

ISSUES BRIEF

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Think Spring with Yakima Parks!

Enjoy candy dash, pickleball, golf, April Pools Day and more

Spring will soon be here. Yakima Parks and Recreation has a host of opportunities to enjoy this season:

- An egg hunt/candy dash on Sunday, March 23rd. There will be music, eggs, candy and pictures with the Easter Bunny. Pre-registration is required. Call 509-575-6020 for information and scheduling details.
- Fisher Park Golf Course, 823 S. 40th Ave, opens March 29th. Call 509-575-6075 for more about the 2023 golf season.

Library bookmobile will visit City of Yakima parks

City of Yakima parks will host Yakima Valley Libraries' bookmobile this spring!

Randall, Emil Kissel, MLK Jr., West Valley Community Park, Washington Fruit Community Center, Chesterley, Milroy, Cherry, Kiwanis, Larson and Gardner parks will all receive multiple bookmobile visits during March, April and May.

Visit yvl.org for bookmobile schedules.

- Washington Fruit Community Center, 602 N. 4th St, offers a father/daughter dance on March 23rd and Taekwondo classes for ages 6 and older.
- Franklin Park offers pickleball lessons in April for ages 16 and older.

- The Harman Center's 20th anniversary will be celebrated with an open house on Thursday, May 23rd, from 12 pm to 3:30 pm. The senior center is at 191 N. 65th Ave.

- "April Pools Day" is planned for Saturday, April 6th, at Lions Pool. The free activity will be from 1 pm to 3 pm. It offers water safety training, free swim and prize raffle. Call 509-575-6046 for more information.

Click <https://yakimaparks.com/> for more about Yakima Parks and Recreation programs and facilities.

City of Yakima resumes yard waste collection service

City offers yard waste pick-up through Nov. 30

Yard waste collection in the City of Yakima resumes March 1st. The Refuse Division provides weekly yard waste pick-up through Nov. 30.

There is a charge of \$19.95 per month for the service, which is limited to collecting grass clippings, leaves, and small branches.

Branches should be cut into lengths of 3 feet or less and not exceed 3 inches in diameter. All yard waste must fit inside the cart with the lid closed.

City refuse trucks can pick up yard waste carts weighing up to 150 pounds. Carts exceeding that weight will not be collected by the Refuse Division.



Unacceptable items for yard waste pick-up include garbage, plastic bags, food scraps, animal waste, ashes, sod, building materials and tree trunks or large branches. Yakima County landfill considers them to be contaminants.

Visit the Refuse Division's yard waste collection website at <https://www.yakimawa.gov/services/refuse/yard-waste-collection/> or call 509-575-6005 for details or to make yard waste collection changes.

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Briefly

Online payment transition extended

City of Yakima Utility Services' transition to Paymentus for online payments is tentatively scheduled to begin in mid-March.

"Customers can continue to log in to Invoice Cloud and pay online as they have been," said Utility Services Manager Anabel Chavez. "They will receive paper statements until they can register with Paymentus and again set up for EBILL."

In addition, the bill payment kiosk outside Yakima City Hall remains available.

Council extends enforcement moratorium

A moratorium on enforcing parking violations in the downtown area of the City is extended through April 19th.

Yakima City Council [extended the moratorium](#) during its regular meeting on Feb. 6th. It applies to time limitations on streets and City-owned parking lots in the Central Business District.

Council first approved a 60-day moratorium on Dec. 12th, 2023.

Urban area comp plan amendments

State law allows community members to request amendments to the Comprehensive Plan annually.

The City of Yakima Planning Commission formally opened this year's Comprehensive Plan amendment process during on Feb. 28th.

Applications, along with associated fees, have to be received by the Planning Division by 5:00 p.m. on April 30th.

'Spring forward' on March 10th

Daylight Saving Time will officially begin at 2:00 am on Sunday, March 10th.

Clocks are set ahead one hour and many set their clocks to "spring forward" before going to sleep the night before, in this case Saturday, March 9th.

When changing your clocks, the Yakima Fire Department suggests testing smoke alarms.

Harman Center



closed March 4-9 for spring cleaning

Thank you for your patience!

101 N. 65th Ave

509-575-6166

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2,211 graffiti incidents cleared

2,139 illegal dump sites cleaned

183 tons of debris cleared

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flashing red light?



when a traffic signal
is blinking red,
treat it like a stop sign

treat as a stop sign



City Council action summary - Feb. 2024

Yakima City Council action during its regular meetings in February included:

- Authorizing grant agreement with Dept. of Commerce for the development of Gloria's Park, a new City Park adjacent to the SOZO Sports Complex
- Granting a non-exclusive Franchise to Falcon Video Communications, L.P. I/k/a Charter Communications to operate and maintain a Cable Communications System throughout the city of Yakima
- Issuing a Black History Month proclamation
- Discussion on City Manager job description
- Extending the moratorium regarding parking violations within the downtown area of the City of Yakima
- Receiving the 2023 Vacant Building Safety Project 4th Quarter Report

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)

Work in progress



Work continues on Phase 3 of N. 1st Street revitalization. Phase 3 began in February.

Work now underway between Martin Luther King Jr. Blvd and I St includes:

- ⚠️ Removal of curb, gutter and sidewalk
- ⚠️ Removing asphalt

👷 Speed limit is 20 mph in work zones

Visit www.yakimawa.gov for more on Phase 3.

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Purchasing	575.6093
Refuse:	575-6005
Streets:	575-6005
Transit:	575-6175
Utilities:	575-6080
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* **NON-EMERGENCY. Call 911 in an emergency.**