

# ISSUES BRIEF

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## Yakima City Council ushers in 2024



Leo Roy

*Byers appointed Mayor,  
Brown named Assistant Mayor*

The Yakima City Council held its first meeting of 2024 on the second day of the new year.

During the Jan. 2 meeting, City Council members appointed Patricia Byers to be mayor and Matt Brown to be assistant mayor.

Mayor Byers represents District 3 on the Yakima City Council. She was first elected to Council in 2019 and was re-elected in November 2023.

Assistant Mayor Brown represents District 6 on the Yakima City Council and was elected in November 2022.

During the meeting, held Tuesday, Jan. 2nd, three new City Council members took the oath of office:

- Leo Roy, District 1
- Rick Glenn, District 5
- Reedy Berg, District 7

Roy, Glenn and Berg were all elected to the City Council during the General Election on November 2nd, 2023.

They join four incumbents on the Yakima City Council. In addition to Mayor Byers and Assistant Mayor Brown, the other members of the Yakima City Council are Janice Deccio of District 4 and Danny Herrera of District 2.

The Yakima City Council's regular meetings are held in Council Chambers at City Hall, 129 N. 2nd St, and via Zoom at 5:30 pm on the first and third Tuesdays of each month.

Yakima City Council meetings air live on Y-PAC, Charter Spectrum Channel 194 and on the City website at [Live Stream | City Council \(yakimawa.gov\)](#).

City meetings can also be viewed on-demand at [videos.yakimawa.gov](#)

Visit [City Council - City of Yakima, Washington \(yakimawa.gov\)](#) for more about the Yakima City Council.



Rick Glenn



Reedy Berg

## Parking enforcement moratorium in effect

*Downtown parking focus of  
Jan. 23rd community meeting*

A moratorium is in effect on parking enforcement in the City's Central Business District (CBD) and adjacent downtown business properties.

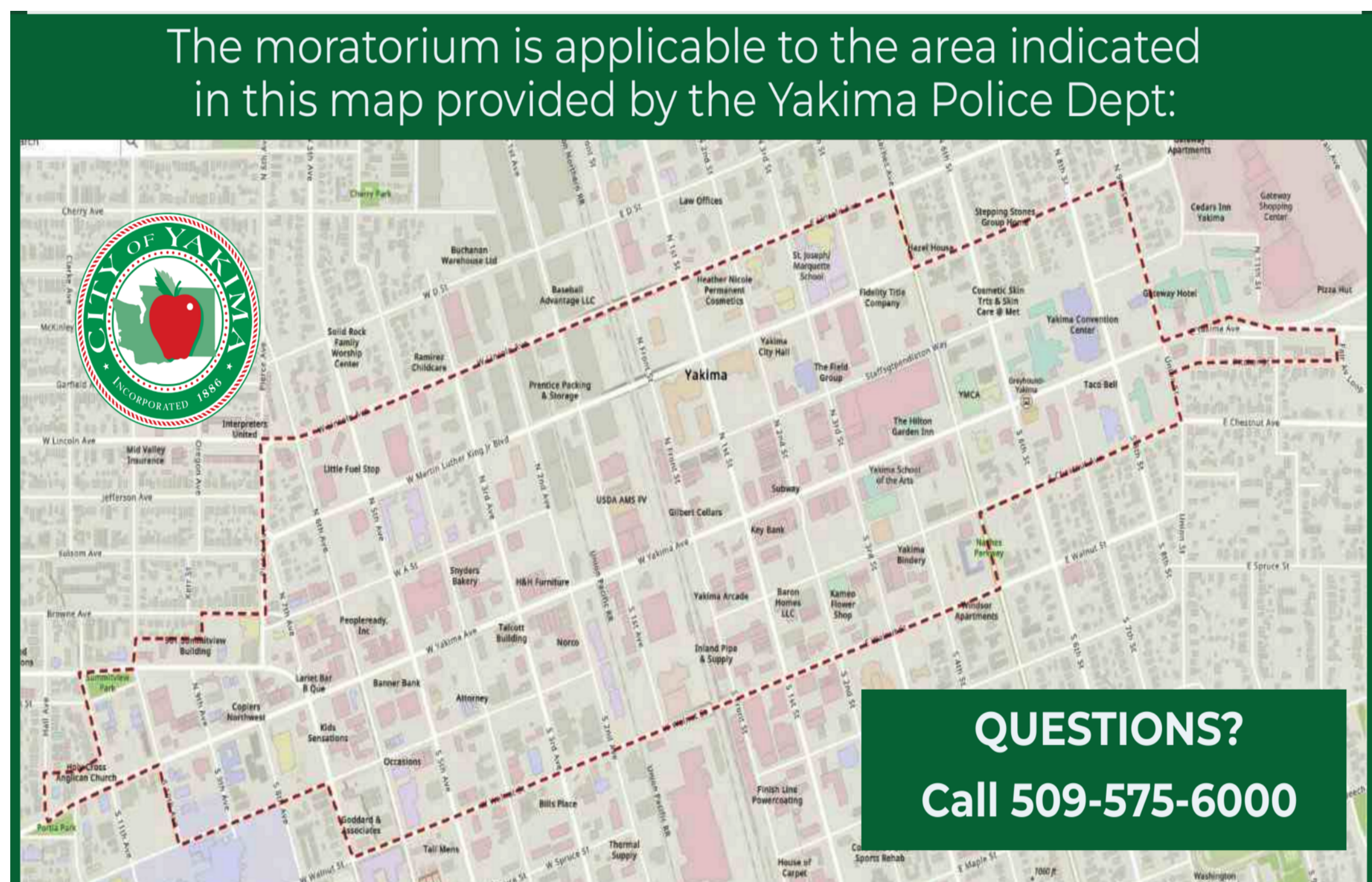
The moratorium was enacted by a vote of the Yakima City Council during its last meeting of 2023 on Dec. 12th. Absent any other action by Council, parking enforcement may resume Feb. 12th, 2024.

Parking infractions related to public safety will continue to be enforced, including:

- Parking in a fire lane
- Parking in front of a fire hydrant
- Parking in a manner that creates a safety hazard
- Unlawfully parking in a disabled designated spot

Council will host a community meeting on downtown parking at 5:30 pm Tuesday, Jan. 23, in the Bank of America building, 101 N. 2nd St.

The moratorium is applicable to the area indicated in this map provided by the Yakima Police Dept:



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# 2023 in review

Completing Phase 1 of Nelson Dam removal, a regional fire training academy, a second daily flight at Yakima Airport and a community effort for a new pool were some of 2023's highlights for the city of Yakima





## Winter Program Guide available



April Pools Day (a free family swim activity) and an Egg Hunt/Candy Dash are just a few of the activities in the 2024 Winter/Spring Program Guide issued recently by Yakima Parks and Recreation.

The 16-page guide – which also includes information on winter co-rec volleyball, Fisher Park Golf, youth soccer, the Harman Center and much more – is available at Yakima Parks and Recreation offices (2301 Fruitvale Blvd), City Hall and online at [yakimaparks.com](http://yakimaparks.com)

For more about City of Yakima organized Winter/Spring activities call Yakima Parks and Recreation at 509-575-6020.

# Christmas tree disposal options

With the holiday season winding down, the City of Yakima does offer city residents an option for Christmas tree disposal.

Residents can schedule an appointment with the City's Refuse Division for tree pick up by calling 509-575-6005.

Cost is \$10 for trees up to 5 feet and \$15 for trees greater than 5 feet. Taller trees need to be cut in half before pick-up.

If residents have more than one tree they need to call the Refuse Division to schedule a special haul.

There is also a Christmas tree recycling opportunity benefitting a non-profit.

Camp Prime Time offers a tree recycling service to benefit its recreational facility for families who have a child with a serious or terminal illness or is developmentally disabled.

Saying goodbye to your Christmas tree?



Here are some disposal options:

Call City of Yakima Refuse Division at 509-575-6005 to schedule a pick-up

\$10 for trees up to 5 feet  
\$15 for trees over 5 feet

Taller trees need to be cut in half before pick-up



offers tree recycling at Pape Machinery  
3110 Fruitvale Blvd



8 am to 5 pm through January 7th.  
More info at [campprimetime.org](http://campprimetime.org)

Christmas trees can be taken to Pape Machinery Agriculture and Turf (formerly Washington Tractor), 3110 Fruitvale Blvd, between 8 am and 5 pm through Jan. 7th. Financial donations are accepted to benefit Camp Prime Time.

It is provided by Camp Prime Time Volunteers, Papé Agriculture & Turf, All American Propane, DTG Recycle, Pacific Power, Stripe Rite, Yakima Theatres, Trickinnex Tree Trimming & Falling, LLC, Cliff's Septic, City of Yakima Refuse Division, Yakima County Public Services–Solid Waste Division, FOX and KIMA

See <https://www.yakimawa.gov/services/refuse/> for more about the City of Yakima Refuse Division.

## Help us help you during winter garbage pick-up

The public's cooperation is much appreciated to help City of Yakima refuse operators keep on schedule during winter weather.

To provide the best service possible, the City's Refuse Division is asking customers to:

- Make sure garbage carts are accessible and clear of all snow and ice at the curbside
- Maintain a 36-inch-wide path around the garbage carts to enable equipment to safely pick them up
- If your garbage cart is not collected on the normal pickup day, leave it out so it can be collected later
- Do not jam garbage into carts



— If you live on steep terrain, please bag your garbage, as operators may need to drive a smaller refuse vehicle to retrieve your garbage.

Having it bagged allows operators to remove refuse in a safe and timely manner.

— Maintain clearance and access around dumpsters  
— Avoid parking on the street on collection days to ensure access to your garbage cart.

While trying to maintain regular schedules, garbage collection could be suspended if a street is considered unsafe due to snow and icy conditions.

If you have any questions, please contact the City of Yakima Refuse Division at 509-575-6005.