



City of Yakima

News Release

Subject: Yakima Folklife Festival Request
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Yakima Parks & Recreation Commission Seeking Public Comment

Organizers of the Yakima Folklife Festival have requested that a beer and wine garden be allowed to be part of this year's event, which will take place in July.

The Yakima Parks and Recreation Commission wants community input regarding the request by festival organizers and will provide an opportunity for public comment at its next meeting on Wednesday, March 13th.

The commission's March 13th meeting will begin at 5:30 pm in the Council Chambers at Yakima City Hall. The meeting will be aired live on Y-PAC, Charter Cable channel 22.

The Yakima Folklife Festival has been held at Franklin Park for the past 29 years. The event has also expanded in recent years to include performances at venues in Downtown Yakima.

In a letter requesting permission from the City to operate a beer and wine garden, Yakima Folklife Festival President Don Eastridge noted that the festival does not charge admission and is looking for new sources of revenue in order to, "...keep the Free festivals going".

Replays of the March 13th Yakima Parks and Recreation Commission meeting will air on Y-PAC and will also be available on the City of Yakima's website – www.yakimawa.gov.

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