



City of Yakima

# **News Release**

**Subject: Bus to Pool Program Begins June 14<sup>th</sup>**

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Yakima Transit and Yakima Parks and Recreation are again teaming up to make it easier for swimmers to use Franklin Pool and Lions Pool this summer.

From June 14<sup>th</sup> through August 26<sup>th</sup>, paying to swim in one of Yakima's two City-owned pools entitles the purchaser to a special Yakima Transit bus pass. Bus service will be provided from Kissel Park every Thursday beginning at 12:30 pm and head to Franklin Pool. The bus will pick up passengers along Mead Avenue and 32<sup>nd</sup> Avenue eastbound.

"It's a win-win situation for everyone," said Yakima Transit Manager Alvie Maxey. "Bus ridership is lower in the summertime when school is out, so there are seats available to handle swimmers. We like to be involved in programs that increase bus ridership and, hopefully, get more people in the habit of hopping on the bus to get where they want to go. It's a natural partnership between Yakima Transit and Yakima Parks and Rec," said Maxey.

A lack of transportation often prevents kids and adults from being able to swim as much as they would like during the summer months. "This helps solve that problem," says Yakima Parks and Recreation Manager Ken Wilkinson. "We are very excited about the opportunity to increase the number of people utilizing our pools."

Additional information is available on the Yakima Parks and Recreation website at <http://www.yakimaparks.com/aquatics/> or by calling Franklin Pool at 575-6035 or Lions Pool at 575-6046.

Yakima Transit runs seven days a week and schedule information is available online at [www.yakimatransit.org](http://www.yakimatransit.org) or by calling 575-6175