



ISSUES BRIEF

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Concerts, movies return to City parks



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

- July 11th Cruzados Musical
- July 18th Los de Alla
- July 25th Destinos

Martin Luther King Jr. Park, on the corner of South 8th St. and E. Beech St., feature Viva La Musica concerts from 5 to 7 pm on the following Sundays:

- Aug. 1st Los Nuevos Sierreños
- Aug. 8th Banda Reyna de Sur
- Aug. 15th Los Nuevos Principes de al Banda

Viva La Musica's 2021 finale will be 4 to 7 pm on Sunday, September 12th at Miller Park featuring Mariachi Barajas, Rafaga de Tierra Caliente and Mariachi Barajas.

Yakima Parks & Recreation offers free music and outdoor movies beginning July 9th

After a year's hiatus due to COVID-19 closures, City of Yakima parks will be alive with the sound of music and movies during three different series this summer.

The Summer Sunset Concert Series at Franklin Park, 2101 Tieton Drive, is 6 to 8 pm on the following Fridays:

- July 9th DieBruder
- July 16th Star Anna
- July 23rd Jayleigh Ann & The Lost Boys
- July 30th Talbott Brothers
- Aug. 6th Bodies on the Beach
- Aug. 13th Massy Ferguson

The Viva La Musica series begins Sunday, July 11th at Miller Park, on the corner of North 4th Street and East E Street. Miller Park will also host the following concerts on Sundays from 5 to 7 pm:

The Outdoor Summer Cinema Series returns to the City's Chesterley Park, on the corner of 40th Avenue and River Road.

The movies begin at sunset, about 8:30 pm, on six Sundays:

- July 11th Matilda
- July 18th Coco
- July 25th Dolittle
- Aug. 1st Playing with Fire
- Aug. 8th Avengers Endgame
- Aug. 16th Frozen

Suggestions for West Powerhouse Road? The City of Yakima wants to hear them

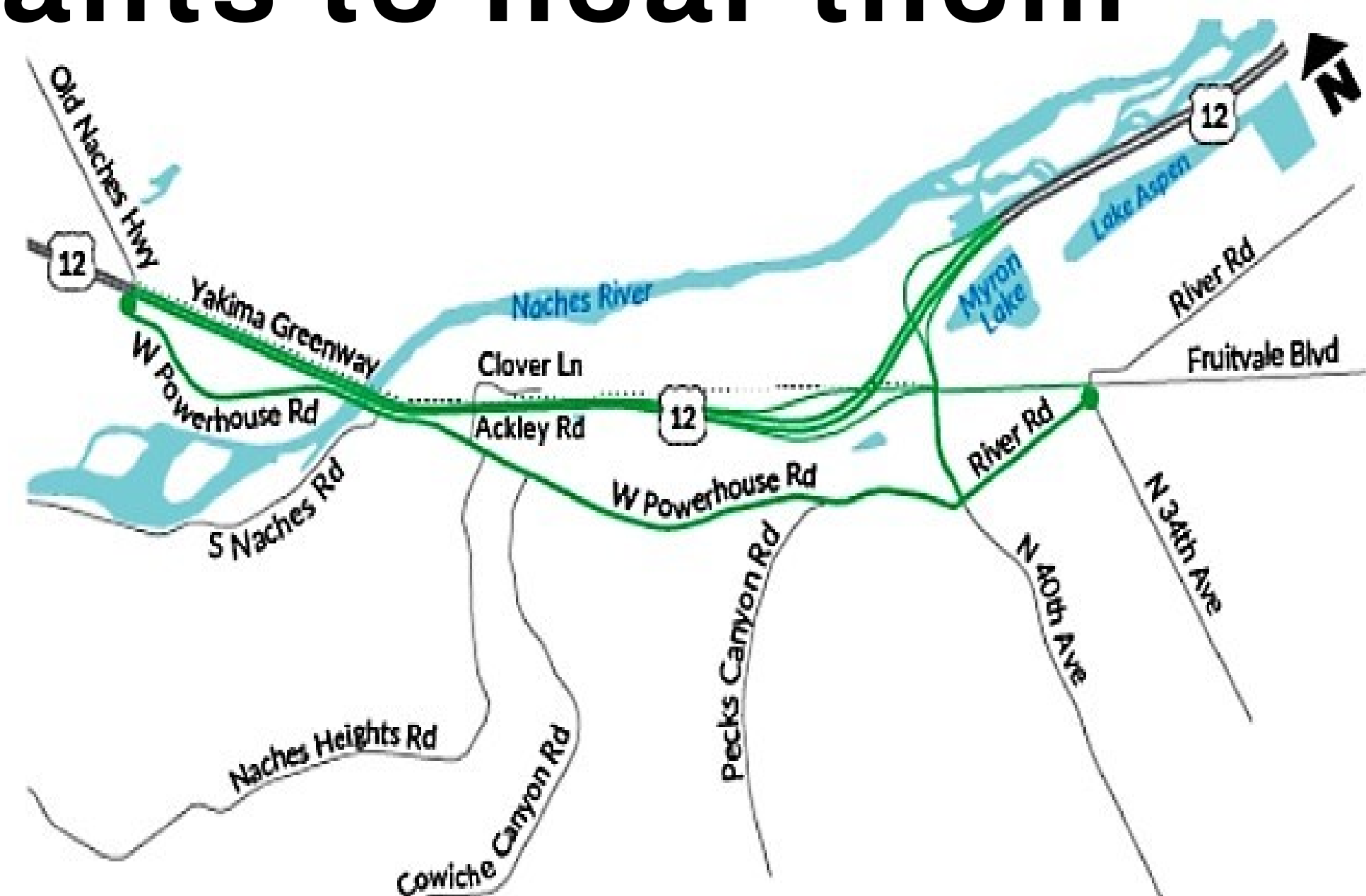
Survey deadline is July 15th

West Powerhouse Road in Yakima is a vital corridor that parallels US 12 connecting Glee, Naches and Yakima to west Yakima shopping centers and agricultural areas.

Community members are invited to share how they use the corridor, identify areas of concern and make recommendations for improvements by filling out a survey. The survey is open through Thursday, July 15.

Visit [West Powerhouse Road Survey | Points of Interest \(yakimawa.gov\)](https://www.yakimawa.gov) for surveys in English and Spanish.

Community members will have another opportunity to comment later this year when a list of prioritized solutions have been identified.



Briefly

City offered cooling centers during heat wave

Two City of Yakima facilities served as cooling centers during record-high temperatures in late June.

The Harman Center and Washington Fruit Community Center were provided as places for community members to escape extreme temperatures that topped out at 113 degrees.

City Council meetings at Yakima City Hall

Beginning with its regular meeting on Tuesday, July 6th, the Yakima City Council resumed its meetings in Council chambers at City Hall.

Council had been meeting via Zoom for more than a year due to state-mandated COVID-19 precautions.

Click <https://www.yakimawa.gov/council/> for Council meeting agendas and viewing options.

YFD offers water safety tips



YFD conducted swift water rescue training during the month of June.

The Yakima Fire Department (YFD) offers a number of water safety resources and suggestions as residents head out to the water, whether it be a back yard pool or local rivers, lakes and streams.

Some available resources include a life jacket loan program, funded and maintained by the Yakima Firefighters Association. Life jackets are available for use at no cost. The Yakima Firefighters Association asks they be returned after so others can borrow them.

Life jackets are available at YFD Fire Station 93, 511 N. 40th Avenue; and YFD Fire Station 92, 7707 Tieton Drive.

Once community members are on the water, YFD has resources to assist when needed. These include a water rescue team, inflatable river rafts and a jet boat.

Tips for staying safe in the water include:

- Never swim alone.
- Swim in designated areas only, and swim only when a lifeguard is on duty.
- Wear a life jacket while boating – even on calm waters.
- Actively supervise children.
- Learn CPR and rescue techniques.
- Don't push or jump on others.
- Don't dive in unfamiliar areas.
- Before boating, swimming or going to the beach establish ground rules for safe conduct.
- Water that is warm on the surface can be much colder below. The risks of cold water shock and hypothermia, which occurs when the body is suddenly submerged in cold water, can lead to hyperventilation, cardiac arrest and potential drowning.

Call 575-6060 or visit <https://yakimafire.com/> for more about the Yakima Fire Department.

Clean City Program reports progress

Abating/cleaning nearly 1,100 incidents of graffiti, clearing nearly 30 tons of garbage and removing more than 300 grocery carts are some of the activities provided by the City of Yakima Clean City Program during the first three months of 2021.

The Yakima City Council received a report on the program in its agenda packet for the June 15th meeting.

The City of Yakima developed "Clean City" in 2019.

Its main objectives are:

- Address visual blight (trash, graffiti, dangerous building, abandoned vehicles, etc.)
- Address unscheduled collection of waste and litter from the City's public areas/thoroughfares
- Expedite the clean-up of such illegal dumps
- Clean up homeless encampments
- Support Yakima Police Department officers in unlawful camping enforcement
- Coordinate with neighborhoods for clean-up events
- Create educational components
- Engage with community partners and volunteers

◆ 1,000+ graffiti incidents cleared

◆ 58,000+ lbs of debris cleared

◆ 300+ shopping carts removed

 **Clean City Program**
First Quarter, 2021
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Clean City, under the direction of the City's Public Works Division, coordinates the efforts of several City departments and community partners. They include:

City of Yakima Public Works:

- Public Works Administration
- Refuse Division
- Streets & Traffic Division
- Parks & Recreation Division

City of Yakima Codes Division
City of Yakima Legal Department
Yakima Police Department
Sunrise Outreach

Visit <https://www.yakimawa.gov/services/public-works/> for more about programs and services offered through the City Public Works Division.

Plan ahead Pack smart Arrive early Fly healthy

Yakima Airport offers tips as air travel surges this summer

With the pandemic easing and an increase in travel, officials with Yakima Air Terminal-McAllister Field encourage the public to plan ahead, pack smart, arrive early, and fly healthy as they prepare to travel this summer.

"It is exciting to see an uptick in summer travel compared to last year as most of our aircraft are relatively full," said Yakima Airport Director Rob Peterson. "That increase is a good opportunity to remind all of us about simple steps to improve your flying experience."

Those steps include:

- Arrive an hour-and-a-half prior to your flight's scheduled departure.
- Remember the 3-1-1 rule for liquids and gels. Passengers are allowed three ounces of liquid in a one-quart bag. One bag is allowed per person.



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- Place all medicines and valuables, such as jewelry or computers in your carry-on luggage.
- Remove food items from the carry-on luggage and place them in the bins for screening.
- Masks are required in the airport terminal building and on aircraft regardless of vaccination status. In the event you've forgotten or misplaced your facemask, the airport continues to provide free mask

Peterson also asks for the public's continued assistance,

"Please maintain proper social distancing in passenger queue lines and, as always, avoid traveling when you're feeling under the weather," he said.

Call 575-6149 or visit <https://flyykm.com> for more about Yakima Air Terminal-McAllister Field.

Payment drop box available at Yakima Municipal Court

The City of Yakima Municipal Court recently installed a payment drop box for court payments. It is located outside the main entrance of the Richard A. Zais Jr. Center for Law and Justice, 200 South 3rd Street.

The drop box does not accept cash payments.

The court accepts payments over the phone at 575-3050 from 8 am to 4 pm, Monday through Friday.

Payments can also be mailed to:
Richard Zais Justice Center
200 South 3rd Street
Yakima, WA 98901

The customer service window at the Justice Center is open 9 to 11 am and 1:30 to 3:30 pm, Monday through Friday.



You can now avoid the lines and make Yakima Municipal Court payments at a drop box.

City Council action summary - June 2021

Yakima City Council action during its meetings in June included:

- Confirming appointments to the Henry Beauchamp Community Center Advisory Board, Arts Commission, Tree City USA, Parks and Recreation Commission and Public Facilities District
- Directing staff to develop an ordinance based on City of Fife model to combat street racing
- Directing staff to create a proposal using American Rescue Plan funds to address mental health issues in Yakima
- Authorizing the purchase of police vehicles

Complete minutes and agendas from council meetings are available at [Agendas and Minutes | City Council \(yakimawa.gov\)](https://www.yakimawa.gov/agendas-and-minutes).

All council meetings air live on Y-PAC and online at [Live Stream | City Council \(yakimawa.gov\)](https://www.yakimawa.gov/live-stream).

Celebrating improvements at MLK Jr. Park



Mayor Patricia Byers, local Rotary Club members, City Parks and Recreation officials, volunteers, local youth, county commissioners and state officials participated in a ribbon-cutting ceremony on June 17th to celebrate improvements at Martin Luther King Jr. Park.

The improvements include new playground equipment, picnic shelter and security lighting.

Connect with the City of Yakima

Airport:	575-6149	Parks	575-6020
Animal Control:	575-6038	Planning:	575-6183
City Clerk:	575-6000	* Police:	575-6200
City Manager:	575-6000	Refuse:	575-6005
Codes/Licenses:	575-6126	Streets:	575-6005
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Legal	575-6030	Water/Irrig:	575-6154
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