



**City of Yelm**  
EST. 1924  
**WASHINGTON**

# **INSIDE THE CITY**

## **JULY 2021**



CITY OF YELM  
NEWSLETTER

---

### **TABLE OF CONTENTS**

---

CITY HIGHLIGHTS

---

PEOPLE

---

IN THE NEWS

---

UPCOMING EVENTS

---

# CITY HIGHLIGHTS

## Yelm Police Department

After 18 years and 5,334 hours of service, Reserve Officer Mike Baker is retiring from the City of Yelm Police Department. We cannot express enough how thankful we are for all the selfless years of service Mike has provided to our community and the support he has offered the YPD.



## Public Services Department

### Monthly Goals Completed

- Modem Installed and Functioning for the Street Message Board
- Hired Planning & Building Manager and an Assistant Planner
- Replace/Repair Irrigation on Stevens
- Conduct Lead and Copper Testing
- Replace/Install New Door at the City Park Restroom



## City of Yelm Helps Promote Tourism

On July 13, 2021 the Yelm City Council approved the 2021 Lodging Tax Advisory Committee award recommendations in the amount of \$30,500. These funds will go directly to promoting tourism and drawing people in to our amazing city.

The awards are as follows:

- \$20,000 to Wayfinding Signs
- \$8,000 to the Nisqually Valley BBQ Rally
- \$2,500 to the Nisqually Valley Home & Garden Show

# PEOPLE

## Welcome to the City of Yelm Team!

The City of Yelm welcomed three new employees in July and we couldn't be happier to have them join our team.



(From left to right: Landon Hawes, Savana Cervantes and Sara Williams)

## Public Works Employee of the Month

Congratulations to the June 2021 Public Services Employee of the Month, Emily Menefee!

"Emily has been a boon and welcome addition to the Public Services Team. She brings energy and excitement to the entire department every day. She consistently



produces the highest quality work and sets an example that all should strive to emulate. Without her assertiveness and skillset, the parks would not be where they are at today. Her continued guidance and expertise will be one of the defining factors in Yelm's future success." - Cody Colt, Public Services Director

## BIRTHDAYS JULY

Jeremy Campeau  
Grant Beck  
Kathy Linnemeyer  
Officer Taylor  
Dillon Pflugmacher  
Sonia Ramirez



# IN THE NEWS

## **From Precinct to Pub: Bill DeVore Retires from Yelm Police Department to Run 507 Taproom Full-Time**

After 26 years with the Yelm Police Department, Officer Bill DeVore retired on June 30, 2021. During his career DeVore served as a reserve officer, full-time patrol officer, school resource officer and detective. We will miss him but know we can always see him by dropping by 507 Taproom and Filling Station, a business he and his wife Sara own.

To check out the story visit:

<https://www.thurstontalk.com/2021/07/28/from-precinct-to-pub-bill-devore-retires-from-yelm-police-department-to-run-507-taproom-full-time/>



## UPCOMING EVENTS

### AUGUST

- City Council Study Session - August 3 at 6:00
- Jazz in the Park - June 6 & 7 at Yelm City Park
- Yelm Farmers Market - August 7, 14, 21 & 28 from 10:00 - 3:00
- City Council Meeting - June 10 & 24 at 6:00
- COVID Testing Clinic at the YCC - August 16 & 30 from 10:00 - 1:00
- Planning Commission Meeting - August 16 at 4:00
- Prairie Days - August 28