



City of Yakima

# **News Release**

**Subject: Wildlife Viewing Deck at Randall Park**

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## **Randall Park Wildlife Viewing Deck Nearing Completion**

Construction on the \$70,000 Randall Park wildlife viewing deck began earlier this year thanks to fund raising efforts that were spearheaded by the Yakima Southwest Rotary Club and a grant from the Yakima Rotary Trust.

"The new deck will be a tremendous improvement for visitors and replaces a structure that was in really bad shape," said Yakima Parks and Recreation Manager Ken Wilkinson. "Service clubs have demonstrated a real commitment to Yakima's parks and this is just another example of their generosity."

Members of the Yakima Southwest Rotary Club will be busy on Saturday, April 18<sup>th</sup> installing hand railings around the new wildlife viewing deck located in the northeast corner of Randall Park. The volunteers will begin their work around 9:00 am.

After the railing is installed, plans call for placing concrete pavers on the viewing deck along with outdoor lighting and a circular bench for visitors to watch ducks, geese and other wildlife that live in the nearby pond and wetlands. The entire project is expected to be finished by May.

The wildlife viewing deck is just one of many improvements being planned for Randall Park this year.

Randall Park covers more than 40 acres and is located south of Nob Hill Boulevard between 44<sup>th</sup> and 48<sup>th</sup> avenues.