

February 24, 2024

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City of Lynden Mayor and Councilmembers
300 Fourth St.
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Dear Mayor Korthuis and members of the Council,

The Lynden Chamber of Commerce, in partnership with the City of Lynden, annually organizes and promotes various events within the Lynden community. These events combined are attended by over 220,000 spectators, both from within the community and visitors alike, a symbolic commitment of the City of Lynden and the members of the Lynden Chamber of Commerce to maintain the delicate balance between sustainable growth and preserving the best of our small-town heritage.

Festivals and Events included by the Lynden Chamber of Commerce Events in the 2024 Event Calendar are as follows:

- Whatcom County Youth Fair: April 7-8; NWWF
- International Plowing Match: May 20; Berthusen Park
- Farmers Day Parade: June 1; Front Street /downtown Lynden
- Loyal Order of Camels Fishing Derby: June 8; City Park
- Northwest Raspberry Festival: July 19-20, Front Street/ downtown Lynden
- PSATMA Vintage Farming Days July 31- Aug 3, Berthusen Park
- Northwest Washington Fair: August 8-17; NWWF
- Puget Sound Toy Tractor Show: September 23; NWWF
- Model Railroad Show: October 6-7; NWWF
- Lynden Music Festival: TBA, various locations
- Lighted Christmas Parade: December 7, NWWF, Fairway Center, Downtown.

The 2024 events organized by the Lynden Chamber of Commerce, with assistance and permission for the use of public spaces from the City of Lynden, including use of non-conforming equipment in City controlled space and streets for the above, are scheduled to include the following dates, times, and street closures listed below:

- The Lynden Farmers Day Parade: Saturday, June 1; 5:00 a.m.
Street Closure: Front St. from 3rd to 17th; 3rd from Front to Grover, Grover from Front to B.C.

- All side streets from 3rd to B.C. between Front and Grover, 4th St. and 7th St. Parking lots
- * We Request Riverview closed to through traffic sign be placed

The Northwest Raspberry Festival: Friday, July 19- and Saturday July 20

Street & Lot Closure: Wednesday, July 17th, beginning at 6:00 p.m.

Portions of the parking lots at 7th St., and 4th St. Street parking lot entirely Eastern parking strip area on 4th between Front St. and Grover 6th St. from Front to alley with access for the Post Office dock

Street & Lot Closure: Thursday, July 18 – Saturday July 20, beginning at 6:00 a.m.

Remainder of 4th Street from Front north to Grover, starting at 6 a.m.
Remaining portions of 7th Street parking lot

Street Closure: Friday, July 14th, Front St. from 3rd to 7th, beginning at 4:00 a.m.

All side streets from 3rd to 7th from Front to Grover, except 6th & 7th as indicated 500 block north, and 7th Street parking lots in their entirety East and west 7th Street parking stalls north of Front to Grover Riverview signed as “No Thru Access” or similar at Hannegan

Street Closure: Saturday, July 15th, Front Street 3rd to B.C. Beginning at 5:00 a.m.

All side streets from Front to BC, from Front to alley (access for emergency vehicles will be maintained at 7th, 10th and B.C.)

4th, 5th and 7th Street parking lots

*Request closure of housing access off Front near 11th

The Northwest Lighted Christmas Parade: Saturday, December 7th, starting at 4:00 p.m.

Front St. from 3rd to 17th beginning at 4 p.m.

3rd St. from Front to Grover at 4:30 p.m.

Front Street 17th St. from 19th beginning at 5 p.m., or as directed by LPD

Emergency vehicle access will be maintained at 7th, 10th, and B.C. Avenue

*Request closure of new street of Front near 11th

*Request Riverview closed to through traffic

Physical and material assistance provided by the City of Lynden includes:

- Use, placement, and removal of barricades and traffic obstruction devices
- Use and placement of “No Parking” signs.
- Street cleaning pre- and post- event
- Assistance with use of, pick up, set up and return of various event-related infrastructure.
- Banner placement.

The Lynden Chamber of Commerce will as has been past practice maintain communication prior, during and post-event with City of Lynden Fire, Parks, Planning, Police and Public Works departments as required to ensure the best possible experience for event attendees as well as citizens of the community regarding traffic- related issues, including together communicating with agencies such as the WTA and WSDOT regarding street closures and increased or irregular traffic patterns.

The Lynden Chamber of Commerce will submit a \$5 million per/ \$20 million aggregate insurance policy listing the City of Lynden as secondary insured, meeting the City of Lynden requirements.

In conjunction with these and various other community events, pole banners promoting these activities are placed along Front Street, the Guide Meridian, Birch Bay Lynden Road, and rotated as needed. The Lynden Chamber will coordinate placement of these banners with the City of Lynden Public Works Department Street crew. It is anticipated that the following rough timeframe will be utilized:

Mid-May: Farmer Day Parade and Lynden Farmers Market
Mid-June: Northwest Raspberry Festival
Mid-July: Puget Sound Antique Tractor and Machinery Association
Early August: Northwest Washington Fair
Early September: Lynden Music Festival
Mid-October: Lynden Lighted Christmas Parade

The Lynden Chamber will continue to assist community non-profit and other non-commercial entities market Lynden area events and amenities, including parks and lodging opportunities, utilizing both Chamber funding sources as well as funds provided to the Chamber from the City of Lynden through the long-term marketing agreement.

The Lynden Chamber of Commerce staff also continues working in partnership with numerous organizations and businesses in providing advice, coordination, material, assets, and services for events throughout the community.

We look forward to continuing the successful and mutually beneficial partnership with the City of Lynden, community entities, schools, and others whose efforts and energy each contribute to the unique lifestyle and special events that make Lynden such a wonderful place to live, work and play.

Sincerely,

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