



Yakima Convention Center hosts expansion open house

COVID-19 protocols will be followed during event planned for May 14th

The public will have its first look at the recently completed Yakima Convention Center expansion project during an open house from 12:00 pm to 3:00 pm on Friday, May 14th.

During the open house, community members are invited to tour the expansion and ask questions of Convention Center staff.

The Yakima Convention Center is located at 10 North 8th Street.

Those attending the open house are asked to enter through the main entrance through the outdoor plaza on 8th Street.



The newly expanded Yakima Convention Center includes a new sky light wall with color LED lights. The color can be changed for any occasion.

COVID-19 protocols will be in place, so face coverings and social distancing guidelines will be required.

The expansion adds more than 18,000 square feet of needed exhibit and support space.

It was funded through an existing Public Facilities District state sales tax rebate and a lodging tax paid by visitors at hotels and motels.

Click <https://yakimacenter.com/addition/> for more about the project.

Downtown Yakima Farmers Market returns

Beginning May 23rd, the Downtown Yakima Farmers Market (DYFM) will open each Sunday from 9 am to 1 pm on South 3rd Street in front of the Capitol Theatre.

DYFM features between 16 and 20 essential agriculture vendors, with additional spacing between vendors due to COVID-19. Other COVID-19 protocols include:

- Single Entrance to market (north side on Yakima Avenue)
- Single Exit (south side on Chestnut)
- One-way traffic through market (southbound)
- 6-foot distancing in all areas

Click <https://downtownyakimafarmersmarket.com/> for more about DYFM.



A photograph from the 2020 Downtown Yakima Farmers Market shows COVID-19 protocols in place such as social distancing. Those requirements will again be in place when the market opens for the 2021 season on May 23rd.

City Council action summary - April 2021

Yakima City Council action during its meetings in April included:

- Approving extension of Mayoral Proclamation declaring an emergency due to COVID-19
- Receiving a 2021 State Legislative Session update
- Receiving a COVID-19 update
- Holding a retreat to discuss strategic priorities
- Discussing an update on youth crime and gangs
- Agreeing to a joint meeting with the Community Integration Committee



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Parks & Recreation offers soccer clinic

All skill levels welcome for event to be held May 11-13 for children ages eight to 12

Local children will have an opportunity to improve their soccer skills during a clinic next month at Washington Fruit Community Center, 602 N. 4th Street. The center is located at Miller Park.

Yakima Parks and Recreation will offer the soccer clinic from 3:00 pm to 4:15 pm each day on May 11-13. It is available for children eight to 12 years of age. All skill levels are welcome.

Registration is \$5 per child and available at [Sportsites](https://www.yakimawa.gov/sportsites).

The registration deadline is Monday, May 10th. Call 575-6020 for more information.

During each of the clinic's three sessions, participants should bring a mask, comfortable pair of shoes and plenty of water.

COVID-19 safety protocols include the following:

- Any participant or spectator who is sick or has signs or symptoms of any kind, or close contact of someone with COVID-19, should NOT attend.
- Face masks are required for all present.
- PARTICIPANTS can remove masks when they are on the field playing.

- Spectators should avoid gatherings. They should also allow for proper social distancing of six feet from each other and the field area.

- Participants should arrive no more than 10 minutes before start time.

- Staff/coach will provide hand sanitizer for participants at the beginning and end of each session.

- Participants should not enter the field area until they are asked to by staff/coaches.

Yakima Parks and Recreation is responsible for programs and activities at the Washington Fruit Community Center at Miller Park.

That followed an operational change the Yakima City Council formally approved for the Washington Fruit Community Center in February.



Miller Park, site of a soccer clinic May 11th through May 13th, is also the focus of an ongoing drive for an improvement project. The project received \$642,000 from the state's capital budget during the recent legislative session. Visit [restoremillerpark.org](https://www.restoremillerpark.org) for more information about the improvement project.

Celebrating the "Fab Four"



During the month of April, Yakima Police Department (YPD) recognized four officers with a combined total of 131 years, 4 months of service to the community.

Pictured from left are Officer Joe Scherschligt, Lieutenant Linda Watts, Officer Darryl Henning and Officer Frank Bowersox.

Photo courtesy YPD

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