

ISSUES BRIEF

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Second daily flight resumes this fall



Alaska Airlines announced it will resume a second daily flight between Yakima Air Terminal-McAllister Field (YKM) and Seattle-Tacoma International Airport (SEA) this fall.

The second daily flight is scheduled to begin on Friday, November 17th, with departure from YKM before 8 am and departure from SEA after 8 pm.

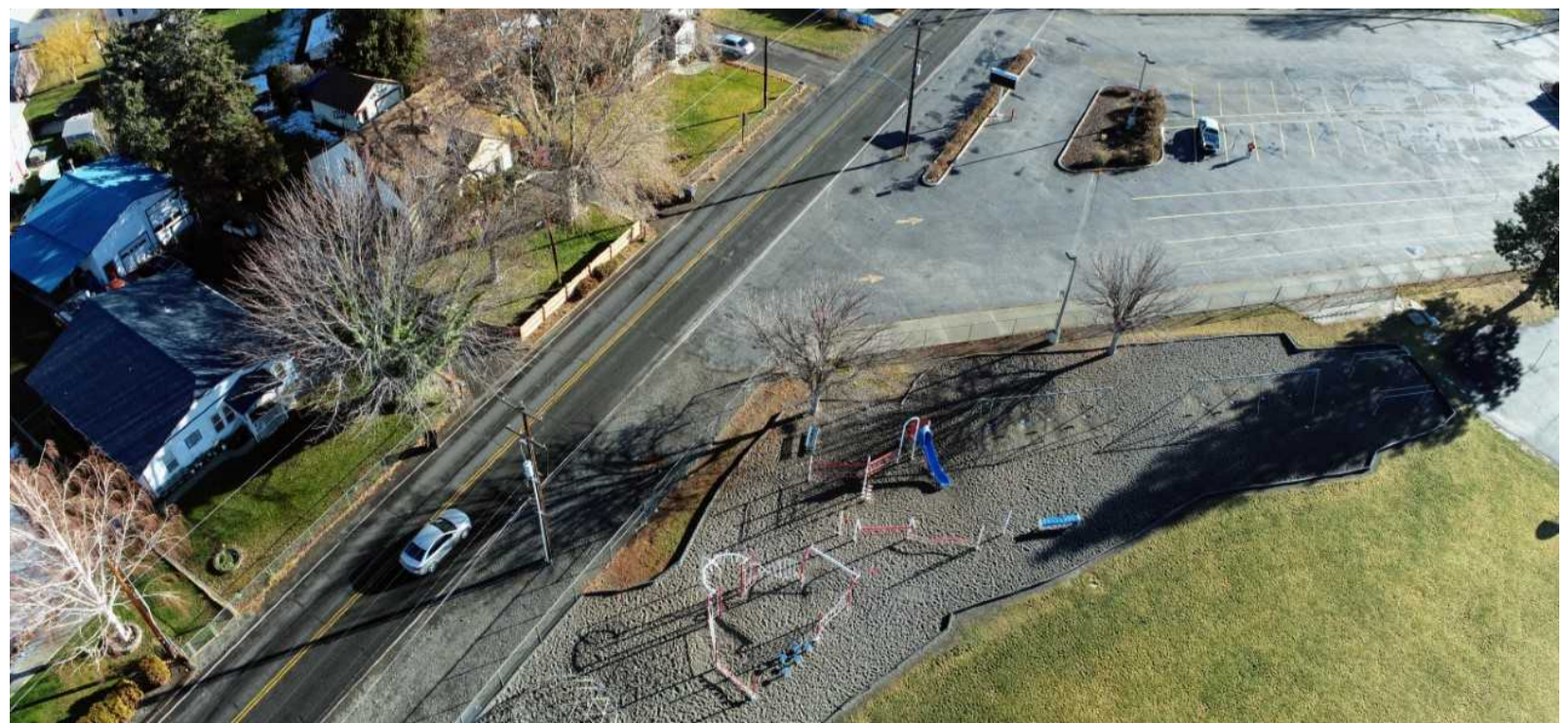
The second flight's return is possible due to a public/private partnership funding a minimum revenue guarantee.

On July 5th, the Yakima City Council authorized an air service agreement with Alaska Airlines for a minimum revenue guarantee not to exceed \$500,000 for a one-year term to provide additional air service for YKM.

Visit <https://flyykm.com/> for more about YKM.

Safe Routes to School

The City of Yakima is building a sidewalk in the Robertson Elementary School area. Funded through the state's Safe Routes to School program, the sidewalk will be complete prior to the start of the 2023-24 school year. The project requires closing Powerhouse Road between Englewood Avenue and N. 26th Avenue, Tuesday through Friday, August 1st-4th and 8th-11th, from 7 am to 5 pm each day.



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Lt. Chad Janis earns national recognition

YPD Lt. Chad Janis received the 2023 Gary P. Hayes Award during the Police Executive Research Forum (PERF) meeting last month in New York.



Lt. Janis was recognized for his positive impacts, including working with the community-based Domestic Violence Coalition and partnering with the Yakima School District to implement the "Handle With Care" system.

Drivers urged to use caution near schools

Yakima School District classes begin August 22nd. Drivers should be on increased alert in school zones.

The Yakima Fire Department also reminds drivers:

- Stop and yield to pedestrians crossing the crosswalk or intersection.
- Always stop for a school patrol officer or crossing guard holding up a stop sign.
- Never pass a vehicle stopped for pedestrians.

Paws in the Pool is Sunday, August 20th

Swimmers both human and canine are invited to the 17th annual Paws in the Pool event from 2 to 4 pm on Sunday, August 20th at the City of Yakima's Franklin Pool, 2101 Tieton Drive.

Yakima Parks and Recreation organizes the event for dogs and owners each summer on the last day of operation at Franklin Pool. Dogs swim for free but owners pay the general admission fee.

During Paws in the Pool, donations will be accepted for the Yakima Humane Society.

For more about Paws in the Pool, contact Yakima Parks and Recreation at 509-575-6020. Yakima Parks and Recreation program information is available at <https://yakimaparks.com>.

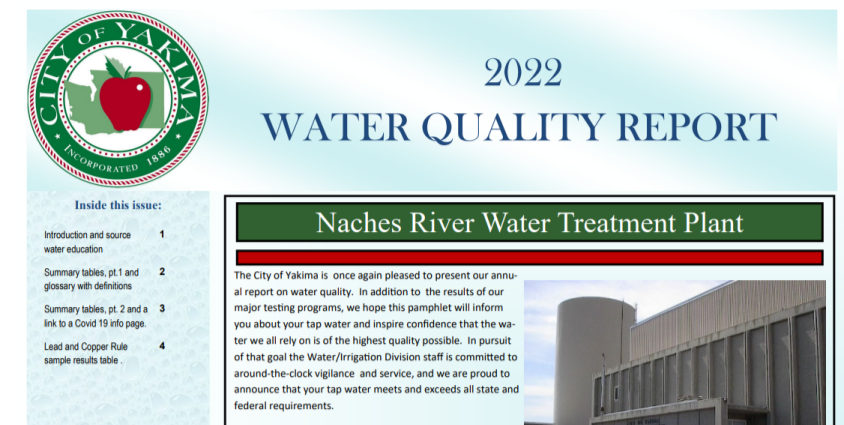
City of Yakima 2022 water report now available online

The latest update about City of Yakima water treatment and water quality programs is now available in English and Spanish.

"We hope this report will inform the community about their tap water and inspire confidence that the water we all rely on is of the highest quality possible," said Water/Irrigation Manager Mike Shane.

Yakima's water quality has received awards at regional and state levels:

- The City of Yakima won the Best Tasting Water award in the American Water Works Association (AWWA) Central Washington Subsection competition in March 2023.
- The City of Yakima Water Treatment Plant has received the Gold Certificate of Achievement, presented by the Washington State Department of Health (DOH) Office of Drinking Water for meeting the high standards of DOH's Treatment Optimization Program for 10 continuous years.



Recently, the City has asked the community to assist with water conservation due to a drought emergency announced by the state's Department of Ecology

Water conservation tips and links to the 2022 Water Quality Report are available on the City's "Make Every Drop Count" web page at <https://www.yakimawa.gov/media/make-every-drop-count/>

Call to Artists

Deadline: Aug. 31st

windowsalive.com

BRINGING ART TO DOWNTOWN SINCE 2013

City Council action summary - July 2023

Yakima City Council action during its meetings in July included:

- Accepting a Washington State Department of Natural Resources Grant for the development of an Urban Forestry Management Plan
- Authorizing an air service agreement with Alaska Airlines for a Minimum Revenue Guarantee not to exceed \$500,000 for a one-year term to provide additional air service for Yakima Air Terminal-McAllister Field
- Amending Yakima Municipal Code to place certain fees and charges in the City of Yakima Master Fee Schedule
- Amending City of Yakima Municipal Code Chapter 1.92.050(B) relating to Airport ground control and security – Vehicle Parking

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).



Paper	Pencils
Rulers	Scissors
Binders	Glue/Glue Sticks
Notebooks	Backpacks
Folders	Markers
Crayons/Color Pencils	& Any other School Supplies



New & unused donations can be dropped off at the Harman Center Front Desk.

Donations are for community students and greatly appreciated!

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watch City meetings any time, on demand:



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Municipal Court:	575-3050
Parks:	575-6020
Planning:	575-6183
* Police:	575-6200
Refuse:	575-6005
Streets:	575-6005
Transit:	575-6175
Utilities:	575-6080
Wastewater:	575-6077
Water/Irrig:	575-6154
YCTV/YPAC:	575-6092

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