



City of Yakima

# **News Release**

**Subject: #ChalkYakima July 4<sup>th</sup> Celebration**

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## **Celebrate July 4<sup>th</sup> with #ChalkYakima**

The City of Yakima is asking for community members to show their patriotic spirit this week by filling sidewalks and driveways with festive chalk art. Even though traditional 4<sup>th</sup> of July celebrations, including large fireworks displays, may not be happening due to COVID-19, it is still possible to celebrate with a different sort of display to brighten local neighborhoods.

City of Yakima residents this year are encouraged to decorate their driveways and sidewalks with chalk art to celebrate the 4<sup>th</sup> of July. Leading up to July 4<sup>th</sup>, community members are urged to use chalk to draw colorful fireworks or other designs that inspire them.

Once they're done, community members can post their creations on social media using the #ChalkYakima hashtag.

Along with making sure sidewalks are passable while chalk artists are creating their designs, people taking part in the #ChalkYakima 4<sup>th</sup> of July event need to make sure to follow all COVID-19 safety advice from public health officials including social distancing guidelines and mask-wearing requirements. Chalk artists should not create designs on roadways.

"For safety purposes, we ask that residents limit chalk art to their sidewalks and driveways," said Communications & Public Affairs Director Randy Beehler. "This is a great opportunity for Yakima to mark Independence Day in a fun and safe way.

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