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# ISSUES BRIEF

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## Free concerts and movies this summer at City of Yakima parks



*Viva La Musica returns to Miller Park and Martin Luther King Jr. Park this summer*

### Events kick off July 12-14

City of Yakima parks will be alive with the sound of music – and movies – during three different series that begin next week.

"The idea is to encourage families to bring blankets or lawn chairs and enjoy the free concerts and films outdoors," said Parks & Recreation Manager Ken Wilkinson. "The community is invited to relax and listen to great music or watch family films in a beautiful park."

The **Summer Sunset Concert Series** at Franklin Park, 2101 Tieton Drive, will kick things off on Friday, July 12th with Bart Roderick & Friends.

Other performances - all from 6:00 pm to 8:00 pm on Fridays – include Camille Bloom on July 19th, Snaccs on July 26th, Ian McFeron Band on August 2nd, Cosmos's Dream on August 9th and the Joe Brooks Quartet on August 16th.

The **Viva La Musica Concert Series** also returns and this again will be held at two City parks from 5:00 pm to 7:00 pm each Sunday evening.

Viva La Musica begins Sunday, July 14 at Miller Park, on the corner of North 4th Street and East E Street, with Rebeldes de la Sierra. Miller Park will host Victor Manuel y su Nueva Juventud on July 21, and Los Plebes de Tierra Caliente on July 28.

Martin Luther King Jr. Park, on the corner of South 8th Street and East Beech Street, will feature Viva La Musica concerts by Liberados on August 4th, La Cuarta Generacion DTC on August 11th, and Senal de Oaxaco on August 18th.

Viva La Musica's finale for this summer will be from 4:00 pm to 7:00 pm on September 15th at Miller Park.

The September 15th finale will feature entertainment by Extremo Sierrero and Mariachi Wenatchee.

As for the movies, the **Outdoor Summer Cinema Series** returns Sunday, July 14th to the City's Chesterley Park, on the corner of 40th Avenue and River Road. The movies will each begin at sunset, about 8:30 pm, on six consecutive Sundays.

The film series begins with "Incredibles 2" on July 14th, "Beethoven" on July 21st, "Kung Fu Panda" on July 28th, "Finding Nemo" on August 4th, "Ralph Breaks the Internet" on August 11th, and "Shazam" on August 19th.

For more information, call 575-6020 or see Page 9 of the City of Yakima Parks and Recreation 2019 Summer Program Guide.

The guide is available at <https://yakimaparks.com/assets/2019-Summer-Program-Guide.pdf>

# Operation Invictus partners fighting violent crime

*Yakima Police Department one of many agencies participating in enforcement program*

The Yakima Police Department (YPD) and a dozen other local, state, and federal law enforcement agencies are joining together for what's being called *Operation Invictus*, a targeted effort to identify, locate, and apprehend violent crime fugitives throughout the Central Washington region this summer.

In addition to YPD, local law enforcement agencies participating in *Operation Invictus* include the Yakima County Sheriff's Office, Union Gap Police Department, Kennewick Police Department, Benton County Sheriff's Office, Yakima County Prosecutor's Office, and the Yakama Nation Department of Public Safety.

The Washington State Department of Corrections Community Response Unit is also part of the effort.

Federal partners include the FBI, the federal Bureau of Alcohol, Tobacco, and Firearms, the U.S. Drug Enforcement Administration, the U.S. Marshals Service, the Pacific Northwest Violent Offender Task Force, and the U.S. Attorney's Office.

The Washington State Fusion Center, which supports public safety and homeland security missions of federal, state, local, and tribal agencies, and Maike and Associates, a research consulting firm, are also part of the team.



yakpd #OPERATION\_INVICTUS.  
BREAKING: Three gang members arrested in warrant sweep. Two offender weapons recovered!  
#MakingYakimaSafer @USMarshalsHQ @USAO\_EDWA

YPD Instagram post from June 17th highlighting Operation Invictus.

*"Together, we'll concentrate on apprehending violent crime offenders who have warrants for their arrest."*

- Yakima Police Chief Matt Murray

The goal of *Operation Invictus*, which is an element of Project Safe Neighborhoods and the Violent Crime Reduction Initiative, is simple – make communities safer.

"The combined resources, knowledge, and expertise of the various agencies that are partnering in this operation are significant," said Yakima Police Chief Matt Murray.

"Together, we'll concentrate on apprehending violent crime offenders who have warrants for their arrest. Taking those offenders off of the street will have an immediate impact in making the communities of Central Washington safer," said Murray.

Murray underscored that immigration enforcement is not an element of the operation.

"All of the agencies involved in the operation are focused on apprehending known, violent fugitives regardless of their residency status," said Murray.

Anyone with knowledge of the whereabouts of a violent crime fugitive is encouraged to contact the Yakima Police Department at (509) 575-6200 or by calling 9-1-1.

Tips can also be reported to Yakima County Crime Stoppers by phone at 1-800-248-9980, on the organization's website at [crimestoppersyakco.org](http://crimestoppersyakco.org), or through the "P3 Tips" app that can be downloaded for free at [p3intel.com/](http://p3intel.com/).

Updates about the operation and its outcomes will be provided on a regular basis on YPD social media communications platforms.

Community members are encouraged to track the progress of *Operation Invictus* on the Yakima Police Department Twitter feed (@yakimapolice) and the YPD Instagram feed (yakpd).

## Yakima Fire Department announces new deputy fire chief

A longtime employee with the Yakima Fire Department (YFD) is now its new Deputy Fire Chief.

Jeremy Rodriguez, a 22-year employee with YFD, began his new role as Deputy Fire Chief this week.

"It is exciting to have Jeremy on board as Deputy Fire Chief," said Chief Aaron Markham. "This brings us up to full staffing in that role and helps share the workload."

YFD operates with two deputy chiefs. YFD Deputy Fire Chief Patrick Reid was hired for that post in October 2017.

Rodriguez fills the deputy chief position previously held by Markham, who was promoted to Fire Chief in June 2018.

As deputy chief, Rodriguez oversees several areas of support operations such as fleet management, fire code inspection program, as well as facilities and apparatus maintenance.



Pictured from left are Deputy Fire Chief Jeremy Rodriguez, Fire Chief Aaron Markham and Deputy Fire Chief Patrick Reid.

## Briefly

### Downtown Summer Nights underway

The annual Downtown Summer Nights concert series continue each Thursday from 6 to 9 pm on Yakima's historic North Front Street. There will be no concert on July 4th.

Drivers are advised the free concert series will require the closure of North Front Street between Staff Sgt. Pendleton Way and Yakima Avenue.

### Projects close part of 48th Avenue

A portion of 48th Avenue is closed during a road rebuild and paving project, as well as a water main line installation.

As a result, 48th Avenue is closed from Nob Hill Boulevard to Tieton Drive through Friday, July 12th.

The closure is in effect while work takes place from 6 am to 4 pm, Monday through Friday.

## Harman Center hosting 2nd annual Lego tournament

*Registration deadline is Thursday, July 25th*

"Space" is the theme for the second annual Lego Tournament the City of Yakima's Harman Center will host from 10:00 am to 1:00 pm on Saturday, July 27th.

"Our hope is for a multi-generational event, with parents, grandparents, children having fun together with Legos," said Recreation Program Supervisor Leslie Richards. "It will be an opportunity for the community to sharpen its building skills and earn prizes."

During the tournament, McGruff the Crime Dog will be on hand for photos.

In addition, there will be activity stations such as temporary tattoos, coloring and a space-themed story time.

Contestants must pre-register for the Lego contest by 2:00 pm on Thursday, July 25th.

They can pre-register at the Harman Center's front desk at 101 N. 65th Avenue or by calling 575-6166.

Prizes in the form of gift cards donated by local businesses will be awarded to winning Lego entries.



*"Space" is the theme for the Harman Center's 2nd annual Lego Tournament on Saturday, July 27.*

Members of the Harvest Lego User Group will serve as judges for the competition. Bricks for Kidz will be at the event as well.

For more information about the second annual Harman Center Lego Tournament, including a link to the contest's rules, visit <https://yakimaparks.com/2nd-annual-harman-center-lego-tournament/>

## Program offering free bus rides to City of Yakima pools

*Yakima Transit provides rides each Thursday with each paid pool admission*

Yakima Transit and Yakima Parks and Recreation are again teaming up to make it easier for swimmers to use Franklin Pool and Lions Pool this summer thanks to the Bus to Pool Program.

Each Thursday through August 25th, paying to swim in one of Yakima's two City-owned pools entitles the purchaser to a special Yakima Transit bus pass at no cost to and from the pools.

Bus service is provided from Kissel Park, 1525 S 32nd Avenue, every Thursday at 12:30 pm and head to Franklin Pool.

The bus will also pick up passengers along Mead Avenue and 32nd Avenue eastbound.

"It's a win-win situation for everyone," said Yakima Transit Manager Alvie Maxey. "Bus ridership is lower in the summertime when school is out, so there are seats available to handle swimmers."



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*- Yakima Transit Manager Alvie Maxey*

"We like to be involved in programs that increase bus ridership and, hopefully, get more people in the habit of hopping on the bus to get where they want to go," said Maxey.

A lack of transportation often prevents kids and adults from being able to swim as much as they would like during the summer months.

"This helps solve that problem," says Yakima Parks and Recreation Manager Ken Wilkinson. "We are very excited about the opportunity to increase the number of people utilizing our pools."

Additional bus information is available on the Yakima Transit website at <https://yakimatransit.org/> or by calling 575-6175.

Visit <http://www.yakimaparks.com/aquatics/> for more about City of Yakima swimming programs. Franklin Pool can be reached at 575-6035.

# Photo of the Month



In June, the City of Yakima's Human Resources office welcomed five high school interns who will assist the City this summer. From left are City Senior Human Resources Specialist Gretchen Peterson-Lee, Fire Department intern Moises Morales, Information Technology intern Colin Sentz, Legal Department intern Mary Prentice, Yakima Airport intern Jessica Pancho, Information Technology intern Rebecca Mitre and City of Yakima Chief Examiner Debbie Korevaar.



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