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Yakima Aviation Day is June 7th

The 2nd annual Aviation Day at Yakima Air Terminal-McAllister Field is Saturday, June 7th, 10 am to 4 pm.

The free, family-friendly event will include a variety of aircraft on display, with numerous booths highlighting the aviation industry.

There will be food vendors, military aircraft, helicopters and general aviation aircraft. Aviation Day will be held next to the airport's active runway 9/27 which will remain open throughout the event so you can see aircraft landing and taking off.

This event will not include an air show, however airport staff are working towards one in the future.

Visit [Aviation Day | FLY YKM](#) for more about the event.

Parking will be available in YKM's main terminal, ADA parking at 2406 West Washington Avenue, grass parking by Coffee Castle and YCDA, and across the street at Perry Tech and Perry Tech Lane with shuttle services available to and from the event.

More about YKM is available by calling 509-575-6149, visiting YKM's [Facebook page](#) or e-mailing ykminfo@yakimawa.gov.

Also, a Fly In Pancake Breakfast is planned June 7th from 8 am to 11 am sponsored by EAA Chapter 206. The breakfast will be at Yakima Air Park, 2401 South 21st Avenue, with entry off of Ahtanum Boulevard.

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Warner named Finance and Budget Director



City Manager Vicki Baker named Craig Warner as the City's new finance and budget director.

His first day was April 16.

He replaces Viren Mayani, who left the City earlier this year. Since Mayani's departure, Mike Bailey, a retired government finance expert, served as interim finance and budget director.

Warner's name is familiar in local government. He retired in January as Yakima County financial services/ budget director after having worked for the County for 37 years.

"Craig is a well-known and highly respected leader in local government finance here in our area and throughout Washington State," said Baker.

"After retiring from Yakima County earlier this year, I knew I wanted to continue to work and initially explored private-sector opportunities," said Warner. "Yakima is my home and I'm excited to help it be successful."

Yakima County hired Warner in 1987 as a financial analyst/accountant. In 1993, he was promoted to chief financial officer overseeing payroll, accounts payable and other fiscal functions. In 2001, he was promoted to financial services/budget director, with responsibility for a wide range of programs and services including developing the County's budget.

Warner graduated from West Valley High School in 1982. He earned an associate of arts degree in accounting from Yakima Valley College in 1984. He holds a bachelor of science degree in accounting from Central Washington University.

As Yakima's finance and budget director, Warner oversees about 35 employees in Financial Services, Purchasing and Utility Services divisions. Total 2025 budget for the Finance & Budget Department is about \$5 million.



Cruising dates for Summer 2025 approved by Yakima City Council



At its April 15th regular meeting, the Yakima City Council established a schedule for open cruising events in downtown Yakima for 2025.

The Council adopted a resolution that allows open cruising on eight Saturdays from June through September. As stated in the resolution, open cruising will be allowed in 2025 on June 14th, June 21st, July 12th, July 19th, August 9th, August 16th, September 13th, and September 20th.

The resolution also says that open cruising is allowed on those eight dates only from 7 pm to 11 pm.

City Council action summary, April 2025

Yakima City Council action during meetings in April included:

- National Day of Prayer proclamation
- America's 250th Anniversary proclamation
- Capitol Theatre Multi-Year Capital Improvements Plan
- Authorizing bid award and contract for Phase 1A of Yakima Airport Terminal Building Modernization Project
- Amending Yakima Municipal Code regarding unlicensed ambulance operators
- Approving an agreement with the Yakima Humane Society for animal sheltering services
- Cost benefit analysis of animal licensing fees contributing to animal control
- Authorizing a SIED funding agreement with Yakima County for a minimum revenue guarantee
- Community at a Crossroads presentation
- Discussion of parking permits

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)



Council receives update from budget committee

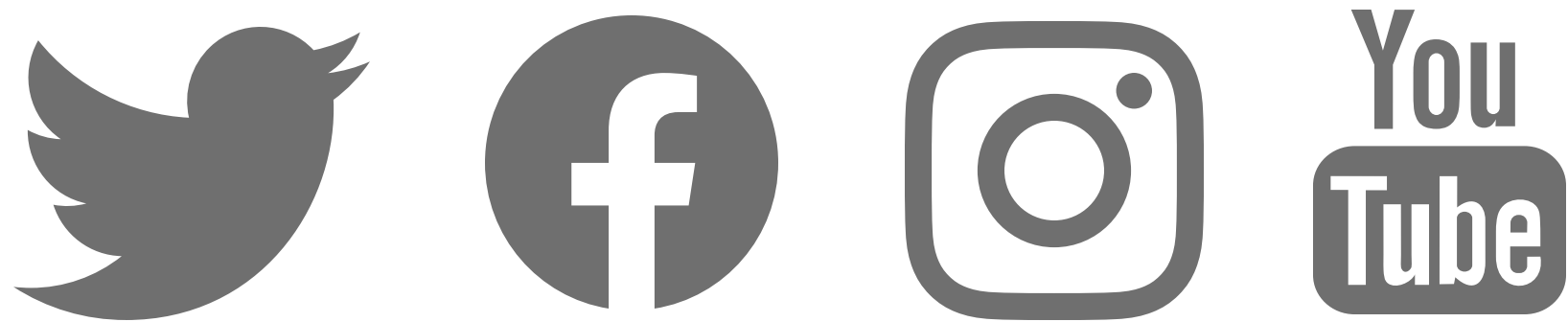
During its meeting on May 6th, the Yakima City Council received a progress report from the Citizen Budget Advisory Committee.

Council formed the committee to gain community input as the City addresses a \$9 million budget deficit in 2026.

Also during the meeting, Council members received a report on the final results of a budget survey. More than 2,000 people completed the survey, again providing valuable community input into the upcoming budget process.

The above reports, as well as the entire May 6th Yakima City Council meeting, can be viewed on-demand anytime at videos.yakimawa.gov

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