 W. Nob Hill Blvd, 6 pm to 9 pm

The Yakima Police Department also can provide information for residents who want to form their own National Night Out block party. Contact Community Services Officers Amy Hayes or Nikki Sandino at 575-6197 or [ypdcs@yakimawa.gov](mailto:ypdcs@yakimawa.gov) for more information.

The community is invited to get a jump start on National Night Out festivities with a Countywide Kickoff Celebration on Monday, August 5th, from 5:00 pm to 8:00 pm at the City's Miller Park, 513 N. 3rd St.

The celebration will be hosted by Safe Yakima Valley and include free face painting, water activities, food, games and music.

The Yakima Housing Authority is planning a National Night Out event on Wednesday, August 7th from 6:00 pm to 8:00 pm at Astria Regional Medical Center, 110 S. 9th Ave. It will include free food, music, a raffle, and entertainment.

National Night Out began in 1984.

In its first year, about 400 communities participated in National Night Out activities nationwide.

The 36th annual version of the event this year is expected to include more than 16,000 cities and towns and an estimated 38 million people.

Visit <https://natw.org/> for more information about National Night Out.

## Yakima Fire Department launches website update

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City of Yakima Fire Department  
A Red Flag Warning has been issued for Yakima and many areas in South Central Washington through 11 pm tonight. U.S. National Weather Service (NWS) expects thunderstorms with potential lightning and wind gusts up to 40 mph. Click [www.yakimacounty.us/2222/Alert-Yakima](http://www.yakimacounty.us/2222/Alert-Yakima) to sign up for alerts through Alert Yakima.

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For life threatening emergencies, dial 9-1-1

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*Improvements include interactive fire station map and social media feeds*

The Yakima Fire Department (YFD) website at <https://yakimafire.com/> has a new look.

"I appreciate the collaborative efforts of the City's Information Technology Services Division and Community Relations Office in working with YFD to update our website," said Fire Chief Aaron Markham. "This will hopefully provide the public with even more tools and information."

The web update includes these new elements

- YFD's Facebook and Twitter feeds.
- A photo slide display.
- An interactive map with photos of all six YFD stations.
- A message from Markham.

The website retains popular features, such as tracking current YFD calls, Knox Box information, and news releases.

It also continues to offer forms to assist the public with fire station visits, smoke alarm requests, Knox Box placement/updates and the YFD community survey.

*The web update includes an interactive map with photos of all six YFD fire stations (top), as well as YFD's social media feeds (above).*

Call 575-6060 for more about the Yakima Fire Department.



## Briefly

### "Operation Invictus" nets 100th arrest

Operation Invictus Civitas, Undefeatable Community, made its 100th arrest last month. The suspect was charged with Unlawful Possession of a Firearm and had a long criminal history that included seven prior arrests and three felony convictions

"I am proud of the role YPD has played in making the 100th arrest - and can thus assure the people of Yakima that we are both strategically and properly focused," said Yakima Police Chief Matt Murray. "This effort has far exceeded my expectations and the credit goes to the men and women doing this difficult work to keep our community safe."

Operation Invictus began in June. It is a joint initiative with the United States Marshals Service and other agencies aimed at reducing violent crime in the Yakima region.

### Art entries sought for Windows Alive!

The Yakima Arts Commission is seeking applications for the Fall/Winter 2019 Downtown Yakima Windows Alive! Project.

The deadline for artists to submit an application is 5:00 pm on Friday, August 30th.

For more information visit <http://www.windowalive.com>



Pickleball courts at the City of Yakima's Franklin Park are available at no charge.

## Franklin Park pickleball courts now open for play

### Local club provides funds, volunteer hours for project

A project more than a month in the making is now complete as eight pickleball courts opened recently at the City of Yakima's Franklin Park.

"The volunteers and staff gave many hours of time to the project," said Parks and Recreation Manager Ken Wilkinson. "It is a great addition to our park system and has already been appreciated and utilized by so many people."

Work began in early June to convert three of the six tennis courts at Franklin Park into eight courts for pickleball, a fast growing sport that combines elements of tennis, badminton and ping-pong. It is played either as doubles or singles with paddles and wiffle balls.

The Yakima Pickleball Club provided volunteer labor and funding to assist with the project.

Sig Fossum with Sporthaus assisted with the renovation and conversion, applying his experience in renovating other courts in the area.



The Yakima Pickleball Club assisted with volunteer hours and funding.

"Once again, generous people in our community see a need and are willing to step up and do what it takes to make our community a better place," said Wilkinson.

City park maintenance staff also provided many hours of labor to save costs. "We used the project as an opportunity for Parks maintenance staff to learn how to resurface tennis and pickleball courts," said Wilkinson.

For more about pickleball, visit the Yakima Pickleball Club website at <https://yakimapickleballclub.com/>

Click <https://yakimaparks.com/> for more about Yakima Parks and Recreation programs.

## Traffic changes to improve school zone safety

### One-way traffic planned for Jerome Avenue, Fairbanks Avenue

Sections of Jerome Avenue and Fairbanks Avenue in the area of Garfield Elementary School will change to one-way traffic effective Thursday, Aug. 15.

Beginning August 15th, traffic on Jerome Avenue will be one-way eastbound between Campbell Lane and North 6th Avenue.

Also on Aug. 15, Fairbanks Avenue will be one-way westbound between Custer Avenue and 6th Avenue.

Also as of that date, Fairbanks Avenue will be one-way westbound between Custer Avenue and 6th Avenue.

"The goal is to improve pedestrian and student safety near Garfield Elementary School," said Director of Public Works Scott Schafer. "These traffic changes have been proposed by the Yakima School District, Garfield Elementary School, as well as the City of Yakima."

A public information on Safe Routes to Schools was held May 29th at Garfield Elementary School.

At that meeting, the City provided opportunity for the community to comment on the one-way proposals.

The Yakima City Council then formally approved the traffic revisions on Jerome Avenue and Fairbanks Avenue during the Council's regular meeting on July 16th.

The one-way traffic changes are part of overall pedestrian and transportation improvements in the vicinity of Garfield Elementary School.

Planned construction includes sidewalks, ramps (at some intersections), and new curb and gutter through the Washington State Department of Transportation's (WSDOT) Safe Routes to School program.



## Photo of the Month



Exchange students from Yakima's Sister City, Itayanagi City, Japan pose for a group photo with City Manager Cliff Moore and City Clerk Sonya Claar Tee in the Yakima City Council Chambers on July 23rd during a visit to Yakima City Hall.



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<b>Parks:</b>	<b>575-6020</b>
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<b>Streets:</b>	<b>575-6005</b>
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