



City of Yakima e-Newsletter

# ISSUES BRIEF

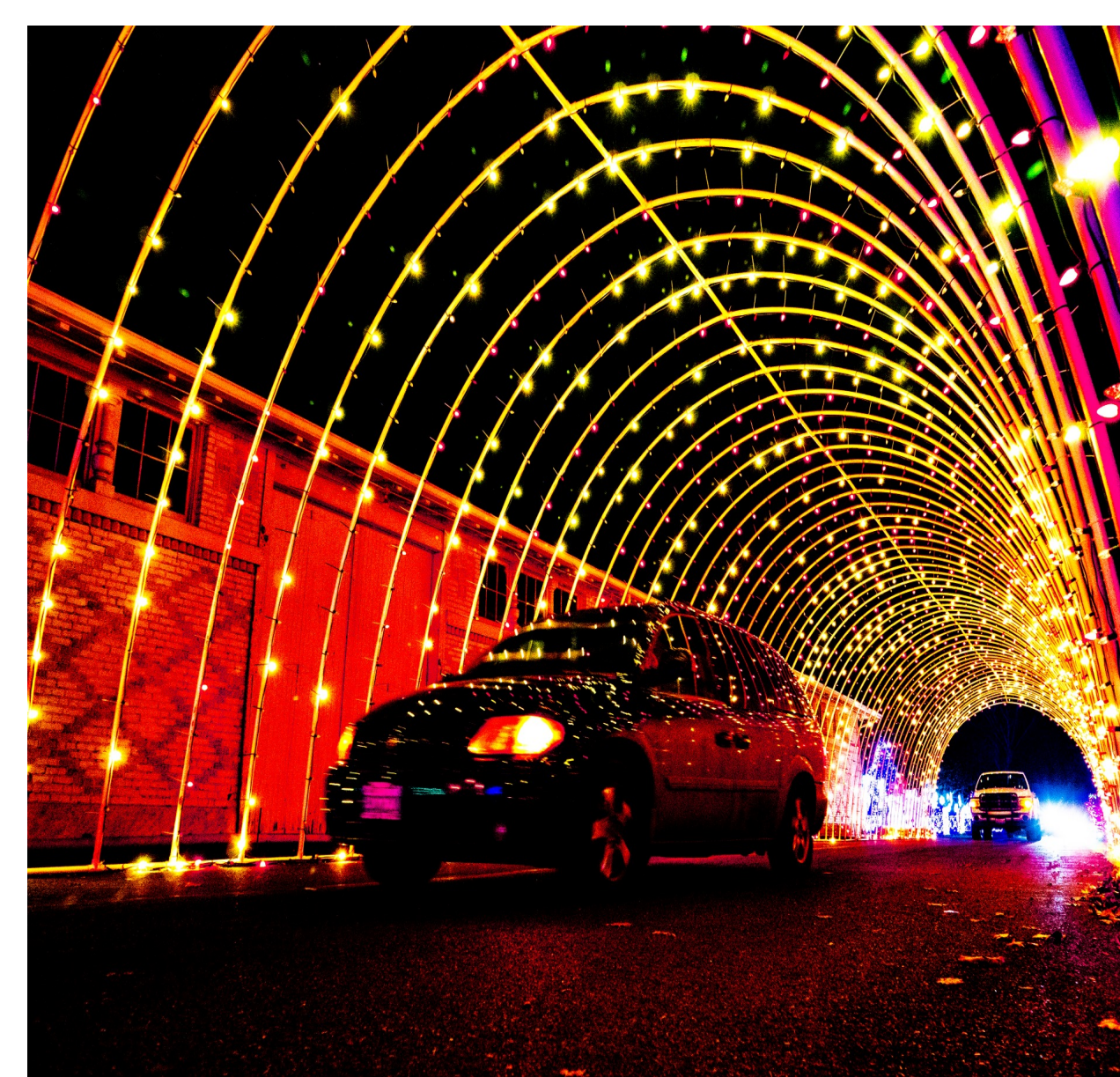
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## Night lights

State Fair Park transforms into a nightly light show during the first annual Holiday Light Fest, Nov. 28th - Dec. 6th.

The drive-thru event features 12 holiday-themed scenes, with nearly 20 miles of lights illuminating State Fair Park.

*Photos by Sean Davido,  
City Community Relations Office*



## Harman Center goes virtual for the holidays

### *Live visits with Santa planned on Facebook live*

The community is invited to participate in a number of free, virtual activities provided by City of Yakima Harman Center staff in the month of December.

Activities include:

- **Holiday trivia** – Entry deadline: Monday, December 21st

Ring in the holidays with a little trivia. Visit [Holiday Trivia | Yakima Parks and Recreation](#) for trivia questions and contest details.

- **Holiday art contest** – Entry deadline: Monday, December 21st

Get your colored pencils ready for the Harman Center holiday art contest. Visit [Holiday Art Contest | Yakima Parks and Recreation](#) for coloring pages and contest details.



- **Holiday bingo** – Visit [Holiday-Bingo.pdf \(yakimaparks.com\)](#) for a holiday-themed bingo card.
  - **Live Santa visit** – 1:00 pm to 3:00 pm, December 21st through 23rd
- The Harman Center's Facebook page, <https://www.facebook.com/YakimaHarmanCenter> – will feature live visits with Santa Claus.

Call the Harman Center at 575-6166 for more about the above activities.

City of Yakima facilities such as the Harman Center continue to be closed to the public due to restrictions related to Gov. Jay Inslee's phased-in Safe Start program.



# Yakima Airport selected as electric aircraft test site

Yakima Air Terminal-McAllister Field (YKM) is one of six airports selected to be an electric aircraft beta test site. The Washington State Department of Transportation (WSDOT) Aviation Division announced the selection.

"Yakima's selection as one of the first electric aircraft test locations is a pivotal moment in aviation history," said YKM Director Rob Peterson. "Our low energy rates and sunshine are vital, as these aircraft will require a battery-powered system."



Yakima Air Terminal - McAllister Field

The potential implementation and growth of commercial electric aircraft could be a boon for Yakima's economy, Peterson said.

"If airline and cargo operations can lower operating costs with electric aviation it could open YKM to service markets in various areas of the Pacific Northwest," Peterson said. "Ultimately, if airlines or carrier operators do begin electric aircraft passenger service we'll be five steps ahead."

Additionally, the potential for expanded air service could have a positive impact on employment. More workers would be needed in the aerospace sector, as well as an increase in jobs needed to support electric aircraft, Peterson said.

Furthermore, increased passenger and cargo traffic could affect the flow of goods and people within Washington state. "One example is a potential shift from ground transportation to electric aircraft for transporting good and services," Peterson said. "That would benefit travelers while reducing emissions and congestion on state highways"

The other airports selected are Spokane Felts Field, Chehalis-Centralia Airport, Boeing Field/King County International, Grant County International Airport and Olympia Regional Airport. Sites were selected based on factors such as geographic dispersion, local demand analysis, economic vitality, connectivity and presence of fuel and/or fixed base operator.

Information about flights and services at YKM is available at <https://flyykm.com/>

## Artists sought for Windows Alive!



### *Central Washington artists invited to apply for 2021 exhibit through Dec. 31st*

The Yakima Arts Commission is seeking applications for the 2021 Downtown Yakima Windows Alive! project. The deadline for artists to submit an application is 5:00 pm on Thursday, December 31st, 2020.

The goal is to have the show ready for Friday, January 29th, 2021.

Click [Windows Alive Application and Call to Artist Winter-Spring 2021.pdf](#) for an application.

This is the ninth season for the popular event, which enables talented artists and groups of artists to display their works and at the same time help invigorate empty downtown storefront windows. Artists residing in Yakima, Yakima County and elsewhere in Central Washington are invited to submit entries.

Following the selection process by the Yakima Arts Commission, six projects will be picked for the 2021 display. Individual artists or groups who are chosen to show their work in the windows will be paid a \$250 stipend.

All types of art work are welcome, including paintings, drawings, fiber art, crafts, ceramics, photography, alternative materials and sculpture.

Windows Alive! was created by the Yakima Arts Commission, which serves as an advisory board to the Yakima City Council. The project is part of an ongoing effort to bring public art to downtown Yakima.

## Briefly...

### Harman Center hosts blood drive

The Harman Center will host a Holiday Blood Drive on Tuesday, Dec. 22nd, from 11:30 am to 4 pm.

The blood drive will follow COVID-19 safety protocols.

Call Leslie at 576-6402 to schedule an appointment.

### City seeks input about walking in Yakima

The City of Yakima wants input on pedestrian access.

What is working well? What areas need improvement related to walking in the City of Yakima?

As part of its Pedestrian Master Plan, the City has posted surveys in English and Spanish online asking for public input.

Survey questions range from walking frequency and destinations in the City of Yakima, to barriers that prevent walking more often.

The survey can be found at <https://www.surveymonkey.com/r/YakimaPedPlan>

### City planning holiday closures

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

Regular scheduled bus routes will resume on Saturday, Dec. 26th and Jan. 2nd.

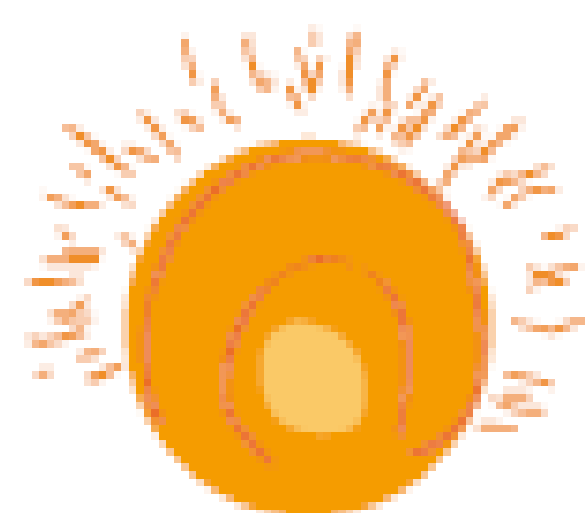
There will be no City of Yakima garbage pick-up service on either holiday.

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 to Saturday, Dec. 26th and Jan. 2nd,



# SAFE & WARM

## Cold-weather safety for your household pets



### Heat Lamps

Ensure there is always someone watching the animal under the lamp either in person or even on a camera. If you are unable to watch it, turn it off and place the animal in straw or thermal blankets.

Most thermal dog blankets are encased with a thermal layer, so the dog's body heat keeps it naturally warm.

Keep flammable items such as bedding 3 feet away from the lamp.

Make sure the lamp is securely fastened so it cannot be knocked over.

Ensure electrical circuits are not overloaded. Heat lamps use more amperage than regular lights.

Never connect a heat lamp to an extension cord. Do check for frayed wires and keep out of reach of children and pets.



### Dog Houses

When choosing the right cold weather shelter for your pet, it is best to have a 6-sided enclosure. This enclosure protects the dog from the harsh elements such as wind and snow, along with rain and cold snaps.

The best way and most comfortable way is dog beds with blankets, or straw inside the enclosure. It is best to have these readily accessible to your pet during the colder months.

Not all dogs are going to stay inside the shelter as some love the colder weather. These include some of the most common breeds in the Yakima area such as Huskies, Malamutes, Akitas, and Chow Chows.

Even if your pet enjoys winter weather, it is still best to have shelter available for them.



### See something, say something

See an animal issue in the city? Report it by calling the City Of Yakima animal control hotline at **509-575-6038**.

You can also reach us at:  
<https://www.yakimawa.gov>

There you can submit a complaint on the City's Yak Back app and upload a photo of what is occurring.

Include information from the incident: address, the dog's welfare, as well as type of concern you have.

Reports can be filed anonymously, but it is preferable to provide contact information in case an officer needs to reach out for further details.

Photos of animal-related issues can also be sent to Animal Control Officer Anthony Diaz at:

[Anthony.diaz@yakimawa.gov](mailto:Anthony.diaz@yakimawa.gov)



# Connect with the City of Yakima

<b>Airport:</b>	<b>575-6149</b>	<b>Parks</b>	<b>575-6020</b>
<b>Animal Control:</b>	<b>575-6038</b>	<b>Planning:</b>	<b>575-6183</b>
<b>City Clerk:</b>	<b>575-6000</b>	<b>* Police:</b>	<b>575-6200</b>
<b>City Manager:</b>	<b>575-6000</b>	<b>Refuse:</b>	<b>575-6005</b>
<b>Codes/Licenses:</b>	<b>575-6126</b>	<b>Streets:</b>	<b>575-6005</b>
<b>Engineering:</b>	<b>575-6111</b>	<b>Transit:</b>	<b>575-6175</b>
<b>* Fire:</b>	<b>575-6060</b>	<b>Utilities:</b>	<b>575-6080</b>
<b>Human Resources:</b>	<b>575-6090</b>	<b>Wastewater:</b>	<b>575-6077</b>
<b>Legal</b>	<b>575-6030</b>	<b>Water/Irrig:</b>	<b>575-6154</b>
<b>Municipal Court:</b>	<b>575-3050</b>	<b>YCTV/YPAC:</b>	<b>575-6092</b>

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

## Issues Brief reaches the century mark

This issue marks the 100th City of Yakima Issues Brief e-Newsletter.

Published monthly by the City's Community Relations Office, the first Issues Brief was published in December 2011.

Since then it has developed to include photos and live links allowing readers to click Issues Brief content to find additional, related information on the City's web pages.

For example, simply click anywhere on this article and related graphics to find all 100 issues of Issues Brief.

Questions? Suggestions for future Issues Brief content?

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