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Outdoor Summer Cinema Canceled due to COVID-19 Restrictions

Yakima Parks and Recreation's annual Outdoor Summer Cinema series is canceled this year due to restrictions related to COVID-19.

“With Gov. Jay Inslee’s announcement this week that phases are frozen through at least July 28th, we have made the decision to cancel the series for this year,” said Parks and Recreation Manager Ken Wilkinson. “We were hoping if we advanced to Phase 2 we could offer drive-in movies, but unfortunately it does not seem like that will happen any time soon.”

Yakima County advanced to a modified Phase 1 earlier this month, which allowed some businesses to open with strict social-distancing measures.

Previously, Yakima Parks and Recreation canceled this summer’s Viva La Musica and Summer Sunset Concert series due to restrictions related to the pandemic.

Yakima Parks and Recreation reminds the public that playground equipment at City parks are not available due to COVID-19. The City previously closed the Harman Center, Lions Pool, Franklin Pool, tennis courts, pickleball courts, the dog park at Randall Park and all Parks and Recreation programs due to the virus.

On Facebook and on its website, Yakima Parks and Recreation is offering online, virtual programs and videos for activities such as soccer, cooking, Zoom meetings and origami. Call 575-6020 or visit <https://yakimaparks.com/> for more about Yakima Parks and Recreation.

Visit https://www.youtube.com/channel/UCF_-Hhv4kJwoQ_YUg35xWOg for Yakima Parks and Recreation’s YouTube channel featuring craft, recreation, music and travel videos.

The City of Yakima continues its “Mask Up to Open Up” campaign. It encourages the community to wear masks and take other precautions to help slow the spread of the pandemic and open up the area to more business and activities.

Click <https://www.yakimawa.gov/covid19/> for more about COVID-19 precautions.