

City of Yakima e-Newsletter

# ISSUES BRIEF

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## Budget review meetings begin May 9th

*Seven sessions planned at four sites*

Over the next three months, the Yakima City Council will hold a series of budget review meetings at four different locations around the city.

The Council is holding the meetings at different locations to make them as accessible to the public as possible. Listed at right are meeting dates and location

“During its retreat last month, the City Council asked department heads to determine which lines of service could be reduced based on a 10 percent reduction of each department’s budget,” said Communications & Public Affairs Director Randy Beehler. “Department heads will present Council with their suggestions for 10 percent across-the-board reductions.”

The City Council is not expected to make any decisions regarding reductions during the budget review meetings, Beehler added. That process won’t occur until budget discussions in the fall of this year.



### Yakima City Council Budget Review Meetings

Sessions begin at 4 pm - details at [yakimawa.gov](http://yakimawa.gov)

- May 9th Convention Center, Room G
- May 23rd Harman Center
- June 13th Washington Fruit Comm. Center
- June 27th Henry Beauchamp Comm. Center
- July 11th Convention Center, Room G
- July 25th Harman Center
- August 8th Washington Fruit Comm. Center

Meetings will be recorded and available the next day on Y-PAC, Charter Spectrum 194, or online at [videos.yakimawa.gov](http://videos.yakimawa.gov)

Agendas will be available prior to each of the budget review meetings at [Agendas and Minutes | City Council \(yakimawa.gov\)](http://Agendas_and_Minutes_City_Council.yakimawa.gov)

## City of Yakima launches airport destination poll

Yakima Air Terminal-McAllister Field (YKM) wants to hear from the public about preferred airline destinations through a new poll at [Yakima Airport Destinations Survey \(zencity.io\)](http://Yakima_Airport_Destinations_Survey(zencity.io))

It asks the public to select which of the following destinations from YKM would be their top priority.

- Seattle (SEA)
- Las Vegas (LAS)
- Phoenix (PHX)
- Salt Lake City (SLT)
- Los Angeles (LAX)

The poll also offers an option for respondents to write in other destinations not listed above.

It is available through May 31.

### YKM - SEA? LAS? PHX?



What airline destination do you want from Yakima?

Take our poll and let us know!

Thank you!

Poll results will help prioritize which destinations to pursue



“We appreciate the community’s support for YKM and look forward to continued feedback through this poll to help prioritize which airline destinations to pursue,” said Yakima Airport Director Rob Hodgman.

Click [FLY YKM | Yakima's Best Way to Travel](http://FLY YKM | Yakima's Best Way to Travel) for more about YKM.

This is the second poll the City of Yakima has published this year about YKM.

A poll in January received 1,404 responses, with 83 percent strongly supporting expansion of YKM.

As with the new airline destination poll, the previous poll allowed respondents to reply anonymously.

Washington state plans to build a new regional airport in the next decade.

On January 3rd, 2023, the Yakima City Council approved a letter to the Washington State Department of Transportation (WSDOT) asking for YKM to be considered as the new preferred airport location.

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# Briefly

## Lions Pool closed through June 18th

Lions Pool is closed through June 18th for construction and installation of a new air handling and dehumidification system.

For more about City of Yakima aquatic programs visit [yakimaparks.com/aquatics](http://yakimaparks.com/aquatics)

## Windows Alive! display installed

A new Windows Alive! art exhibit was unveiled last month in Downtown Yakima.

Among the artists the City of Yakima Arts Commission selected for the new display are students from Davis High School in Yakima.

Visit [windowsalive.com](http://windowsalive.com) for more about the program and an introduction to the artists featured in the new exhibit.

## Downtown market opens May 14th

The Downtown Yakima Farmers Market (DYFM) will kick off its season on Mother's Day, Sunday, May 14th, in front of the Capitol Theatre on 3rd Street.

DYFM will be located on 3rd Street for its first three Sundays this year; May 14th, 21st and 28th. The City of Yakima will close 3rd Street between Yakima Avenue and Chestnut Avenue on each of those dates.

The market is 9 am to 1 pm each Sunday through October 22nd. Beginning Sunday, June 4th, DYFM is scheduled to move to the new Rotary Marketplace located at 15 W. Yakima Avenue.

Visit [Downtown Yakima Farmers Market](http://DowntownYakimaFarmersMarket.com) for more information.

## Call 811 before digging in the yard

Planning projects in the yard this spring? Call 811 at least 48 hours before digging to have underground lines located.

Call before you plant a tree, dig holes for fence posts or install underground sprinklers.

Learn more at <https://call811.com>



The City of Yakima Public Works Department joined in the fun during Dozer Day on April 15th and 16th at State Fair Park in Yakima. The City was represented by the Streets and Traffic, Refuse, and Clean City Divisions.

Dozer Day is an opportunity for children to learn about heavy machinery, explore fire engines, ambulances, and SWAT vehicles; and enjoy related activities provided by community partners.

It offers opportunity for families to enjoy learning about community safety and help inspire the next generation of industry professionals! Learn more at [Home - Dozer Day@: Yakima](http://Home-DozerDay@Yakima)

# 9-1-1 Accidental dial

## CAN I JUST HANG UP?

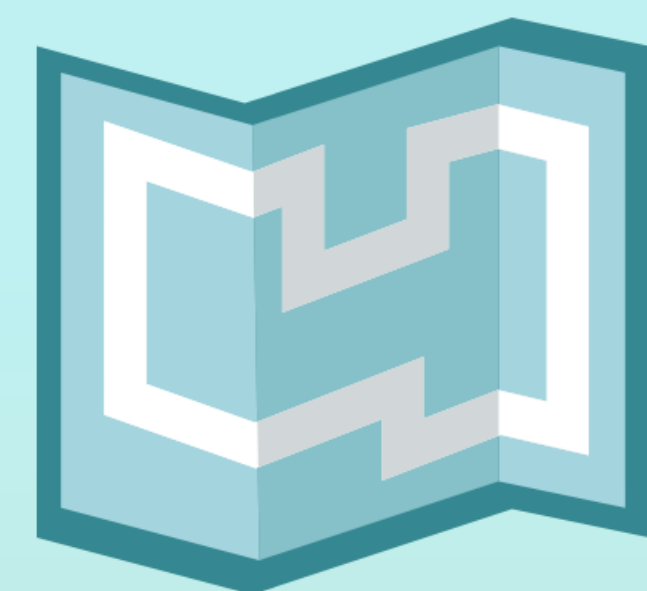
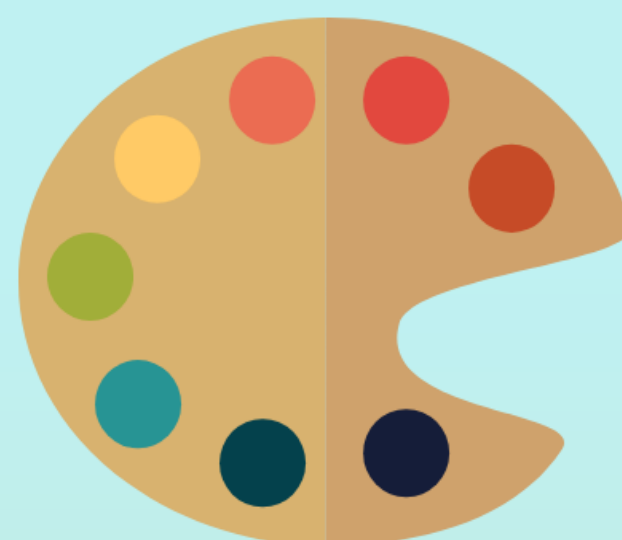
**NO!**

Telecommunicators treat every 911 call as an emergency until they have determined otherwise. When a 911 call is answered, the main goal is to find the location so help can be sent. If you call 911, the best thing to do is to stay on the line.

**1,261**  
911 hang ups  
processed  
between  
**04/23/23-**  
**04/30/23**



SunComm was inundated with accidental 9-1-1 calls during the last week of April. If you accidentally dial 9-1-1 please stay on the line. SunComm's tips to prevent a misdial of 9-1-1 include locking your phone if you put it in your purse or pocket and keeping phones away from children as even non-active phones call 9-1-1. Also, if you use 9 to dial out from a business phone, pause between 9 and the intended phone number.



## City of Yakima has the following volunteer opportunities

Visit  
[yakimawa.gov](http://yakimawa.gov)  
for details  
and apply



- **Arts Commission**
- **Bicycle/Pedestrian Committee**
- **Board of Appeals**
- **Community Integration Committee**
- **Henry Beauchamp Community Center**
- **Parks and Recreation**
- **Planning Commission**
- **Yakima Housing Authority**