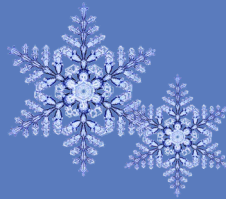


HARMAN CENTER

at Gailleon Park



2026 Winter Edition
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Happy 2026! After a challenging year, we're grateful to still be here! Thanks to the support of City Council, our community, and all of you. We're ready to hit the ground running as we work to raise the funds needed to keep the Harman Center thriving.

If you'd like to support the center, donations can be made through our fund with the Yakima Valley Community Foundation:

<https://godonate.akoyago.com/yakimavalleycf/fund/harmancenter>

(or by scanning the QR code below)

A BIG thanks to our incredible staff and volunteers! You keep us going and the Harman Center would not be what it is without you!

Sending Sunshine,

Leslie Richards

Recreation Program Supervisor



HOURS

MONDAY - FRIDAY 8:00 am - 4:00 pm
SATURDAY 9:00 am - 3:30 pm
SUNDAY Closed

LOCATION

101 N 65TH AVE, YAKIMA, WA 98908

CONTACT INFORMATION

Front Desk (509) 575-6166
Fax (509) 576-6407

Recreation Program Supervisor

Leslie Richards (509) 576-6402
Leslie.Richards@yakimawa.gov

Trips & Tour Recreational Leader

Lori Schatz (509) 576-6405
Lori.Schatz@yakimawa.gov

Center Closures

Wednesday, January 1st
New Years Day

Monday, January 19th
Martin Luther King Jr. Day

Monday, February 16th
President's Day

**Monday, March 2nd through
Saturday, March 7th**
Cleaning Week



All persons 50 and older are welcome to participate in a wealth of recreational, educational and social activities at the Harman Center, a unit of City of Yakima's Department of Public Works. Harman Center is a tax-supported City service. We host a variety of family-friendly events throughout the year. Join in our activities and classes; come enjoy our billiards, computer or library rooms; or experience our trips and tours!

www.yakimaparks.com/senior-center



Yakima Harman Center and HC Trips & Tours



@yakimaharmancenter

TRAVEL JOURNAL

YOUR TRAVEL JOURNAL

Welcome to 2026!!! I hope everyone had a wonderful holiday season! First on the list of things to tell you, registration week will begin on Monday Jan. 5 which if you called on Dec. 13th for your appointment, you already know that. The Pacific N. W. Trip & Tour Book is back with more fun and exciting adventures. I hope you find a trip that you would like to join us on. More trips will be announced in future newsletters, so if you haven't subscribed to our quarterly newsletter, now is the time to do so. Looking forward to another great year of travel!

Thank you everyone, Lori



Lori Schatz
Trip & Tour Coordinator
(509) 576-6405
Lori.Schatz@yakimawa.gov

UPCOMING SPECIAL EVENTS

MEET AND GREET

Are you or someone you know new to the Harman Center or new

to the area?

Come to a *Meet & Greet* for a tour and information on activities, events and trips!

**EVERY 3RD
WEDNESDAY OF THE
MONTH AT 9:30 AM!**

**JANUARY 14TH
FEBRUARY 18TH
MARCH 18TH**



YWCA TOILETRY DRIVE

JANUARY 2ND, 2026

THROUGH

MARCH 31ST, 2026

**PLEASE BRING NEW, UNUSED
TOILETRIES**

**Drop off items at the
Harman Center**

ESSENTIAL OILS CLASSES-

Mondays @ 10:30AM

INTERMEDIATE CLASSES

January 12

February 9

March 9

BEGINNER CLASSES

March 16

GAME DAY

1st Fridays @ 1:00pm

Games change each month.

January 2

February 6

LUNCH CLUB

JANUARY 15, 2026 : 11:30 AM

HILTON GARDEN INN - 802 E Yakima Ave 98901

FEBRUARY 19, 2026: 11:30 AM

BACKWOODS CAFE - 913 S 1st St. 98901

MARCH 19, 2026: 11:30AM

RED LION HOTEL - 607 E Yakima Ave 98901

RSVP at the front desk or call (509) 575-6166

Join us at the restaurant!

AARP DRIVER'S REFRESHER COURSE

Drivers 55+ who complete this two (2) day classroom course may qualify for auto insurance discount. *No driving or testing required.*

**CLASSES HELD ONCE A MONTH ON A
TUESDAY & WEDNESDAY 8:30AM-12:30PM**

January 21/22 February 18/19 March 18/19

Cost \$20 for AARP members and \$25 for non AARP members.

For more information or to register, contact Paul Schafer: (509) 453-2606

CAREGIVER SUPPORT GROUP

Do you or someone you know, need a place to share, discuss, or learn more about the stresses and rewards of providing care for loved ones?

Join us at our next Support Group

EVERY 4TH WEDNESDAY OF THE MONTH

JAN 28TH, FEB 25TH, MAR 25TH

2:00PM — 3:00PM in Classroom A

BUNCO

2nd Fridays @ 1:00pm

January 9

February 13

March 13

VOLUNTEER OF THE MONTH

Celebrating these individuals for all the time and dedication they give the Harman Center.

September—Nancy Volland

October—Dan Busch

November—Mike Burns





WEEKLY SCHEDULE

MONDAY

FOREVER FITNESS

8:25am & 9:30am

\$15 /punch card or \$1.50 Drop-in

UKULELE GROUP

(1st & 3rd Mondays)

\$1.50 Drop-in | 10:00am

BOOK CLUB

(4th Monday of the Month)

10:30am - 11:30am

FREE

PING PONG

10:30am - 1:00pm

\$15 /punch card or \$1.50 Drop-in

CARD & TABLE GAMES

Hand & Foot, Pinochle, Mah Jong

1:00pm - 4:00pm

\$15 /punch card or \$1.50 Drop-in

PARKINSON'S PING PONG

1:00pm - 4:00pm

\$15 /punch card or \$1.50 Drop-i

YAKIMA VALLEY ARTIST ASSOCIATION

(2nd Monday of the Month)

5:30pm - 7:30pm

TUESDAY

ZUMBA w/ JULISSA

9:00am - 10:00am

\$40 /month or \$6 /session

COLORING GROUP

10:00am - 2:00pm

\$15 /punch card or \$1.50 Drop-in

PARKINSON'S SUPPORT GROUP

(2nd Tuesday of the Month)

1:00PM—2:30PM

CARD & TABLE GAMES

Skip Bo, Cribbage, Dominoes,
Bridge, Pinochle

Pinochle. 1:00pm - 4:00pm

TAP DANCING

Level 2 Begin: 2:30pm - 3:15pm

Level 1 Begin: 3:20pm - 4:05pm

Advanced: 4:15pm - 5:10pm

Intermediate: 5:30pm - 6:15pm

\$15 /Qtr or \$1.50 Drop-in

WEDNESDAY

FOREVER FITNESS

8:25am & 9:30am

\$15 /punch card or \$1.50 Drop-in

WOODCARVING

9:00am - 11:00am

\$15 /Qtr or \$1.50 Drop-in

BLOOD PRESSURE/BLOOD SUGAR SCREENING

9:00am - 11:00am

FREE

GRIEF SUPPORT GROUP

11:30am - 12:30pm

FREE

KNITTING & CROCHETING

12:00pm - 2:00pm

\$15 /punch card or \$1.50 Drop-in

**bring your own supplies*

SCRAPBOOKING & STAMPING

12:30pm - 3:00pm

\$15 /Qtr or \$1.50 Drop-in

CRAFTING GROUP

Jewelry, Diamond Art, Beading

1:00pm - 3:00pm

\$15 /Qtr or \$1.50 Drop-in

Line Dancing

1:00pm - 2:00pm

\$1.50 Drop-in

WALKING IN THE BALLROOM

2:00pm—3:00pm - FREE

QUILTERS GUILD

(1st & 3rd Wednesdays)

7:00pm



POOL ROOM OPEN DAILY

Pool Dues

**\$25/per year or
\$.75/per day**

WINTER 2026



THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
ZUMBA w/ JULISSA 9:00am - 10:00am \$40 /month or \$6 /session	FOREVER FITNESS 8:25am & 9:30am \$15 /punch card or \$1.50 Drop-in	BINGO 10:00am - 12:30PM \$15 Qtr or \$1.50 Drop-in
OIL PAINTING 9:00am—11:00am \$15 /Qtr or \$1.50 Drop-in	WATERCOLOR 9:00am—11:00am \$15 /Qtr or \$1.50 Drop-in	CARD & TABLE GAMES Bridge 10:00am - 1:00pm
TOPS Weight Loss Support 10:00am—11:20am	WRITING GROUP 9:00am—11:00am \$15 /Qtr or \$1.50 Drop-in	CROCHETING & KNITTING 10:00am - 12:00pm \$15 /punch card or \$1.50 Drop-in
PILATES W/ JILL 10:30am—11:30am \$15 /punch card or \$1.50 Drop -in	COLORING GROUP 10:00am - 2:00pm \$15 /punch card or \$1.50 Drop-in	CARD & TABLE GAMES Hand & Foot 11:00am—2:00pm
PING PONG 10:30am—2:00pm \$15 /punch card or \$1.50 Drop-in	JAM SESSION 1:00pm - 2:30pm FREE	CARD & TABLE GAMES Pinochle 1:00pm—3:30pm
QUILTING CLUB 12:30pm - 3:00pm \$15 /punch card or \$1.50 Drop-in	KNITTING & CROCHETING 1:00pm - 3:00pm \$15 /punch card or \$1.50 Drop-in	<div> <u>CLASS/ACTIVITY CANCELLATIONS</u> If the minimum participation requirement is not met, it may be necessary to cancel. If the Harman Center has cancelled the class/activity, a full refund will be issued to each paid </div>
CARD & TABLE GAMES Hand & Foot 1:00pm - 4:00pm	Council of the Blind (4th Friday of the Month) 1:30pm - 3:30pm	
WALKING IN THE BALLROOM 1:00pm - 2:00pm - FREE		
STITCHED TOGETHER CRAFT GROUP Knit, Crochet, Cross Stitch, Beading		

BLOOD DRIVE

The Harman Center and American Red Cross are teaming up for an end of year blood drive. Call Leslie at (509) 576-6402 to sign up!

FRIDAY, MARCH 13TH, 2026

10:00AM - 3:00PM FRIDAY

Start 2026 with the best gift... A Gift of Life!



Yakima Valley Senior Citizens, Inc.



Yakima Valley Senior Inc

Greetings!

Let me begin my first newsletter by introducing myself and presenting the vision for the future!

My Name is Axel Raptcheff, your newly elected President for Senior Inc for 2026.

I was born in 1958 in a small town in Bruchkobel Germany, in 1965 at the age of 7, I migrated with my mom, Irene Raptcheff to the United States. I progressed through the school system in Yakima, Garfield, Franklin, and graduating from AC Davis High in 1977. Immediately after graduation I went to work for Decoto Aircraft, starting at the ground floor manufacturing parts for the aerospace industry. I quickly realized manufacturing was my calling, after spending 18 years hands on machining and training at night classes with the Society of Manufacturing Engineers, and the National Management Association. I moved to management in 1991, during my 43 years in Manufacturing, Engineering Management and Quality Engineering, we launched several multimillion-dollar manufacturing projects, my Manufacturing Engineering responsibility's covered Yakima, Everett, Park City UT, Pheonix AZ, France. Overall, it was a great career to reflect back on! I retired in July of 2020, but was pulled back to continue to work as a contactor till 2024.

The vision for the future of the Harman Center!

The new officers just elected will have a huge task going forward! Our goal is to have Senior Inc, much more involved with the operation of the center and take an active roll in overall management. In collaboration with the City Of Yakima, the Harman Foundation and the Yakima Valley community foundation to develop a plan moving forward for the Harman Center to be independent from City government. With the Harman Center independent from the City and operating under the nonprofit entity of Seniors Inc., there will be much more opportunity for funding and operation Grants to secure the future of the center for years to come. There is lots of work that must be completed but we will be dedicated to do everything we possibly can to keep the center as it is today with all the activities that are currently offered and maintain the safe haven and welcome atmosphere.

Axel Raptcheff, YVSC, Inc. President
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YVSC, INC.

Non -profit organization (501c3) established to raise funds to help maintain and support the Harman Center and advocate for senior services in our community.

OFFICE HOURS: Monday, Wednesday, Friday 9:00 am - Noon

PHONE: (509) 576-6404

LOCATION: SE Corner of Harman Center

**SPAGHETTI
FEED**

**THURSDAY
MARCH 19th, 2026**

**5:30pm
\$8.00**



Come for a delicious dinner
and support Yakima Valley
Senior Citizens, Inc.

2026 BOARD MEMBERS

PRESIDENT

AXEL RAPTCHEFF

V-PRESIDENT

LARRY MOREHOUSE

SECRETARY

INEZ HARRIS

TREASURER

RITA PENNER

TRUSTEES

LOUISE ADAMS, MARLENE
BROOKS, DAN BUSCH, CAROL
HERAUF, SANDY
LICHTENBERGER, CHRIS
PETERSEN, MARY ANN
THOMAIER, IRENE
RAPTCHEFF, MARLA
RAPTCHEFF

YVSC, INC. MEETINGS

**Every 2nd Thursday of the
Month @ 1:00 PM**
Harman Center Classroom A

**January 8th
February 12th
March 12th**

Yakima Valley Senior Citizens, Inc.



OPEN DAILY

COFFEE: Sm: 1.00 Lg: \$1.50

SODA: Can: 1.00 Bottle: \$1.50

**Donuts & Snacks
Available Too!**

**Stop by to relax, unwind and
have a delicious cup of coffee!**

Donations of small paper plates, candy, liquid
creamers, and napkins are always welcome and
greatly appreciated!

Soup 'n Sandwich



EVERY

MON. TUE. & WED

11:00 am

\$6.00



Breakfast

EVERY SATURDAY

9:00 AM

\$7.00

*Eggs, Bacon, Sausage, Blueberry
Pancakes, Potatoes,
Biscuits & Gravy*

**Lots of yummy food at an
affordable price!
All ages welcome!**

TACO FEEDS

Wednesday

JANUARY 28TH

FEBRUARY 25TH

MARCH 25TH

11:00am

\$ 8.00



**BREAKFAST WITH THE
EASTER BUNNY**

**SATURDAY
MARCH 28TH, 2026**

9:00 am

**\$7.00 per person
\$3.50 4 y/o and under**

ALL AGES WELCOME!

Come enjoy a yummy breakfast and a visit with the Easter
Bunny. Don't forget to take a picture with the Easter Bunny!

- Krispy Kreme Donuts
 - Safeway
- Jim Keller at Apple King
- Flute Troupe of Yakima
- Liberty Foods—Home of Bouchee Potatoes
 - WV Grocery Outlet
 - Rexford Park
 - Avail Home Health
 - Mt Hood Senior Solutions
- All that supported, voiced their concerns and
attended City Council Meetings this year.

★ Thank You! ★
FOR YOUR DONATION

**Thank you for
making our
events possible
and a success!**

DON'T MISS OUT ON THE 2026 CASINO TRIPS

Mar 10th	Snoqualmie Casino
May 5th	Tulalip & Angel of the Winds Casino
July 14th	Lake Chelan Casino
Sept 1st	Snoqualmie Casino



Contact YVSC, Inc at 509-576-6404 or stop by
our office !



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- The Harman Center is not responsible for any item that is left at the Center. If left over two (2) weeks, item(s) will become the property of the Harman Center.