



HARMAN CENTER

at Gailleon Park

Summer Newsletter

July | August | September

**Center
Closures**

July 3rd & 4th

Friday/Saturday

Independence Day

September 5th & 7th

Saturday/Monday

Labor Day Weekend

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!



Yakima Harman Center and HC Trips & Tours

Chat Face! With the Harman Center Crew
Watch us on



From
the desk
of
Leslie Richards

Hey Summer Fanatics!

Summer has arrived, and the Harman Center is packed with opportunities to learn, connect, and have fun. Join us for special events including our School Supply Drive, Back-to-School Blood Drive, and the Local Author Book Fair this September.

Our popular programs continue all summer long, including Essential Oils, Book Club, Dinner Club, Caregiver Support Group, and a variety of computer classes. Be sure to check the calendar for details and new opportunities to explore.

Yakima Valley Senior Citizens, Inc. will also be hosting their popular BBQs, Bunco Night, and the always-anticipated Potato Feed. Be sure to check out their section of the newsletter for more information.

Thank you to our volunteers, participants, and community partners who make the Harman Center such a special place. We look forward to spending the summer with you!

Sending Sunshine,

Leslie Richards

Recreation Program Supervisor



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SUPPLY LIST

- PAPER
- PENCILS
- RULERS
- SCISSORS
- BINDERS
- GLUE
- NOTEBOOKS
- BACKPACKS

Harman Center is collecting donations for new, unused school supplies from

JULY 1 - SEPTEMBER 30

Drop off donations at the Harman Center Front Desk

Monday - Friday

8:00 am - 4:00 pm

Supplies will be donated to West Valley School District.



MEET & GREET

Are you new?

Want to know what we offer?

Come take a tour of the Harman Center!

Every 3rd Wednesday

9:30 am

Jul 15 | Aug 19 | Sep 16



BUNCO AFTERNOONS



July 17th, Friday @ 1:00pm

August 21st, Friday @ 1:00pm

THANK YOU

Volunteers

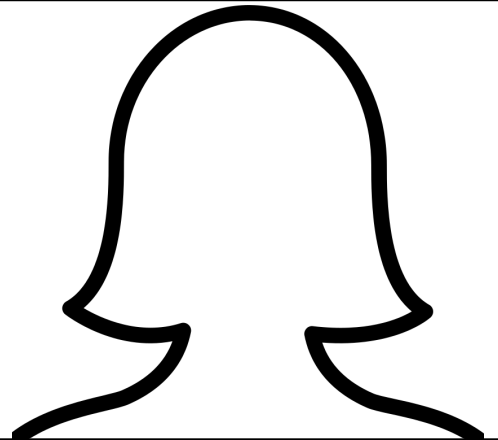
Your willingness to give your time & service is greatly appreciated!

MARCH 2026



Eric Brandies

APRIL 2026



Dianna Moon

MAY 2026



Sheila Phelps

Volunteer Spotlight: The Heart of the Harman Center

By: Sara Anderson
& Jeanne Fasano

Harry Peterson says he has been coming to the Harman Center awhile over 4 years. He found us by coming to Saturday morning breakfast. The volunteers in the kitchen started talking to him about volunteering and being Harry he said yes. HE has now been an active volunteer for 4 years.

Harry tells me his volunteer job is setting up tables and chairs for events, and anything needing tables and chairs. However, in talking with Harry I found he also sets up for Saturday breakfast, helps in the kitchen making bacon and sausage, carries plates tot eh table for anyone having mobility issues, scrubs potatoes for the potato feed, makes sandwiches for lunches when needed, helps with the summer barbecues on the last Wednesday of each month, has charge of watering the plants, and spent 4 years on the board. I would guess he does other things as well because when asked why he volunteers he said because he was asked and it needs doing. Harry is a friendly person whose favorite part of volunteering is getting to know people and making friends. Harry has been named volunteer of the month and of the year in the past. Not a surprise, Harry and his brother Chris, don't miss being at the center most days. When asked what advice he would give anyone considering volunteering he simply said it's a good idea, we always need help.

Harry, you and Chris are wonderful examples of volunteers. Thank you for all you do!

My name is Marlene Brooks and I manage the Harman Center Coffee Bar. You may have seen me in there on Wednesday afternoons. My first job at Harman was at the Saturday breakfasts. I was the water girl until Melba asked me to work in the coffee bar. Then as the coffee bar manager. In that position I order supplies, collect receipts so the person doing the shopping is reimbursed. I make sure all equipment is operational, and my favorite part is to brighten people's day.

Something you might want to know is that we keep orange juice at the coffee bar, partly for people to drink. But I found its importance one day when a member had a low blood sugar crisis. Having orange juice at the bar brought the members blood sugar back up.

I was a machine operator before retiring. The only connection to that and my volunteer position is the sense of responsibility.

Volunteering is rewarding and volunteers are always needed. The coffee bar currently needs people to fill in when the regular person has to be gone.

Volunteer opportunities can be a one time thing, weekly, or occasionally. If you are considering volunteering, ask at the front desk. You will find it rewarding and a great way to get to know our amazing members!

Yakima Valley Senior Citizens, Inc.

Yakima Valley Senior Citizens

HAPPY SUMMER

As we approach our nation's 250th Independence Day let us all remember the sacrifices our founding Fathers made to make this great nation possible! Those courageous men who signed our Declaration of Independence did so at great risk. They literally risked their lives to put their names on the bottom line. Our city and country will be having celebrations. Please find one to enjoy and celebrate the founding of this great nation.

Our Spring Bloom Luncheon in May headed up by our own Sheila Phelps and put together by The Terraces at Summitview was a huge success netting us over \$2,100! The hard work and dedication made all the difference in the world. Way to go in supporting such a great event!

Your Senior Inc. Team is excited to announce our annual bazaar will happen on the 7th of November put on by YVSC. If you are interested in having a booth, please see Sara Anderson (509) 424-2633.

We welcome everyone to attend our monthly general meetings on the second Thursday of each month. Come fine out what's happening and what is on the horizon! Get a firsthand account. Don't wait to hear the news second hand. We'd love to hear your input as well.

Please be sure to attend/support our upcoming events:

Mill Bay Lake Chelan Casino Trip – 14 July 2026

Potato Feed – 10 September 2026

Thank you everyone for your continued support and encouragement! We value each and every one of you!

Axel Raptcheff

President, Yakima Valley Senior Citizen Inc.

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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 10:00 am - 2:00pm

PHONE: (509) 576-6404 **LOCATION:** SE Corner of Harman



COFFEE BAR

COFFEE: Sm: 1.25 Lg: \$1.75

SODA: Can: 1.25 Bottle: \$1.75

Donuts & Treats Available Too!

Bring a Friend & enjoy a relaxing moment!

2026 BOARD MEMBERS

PRESIDENT

AXEL RAPTCHEFF

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LARRY MOREHOUSE

SECRETARY

INEZ HARRIS

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BROOKS, DAN BUSCH, CAROL

HERAUF, SANDY

LICHTENBERGER, CHRIS

PETERSEN, MARY ANN

THOMAIER, IRENE

RAPTCHEFF, MARLA

RAPTCHEFF

YVSC INC GENERAL MEETINGS

1:00 PM | All welcome!

Every 2nd Thursday

Harman Center Classroom A

JUL 9 | AUG 13 | SEP 10

Yakima Valley Senior Citizens, Inc.



Potato Feed

THURSDAY, SEPTEMBER 10

5:30pm (food served)

\$8.00 (doors open at 5pm)



2026 CASINO TRIPS

July 14 Lake Chelan Casino \$70

Sep 8 Snoqualmie Casino \$70

SPECIAL THANKS

Marlene Brooks – along with running the coffee bar she worked tirelessly to make the Strawberry Social successful

Barb Kotlarz – taking over the task of decorating the facility

The many who donated their time and energy to make the Spring Bloom Luncheon a success – Sheila Phelps, The Terraces at Summitview, Wilco, Grocery Outlet and Powerhouse Grill.

Unforgiven Motorcycle Club—for putting on a fundraiser for YVSC Inc. and donating \$1000.

BBQ HAMBURGER BBQ WEDNESDAY

JULY 29 | AUG 26 | SEP 23

11:00am - 12:00pm

\$8.00

Soup & Sandwich

**EVERY MONDAY/TUESDAY/
WEDNESDAY**

11:00 am - 12:00 pm

\$6.00



BREAKFAST

BRING THE FAMILY—ALL WELCOME

EVERY SATURDAY

9:00 AM

\$7.00



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



WEEKLY SCHEDULE

MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY
FOREVER FITNESS 8:25am & 9:30am \$35.50/punch card or \$3 Drop-in	ZUMBA w/ JULISSA 9:00am - 10:00am \$45.50 /month or \$7.50 /session	FOREVER FITNESS 8:25am & 9:30am \$35.50/punch card or \$3 Drop-in
UKULELE GROUP (1st & 3rd Mondays) \$3.00 Drop-in 10:00am	COLORING GROUP 10:00am - 2:00pm \$35.50/punch card or \$3 Drop-in	WOODCARVING 9:00am - 11:00am \$35.50/punch card or \$3 Drop-in
BOOK CLUB (4th Monday of the Month) 10:30am - 11:30am FREE	PARKINSON'S SUPPORT GROUP (2nd Tuesday of the Month) 1:00PM—2:30PM	BLOOD PRESSURE/BLOOD SUGAR SCREENING 9:00am - 11:00am FREE
PING PONG 10:30am - 1:00pm \$35.50/punch card or \$3 Drop-in	CARD & TABLE GAMES Skip Bo, Cribbage, Dominoes, Bridge, Pinochle Pinochle. 1:00pm - 4:00pm \$35.50/punch card or \$3 Drop-in	GRIEF SUPPORT GROUP 11:30am - 12:30pm FREE
CARD & TABLE GAMES Hand & Foot, Pinochle, Mah Jong 1:00pm - 4:00pm \$35.50/punch card or \$3 Drop-in	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 \$35.50/punch card or \$3 Drop-in	KNITTING & CROCHETING 12:00pm - 2:00pm \$35.50/punch card or \$3 Drop-in <i>*bring your own supplies</i>
PARKINSON'S PING PONG 1:00pm - 4:00pm \$35.50/punch card or \$3 Drop-in		SCRAPBOOKING & STAMPING 12:30pm - 3:00pm \$35.50/punch card or \$3 Drop-in
YAKIMA VALLEY ARTIST ASSOCIATION (2nd Monday of the Month) 5:30pm - 7:30pm		CRAFTING GROUP Jewelry, Diamond Art, Beading 1:00pm - 3:00pm \$35.50/punch card or \$3 Drop-in
		LINE DANCING 1:00pm - 2:00pm \$35.50/punch card or \$3 Drop-in
<p align="center"><u>CLASS/ACTIVITY CANCELLATIONS</u></p> <p align="center">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 participant.</p>		CHAIR YOGA 2:30pm—3:30pm \$35.50/punch card or \$3 Drop-In
		QUILTERS GUILD (1st & 3rd Wednesdays) 7:00pm

SUMMER 2026

THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
ZUMBA w/ JULISSA 9:00am - 10:00am \$45.50 /month or \$7.50 /session	FOREVER FITNESS 8:25am & 9:30am \$35.50/punch card or \$3 Drop-in	BINGO 10:00am - 12:30PM \$35.50 Qtr or \$3.00 Drop-in
OIL PAINTING 9:00am—11:00am \$35.50/punch card or \$3 Drop-in	WATERCOLOR 9:00am—11:00am \$35.50/punch card or \$3 Drop-in	CARD & TABLE GAMES Bridge 10:00am - 1:00pm
TOPS Weight Loss Support 10:00am—11:20am \$32/ yearly + \$35.50 Qtr	WRITING GROUP 9:00am—11:00am \$35.50/punch card or \$3 Drop-in <i>*bring your own supplies</i>	CROCHETING & KNITTING 10:00am - 12:00pm \$35.50/punch card or \$3 Drop-in <i>*bring your own supplies</i>
PILATES W/ JILL 10:30am—11:30am \$35.50/punch card or \$3 Drop-in	COLORING GROUP 10:00am - 2:00pm \$35.50/punch card or \$3 Drop-in <i>*bring your own supplies</i>	CARD & TABLE GAMES Hand & Foot 11:00am—2:00pm \$35.50/punch card or \$3 Drop-in
PING PONG 10:30am—2:00pm \$35.50/punch card or \$3 Drop-in	JAM SESSION 1:00pm - 2:30pm FREE <i>*bring your own musical instrument</i>	CARD & TABLE GAMES Pinochle 1:00pm—3:30pm \$35.50/punch card or \$3 Drop-in
QUILTING CLUB 12:30pm - 3:00pm \$35.50/punch card or \$3 Drop-in <i>*bring your own supplies</i>	KNITTING & CROCHETING 1:00pm - 3:00pm \$35.50/punch card or \$3 Drop-in <i>*bring your own supplies</i>	 BILLARDS Pool Dues \$40.50/year or .75 /day
CARD & TABLE GAMES Hand & Foot 1:00pm - 4:00pm \$35.50/punch card or \$3 Drop-in	Council of the Blind (4th Friday of the Month) 1:30pm - 3:30pm	
WALKING IN THE BALLROOM 1:00pm - 2:00pm - FREE	<div style="border: 2px dashed orange; padding: 10px;"> <h2 style="text-align: center;">Game Day at the HC Ballroom</h2> <p style="text-align: center;"> July 10th, Friday 4th of July Bingo - 1:00pm August 7th, Friday 65 - 1:00pm Sept 4th, Friday Casino Day - 1:00pm </p>  </div>	
STITCHED TOGETHER CRAFT GROUP Knit, Crochet, Cross Stitch, Beading 1:00pm - 3:00pm \$35.50/punch card or \$3 Drop-in		

TRAVEL JOURNAL

Summer is here! Well according to the calendar it is, with the weather??? Not so much. But come wind nor rain nor sleet of night, the trips will march on!

😊 at least for this year!

The Leavenworth Theater tickets have been purchased and we got GREAT seats! The play is “Anything Goes” and I hear it is wonderful...to sum it up, we will enjoy a great show with great seats. This year we will be in the indoor theater in Leavenworth so a little difference there, but we will be having dinner at the same spot because, well, the food and service there at Krystal’s is really good!!

This trip as well as the rest of the trips this year have sold out so I hope you were quick on getting your spot on something fun!

That’s all for this newsletter. Have a great summer everyone!

❤️ Lori



YAKIMA VALLEY SENIOR CITIZENS, INC.

ANNUAL POTATO FEED

THURSDAY, SEPTEMBER 10, 2026

DOORS OPEN
5:00 PM

SERVING BEGINS
5:30 PM

Tickets
= ONLY =
\$8.00
PER PERSON

Loaded Baked Potato Dinner

Enjoy a delicious loaded baked potato with all the fixings,

great food and good company!

ALL PROCEEDS BENEFIT
YAKIMA VALLEY SENIOR CITIZENS, INC.



LOCATION
Harman Center
101 N. 65th Ave.
Yakima, WA 98908



FOR MORE INFORMATION
(509)576-6404



*Bring your friends, family, and neighbors for
an evening of food, fellowship, and community support!*

Information, Events, Classes, Groups



BACK TO SCHOOL BLOOD DRIVE

Red Cross and Harman Center teaming up again. Call Leslie Richards at (509)576-6402 to sign up or use the Blood Donor App!

AUGUST 14TH | 10:00AM - 3:00PM

BOOK CLUB

Every 4th Monday at 10:30AM

July 27th: Downtown Shabby

by Hopewood DePree



BOOKS PAST JULY WILL BE DETERMINED SOON. PLEASE CHECK FOR THE UPDATED FLYER BY THE FRONT DESK.

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
JULY 22ND, AUG 26TH, SEP 23RD**

ESSENTIAL OIL CLASSES

Monday @ 10:30am

Intermediate

Beginners

AUG 10

SEP 14

JUL 20

AUG 17

SEP 21

DINNER CLUB

Every 3rd Thursday of the Month
4:30PM



JULY 16, 2026 | EL PORTON

2512 Main St. Union Gap, 98903

AUGUST 20, 2026 | COWICHE CANYON

202 E Yakima Ave. Yakima, 98901

SEPT 17, 2026 | LAST FRONTIER RESTAURANT

3807 W Nob Hill Blvd, Yakima, 98902

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

WHAT YOU DO TODAY, WILL DETERMINE HOW YOU LIVE TOMORROW

JULY 13TH, MONDAY | 10:00AM

Learn simple steps to help prepare for retirement and build the future you want. Presented by Brandon Luke with New York Life Insurance.

WHAT PRESIDENT TRUMP'S NEW BILL MEANS FOR YOUR SOCIAL SECURITY

JULY 21ST, TUESDAY | 10:00AM

Understand what the latest Social Security changes mean for you—and how they might influence your financial strategy. Presentation by Holt Wealth Management.



CREATIVE COLORING ART SHOW: Expressions Without Limits

JULY 10TH, FRIDAY | 12:00PM-4:00PM

JULY 11TH, SATURDAY | 9:00AM-3:30PM

Join us and explore the beautiful works of art created by our Creative Coloring Group.

HARMAN CENTER LENDING LIBRARY

Did you know that the Harman Center has a lending library in the SE corner of the building? We have both paper backs, hard backs and large print, both fiction and non-fiction. Also included in the library are magazines and crossword puzzles. Items may be taken out for your enjoyment or shared with a friend (except for Large Print books). There is no check out system, just help yourself! Books are alphabetically shelved by authors, puzzles by size and a shelf for paperback westerns.

An information table with pamphlets, business cards and flyers of community services is also available for your taking.

Take a moment to pursue this special corner!



Information, Events, Classes, Groups



BOOK FAIR

LOCAL AUTHOR BOOK FAIR

10:00am - 2:00pm

September 12th, Saturday

\$25 per space

Sign up at the Harman Center front desk if you want to be a vendor.

Registration starts

June 22nd, Monday.

AARP DRIVER'S REFRESHER CLASS

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 and Wednesday 8:30am-12:30pm.

For more information cost and to register contact Paul Schafer (509) 453-2606.

Friday, Sep 18th, 2026

5:30 PM

RSVP at the front desk! Bring a \$15 wrapped gift and an appetizer.



Open Lab Hours

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

Labs closed to the public during computer classes scheduled below.

Tech Help

9:00am - 12:00pm

Monday through Friday

computerlab



WIRELESS INTERNET WIFI AVAILABLE:

Network: **Harman Center Wifi**

Password: **SeniorCenter**

CLASS	DATE	TIME	FEE
PREVENTING FRAUDS & SCAMS	Tues: July 14th	10am - 12:00pm	\$10
PREVENTING FRAUDS & SCAMS	Tues: Aug 11th	10am - 12:00pm	\$10
PREVENTING FRAUDS & SCAMS	Tues: Sept 8th	10am - 12:00pm	\$10
INTRO TO EXCEL (2 day class)	Thurs: July 23rd & 30th	9:00 - 11:00am	\$20
INTRO TO EXCEL (2 day class)	Thurs: Aug 20th & 27th	9:00 - 11:00am	\$20
INTRO TO WORD	Wed: Aug 19th	9:00 - 11:00am	\$10
INTRO TO OUTLOOK	Thurs: Sept 24th	9:00 - 10:30am	\$10
ANDROID	Thurs: Aug 13th	9:00—10:30am	FREE
WINDOWS 11 (4 day class)	Sept 9th, 10th, 16th & 17th	9:00 - 10:30am	\$40

IMPORTANT NOTICE

Classes are filled on a first-come, first serve basis! Register no later than two (2) days before class start date. Please make your reservations at the Front Desk.

You are NOT registered until the class fee has been paid. If no one has pre-registered for the class, it will be cancelled.

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TO SUBSCRIBE, SEE SARA ANDERSON, STOP BY THE COFFEE BAR, OR CALL (509)424-2633.

YVSC FALL BAZAAR

YAKIMA VALLEY SENIOR CITIZENS INC. IS PLANNING A FALL BAZAAR ON NOVEMBER 7TH, 2026 AT THE HARMAN CENTER. REGISTRATION WILL BE OPEN IN AUGUST. IF INTERESTED, ALL VENDORS CALL CONTACT SARA AT (509)424-2633 OR MONIQUE AT (509)930-1911.



**RUTH HAYWARD
WAS OUR
VOLUNTEER OF
THE YEAR**

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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.