

# ISSUES BRIEF

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## Farmers Market opens Mother's Day

*Downtown market open Sundays through Oct. 9*

Beginning Sunday, May 8th, 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.

Administered by the Downtown Association of Yakima, DYFM offers an outlet for the state's farmers, specialty food producers, artisan & craft makers, food preparers, and entertainers to directly sell their foods and handcrafted products.

The Market encourages pedestrian activity downtown, provides access to agricultural education and provides a festive weekly gathering place during the growing season.

The City of Yakima will close S. 3rd Street from Yakima Avenue to Chestnut Avenue during the market.



Farmers Market photos courtesy Downtown Association of Yakima

## Playground build underway at Miller Park



Work is underway for a new playground at Miller Park, located at 4th St. & E St.

Cost of the playground equipment and install is \$148,000. It is funded through the Washington State Legislative Capital Budget and private donations.

The new playground is part of a community effort launched in September 2020 to improve Miller Park.

"We are so pleased to be able to make improvements to this essential northeast neighborhood park," said Parks and Recreation Manager Ken Wilkinson. "Our purpose is revitalize Miller Park as the heart of the community."

Total fundraising for the park is \$650,000. The goals are to increase safety, health & recreation opportunities and a community gathering place for education, outreach and collaboration.

Next steps to improve Miller Park include adding the picnic shelter, basketball lighting and fencing, adding a restroom, shade structure for the performance area and a walkway.

Miller Park was constructed in 1923 and sits on nearly four acres. It was Yakima's first designated neighborhood park.

# Yakima welcomes new assistant city manager

Yakima City Manager Bob Harrison announced that Rosylen Oglesby has been selected to fill the position of assistant city manager.

“Rosylen brings to the City a wealth of experience in a wide range of local government disciplines,” said Harrison. “She has followed a very deliberate career path that has provided her with opportunities to manage a variety of program areas,” said Harrison. “That depth and breadth of knowledge will serve the City of Yakima well.”

“I’m excited about joining the City of Yakima team,” said Oglesby. “I’m looking forward to utilizing what I’ve learned throughout my career to ensure the City continues moving in a positive direction.”

Oglesby has served in a variety of roles for the City of Portsmouth, Virginia since 2006. She began her tenure with the City of Portsmouth as a management analyst (2006-2010).

She became the resource development and management coordinator in 2010 before being promoted to manager of management services in 2013. That same year, Oglesby was named assistant to the city manager, a position she held for two years. In 2015, Oglesby was again promoted, this time to the position of assistant city manager. She served as assistant city manager until last year when she left the City of Portsmouth.

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- Assistant City Manager Rosylen Oglesby



Oglesby earned a bachelor of arts degree in political science from Norfolk State University.

She also holds masters of arts degree in urban affairs from Norfolk State University and has completed work toward a PhD in public policy and administration at Virginia Commonwealth University. Oglesby also holds a graduate certificate in local government management from Virginia Polytechnic Institute and State University.

Oglesby is a member of the International City/County Management Association, the Virginia Local Government Management Association, Virginia Women in Local Government, the National Forum for Black Public Administrators, and the American Academy of Certified Public Managers.

The assistant city manager position for the City of Yakima has been unfilled since 2019 as part of cost saving measures implemented by the City.

As assistant city manager, Oglesby will be responsible for working closely with the city manager on a variety of issues and will specifically oversee strategic projects related to economic development, human services, the Yakima Air Terminal-McAllister Field, and other City programs and services.

Oglesby will join the City as assistant city manager on May 2nd. Her starting salary will be about \$156,000, plus benefits.



## Clean City @work

The City of Yakima Clean City Program has been busy this spring with a number of projects such as monitoring the Freeway Lake Road area near the Yakima Greenway.

Yakima's Clean City program began in 2019 and since then has removed more than 276 tons of garbage.

The City's Community Relations Office recently documented the program's work for the City of Yakima YouTube channel.

## City Council action summary - April 2022

Yakima City Council action during its meetings in April included:

- Issuing proclamations for Telecommunicator Week and Arbor Day
- Adding a new Chapter 3.130 Biennial Budget to Title 3 of the Yakima Municipal Code
- Adopting the Americans with Disabilities Act (ADA) Transition Plan and Self-Evaluation Report
- Adopting the Yakima City Council Election Districts 2022 map
- Approving an ordinance amending the City of Yakima Municipal Code, Chapter 1.04: City Council Election Districts and adopting the updated districting map entitled: Yakima City Council Election Districts 2022
- Receiving a report on police technology and crime analysts

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

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

## Opportunity knocks!

The City of Yakima has openings to serve on the following boards, committees and commissions:

For details and to apply visit [yakimawa.gov](https://www.yakimawa.gov)



- **Planning Commission**
- **Community Integration Committee**
- **Tree City USA Board**
- **Henry Beauchamp Community Center Advisory Board**
- **Parks and Recreation Commission**
- **Board of Appeals**

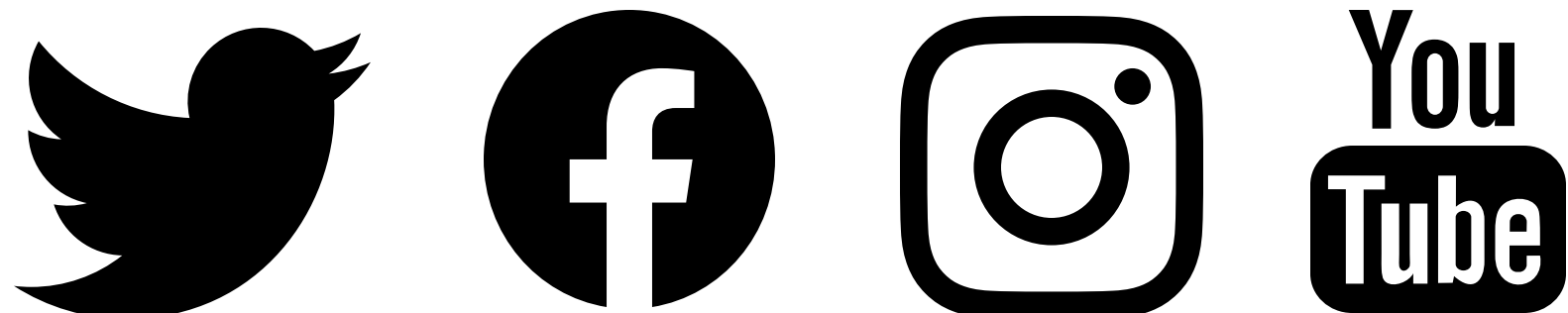
Thank You!

The City of Yakima is seeking applicants for several City Council-appointed boards, committees and commissions.

Anyone interested in applying for openings can download an application from the City of Yakima [website](https://www.yakimawa.gov) or pick up an application at the City Clerk's office at Yakima City Hall.

For more about current or future openings on City of Yakima boards, committees, or commissions, contact City Clerk Sonya Claar Tee by phone (509-575-6037) or by e-mail ([sonya.claartee@yakimawa.gov](mailto:sonya.claartee@yakimawa.gov)).

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