



**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
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#### Recreation Program Supervisor

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#### Trips & Tour Recreational Leader

Lori Schatz (509)576-6405  
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### 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](http://www.yakimaparks.com/senior-center)



# 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. 13<sup>th</sup> 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](mailto:Lori.Schatz@yakimawa.gov)

# UPCOMING SPECIAL EVENTS

## MEET AND GREET

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**

## 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!*

## 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**



## 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**

## 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*

## 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	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY
<b>FOREVER FITNESS</b> 8:25am & 9:30am \$15 /punch card or \$1.50 Drop-in	<b>ZUMBA w/ JULISSA</b> 9:00am - 10:00am \$40 /month or \$6 /session	<b>FOREVER FITNESS</b> 8:25am & 9:30am \$15 /punch card or \$1.50 Drop-in
<b>UKULELE GROUP</b> (1st & 3rd Mondays) \$1.50 Drop-in   10:00am	<b>COLORING GROUP</b> 10:00am - 2:00pm \$15 /punch card or \$1.50 Drop-in	<b>WOODCARVING</b> 9:00am - 11:00am \$15 /Qtr or \$1.50 Drop-in
<b>BOOK CLUB</b> (4th Monday of the Month) 10:30am - 11:30am FREE	<b>PARKINSON'S SUPPORT GROUP</b> (2nd Tuesday of the Month) 1:00PM—2:30PM	<b>BLOOD PRESSURE/BLOOD SUGAR SCREENING</b> 9:00am - 11:00am FREE
<b>PING PONG</b> 10:30am - 1:00pm \$15 /punch card or \$1.50 Drop-in	<b>CARD &amp; TABLE GAMES</b> Skip Bo, Cribbage, Dominoes, Bridge, Pinochle Pinochle. 1:00pm - 4:00pm	<b>GRIEF SUPPORT GROUP</b> 11:30am - 12:30pm FREE
<b>CARD &amp; TABLE GAMES</b> Hand & Foot, Pinochle, Mah Jong 1:00pm - 4:00pm \$15 /punch card or \$1.50 Drop-in	<b>TAP DANCING</b> 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	<b>KNITTING &amp; CROCHETING</b> 12:00pm - 2:00pm \$15 /punch card or \$1.50 Drop-in *bring your own supplies
<b>PARKINSON'S PING PONG</b> 1:00pm - 4:00pm \$15 /punch card or \$1.50 Drop-in		<b>SCRAPBOOKING &amp; STAMPING</b> 12:30pm - 3:00pm \$15 /Qtr or \$1.50 Drop-in
<b>YAKIMA VALLEY ARTIST ASSOCIATION</b> (2nd Monday of the Month) 5:30pm - 7:30pm		<b>CRAFTING GROUP</b> Jewelry, Diamond Art, Beading 1:00pm - 3:00pm \$15 /Qtr or \$1.50 Drop-in
		<b>Line Dancing</b> 1:00pm - 2:00pm \$1.50 Drop-in
 <b>POOL ROOM OPEN DAILY</b> <b>Pool Dues</b> <b>\$25/per year or</b> <b>\$.75/per day</b>		<b>WALKING IN THE BALLROOM</b> 2:00pm—3:00pm - FREE
		<b>QUILTERS GUILD</b> (1st & 3rd Wednesdays) 7:00pm

# WINTER 2026



THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
<b>ZUMBA w/ JULISSA</b> 9:00am - 10:00am \$40 /month or \$6 /session	<b>FOREVER FITNESS</b> 8:25am & 9:30am \$15 /punch card or \$1.50 Drop-in	<b>BINGO</b> 10:00am - 12:30PM \$15 Qtr or \$1.50 Drop-in
<b>OIL PAINTING</b> 9:00am—11:00am \$15 /Qtr or \$1.50 Drop-in	<b>WATERCOLOR</b> 9:00am—11:00am \$15 /Qtr or \$1.50 Drop-in	<b>CARD &amp; TABLE GAMES</b> Bridge 10:00am - 1:00pm
<b>TOPS</b> <b>Weight Loss Support</b> 10:00am—11:20am	<b>WRITING GROUP</b> 9:00am—11:00am \$15 /Qtr or \$1.50 Drop-in	<b>CROCHETING &amp; KNITTING</b> 10:00am - 12:00pm \$15 /punch card or \$1.50 Drop-in
<b>PILATES W/ JILL</b> 10:30am—11:30am \$15 /punch card or \$1.50 Drop-in	<b>COLORING GROUP</b> 10:00am - 2:00pm \$15 /punch card or \$1.50 Drop-in	<b>CARD &amp; TABLE GAMES</b> Hand & Foot 11:00am—2:00pm
<b>PING PONG</b> 10:30am—2:00pm \$15 /punch card or \$1.50 Drop-in	<b>JAM SESSION</b> 1:00pm - 2:30pm FREE	<b>CARD &amp; TABLE GAMES</b> Pinochle 1:00pm—3:30pm
<b>QUILTING CLUB</b> 12:30pm - 3:00pm \$15 /punch card or \$1.50 Drop-in	<b>KNITTING &amp; CROCHETING</b> 1:00pm - 3:00pm \$15 /punch card or \$1.50 Drop-in	<b>CLASS/ACTIVITY CANCELLATIONS</b> <p>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</p>
<b>CARD &amp; TABLE GAMES</b> Hand & Foot 1:00pm - 4:00pm	<b>Council of the Blind</b> (4th Friday of the Month) 1:30pm - 3:30pm	
<b>WALKING IN THE BALLROOM</b> 1:00pm - 2:00pm - FREE		
<b>STITCHED TOGETHER CRAFT GROUP</b> 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

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  
FEBRAURY 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!

**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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**Open Lab Hours**

**Monday - Friday 9:00am - 3:30pm**

*Labs closed to the public during computer classes scheduled*

**COMPUTER  
LAB**

**Computer Tech Help  
9:00am - 12:00pm**

**Monday through Friday**

**WIRELESS INTERNET WIFI AVAILABLE:**

Network: Harman Center Wifi

Password: SeniorCenter

CLASS	DATE	TIME	Fee	INSTRUCTOR
Preventing Frauds and Scams	Tues: January 13	10:00am - 12:00pm	\$10	Mike Mullen
Preventing Frauds and Scams	Tues: February 10	10:00am - 12:00pm	\$10	Mike Mullen
Preventing Frauds and Scams	Tues: March 10	10:00am - 12:00pm	\$10	Mike Mullen
Facebook	Fri: January 16	9:00am - 11:00am	\$10	Marv Franklin
Facebook	Fri: February 20	9:00am - 11:00am	\$10	Marv Franklin
Facebook	Fri: March 20	9:00am - 11:00am	\$10	Marv Franklin
Intro to Excel	Thurs: March 26	9:00am - 11:00am	\$10	Kay Pexa
Intro to Word	Wed: March 25	9:00am - 11:00am	\$10	Kay Pexa
Intro to Outlook	Tues: March 24	9:00am—10:30am	\$10	Kay Pexa
Windows 11—Beginners (4 day course)	Wed: February 18 Thurs: February 19  Wed: February 25 Thurs: February 26	9:00am - 10:30am	\$40	Kay Pexa
Windows 11—Beginners (4 day course)	Wed: March 11 Thurs: March 12  Wed: March 18 Thurs: March 19	9:00am - 10:30am	\$40	Kay Pexa

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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.