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At left, a City vehicle clears a section of 2nd Street. Above, Snow Routes are in effect downtown when snow accumulation reaches three inches.

'Tis the season: Snow removal in Yakima

Winter can be a snowy experience in the City of Yakima. Snow and ice can be challenging for residents and the City street crews to control.

When snow accumulation reach three inches, the City will plow the major arterial streets, and the streets near schools, hospitals, hills and other critical locations. A map showing City snow routes and a plow map are available at <https://www.yakimawa.gov/apps/snow-routes/>

If you have concerns with the plowing of your street, please call 576-6713.

Property owners are responsible to remove snow from sidewalks in front of their homes or businesses. The best time to shovel snow is immediately after it falls, before ice forms.

After clearing the sidewalk of snow, you may choose to apply an ice-melting substance. The City of Yakima recommends use of Calcium Chloride, (sometimes called "hot melt") rather than Sodium Chloride (Rock Salt) because it is less damaging to sidewalks and plants. Also, it works at a much lower temperature, so it is more effective in freezing conditions.

Those with a home or business on a street corner are advised to remove snow from sidewalk ramps and dig out fire hydrants as a safety precaution.

Other snow-related tips for residents:

- Don't throw snow from your sidewalk or driveway into the street – it's against the law.
- To avoid having snow covering your driveway from the city plows, shovel your snow to the left of your driveway into your yard and not into the street.
- If you are elderly, disabled or have other special conditions that makes snow removal hazardous, please contact the Office of Neighborhood Development Services (ONDS) at 575-6101.
- Put safety first and drive only if necessary. Dress warmly and be prepared for travel delays. Make sure you carry blankets, flashlights, water and other emergency provisions.
- Try to keep your vehicle off the street. If you must park on the street, park as close to the curb as possible.
- Don't follow a de-icing spray truck, snowplow or sanding truck too closely. They may stop suddenly or spray sand, rocks or other material.
- Do not sled on streets or sidewalks.

Holiday closures announced

City of Yakima offices will be closed December 25 and January 1 for the Christmas and New Year's holidays.

Business offices for the Police and Fire Departments will be closed. Emergency services will be available.

Yakima Transit will not provide bus service on Christmas Day and New Year's Day.

There will be no City of Yakima garbage pick-up service on either holiday,

Garbage originally scheduled for pick-up on each of the two holidays by the City's Refuse Division will instead be postponed by one day.

Lions Pool closes at 1 pm on Tuesday, December 24, and all of Wednesday, December 25.

The pool will also close at 1 pm on Tuesday, December 31, and all of Wednesday, January 1.

The City's Harman Center will close at noon on December 24 and close on Christmas Day and New Year's Day.

The City of Yakima Municipal Court and Yakima Police Department's Services Division will close at noon on December 24. They will be closed on December 25 and January 1.



A horse-drawn wagon travels along Yakima's historic North Front Street.

Downtown events usher in the holidays

Parade, tree lighting, free wagon rides are planned

The calendar is full of family fun holiday festivities this season in Downtown Yakima.

It all begins Saturday, December 7th, with free horse-drawn wagon rides that begin and end at the Community Christmas Tree at Millennium Plaza. This is the sixth consecutive year of Downtown Yakima wagon rides.

Offered every 20 to 25 minutes on a first-come, first-served basis, the rides are provided by the Downtown Association of Yakima (DAY) and headed up by Double J. Ranch.

The rides are from 12:00 pm to 3:00 pm each of the next three Saturdays; December 7, 14, and 21. Parking spaces on the west side of 3rd Street, adjacent to Millennium Plaza, will be closed during the horse wagon rides.

On December 14th and 21st, a food truck will be on-site during the rides. One parking space in the parking lot at Millennium Plaza will be closed for the food truck on those two days.

The highlight will be the 20th annual Christmas Light Parade at 6:00 pm on Sunday, December 8th. The procession will begin at 6th Avenue and continue down Yakima Avenue to 3rd Street. Parade organizers anticipate more than 4,000 spectators. The parade is organized by the Sunfair Parade Association.

No on-street parking will be allowed along the parade route from 4:00 pm on December 8th until the completion of the parade. The parade route will also be closed to motorized traffic.

Immediately after the parade, a lighting ceremony will be held for the community tree at Millennium Plaza. The holiday decorations at Millennium Plaza are all supplied and maintained by DAY and the City of Yakima.

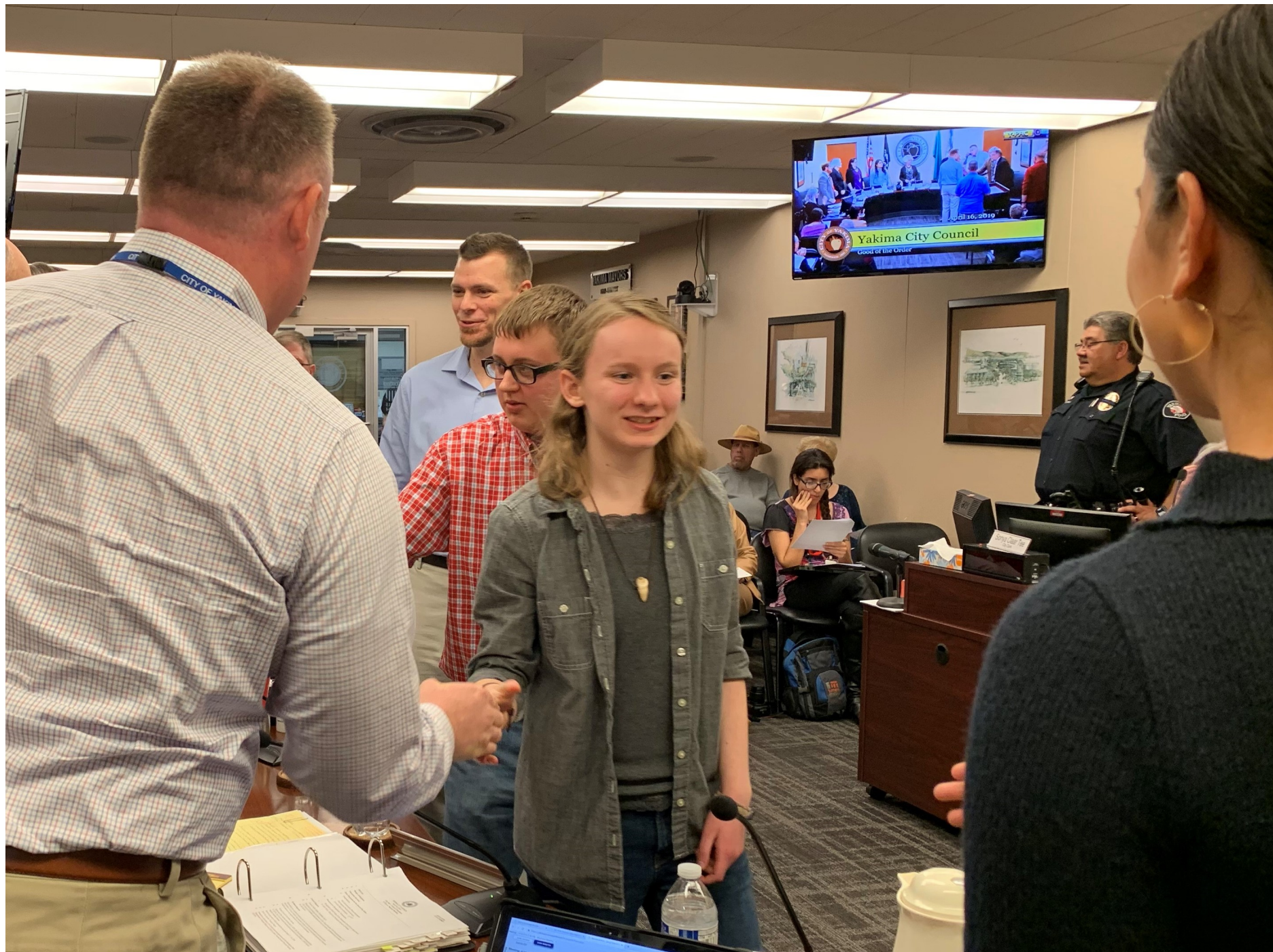
To cap off the holiday festivities, DAY is offering a Mulled Wine Walk from 1:00 pm to 5:00 pm on Saturday, December 14th, featuring three downtown tasting rooms located on Yakima Avenue between 1st Street and 3rd Street.



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Questions? Suggestions?

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City of Yakima Contacts

Airport:	575-6149	Planning:	575-6183
Animal Control:	575-6038	* Police:	575-6200
City Clerk:	575-6000	Refuse:	575-6005
City Manager:	575-6000	Streets:	575-6005
Codes/Licenses:	575-6126	Transit:	575-6175
* Fire:	575-6060	Utilities:	575-6080
Human Resources:	575-6090	Wastewater:	575-6077
Municipal Court:	575-3050	Water/Irrig:	575-6154
Parks:	575-6020	YCTV/YPAC:	575-6092

*** NON-EMERGENCY only. Call 911 in an emergency.**