

ISSUES BRIEF

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City of Yakima offering second Community Action Day on Oct. 13

City of Yakima is hosting a second Community Action Day to engage, educate, and empower Yakima residents to identify, report and eradicate illegal vandalism throughout their neighborhoods.

Free Sherwin-Williams paint kits will be distributed to help reduce vandalism throughout the city.

Community Action Day is Thursday, October 13th, from 4:00 pm to 6:30 pm at Washington Middle School, 510 South 9th Street.

During this event law enforcement, city officials, local schools, and organizations foster community relationships by clarifying roles of law enforcement and city officials regarding vandalism abatement.

“The City of Yakima aims to reduce vandalism cases by making neighborhood improvements to deter future criminal activity through graffiti abatement work,” said Communications & Public Affairs Director Randy Beehler.

What to expect:

- Free refreshments
- Claim a free paint bucket and supply kit to paint over future vandalism on your own property (Limit 1 per household)
- Create new relationships with law enforcement, city officials and community members to increase crime prevention efforts throughout Yakima.



Photo from the City of Yakima's first Community Action Day, held on July 23rd at Garfield Elementary School.

For more information contact Tony Doan at 509-576-6524 or e-mail tony.doan@yakimawa.gov

Community Action Day is funded through a grant from the Washington State Department of Commerce.

The Yakima City Council authorized the grant acceptance and agreement earlier this year during its meeting on May 17th.



Mosaic takes flight

Progress on the Miller Park improvement project continues with recent installation of a mosaic mounted on the south wall at Washington Fruit Community Center (WFCC), 602 N. 4th St.

“We are so appreciative of the Millennium Foundation and its partnership with Tieton Mosaics for creating and installing this beautiful artwork,” said Parks and Recreation Manager Ken Wilkinson. “This will be such a great addition for the center and Miller Park.”

The mosaic wall is part of a plan by the Millennium Foundation that includes installing freestanding mosaic pieces within Miller Park, as well as mosaic tile “welcome mats” at each walkway entrance to the park.

On May 17th, the Yakima City Council approved a resolution authorizing an agreement with the Millennium Foundation to install mosaic art pieces in Miller Park.

For more about the project contact Parks and Recreation Manager Ken Wilkinson at 509-576-6416.

Briefly...

City irrigation season ends Oct. 14

Friday, October 14th, marks the end of another irrigation season for the vast majority of the residential and business customers served by the City of Yakima's irrigation system. That's the day the system operated by the City's Water/Irrigation Division will be shut off until next spring.

The few other irrigation systems in the area that operate independently from City systems will also be shutting down over the next few weeks.

"It's a good idea for people to spend some time now preparing for the shutdown," said Irrigation Supervisor Rich Sanislo. "People should also go through the process of winterizing their irrigation system after water stops flowing."

Click [Water and Irrigation - City of Yakima \(yakimawa.gov\)](http://Water and Irrigation - City of Yakima (yakimawa.gov)) for more about the City of Yakima's irrigation system.

New pedestrian crossing light at Fair Ave & Race St

The City of Yakima was awarded a \$10,000 Building Resilient Inclusive Communities grant to install a Solar Rectangular Rapid Flashing Beacon for pedestrian crossing at Fair Ave. and Race St.

The grant was administered by the Yakima Health District.

Toys for Tots drive is now underway

The City of Yakima's Harman Center, 101 N. 65th Ave., is holding a Toys for Tots toy drive through December 14th.

For more about the toy drive - as well as other Harman Center activities such as a Holiday Bazaar on Nov. 5th - call 509-575-6166.

Election ballots in the mail on Oct. 21

The Yakima County Auditor's Office will mail ballots for the November 8th General Election on Friday, October 21st.

For more about the November 8th General Election, voting information and ballot drop box locations visit <https://www.yakimacounty.us/170/Elections>



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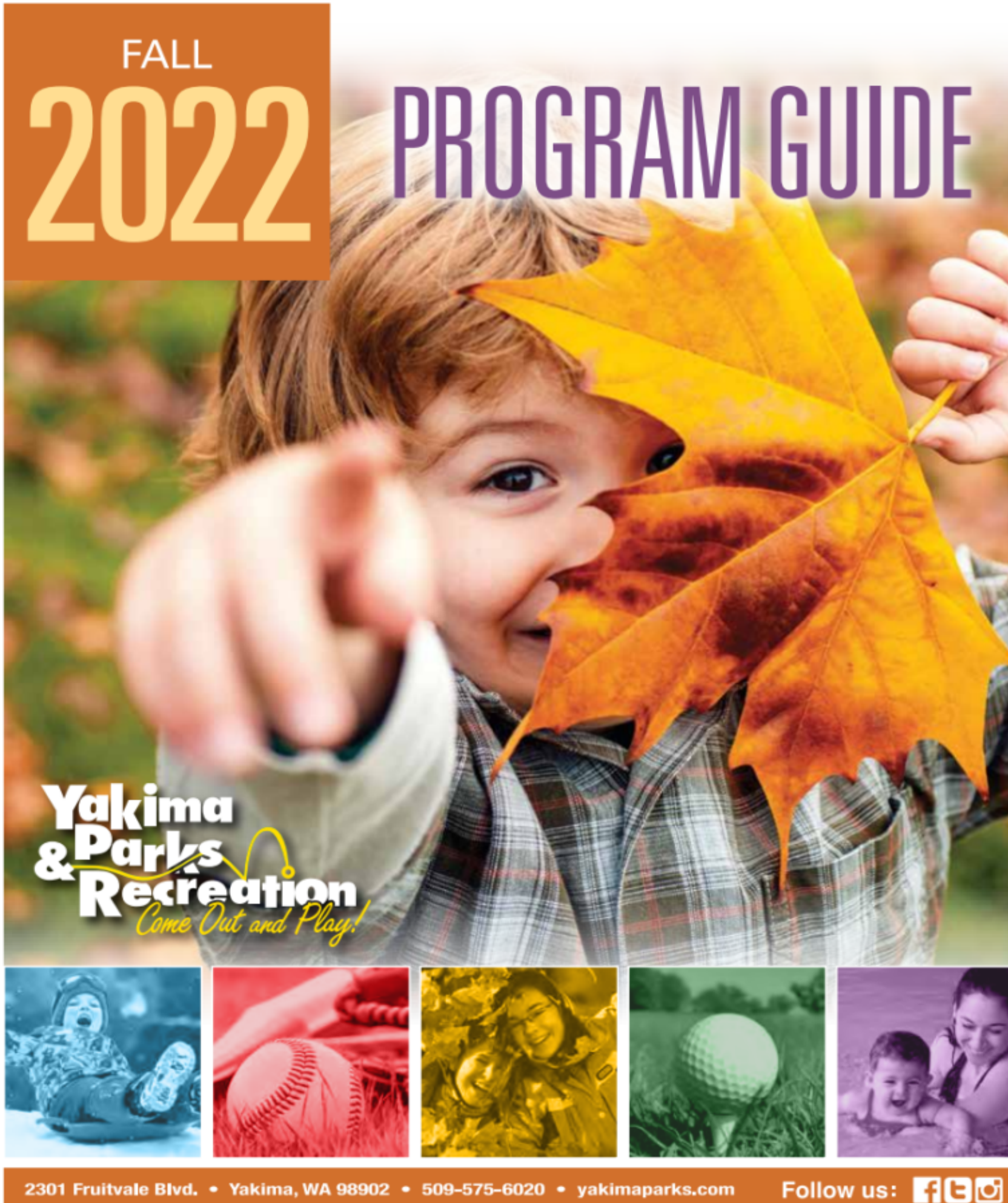
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YFD marks National Fire Prevention Week, Oct. 9-15

The Yakima Fire Department (YFD) is partnering with the National Fire Protection Association (NFPA) to promote National Fire Prevention Week, Oct. 9-15. The 2022 campaign theme is, "Fire won't wait. Plan your escape."

"It's important for everyone to plan and practice a home fire escape. Everyone needs to be prepared in advance, so that they know what to do when the smoke alarm sounds. Given that every home is different, every home fire escape plan will also be different," said Yakima Fire Chief Aaron Markham. "Have a plan for everyone in the home. Children, older adults and people with disabilities may need assistance to get out."

During Fire Prevention Week, YFD will provide fire safety tips at yakimafire.com/life-safety/national-fire-prevention-week/ and on social media.

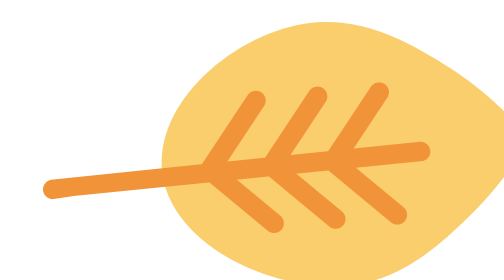


FALL 2022 PROGRAM GUIDE

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**Teen Zone,
Halloween
Egg Hunt,
Harvest
Festival and
much more
in 2022 Fall
Program
Guide!**



A snowball softball tournament, Halloween egg hunt and Toys for Tots drive at the Harman Center are just a few of the activities in the Fall 2022 Program Guide recently published by the City of Yakima's Parks and Recreation Department.

The 12-page program guide is available at 2022-YPR-Fall-PG.pdf (yakimaparks.com).

The guide covers Parks and Recreation programs scheduled through the end of this year and into early 2023. It includes information about activities at Washington Fruit Community Center such as a Harvest Carnival and Friday Night Teen Zone.

Call 509-575-6020 for more about Parks and Recreation programs in the City of Yakima.

City Council action summary - Sept. 2022

Yakima City Council action during meetings in September included:

- Issuing a proclamation for Hispanic Heritage Month
- Recognizing Joan Davenport for 35 years of service
- Appointing Maria Cornejo to the youth position on the Parks & Recreation Commission
- Authorizing a contract with Yakima Housing Authority in the amount of \$300,000 of HOME Investment funds for acquisition reimbursement for the construction of a 54-unit low income affordable housing project at 1116 Fruitvale Boulevard
- Authorizing an interlocal agreement with Yakima County regarding \$66,982 in grant funds from the Justice Assistance Grant (JAG) program

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

Yakima City Council

2023-24 Budget Study Sessions Noon to 3 pm on:

- Tuesday, Oct. 4
- Thursday, Oct. 6
- Tuesday, Oct. 11

See [yakimawa.gov](https://www.yakimawa.gov) for details and preliminary budget. Sessions will be held at City Hall and via Zoom.

Watch on Y-PAC, Charter Spectrum 194, or www.yakimawa.gov/council/live-stream

The Yakima City Council will conduct three study sessions for the 2023-24 biennial budget. The purpose is to evaluate city service levels within forecasted city revenues. The City is committed to keeping citizens informed.

Budget sessions will be 12 pm to 3 pm live in City Council Chambers and via Zoom on the following dates: October 4th, 6th and 11th.

The proposed 2023-24 budget for the City of Yakima is available at [2023-2024-Preliminary-Budget-1Download](https://www.yakimawa.gov/2023-2024-Preliminary-Budget-1Download)

The meetings will air live on Y-PAC, Charter Spectrum Channel 194, and on the City of Yakima website at [Live Stream | City Council \(yakimawa.gov\)](https://www.yakimawa.gov/live-stream-city-council). Budget meetings will be available to view later on-demand on the Y-PAC website, [Y-PAC Ch-194 \(yakimawa.gov\)](https://www.yakimawa.gov/y-pac-ch-194).

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Questions? Suggestions?

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