

City of Yakima e-Newsletter

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Volunteers clean up neighborhood

Over 100 participated, collecting over 15 tons

On a rainy Saturday, Sept. 18th, over 100 volunteers cleaned up alley ways and streets around the Larson Park neighborhood on W. Arlington Street.

They collected over 15 tons from the neighborhood cleanup, including tires, recycled metal and garbage.

Volunteers also worked together to collect gently reusable items for the Yakima Habitat Store.

Groups partnering with the City of Yakima Refuse Division during the cleanup included;

Trinity Family Fellowship, McKinley Elementary School, Rosebuds Youth Activities, Sunrise Rotary, Downtown Rotary, SW Rotary, Keep Yakima Clean, Junk-Bros, Vida Nueva Iglesia Bíblica, Safe Yakima Valley, Hogback Development, The Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-Day Saints, Yakima Habitat for Humanity, Poor Boys Auto Wrecking, Les Schwab, Lowe's, Yakima County, Yakima Waste Systems Inc, and Coca-Cola.



Got leaves? The City of Yakima has options



The City of Yakima is offering leaf disposal options for residents.

The City's Refuse Division offers yard waste collection through November 30th.

For \$17.55 per month, the City will provide a 96-gallon cart dedicated for leaves and yard debris. Leaves must be placed loose in the cart, not bagged, and not contaminated with garbage.

"If your current 96-gallon yard waste cart is not enough for your leaves you can order a second cart for \$8.77," said Solid Waste Division Manager Loretta Zammarchi. "A second cart may save you money and labor. It will be picked up during the regularly scheduled yard waste pick-up time."

"The other thing folks can do if they choose to bag their leaves is to call the Solid Waste Division and let them know they have extra bags. The Division will accept up to three extra bags placed beside the garbage cart. However, the customer must call in advance for pick-up," Zammarchi said. "Once the request for extra pick-up is called in, it will be added to the route and the driver will pick them up for an extra fee of \$3 per bag on their scheduled pick-up date."

Because wet leaves can be too heavy to lift, the Solid Waste Division is requesting all bagged leaves be placed in bags that hold 42 gallons or less.

Yakima City Code forbids blowing or depositing leaves and yard debris into City streets.

Chapter 6.56.050 requires residents to keep leaves out of the street, alley or public place. Chapter 8.76.025 extends the restriction to public rights-of-way such as sidewalks and gutters.

"The biggest problem is if the leaves are out there and it rains, eventually they'll get into the gutters and plug the storm drains," said Acting Street Maintenance Supervisor Jay Kendall. "That means when we do get a snowmelt or heavy rain then we'll have flooding in the streets. It can lead to a pretty big mess."

Call 575-6005 or visit <https://www.yakimawa.gov/services/refuse> for information about City leaf removal services.

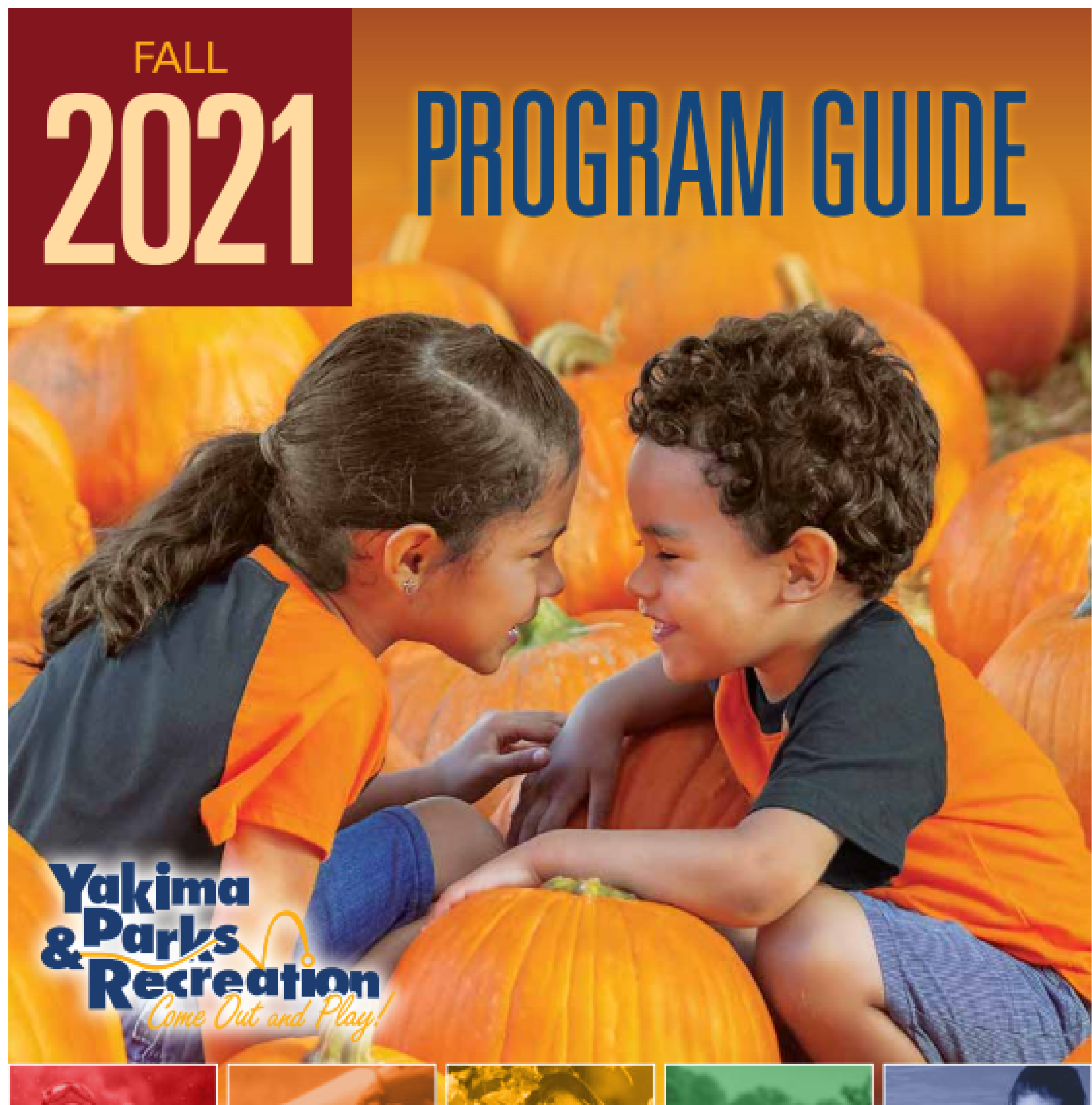
Yakima Parks issues Fall 2021 guide

A Ghosts and Goblins Golf Tournament, a Halloween egg hunt, and a Toys for Tots drive at the Harman Center are just a few of the activities in the Fall 2021 Program Guide recently published by the City of Yakima's Parks and Recreation Department.

The 12-page program guide is available by clicking [2021-Fall-Program-Guide.pdf](https://yakimaparks.com/2021-Fall-Program-Guide.pdf) (yakimaparks.com).

The guide covers Parks and Recreation programs scheduled through the end of this year and into early 2022. It includes information about activities for adults and seniors at Washington Fruit Community Center.

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



Briefly

Ballots on the way starting October 13

Three Yakima City Council seats and three proposed amendments to the City charter are on the ballot for the Nov. 2nd General Election.

Text from the Yakima County Voters' Guide about the proposals, as well as links to the guide and voter registration information are available on the City website at [2021 General Election | Points of Interest](https://yakimawa.gov/2021-General-Election-Points-of-Interest) (yakimawa.gov).

McNamara is new SunComm manager

The City welcomes Erica McNamara, SunComm's new Public Safety Communications Manager.



She was previously a Supervising Public Safety Dispatcher for Placer County Sheriff's Office in Northern California. McNamara currently consults for the Government Training Agency regarding public safety training and has been in that role since 2016.

Council plans 2022 budget sessions

The Yakima City Council will conduct four study sessions during the first two weeks of October for the 2022 budget.

The purpose of the study sessions is to evaluate city service levels within forecasted city revenues. The City of Yakima is committed to keeping citizens informed.

The budget sessions will be held from 9 am to noon via Zoom on the following dates:

Tuesday, October 5th
Thursday, October 7th
Tuesday, October 12th
Thursday, October 14th

Budget study sessions will air live on the Yakima Public Affairs Channel (Y-PAC), Charter Spectrum Channel 194, and streamed live on the City of Yakima website - <https://www.yakimawa.gov/council/live-stream/>

All of the budget meetings will be available to view later on-demand on the Y-PAC website, <https://videos.yakimawa.gov/CablecastPublicSite/?channel=2>

Fair fun under the sun



The Central Washington State Fair brought plenty to smile about during a 10-day run. Besides carnival rides, fair food, live music and animal exhibits, the City of Yakima was on hand to offer free car wash vouchers during the fair for residents who completed a survey. Results of the car wash survey will help the City of Yakima in its ongoing efforts to inform the public about stormwater and the environment.

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City Clerk:	575-6000	* Police:	575-6200
City Manager:	575-6000	Refuse:	575-6005
Codes/Licenses:	575-6126	Streets:	575-6005
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* Fire:	575-6060	Utilities:	575-6080
Human Resources:	575-6090	Wastewater:	575-6077
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Municipal Court:	575-3050	YCTV/YPAC:	575-6092

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