

# YAKIMA PARKS AND RECREATION - 2021 COMMUNITY SURVEY

Please take 10 to 15 minutes to complete the survey and tell us what you think about Yakima Parks and Recreation. We will utilize the information that you give us in our planning for the next 5 to 10 years. We want to provide the best parks and recreation facilities possible and we need your input. We will use the information to create our 2022 - 2027 Comprehensive Master Plan. This plan allows us to be eligible for grants and donations to improve the parks. Thank you for your time.

## SECTION I - General Parks and Recreation Questions - Tell us about your park usage.

### 1 Which Yakima City Parks listed below are close to where you live?

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| <input type="checkbox"/> Cherry Park                   | <input type="checkbox"/> Kissel Park                 | <input type="checkbox"/> Randall Park & Dog Park    |
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| <input type="checkbox"/> Gardner Park                  | <input type="checkbox"/> Portia Park                 | <input type="checkbox"/> West Valley Community Park |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Gilbert Park                  | <input type="checkbox"/> Powerhouse Canal Pathway    | <input type="checkbox"/> Other _____                |

### 2 If you visit the Yakima City Parks, which do you visit regularly? Please check all boxes that apply.

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### 3 Why do you and your family choose to go to the parks identified above?

- |  |  |   |
|--|--|---|
| <input type="checkbox"/> Location  | <input type="checkbox"/> Organized Activities/Events | <input type="checkbox"/> Relaxation       |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Sports - tennis, pickleball, golf, softball, etc. | <input type="checkbox"/> Exercise/Fitness            | <input type="checkbox"/> Safe Environment |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Amenities - playground, pool, picnic tables, etc  | <input type="checkbox"/> Fresh Air and Open Spaces   | <input type="checkbox"/> Other _____      |

### 4 What type of parks and recreation facilities do you and your family use the most. Please check all boxes that apply.

- |   |  |  |
|---|--|--|
| <input type="checkbox"/> Baseball & Softball Fields | <input type="checkbox"/> Playgrounds       | <input type="checkbox"/> Swimming Pools            |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Open Spaces                | <input type="checkbox"/> Skateparks        | <input type="checkbox"/> Tennis Courts             |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Pathways/Walkways          | <input type="checkbox"/> Soccer Fields     | <input type="checkbox"/> Dog Park                  |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Picnic Facilities          | <input type="checkbox"/> Pickleball Courts | <input type="checkbox"/> Miller or MLK Spray Parks |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Nature Areas               | <input type="checkbox"/> Golf Course       | <input type="checkbox"/> Basketball Courts         |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Volleyball Courts          | <input type="checkbox"/> Disc Golf Course  | <input type="checkbox"/> Other _____               |

### 5 On average, how often do you visit parks?

- |  |   |   |
|--|---|---|
| <input type="checkbox"/> 10+ times per month   | <input type="checkbox"/> Once per month on average  | <input type="checkbox"/> Very rarely            |
| <input type="checkbox"/> 5 - 9 times per month | <input type="checkbox"/> 5 - 10 times per year      | <input type="checkbox"/> Never                  |
| <input type="checkbox"/> 2 - 4 times per month | <input type="checkbox"/> Less than 5 times per year | <input type="checkbox"/> I prefer not to answer |

## SECTION II - COVID - 19 Questions

### 1 During the Covid - 19 pandemic, did your time spent in the park

- Increase    Decrease    Stay the same    I am not sure    I prefer not to answer

### 2 If your time in the parks increased, please select the activities in the boxes below. Check all that apply.

- |  |                                      |   |
|--|--------------------------------------|---|
| <input type="checkbox"/> Walking         | <input type="checkbox"/> Golf        | <input type="checkbox"/> Nature Observation |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Jogging/Running | <input type="checkbox"/> Dog Walking | <input type="checkbox"/> Disc Golf          |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Bike Riding     | <input type="checkbox"/> Picnicking  | <input type="checkbox"/> Other _____        |

### 3 Did you and your family start any new activities during the pandemic? If so, what? \_\_\_\_\_

### 4 Many people used the parks during the pandemic for non-traditional park activities, like social clubs. Did you or your family use the parks for other activities? If so, please write them here. \_\_\_\_\_

### 5 After the Covid - 19 pandemic has ended, do you think you will continue to spend more time in the parks?

- Yes    No    Undecided

### 6 After the Covid - 19 pandemic, do you think that parks are

- More important    Less Important    Same Importance    Undecided    I prefer not to answer

**SECTION III - Media Questions**

**1 How do you receive information regarding park facilities and recreation programs?**

- Program Guide - mailed to your home
- Program Brochure -soccer, softball,etc.
- Website - [yakimaparks.com](http://yakimaparks.com)
- Friends
- Social Media - Facebook, Instagram,etc.
- Other \_\_\_\_\_

**2 How would you like to receive your parks and recreation information in the future?**

- Program Guide - mailed to your home
- Program Brochure - soccer, softball, etc.
- Website - [yakimaparks.com](http://yakimaparks.com)
- Newspaper
- Social Media - Facebook, Instagram,etc.
- Direct mail
- TV/Radio Advertising
- Email
- Other \_\_\_\_\_

**SECTION IV - Park Facility Opinion Questions**

**1 How important are Yakima City Parks and Recreation facilities to you and your family?**

- Extremely Important
- Important
- Unknown
- Very Important
- Not Important
- I prefer not to answer

**2 Please tell us why Yakima City Parks and Recreation facilities are important to you. Check all that apply.**

- Improves my quality of life
- Gives me free places to exercise
- Increases my property value
- Provides a space for fun
- Creates a sense of community pride
- Gives me a place to be with friends
- Gives me a place to relax
- Gives me access to nature
- Other \_\_\_\_\_

**3 How do you rate overall park maintenance? (cleanliness, field conditions, mowing, graffiti removal, vandalism repair, etc.)**

- Excellent
- Good
- Fair
- Poor
- Unknown

**4 How do you rate overall park structures and features? (such as lighting, tables, parking, playgrounds, restrooms, etc.)**

- Excellent
- Good
- Fair
- Poor
- Unknown

**5 When you visit City Parks, do you feel safe?  Yes  No  Undecided**

If No, which park and please tell us why. \_\_\_\_\_

**6 Please rate the quality of amenities, picnic tables, benches, athletic equipment, playgrounds, etc., in the following parks.**

**Please rate 5 to 0    Excellent = 5    Poor = 0    If unknown please leave blank**

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**7 What Parks and Recreation facilities and amenities would you like to see increased? Please check all boxes that apply.**

- Baseball & Softball Fields
- Open Spaces
- Pathways/Walkways
- Picnic Shelters
- Park Benches & Tables
- Playgrounds
- Skateparks
- Soccer Fields
- Pickleball Courts
- Disc Golf Courses
- Swimming Pools/Water Features
- Tennis Courts
- Dog Parks
- Basketball Courts
- Other \_\_\_\_\_

**SECTION V - Recreation Programs Questions - Tell us about the recreation programs that you and your family enjoy.**

**1 Have you or anyone in your family participated in ANY City of Yakima recreation programs?  Yes  No**

**2 Please identify below all of the recreation programs you or your family have participated in during recent years?**

- Tennis Lessons
- Adult Outdoor Volleyball
- Adult Softball League
- Adult Volleyball League
- Concerts In The Park
- Harman Center Programs
- Harman Center Trips & Tours
- Sports Camps - Rugby/LaCrosse/Cheer
- Summer Program at Kissel Park
- Tahoma Cemetery Historic Tours
- Fitness Boot Camp
- Golf
- Golf Tournaments
- Golf Lessons
- Movies In The Park
- Swim Lessons
- Trek n Travel Trolley
- Water Walking
- Step Up & Park It - step challenge
- Other \_\_\_\_\_
- "Beyond the Bell" After School Program
- Virtual Recreation Programs
- Friday Night Glow Ball Golf Outings
- Letters to Santa Event
- Hydro Fit/Water Zumba
- Youth Baseball
- Youth Soccer
- Youth Swim Lessons
- A Bearable Adventure
- Other \_\_\_\_\_

**3 What additional recreation programs would you like us to offer or expand? Please check all that apply.**

- |   |   |   |
|---|---|---|
| <input type="checkbox"/> Outdoor Programs - biking, SUP, hiking, etc.       | <input type="checkbox"/> After School Programs              | <input type="checkbox"/> Golf Tournaments               |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Fitness Classes                                    | <input type="checkbox"/> Movies In The Parks                | <input type="checkbox"/> Fitness Challenges             |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Youth Sports - flag football, soccer, etc.         | <input type="checkbox"/> Art Programs For Youth & Adults    | <input type="checkbox"/> Adult Volleyball Leagues       |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Non-traditional - kickball, ultimate frisbee, etc. | <input type="checkbox"/> Concerts In The Parks              | <input type="checkbox"/> Water Safety Classes           |
| <input type="checkbox"/> General Interest Classes                           | <input type="checkbox"/> Parent & Child Recreation Programs | <input type="checkbox"/> Pre-School Recreation Programs |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Drop-In Programs                                   | <input type="checkbox"/> Adult Soccer Leagues               | <input type="checkbox"/> Virtual Recreation Programs    |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Youth Swim Lessons                                 | <input type="checkbox"/> Adult Swim Lessons                 | <input type="checkbox"/> Other _____                    |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Water Exercise Classes - Indoor                    | <input type="checkbox"/> Cooking Classes                    | <input type="checkbox"/> Other _____                    |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Water Exercise Classes - Outdoor                   | <input type="checkbox"/> Historic Walking Tours             | <input type="checkbox"/> Other _____                    |

**4 If you participated in ANY recreation programs, would you or your family members participate in the programs again?**  
 Yes  No If Yes or No, please tell us why. \_\_\_\_\_

**5 If you participated in a program, how would you rate the quality of the recreation program? (Please rate up to 3 Programs)**

Program 1: write in program name _____	Program 2: write in program name _____	Program 3: write in program name _____
<input type="checkbox"/> Excellent <input type="checkbox"/> Good	<input type="checkbox"/> Excellent <input type="checkbox"/> Good	<input type="checkbox"/> Excellent <input type="checkbox"/> Good
<input type="checkbox"/> Fair <input type="checkbox"/> Poor	<input type="checkbox"/> Fair <input type="checkbox"/> Poor	<input type="checkbox"/> Fair <input type="checkbox"/> Poor

**6 Have you visited the Harman Center?  Yes  No**

If yes, what programs or events did you participate in? Please check all that apply.

- |   |   |  |
|---|---|--|
| <input type="checkbox"/> Card Games/Board Games               | <input type="checkbox"/> Saturday Breakfast                     | <input type="checkbox"/> Rentals - wedding reception, banquet, etc.  |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Special Events - Holiday bazaar, etc | <input type="checkbox"/> Lunch Program                          | <input type="checkbox"/> Billiards / Pool                            |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Dances                               | <input type="checkbox"/> Volunteering                           | <input type="checkbox"/> Coffee Bar                                  |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Social/Visiting                      | <input type="checkbox"/> Trips and/or Tours                     | <input type="checkbox"/> Organized Groups - quilting, knitting, etc. |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Computer Room & Classes              | <input type="checkbox"/> Classes - painting, wood carving, etc. | <input type="checkbox"/> Other _____                                 |

**7 What would you like to see more of at the Harman Center? Please check all that apply.**

- |  |   |  |
|--|---|--|
| <input type="checkbox"/> Card Games              | <input type="checkbox"/> Breakfast Program                      | <input type="checkbox"/> Rentals - wedding reception, banquet, etc.  |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Games                   | <input type="checkbox"/> Lunch Program                          | <input type="checkbox"/> Billiards / Pool                            |
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| <input type="checkbox"/> Social/Visiting         | <input type="checkbox"/> Trips and/or Tours                     | <input type="checkbox"/> Organized Groups - quilting, knitting, etc. |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Computer Room & Classes | <input type="checkbox"/> Classes - painting, wood carving, etc. | <input type="checkbox"/> Skiing Group                                |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Biking Club             | <input type="checkbox"/> Hiking Group                           | <input type="checkbox"/> Memory Café                                 |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Cornhole Group          | <input type="checkbox"/> Walking Group                          | <input type="checkbox"/> Intergenerational Events                    |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Book Club               | <input type="checkbox"/> Social Media Classes - Facebook, etc.  | <input type="checkbox"/> Other _____                                 |

**SECTION VI - Customer Service**

**1 Please rate your telephone interactions with staff.**

- Excellent  Good  Average  Fair  Poor  No Telephone Interactions With Staff

**2 Please rate your interactions with park maintenance staff.**

- Excellent  Good  Average  Fair  Poor  No Interactions With Staff

**3 Please rate your interactions with recreation program staff.**

- Excellent  Good  Average  Fair  Poor  No Interactions With Staff

**4 Please rate your email interaction with staff.**

- Excellent  Good  Average  Fair  Poor  No Email Interactions With Staff

**SECTION VII - Future Planning Questions - Tell us how we should be planning for the future**

**1 This question will help us understand your priorities for Yakima Parks and Recreation to consider. We all know that there is a limited amount of money for park improvements. To help us understand your priorities, imagine that you have \$100 to spend as you like on the items below. You can chose to spend the entire amount on one item or you can spread the money around as you like.**

- |   |                                     |   |
|---|-------------------------------------|---|
| \$___ More walkways and pathways              | \$___ More outdoor swimming         | \$___ Construct more tennis courts          |
| \$___ More indoor swimming opportunities      | \$___ More spray parks              | \$___ Increase recreation programs          |
| \$___ Maintain and update existing facilities | \$___ Purchase land for large park  | \$___ More small neighborhood parks         |
| \$___ Increase open space areas               | \$___ Construct more sports fields  | \$___ More movies in the parks              |
| \$___ Construct more pickleball courts        | \$___ Create more natural areas     | \$___ Create more outdoor volleyball courts |
| \$___ Construct more playgrounds              | \$___ Construct more skateparks     | \$___ More concerts in the parks            |
| \$___ Purchase land for small parks           | \$___ Create more disc golf courses | \$___ Other _____                           |

**2 What improvements would you like to see at your local park? Park Name \_\_\_\_\_**  
**Improvements desired \_\_\_\_\_**

**SECTION VIII - FUNDING FOR SWIMMING FACILITIES**

Yakima has a long history of providing swimming pools for the public. Lions Pools, our indoor pool, was built in 1975 and renovated in 1986. Franklin Pool, our outdoor pool, was built in 1956 and renovated in 1986. These pools are aging and will need to be replaced or renovated in the near future. A tax increase was utilized to pay for the construction of these facilities and their renovations. A new outdoor swimming pool in East Yakima has also been discussed. We would appreciate your input. Please answer the following questions to help us plan for the future of our pools.

- 1 I support the renovation or replacement of Lions Pool in the future utilizing a tax increase for the funding. Please circle your response. SA – Strongly Agree A – Agree U – Undecided D – Disagree SD – Strongly Disagree NC – No comment
Comments \_\_\_\_\_
2 I support the renovation or replacement of Franklin Pool in the future utilizing a tax increase for the funding. Please circle your response. SA – Strongly Agree A – Agree U – Undecided D – Disagree SD – Strongly Disagree NC – No comment
Comments \_\_\_\_\_
3 I support the construction of a new outdoor swimming pool in East Yakima utilizing a tax increase for the funding. Please circle your response. SA – Strongly Agree A – Agree U – Undecided D – Disagree SD – Strongly Disagree NC – No comment
Comments \_\_\_\_\_
4 I support the current operation of Lions Pool, but only until it can no longer be operated due to funding, age of facility or both, and then close the facility. Please circle your response.
SA – Strongly Agree A – Agree U – Undecided D – Disagree SD – Strongly Disagree NC – No comment
Comments \_\_\_\_\_
5 I support the current operation of Franklin Pool, but only until it can no longer be operated due to funding, age of facility or both, and then close the facility. Please circle your response.
SA – Strongly Agree A – Agree U – Undecided D – Disagree SD – Strongly Disagree NC – No comment
Comments \_\_\_\_\_
6 I support the construction of a new swimming pool in East Yakima, but do not support a tax increase to pay for the construction.
SA – Strongly Agree A – Agree U – Undecided D – Disagree SD – Strongly Disagree NC – No comment
Comments \_\_\_\_\_

**OPTIONAL SECTION IX - Demographic Information - Tell us about yourself. All answers are optional.**

- 1 Do you live within the Yakima City limits?  Yes  No
2 If you live in Yakima, how long have you lived within the city limits?
 less than one year?  4 to 8 years?  14 to 18 years?
 1 to 3 years?  9 to 13 years?  More than 18 years?
3 What is your age?
 14 or younger  30-39  60-69
 15-19  40-49  70-79
 20-29  50-59  80+
4 How many people live in your house or apartment?  1  2  3  4  5  6  7  8  9  10  11 +
5 How many children live in your home that are under the age of 18?  None  1  2  3  4  5  6 or more
6 What is your gender?  Male  Female  I prefer not to answer
7 What is your ethnic origin? Please check all boxes that apply for those living in your home.
 Latino/Hispanic  African American  White
 Asian  Pacific Islander  Other \_\_\_\_\_
8 What is your yearly family income?
 Under \$40,000  \$80,001 - \$100,000  \$140,001 - \$160,000
 \$40,001- \$60,000  \$100,001 - \$120,000  \$160,001 - Above
 \$60,001 - \$80,000  \$120,001 -\$140,000  I prefer not to answer
9 What is your highest level of education?
 Grade 8 or Less  Some Technical School Courses  College Graduate
 Some High School  Some College Courses  Masters or Doctorate Degree
 High School Graduate  Technical School Graduate  I prefer not to answer

**SECTION X - Additional Information**

- 1 Please feel free to add any additional thoughts or ideas you have regarding Yakima Parks and Recreation.

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