



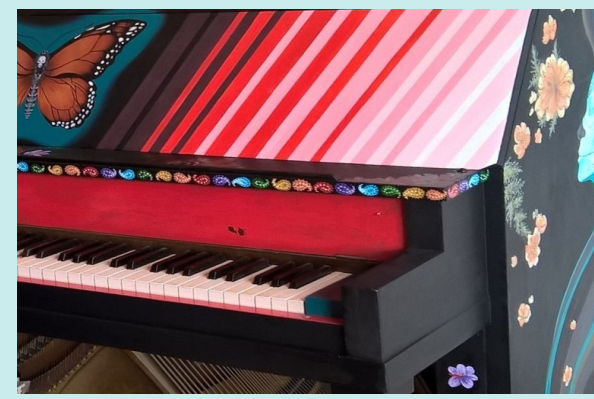
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Yakima continues building growth

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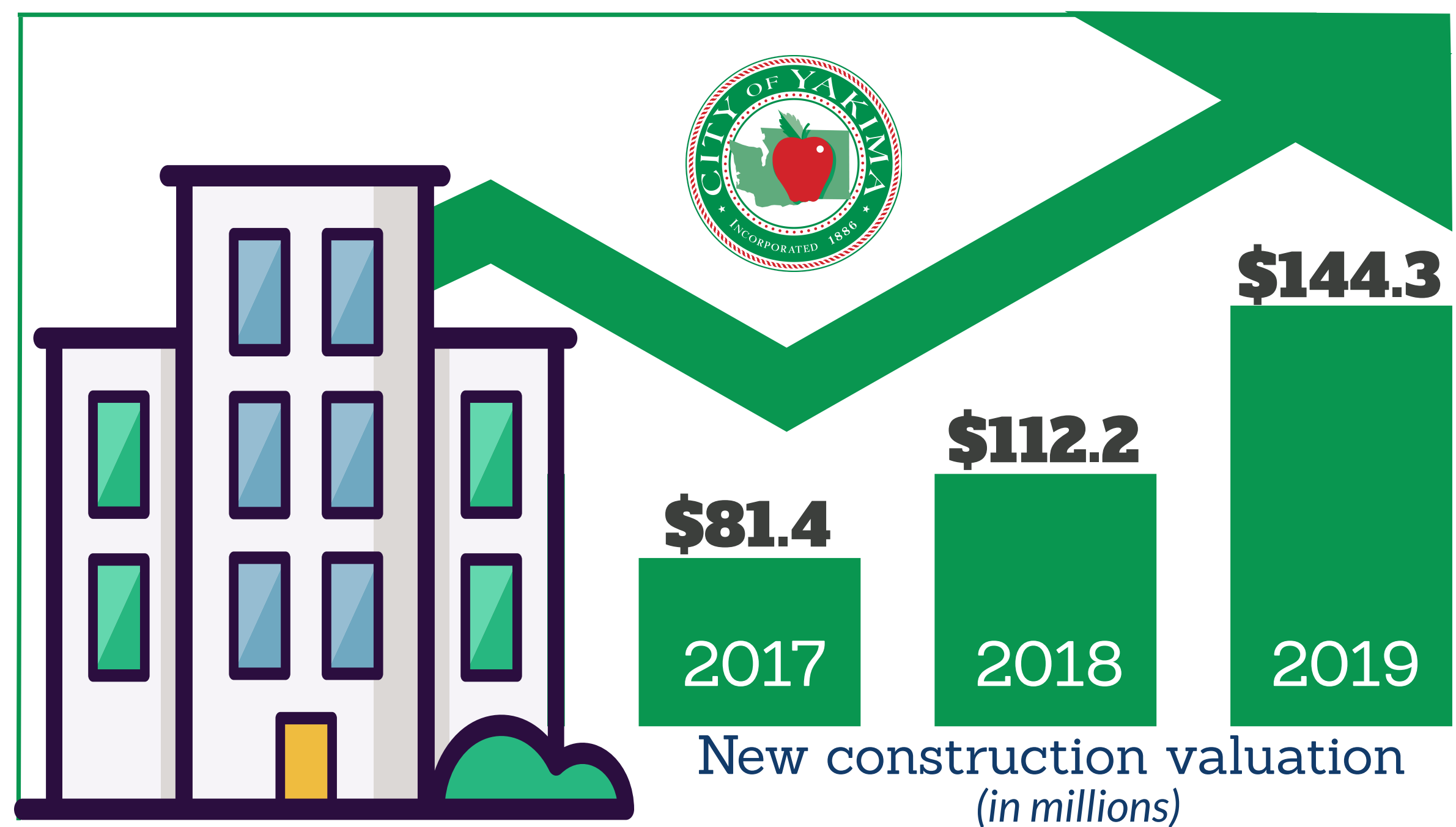
New multi-family construction in the City of Yakima more than doubled last year. That is among building permit statistics for the City in 2019 compared to 2018.

There were 29 new multi-family developments permitted in Yakima during 2019, with a combined valuation of \$32,600,179. In 2018, there were 12 permits issued for new multi-family developments with a valuation of \$7,367,932.

New multi-family housing in Yakima permitted during 2019 created 651 new housing units.

Other areas of notable growth in 2019 included:

- Permits for duplexes rose from 35 in 2018 to 48 in 2019, with valuation increasing from \$9,951,757 to \$13,147,979. Valuation for duplex construction in the City of Yakima has more than tripled since 2017.
- Permits for new commercial construction rose from 71 in 2018 to 75 in 2019. The value of new commercial construction rose from \$39,163,347 in 2018 to \$44,754,120 in 2019.



- Combined valuation for all new construction in Yakima during 2019 was \$144,302,655, a nearly 30 percent uptick from 2018's \$112,279,486.

The 2019 figure represents a more than 75 percent jump from the \$81,457,182 in new valuation for 2017.

"I believe part of the growth success is from the Permit Center in Code Administration," said Director of Community Development Joan Davenport.

"The Permit Center has received many accolades for exceptional service of which we are proud," Davenport said.

The logo for the 2020 U.S. Census, featuring the text "United States® Census 2020" in white on a dark blue background.

2020 U.S. Census Begins in March

Be Counted

In March, homes in the Yakima area and throughout the U.S. will begin receiving invitations to participate in the 2020 Census.

Once the invitation arrives, you can respond for your home in one of three ways: online, by phone or by mail. Census Day is April 1st and by that date every home will have received an invitation to participate in the Census.

The Census will include 10 questions for the head of household to fill out, as well as eight questions for other household members.

Also in April, Census takers will begin visiting those who live in large group settings such as assisted living facilities and college campuses.

In May, the U.S. Census Bureau will begin visiting homes that haven't responded to the 2020 Census.

With \$800 billion in federal funding at stake for communities nationwide, it is vital that all Yakima homes participate in the Census to ensure an accurate count.

"We only get one chance every 10 years at achieving a full count. This data will inform important policy decisions and determine federal funding allocations for a decade," said City of Yakima Communications & Public Affairs Director Randy Beehler.

"Fill out your form to help make sure we here in Yakima don't miss out on our share of resources."

- Communications & Public Affairs Director Randy Beehler

"For example, funding for transportation projects, community development grants, and school construction are determined in part by the census numbers. That's why a complete and accurate count is so important."

Article 1, Section 2 of the U.S. Constitution requires that a census be conducted.

Originally, the main purpose for conducting a census was to establish representation in Congress. Today, in addition to its many other benefits, the census is an important tool for determining how state and federal funding is allocated to local governments.

"Fill out your form to help make sure we here in Yakima don't miss out on our share of resources," Beehler said.

Visit <https://2020census.gov/> for more about the 2020 Census.

El Censo 2020 Comienza en Marzo

Se Contado

En marzo, los hogares en el área de Yakima y en todo Estados Unidos comenzaran a recibir invitaciones para participar en el Censo 2020.

Una vez que llegue la invitación, puede responder por su hogar en una de tres maneras: en línea, por teléfono o por correo. El Día del Censo es el 1 de abril y para esa fecha cada hogar habrá recibido una invitación para participar en el Censo.

El Censo incluirá diez preguntas para que el encabezado de familia las conteste, así como ocho preguntas para los otros miembros del hogar.

También en abril, los encuestadores del censo comenzaran a visitar a las personas que viven agrupadas, como instalaciones de vivienda asistida y campus universitarios.

En mayo, la Oficina del Censo de EE.UU. comenzará a visitar hogares que no hayan respondido al Censo 2020.

Con \$800 mil millones en fondos federales en juego para las comunidades de todo el país, es vital que todas las viviendas de Yakima participen en el Censo para garantizar un conteo preciso.

"Solo tenemos una oportunidad cada diez años para lograr un conteo completo. Estos datos informaran decisiones políticas importantes y determinaran las asignaciones de fondos federales durante una década," dijo Randy Beehler, el Director de Comunicaciones y Asuntos Públicos de la Ciudad de Yakima.

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- Director de Comunicaciones y Asuntos Públicos
Randy Beehler

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El Artículo 1, Sección 2 de la Constitución de los Estados Unidos requiere que se realice un censo.

Originalmente, el propósito principal para realizar un censo era para establecer representación en el Congreso. Hoy, además de sus muchos otros beneficios, el censo es una herramienta importante para determinar cómo se asignan los fondos estatales y federales a los gobiernos locales.

"Complete su formulario para asegurarse de que aquí en Yakima no se pierda nuestra parte de los recursos," dijo Beehler.

Visite <https://2020census.gov/> para obtener más información sobre el Censo 2020



photos courtesy Randy Bonds Jr.

Noel Moxley of the Yakima Arts Commission, left, introduces Aislinn Kalstad and Amanda Ontiveros, artists who painted the piano at Collaboration Coffee.

Painted Piano project expanding in Yakima

Public play pianos a partnership of City Arts Commission, Sunrise Rotary

Collaboration Coffee, 18 S. 1st Street, was the site for a ribbon-cutting and reception on Thursday, Jan. 23rd, to celebrate the latest Painted Piano installment.

A partnership of the City of Yakima Arts Commission and the Yakima Sunrise Rotary Club, the project aims to collaborate with local artists to install pianos throughout the area for the public to play and enjoy.

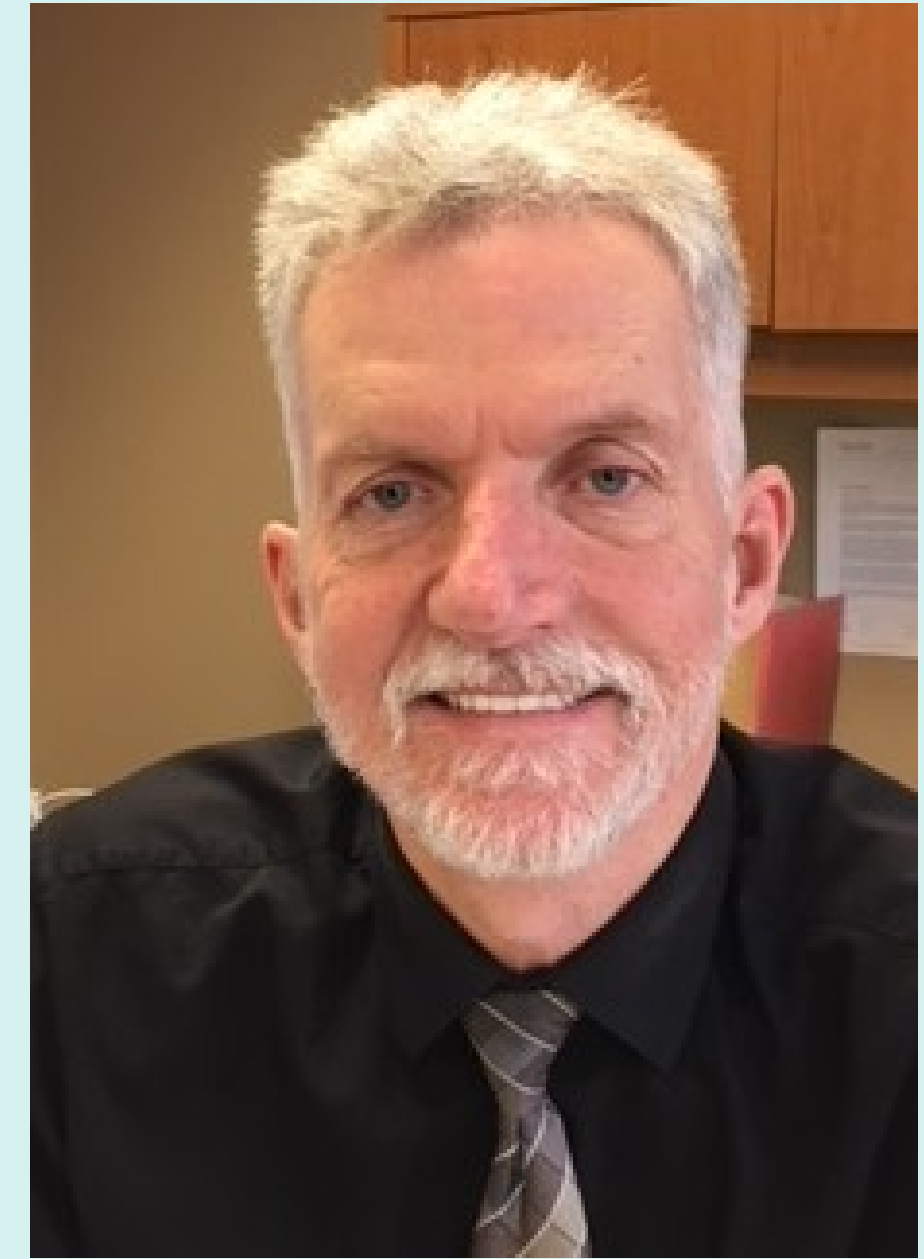
Painted Pianos are also available at Glenwood Square, Single Hill Brewing and Valley Mall.

The goal is to eventually have about a dozen pianos painted and available for the public.

Visit <https://storymaps.arcgis.com/stories/b36dd7c20f154f8a923eab42464d3cea> for an interactive map showing locations of Painted Pianos in the Yakima area. The map was created by the City of Yakima IT Services Division.

Briefly

City names new code administration manager



A longtime City of Yakima employee is the City's new code administration manager.

Glenn Denman, previously the City's supervising code inspector, was named to the code administration manager position in January by Community Development Director Joan Davenport.

"Glenn brings a strong technical background and many certifications to perform the duties of City Building Official, as well as a detailed approach to enforcement of City code violations," said Davenport. "His dedication and teamwork supports the work of the entire City."

Denman was selected after a broad candidate search. He has been employed by the City of Yakima Code Division since 2008.

As Code Administration Manager, Denman directs and coordinates the activities of the City of Yakima Codes Administration Division.

Denman replaces the previous code administration manager, Joe Caruso, who retired last year.

Yakima Convention Center expansion



photo courtesy Randy Tabert

Mayor Patricia Byers, Councilmember Jason White, Councilmember Kay Funk and Interim City Manager Alex Meyerhoff participated in a groundbreaking ceremony on January 30th for an 18,000 square-foot addition for the Yakima Convention Center. With the expansion, the Convention Center will be better able to meet the demand to host conferences and conventions. It is funded by an existing Public Facilities District state sales tax rebate plus a lodging tax that's paid by visitors staying at hotels and motels. The addition does not require any funds from the City of Yakima's general fund, nor fees or taxes to local residents. Construction is expected to wrap up in 2021.



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