



City of Yakima

# **News Release**

**Subject: Community Action Day on Oct. 13<sup>th</sup>**

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## **City of Yakima Hosting Community Action Day**

City of Yakima is hosting a second Community Action Day to engage, educate, and empower Yakima residents to identify, report and eradicate illegal vandalism throughout their neighborhoods. Free Sherwin-Williams paint kits will be distributed to help reduce vandalism throughout the city.

Community Action Day is Thursday, October 13<sup>th</sup>, from 4:00 pm to 6:30 pm at Washington Middle School, 510 South 9<sup>th</sup> Street.

During this event law enforcement, city officials, local schools, and community organizations will begin to foster community relationships by clarifying the roles of law enforcement and city officials regarding vandalism abatement.

“The City of Yakima aims to reduce vandalism cases by making neighborhood improvements to deter future criminal activity through graffiti abatement work,” said Communications & Public Affairs Director Randy Beehler.

What to expect:

- Free refreshments
- Claim a free paint bucket and supply kit to paint over future vandalism on your own property (Limit 1 per household)
- Create new relationships with law enforcement, city officials and other community members to increase crime prevention efforts throughout Yakima.

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