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# ISSUES BRIEF



The North 1st Street revitalization project was the focus of a listening session held last month by area business owners and the Yakima City Council. Above is an artist's rendering of the completed project.

## City of Yakima welcoming community input on revitalization project

### Work could begin Spring 2019 on North 1st Street

A project to revitalize North First Street was the focus of a listening session last month at FairBridge Inn hosted by area businesses and the Yakima City Council.

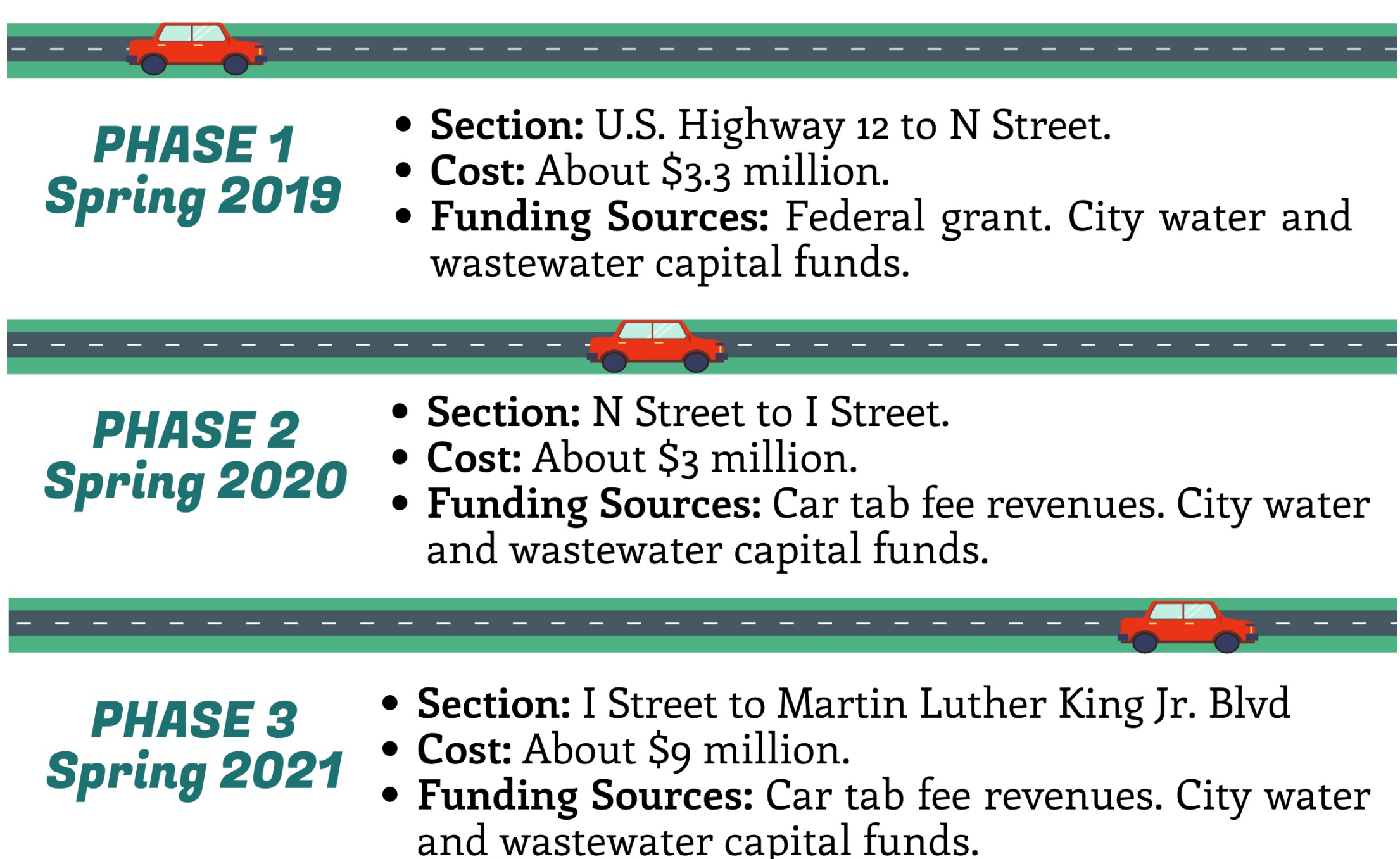
The meeting is part of the City's continued effort to gain community input for the project.

It includes rebuilding about 1.5 miles of roadway, rebuilding sidewalks, installing new lighting, building median islands, redirecting utility lines, and enhancing landscaping along North 1st Street from U.S. Highway 12 to MLK, Jr. Boulevard.

The project, which is estimated to cost \$15.5 million, is intended to improve safety for drivers and pedestrians and increase the economic development potential of the North 1st Street Corridor.

The revitalization project will be completed in three phases

### North 1st Street Revitalization Project Timeline



Phase 1 of the project could begin as soon as spring 2019.

The North 1st Street project will be paid for with a combination of federal transportation funds, City utility funds, and money generated from Transportation Benefit District fees approved by the City Council late last year.

Comments about the project can be sent to Community Development Administrative Assistant Rosalinda Ibarra at [rosalinda.ibarra@yakimawa.gov](mailto:rosalinda.ibarra@yakimawa.gov).

## Pit bull ban repeal takes effect Sept. 23

*All City of Yakima codes related to dog ownership will apply to pit bull dogs*

Pitbull dogs are legal in the city of Yakima as of Sunday, Sept. 23rd, when action taken last month by the Yakima City Council goes into effect.

During its meeting on August 21st, the Yakima City Council repealed Municipal Code Chapter 6.18 that banned pit bull dogs.

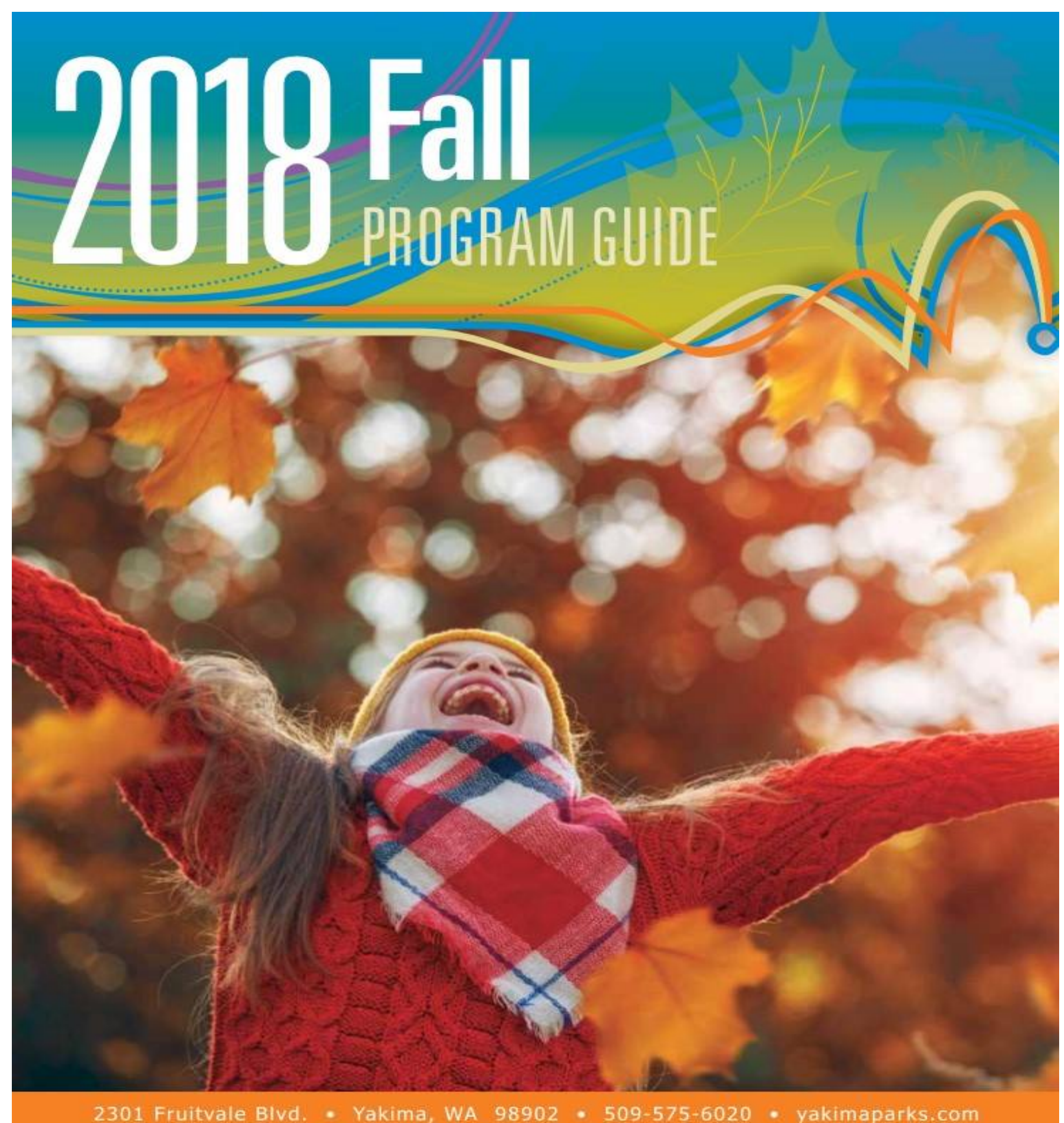
Prior to that, the Council previously amended Municipal Code 6.20, which added language regarding dangerous and potentially dangerous dogs.

When they become legal to own in the City of Yakima effective Sept. 23rd, pit bull dogs will be subject to City requirements related to dogs.

They include:

- Keeping dogs on a leash when they are being walked.
- Pit bulls, like all dogs in the City, also need to be registered and licensed at Yakima City Hall.
- Their rabies vaccination must also be current.
- They are prohibited from jumping on or barking at pedestrians on public sidewalks and streets.

Visit [www.yakimawa.gov/services/animal-control/](http://www.yakimawa.gov/services/animal-control/) for more information, and to view all of the City of Yakima documents and codes related to dog ownership in the city.



## Yakima Parks and Recreation publishes Fall 2018 Program Guide

An introduction to skiing/snowboarding, a Halloween egg hunt, and an adult co-ed dodge ball tournament are just some of the activities in the Fall 2018 Program Guide recently published by the City of Yakima's Parks and Recreation Department.

The guide covers Parks and Recreation programs scheduled through the end of this year and into early 2019.

It includes before-and-after photos of recently completed projects at City of Yakima parks.

The 16-page program guide is available by clicking <https://yakimaparks.com/assets/2018-Fall-Program-Guide.pdf>

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

## Y-PAC completes analog-to-digital transition



*Y-PAC Municipal Producer Mike Brown prepares to record a program in Y-PAC's studio at 124 S. 2nd Street.*

The City of Yakima's Community Relations Office recently completed its transition to an entirely digital recording system.

Staff replaced analog equipment used in the Y-PAC/YCTV control room with a digital, much more streamlined system.

The new digital system will offer significant opportunities for expanding programming on both Y-PAC (Charter Cable Channel 194) and YCTV (Charter Cable Channel 192).

The Y-PAC office is located at 124 South 2nd Street. Call Senior Community Relations Specialist Bonnie Lozano at 249-6862 for programming information or to sign up for a YCTV producer class.

## Rewards offered for fire info

The U.S. Bureau of Alcohol, Tobacco, Firearms and Explosives (ATF) is offering a \$10,000 reward for information leading to the arrest and conviction related to two suspicious fires last month at Fruit Packers Supply, 1102 N. 16th Avenue in Yakima.

The Fruit Packers Supply fires, the first occurring in the early morning hours of August 9th and the second about 48 hours later, led to damages estimated at \$21 million or more.

Information can be reported by calling the ATF's toll-free hotline at 888-283-8477 or through the ATF's "report it" app at reportit.com, Google Play (google.com), and the Apple App Store.

Anyone with information about the suspicious fires can also contact Yakima Police Department detectives at 575-6200.

Tips can be reported to Yakima County Crime Stoppers, which is offering a \$1,000 reward, by phone at 1-800-248-9980 or on the organization's website at crimestoppersyakco.org

The Arson Alarm Foundation offers a fund of \$10,000 from which rewards are made to those providing information that helps authorities arrest or convict arsonists. Call the Foundation at 1-800-552-7766 to report information.



## Fourth flight returning

### *Alaska Airlines resuming fourth Seattle flight Nov. 4*

Alaska Airlines will resume a fourth daily flight to Seattle-Tacoma International Airport from Yakima Air Terminal-McAllister Field this fall.

Yakima's fourth daily flight to Seattle-Tacoma International Airport will resume Sunday, November 4th for Alaska Airlines' Fall/Winter schedule.

"We're excited the flight will be returning as the airport typically witnesses an increase in ridership during the winter months," said Airport Director Rob Peterson.

The airline announced this past spring that the fourth flight from Yakima to Seattle would be temporarily canceled.

That cancellation went into effect August 24th and is in place until November 4th, when the fourth flight will resume.

"We're excited the flight will be returning as the airport typically witnesses an increase in ridership during the winter months."

- Airport Director Rob Peterson

"The announcement earlier this year had nothing to do with local ridership numbers, which have remained consistent" said Peterson. "Alaska's decision to discontinue the fourth flight was seasonal. And we weren't alone as a variety of other airports in the Pacific Northwest witnessed similar adjustments."

For more about Yakima Air Terminal-McAllister Field, visit <https://flyykm.com/>

## Yakima City Council member interviewed on TVW



Yakima City Councilwoman Carmen Méndez is pictured taping a testimonial last month for TVW - Washington Public Affairs Network.

Her testimony, recorded in Council Chambers, was one in a series provided by TVW board members, including Méndez.

Councilwoman Méndez represents District No. 3 on the Yakima City Council.

For more information about TVW and its programs visit <https://www.tvw.org/>

# Photo of the Month



*John Fannin photo*

*Cool winds in late August cleared away smoke from the skies over Yakima, and brought a welcome cool-down in temperatures.*



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Questions? Suggestions?

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| <b>Municipal Court:</b> | <b>575-3050</b> |
| <b>Parks:</b>           | <b>575-6020</b> |
| <b>Planning:</b>        | <b>575-6183</b> |
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**\* NON-EMERGENCY only.  
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