

ISSUES BRIEF

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Yakima Transit offers free shuttle to Central Washington State Fair



Fall 2023 Fair Service

The Fair Shuttle will provide service from 110 S. 9th Ave. to the Fairgrounds and back. The shuttle will run during the fair (Sept 22nd – Oct 1st).

Old Astria Hospital Parking Lot	Departure from Hospital Parking Lot	Departure from Fairgrounds
Friday, Sep. 22	11:30am	11:30pm
Saturday, Sep. 23	10:30am	11:30pm
Sunday, Sep. 24	10:30am	10:30pm
Monday, Sep. 25	11:30am	10:30pm
Tuesday, Sep. 26	11:30am	10:30pm
Wednesday, Sep. 27	11:30am	10:30pm
Thursday, Sep. 28	11:30am	10:30pm
Friday, Sep. 29	11:30am	11:30pm
Saturday, Sep. 30	10:30am	11:30pm
Sunday, Oct. 1	10:30am	9:30pm

Yakima Transit will provide free shuttle bus service to the Central Washington State Fair throughout its 10-day run.

Free Yakima Transit shuttle buses will run continuously to the fairgrounds and back from a **NEW LOCATION** this year, the parking lot of the former Astria Regional Medical Center, 110 South 9th Avenue.

Shuttles will begin operating 30 minutes before the fair opens each day and stop 30 minutes after it closes each night.

All regular Yakima Transit bus routes and schedules will operate normally throughout the fair with standard fares being charged.

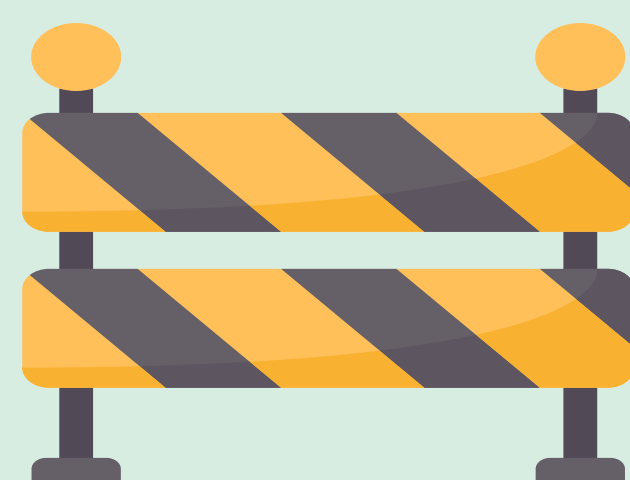
Call Yakima Transit at 509-575-6175 or visit yakimatransit.org for information.

Summer scrapbook

Yakima Parks & Recreation staff offered a summer day camp in July at Kissel Park and shared a few photos from the many activities children enjoyed.



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April - June 2023



- 586 graffiti incidents cleared
- 389 tires removed
- 52 tons of debris cleared

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Briefly

Nob Hill Blvd overnight closure through Sept. 15th

Nob Hill Boulevard will be closed overnight weeknights between 13th Ave and 29th Ave from 7 pm to 6 am through Sept. 15.

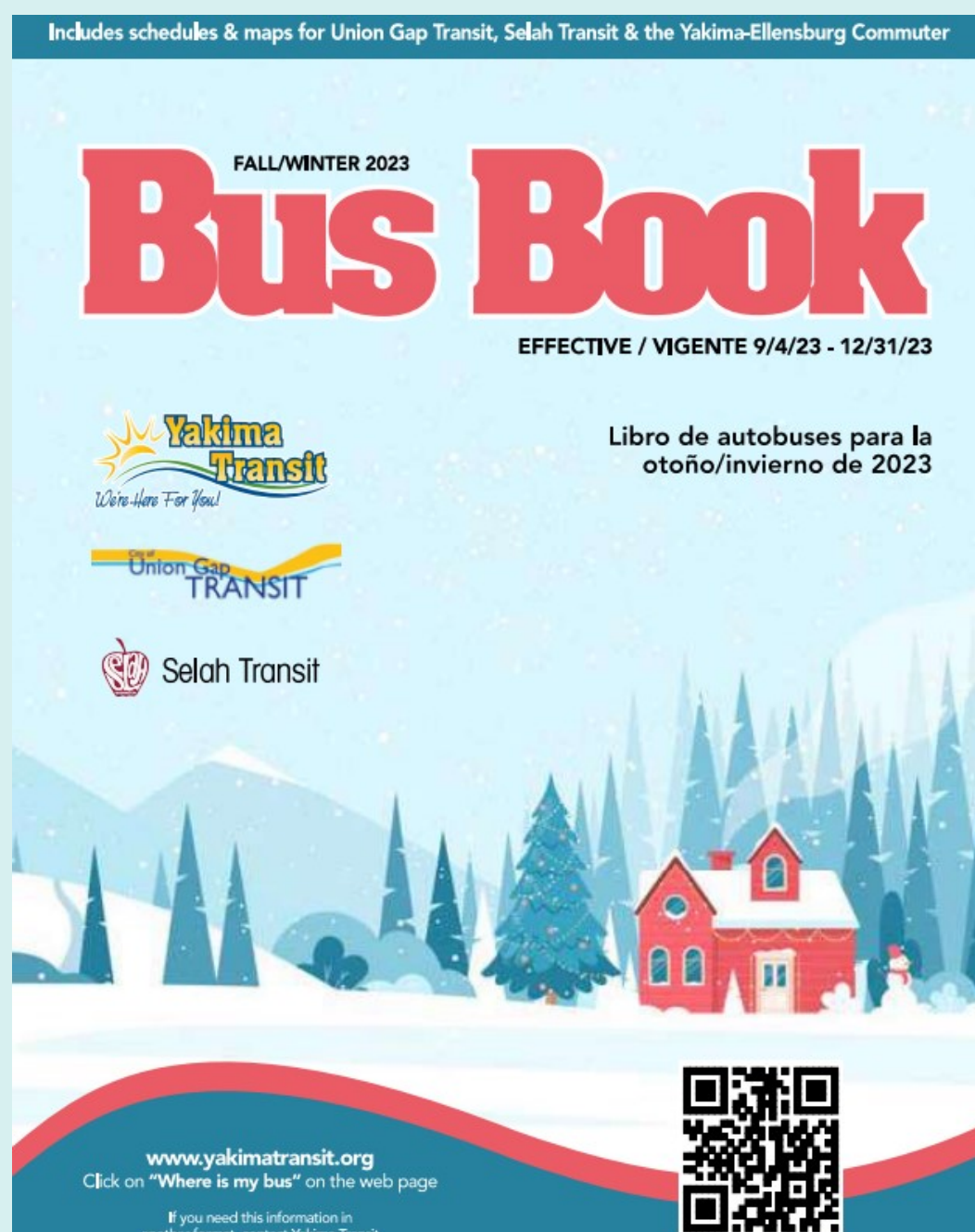
Detours will be posted in the project area and on side streets.

The closure is due to a grind and overlay project of Nob Hill Blvd from 13th Ave to 29th Ave.

Access will be provided as much as possible to residences and businesses in the project area.

Drivers are reminded the speed limit through all traffic-related work zones within the City of Yakima is 20 miles per hour.

Fall/winter bus book is now available



Yakima Transit's Fall/Winter 2023 Bus Book is now available online and in print.

Visit yakimatransit.org for details or find copies of the book at Yakima City Hall, 129 N. 2nd St.

Kiosk accepts City utility payments

City of Yakima utility, sewer and refuse customers can use a bill payment kiosk 24/7 outside City Hall, 129 N. 2nd St.

Users are asked to have account number handy to look up bill information when using the kiosk.

The kiosk will accept payments via cash, debit/credit cards and personal checks.



Yakima Airport poll complete

More than 1,200 people responded to a poll about preferences for coffee and fresh foods at Yakima Air Terminal-McAllister Field (YKM).

Fresh food preferences

- Sandwiches 61.55%, 746 votes
- Pastries 15.92%, 193
- Fruit 15.02%, 182
- Chips & candy 4.46%, 54
- Microwavable food 3.05%, 37

Coffee preferences

- Local roasters 57.26%, 682
- Starbucks 31.82%, 379
- Peets 5.88%, 70
- Stumptown 5.04%, 60

The poll ran during the month of August as part of YKM's efforts to upgrade the travel experience at the airport.

This marks the third poll the City of Yakima has conducted this year for YKM to gain community feedback.

Results of previous City of Yakima polls conducted for the airport have shown great support for airport expansion, as well as interest in Seattle and Las Vegas as flight destinations.

For more about YKM, visit flyykm.com or e-mail ykminfo@yakimawa.gov

Clean City program shares progress made during second quarter of 2023

Abating/cleaning 586 incidents of graffiti and clearing over 52 tons of garbage are some of the City of Yakima Clean City Program activities during the second quarter (April-June) of 2023.

The City of Yakima developed "Clean City" as a program in 2019. Its main objectives are:

- Address visual blight (trash, graffiti, dangerous building, abandoned vehicles, etc.)
- Address unscheduled collection of waste and litter from the City's public areas/thoroughfares
- Expedite the clean-up of such illegal dumps
- Clean up homeless encampments
- Support Yakima Police Department officers in unlawful camping enforcement
- Provide coordination with neighborhoods for annual clean-up events
- Create educational components
- Engage with community partners and volunteers

The Yakima City Council received a report on the program during its meeting on Tuesday, September 5th. The report covers both the second quarter, as well as year-to-date accomplishments of the program.



A link to the report is available on the City of Yakima website at yakimawa.gov.

Clean City, under the direction of the City's Public Works Department, coordinates the efforts of several City divisions, departments and community partners.

They include:

City of Yakima Public Works

Public Works Administration
Refuse Division
Streets & Traffic Division
Parks & Recreation Division

City of Yakima Codes Division

City of Yakima Legal Department
Yakima Police Department

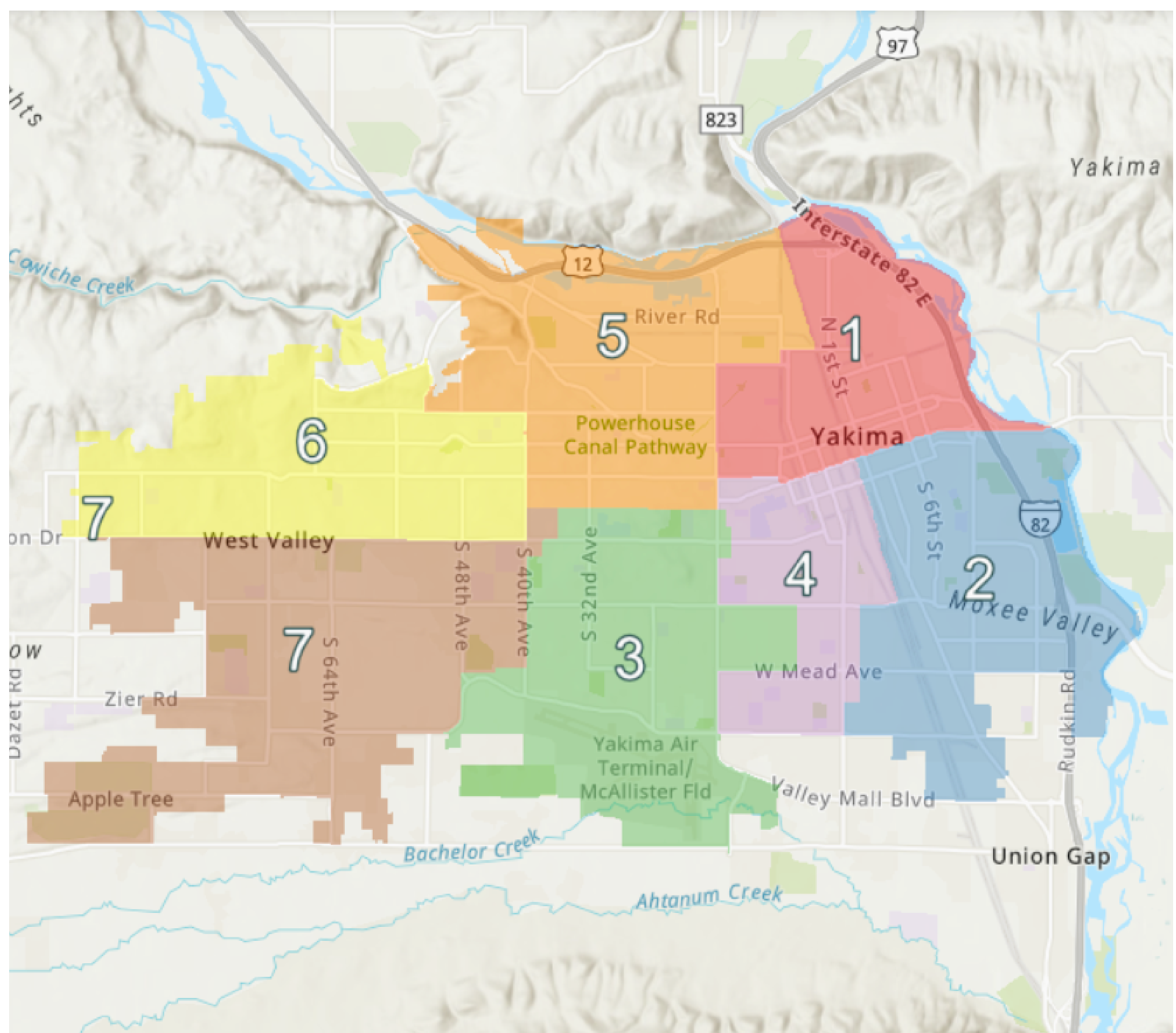
City Council action summary - Aug. 2023

Yakima City Council action during its meetings last month included:

- Amending Yakima Municipal Code 4.16.170 Refuse Storage, Collection and Disposal and the addition of clarifying Americans with Disabilities Act language
- Receiving a 2023 update on the Capital Improvement Projects Report
- Issuing a National Health Center Week Proclamation
- Receiving the 2022 Transportation Benefit District Annual Report
- Receiving the vacant building safety project for second quarter of 2023
- Conducting a joint meeting with the Yakima School Board

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).

All council meetings air live on Y-PAC and online at [Live Stream | City Council \(yakimawa.gov\)](https://www.yakimawa.gov/city-council/live-stream).



Council districts? There's a map for that!

Which Yakima City Council District do you live in?

That information and more is available thanks to an online, interactive map showing geographic boundaries for all seven Council districts - [yakimawa.gov/council/city-council-districts](https://www.yakimawa.gov/council/city-council-districts)

It includes demographic data for each district.

The map is one in a series created by the City of Yakima's Geographic Information Systems Department.

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Questions? Suggestions?

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Animal Control:	575-6038
City Clerk:	575-6000
City Manager:	575-6000
Codes/Licenses:	575-6126
* Fire:	575-6060
Human Resources:	575-6090
Municipal Court:	575-3050
Parks:	575-6020
Planning:	575-6183
* Police:	575-6200
Refuse:	575-6005
Streets:	575-6005
Transit:	575-6175
Utilities:	575-6080
Wastewater:	575-6077
Water/Irrig:	575-6154
YCTV/YPAC:	575-6092

* **NON-EMERGENCY. Call 911 in an emergency.**