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Eliana Macias



Patricia Byers



Soneya Lund

## Yakima welcomes new City Council members

*January 7 is first meeting for Macias, Byers, Lund*

The Yakima City Council will welcome three new members when it holds its first meeting of 2020 on Tuesday, January 7th.

During the November 5th General Election, Eliana Macias defeated Kenton Gartrell to take the District 1 seat. The position was held by Dulce Gutierrez, who did not seek re-election.

In District 3, Patricia Byers defeated Thomas Sund to claim the seat held by Carmen Mendez, who did not run for re-election.

And in District 5, Soneya Lund defeated Liz Hallock to win the seat previously held by former Mayor Kathy Coffey, who also did not seek re-election.

All three were previously interviewed as candidates for their respective district seats on Y-PAC's 2019 *Video Voters Pamphlet* that aired for about a month leading up to the November 5th General Election.

During the interview, Macias said her top priority if elected would be addressing public safety.

Byers said her number one priority would be smart budgeting, taking care of the City's reserve deficit.

During her *Video Voters Pamphlet* interview, Lund identified fostering a sense of community and community relationships as her top priority.

The Yakima City Council's regular meetings are held in Council Chambers at City Hall at 5:30 pm on the first and third Tuesdays of each month.



## Wrapping up 2019

During the City Council's final regular meeting of 2019, Interim City Manager Alex Meyerhoff recognized Assistant Mayor Dulce Gutierrez, Councilmember Carmen Mendez and Mayor Kathy Coffey for their service. The rest of the Council posed for a final group photo with the outgoing council members.





## Briefly

### Holiday closures set

Many of the City of Yakima's facilities will be closed Monday, January 20th in observance of Martin Luther King Jr. Day.

That includes City Hall, Y-PAC, Public Works, and Parks and Recreation offices.

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

Yakima Transit will not provide bus service January 20th and the City's Harman Center will be closed.

City of Yakima garbage pick-up service will continue as scheduled on January 20th, but the Refuse Division's office will be closed.

Lions Pool will remain open to the public.

### Annual license renewals

A new year serves as a reminder that some City of Yakima permits need to be renewed annually.

For example, dog permits and business permits both require renewals each calendar year.

Information on business license requirements within the City of Yakima are available at <https://www.yakimawa.gov/services/codes/licenses/>

Dog licensing information is available at <https://www.yakimawa.gov/services/animal-control/>



## Parks and Recreation issues Winter/Spring Program Guide

### "Snowball" Tournament, April Pools Day among the seasonal offerings

The return of April Pools Day (a free family swim activity), youth soccer as well as winter and spring co-rec volleyball.

Those are just a few of the seasonal offerings available in the 2020 Winter/Spring Program Guide issued recently by Yakima Parks and Recreation.

The 16-page guide is available at Yakima Parks and Recreation offices (2301 Fruitvale Boulevard).

It is also available online at <https://yakimaparks.com/assets/2019-2020-Winter-Spring-Program-Guide.pdf>

One of the guide's highlights is the 30th Annual Snowball Tournament set for January 25th and 16th. The popular softball tournament's registration deadline is Tuesday, January 14th.

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For more about City of Yakima organized Winter/Spring activities visit <https://yakimaparks.com/> or call Yakima Parks and Recreation at 575-6020.



# A new decade brings a new look for Yakima Airport

*Yakima Air Terminal-McAllister Field unveils new logo, newly designed website for 2020*



Yakima Air Terminal-McAllister Field has unveiled a new logo and website for a new decade.

“The airport has seen tremendous growth over the past few years and is in a position to rebrand for the new decade,” said Airport Director Rob Peterson. “The new logo conveys that, with the airport launching into the future to accommodate aviation demands.”

Airline passenger ridership increased 31 percent at the airport since 2013. Growth at the airport and its properties in recent years includes:

- Cub Crafters’ expansion to include a new aircraft completion center.
- McCormick Air Center constructing eight additional hangars for aircraft storage.
- FedEx operating larger aircraft and increased parking to facilitate additional cargo demands.
- Reno’s on the Runway, the latest restaurant on airport property. It serves pilots and the community

- Castle Coffee opening this winter to serve the community with a wide variety of beverages.
- Food Facility Engineering rehabilitated the second floor terminal building to create office space.
- Memorial Cornerstone medical facility was constructed at 40th Avenue and Washington Avenue.
- McAllister Museum and Civil Air Patrol constructed a new facility to expand the museum and house emergency response aircraft.

The new logo is visible on the airport’s website at <https://flyykm.com>.

At the Yakima Airport website, visitors can book flights, learn about the area, or even find locations around the airport for commercial development.

The new website design was implemented by the City’s Information Technology Services Division.

The logo will be incorporated on airport letterheads, business cards, decals and signage at the airport.

“The more we can show demand – as well as show we’re willing to invest in this resource – the more we’ll be able to encourage our Alaska Airline partners and possibly others to invest in us and provide even more convenient flights in and out of our city,” said Peterson.

“You can get from Yakima to Seattle in less than 30 minutes, and the entire process of flying out of Yakima is much simpler and smoother than at a larger airport,” said Peterson. “We’ve worked hard to make our airport welcoming and friendly every step of the way.”

For more about the Yakima Air Terminal-McAllister Field, visit <https://flyykm.com> or call 575-6149.

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## Keep safety in mind during winter weather events

Yakima has experienced its first significant weather event this winter and emergency responders encourage drivers to follow some simple safety measures to avoid being involved in an accident. They include:

- Driving more slowly than normal increases the chance you’ll be able to avoid being involved in an accident. Slow and cautious are the two most important words to remember when driving in winter weather.
- Increasing the following distance between you and the car in front of you is a simple but highly effective way to avoid accidents. A good measure of thumb regarding following distance is five to six seconds.
- Braking with firm, steady pressure applied by the ball of your foot can keep your car brakes from locking up. When brakes lock up, your car is likely to slide on a road covered in snow and ice.
- Drivers are also encouraged to avoid driving up or down steep hills in winter conditions. If you have to drive up a hill, apply the gas pedal slowly and consistently. Avoid sudden changes in the amount of power being applied to the wheels and you will avoid spinning your tires. Similarly, when going down a hill on ice and snow it is important to not apply brakes. Applying brakes can result in tires slipping.
- Applying power to a vehicle’s wheels should be done slowly and consistently. That will help keep them slipping on flat roadways as well.



Partnering with UA Local 598, Plumbers and Steamfitters, the Yakima Police Patrolman's Association delivered 40 bicycles during the holidays.

## Season of Sharing

The Yakima Fire Department's administrative staff gathered supplies for Rod's House and delivered them to the non-profit during the holiday season.



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Questions? Suggestions?

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**\* NON-EMERGENCY only.  
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