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Second daily flight resumes Nov. 17



**2nd daily flight
between
Seattle and Yakima
resumes Nov. 17th!**



FLYYKM
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Starting Nov. 17th, Alaska Airlines will resume a second daily flight between Yakima Air Terminal McAllister Field (YKM) and Seattle-Tacoma International Airport (SEA).

The second flight from Yakima will be an early morning departure and second arrival from Seattle will be late at night to accommodate connecting flights.

Other recent improvements for YKM include:

- Paid parking at YKM resumed Nov. 1st. Parking rates are \$2 per 2-hour increment or \$15 per day. Initially, payment is only accepted via credit card at a kiosk inside the terminal breezeway. However, YKM will roll out more payment options over the few weeks, such as Text2Pay, Park Smarter App and a QR code.
- New vending machine food and beverage options at the airport thanks to responses from a poll conducted this fall.
- Airport staff recently installed a charging station to improve the traveler experience at YKM.

More information is available by calling 509-575-6149 or e-mailing ykminfo@yakimawa.gov.

Downtown Yakima parade to honor veterans

Veterans Day Parade is 10:45 am to 12:30 pm on Saturday, Nov. 11

The Yakima community will honor its veterans and all U.S. military veterans by staging the 2023 Veterans Day Parade in Downtown Yakima on Saturday, November 11th.

The parade is sponsored by the Veterans of Foreign Wars - Post 379.

The parade will begin at 10:45 am at the intersection of Yakima Avenue and 6th Street. The route will continue west on Yakima Avenue to 6th Avenue.

It is scheduled to end at 12:30 pm.

City closures planned for Veterans Day

Many of the City of Yakima's facilities will be closed Friday, Nov. 10, in observance of Veterans Day. That includes City Hall, Y-PAC, and Parks and Recreation offices. Business offices for the Police and Fire Departments will be closed. Emergency services will remain available.

The Harman Center will be closed November 10th and 11th. Yakima Transit fixed-route buses, Dial-A-Ride and Yakima-Ellensburg Commuter will run as scheduled on Nov. 10th, but will not run on Nov. 11th.

The Refuse Division will provide regular garbage collection services on Nov. 10.

Organizers anticipate approximately 750 participants and 50 vehicles in the parade.

No parking will be allowed on Yakima Avenue between 6th Street and 6th Avenue from 8:45 am on November 11th until the parade is completed.

Cars parked along that portion of Yakima Avenue during that time will be subject to being towed at the owner's expense.

Yakima Avenue will be closed to motorized traffic from 6th Avenue to 6th Street.

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Briefly...

Closures planned for Thanksgiving

Many of the City of Yakima's facilities will be closed Thursday and Friday, Nov. 23rd and 24th for the Thanksgiving holiday. That includes City Hall, Y-PAC, and Parks and Recreation offices.

Yakima Municipal Court as well as business offices for the Police and Fire Departments will be closed. Emergency services will remain available.

In addition, the City's Harman Center will be closed Thursday, Friday, and Saturday, Nov. 23-25, in observance of Thanksgiving. Lions Pool will be closed for the Thanksgiving holiday.

Yakima Transit will not provide bus service on Thanksgiving Day, Nov. 23rd, but will operate its normal Friday schedule on Nov. 24th.

There will be no City of Yakima garbage pick-up service on Thursday, Nov. 23rd. Garbage scheduled for pick-up on Thursday by the City's Refuse Division will instead be collected Friday, Nov. 24th. Garbage pick-up scheduled for Friday will be collected Saturday, Nov. 25th.

Harman Center toy, canned food drives

The City of Yakima's Harman Center, 101 North 65th Ave, offers two ways to give back to the community:

- Toy drive for Toys for Tots through Dec. 8th
- Canned food drive for Northwest Harvest through Nov. 30th

Call 509-575-6166 for more information.

Ballot drop boxes available on Nov. 7

The General Election is Nov. 7th. Ballot drop boxes available at the following sites in the city of Yakima:

- E. Martin Luther King Jr. Blvd. across from county courthouse
- In the courthouse lobby
- Yakima County Auditor's office, Rm. 117 in the courthouse



photos courtesy SunComm

Trunk or treat

SunComm hosted its first-ever public safety trunk or treat event on Oct. 28th. They were joined by several public safety partners from throughout the Yakima Valley.



Opportunity knocks!

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

- **Yakima Arts Commission**
- **Bike/Pedestrian Committee**
- **Parks and Recreation Commission**
- **Board of Appeals**
- **Sustainable Yakima Committee**

Visit yakimawa.gov for details and apply!

Application deadline: Nov. 15th, 2023

Thank You!

City of Yakima Budget Basics

Preparations continue for the 2024 budget. Below are examples of how the City Council proceeds with budget discussions.
Want more info? Want to participate? Learn more at yakimawa.gov.

The City of Yakima operates on a 2-year (biennial) budget.

The Yakima City Council approved the 2023-24 biennial budget in late 2022.

City Council is now working on adjustments to the 2024 budget.



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2023 - 2024 Budget goals remain the same:

1. Achieve a balanced budget in every fund.
2. Assure prioritized services citywide.
3. Preserve General Fund's reserve, with a goal of 25% of expenditures.
4. Establish sustainable funding for equipment replacement.
5. Creation of a 5-year capital budget, developed for all funds, including projects within the General Fund.



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The current budget process started in 2022. It began with strategic planning.

Yakima City Council strategic priorities for the 2023-24 budget biennium are:

1. Public Safety
2. Fiscal Sustainability
3. Housing
4. Strengthening Partnerships
5. Investment in Infrastructure



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You are invited to participate in the 2024 budget process! Your options include:



comment during one of the following 2024 Mid-Biennial Budget Hearings at City Hall, 129 N. 2nd St:



Tuesday, Nov. 7th
Tuesday, Nov. 21st
both start at 6 pm



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watch City meetings any time, on demand:



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Human Resources:	575-6090
Municipal Court:	575-3050
Parks:	575-6020
Planning:	575-6183
* Police:	575-6200
Purchasing	575.6093
Refuse:	575-6005
Streets:	575-6005
Transit:	575-6175
Utilities:	575-6080
Wastewater:	575-6077
Water/Irrig:	575-6154
YCTV/YPAC:	575-6092

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