

Subject: Community Action Day Contact: Supervising Code Inspector Tony Doan – 509-576-6524 Communications & Public Affairs Director Randy Beehler – 509-901-1142 Release Date: Friday, July 15th, 2022

City of Yakima Hosts Community Action Day

City of Yakima is hosting a Community Action Day to engage, educate, and empower Yakima residents to identify, report and eradicate illegal vandalism throughout their neighborhoods.

Community Action Day is 10:00 am to 2:00 pm on Saturday, July 23rd, at Garfield Elementary School, 612 N. 6th Avenue.

During this event law enforcement, city officials, local schools, businesses 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:

- Participate in a community wide effort to cover up graffiti!
- Claim a free paint bucket and supply kit to eradicate future vandalism on their own property (Limit 1 per household)
- Create new substantive relationships with law enforcement, city officials and other community members to increase crime prevention efforts throughout Yakima
- Free snacks and refreshments

For more information contact Tony Doan at 509-576-6524 or e-mail tony.doan@yakimawa.gov

Community Action Day is funded through a grant from the Washington State Department of Commerce. The Yakima City Council authorized the grant acceptance and agreement earlier this year during its meeting on May 17th.