



April 4, 2021

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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 are viewed by many individuals, both within the community and visitors alike, as symbolic of the 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.

After a very unique experience in 2020, with the cancellation of most events, save for the Lighted Christmas Parade, which was heavily modified with record attendance, the Lynden Chamber of Commerce, and a community ready to have normalcy return to our community, especially via traditional gatherings such as our own produced events, the festivals and events tentatively included by the Lynden Chamber of Commerce Events for the 2021 Event Calendar are as follows:

- Whatcom Home and Garden Show
- Spring Craft and Antique Show
- Whatcom County Youth Fair
- International Plowing Match
- **Farmers Day Parade, Saturday June, 5**
- Loyal Order of Camels Fishing Derby
- **Northwest Raspberry Festival: July 16-17, Downtown**
- Antique Tractor Show and Threshing Bee
- Northwest Washington Fair
- Lynde 500
- Puget Sound Toy Tractor Show

- Model Railroad Show
- Lynden Music Festival
- Fall and Craft and Antique Show
- **Lighted Christmas Parade: December 4, NWWF, Fairway Center, Downtown.**

As many event organizers are working through a myriad of confusing and often contradictory guidance from various Washington State agencies, there were no exact dates included above, other than those events which we ourselves produce. We anticipate further clarity as the festival season progresses, and remain hopeful that most, if not all, community celebrations will occur in a manner and format that has traditionally been used. We are very aware that modifications, due to ever changing guidance, interpretations of mandates, and even individual perspectives from various enforcement agents, are not only likely, but expected. Our hope is that due diligence and a proactive approach both by those same State agencies and event producers will minimize unexpected challenges.

The 2021 events organized by the Lynden Chamber of Commerce, with assistance from the City of Lynden, are scheduled to include the following dates, times and street closures:

- The Lynden Farmers Day Parade: Saturday, June 5; 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
 8Request Riverview closed to through traffic
 *Request closure of new street on Front near 11th
- The Northwest Raspberry Festival: Friday, July 16 and Saturday July 17
 Street & Lot Closure: Thursday, July 15th, Beginning at 6:00 p.m. Wednesday, July 17th
 Parking lots at 7th St. and north of Front between 5th and 6th
 East parking area on 4th between Front St. and Grover
 East Parking area on 5th between Front St. and Grover
 6th St. from Front to alley with access for Post Office delivery

 Street Closure: Friday, July 16th, Front St. from 3rd to 7th Beginning at 4:00 a.m.
 All side streets from 3rd to 6th from Front to Grover
 4th, 5th and 7th Street parking lots
 East side of 7th Street north of Front to Grover

 Street Closure: Saturday, July 17th, 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 new street off Front near 11th
 *Request Riverview closed to through traffic
- The Northwest Lighted Christmas Parade: Saturday, December 4
 Front St. from 3rd to 19th beginning at 4 p.m.
 18th St. from 17th to Front

Emergency vehicle access will be maintained at 7th, B.C. Avenue, 17th and 18th

*Request closure of new street of Front near 11th

*Request Riverview closed to through traffic

Physical assistance provided by the City of Lynden includes:

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

The Lynden Chamber of Commerce continues to maintain communication prior, during and post-events with City of Lynden Fire, Parks, Planning, Police and Public Works departments as needed. The Lynden Chamber will continue to work with various city departments to ensure the best possible experience for event attendees as well as citizens of the community in regards to traffic-related issues. As has occurred in prior years, the Lynden Chamber of Commerce will work with City of Lynden agencies to communicate with outside entities, such as the WTA, WSDOT and WCFD 21 in communicating 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, exceeding the City of Lynden policy.

In conjunction with these and various other community events, banners promoting these activities are placed along Front St. at two locations; just east of Sixth and Front and at the intersection of 19th and Front. By City of Lynden ordinance, banners may be placed 2 weeks prior to an event and must be removed within the week following an event. The Lynden Chamber will coordinate placement of these banners with the City of Lynden Public Works street crew. It is anticipated that the following timeframe will be utilized:

Week of May 10 to 14: Farmer Day Parade; 6th and 19th

Week of June 24 to June 28: Northwest Raspberry Festival, 6th and 19th

Week of July 21 to 25: Puget Sound Antique Tractor and Machinery Association; 6th and 19th

Week of August 2 to 6: Lynden Pioneer Museum Lindy 500; 6th

Week of November 1 to 5: Lynden Lighted Christmas Parade; 6th and 19th

The Lynden Chamber of Commerce has worked with various entities to streamline the placement and removal of banners in addition to requesting the banners be constructed to a standard 30' x 3, riveted and double stitched.

The Lynden Chamber continues to assist community non-profit and other non-commercial entities transition from over-street banners to the light pole banners. Our efforts will continue, utilizing both Chamber funding sources as well as funds provided to the Chamber from the City of Lynden.

The Lynden Chamber of Commerce staff continues working in partnership with numerous organizations and businesses in providing advice, coordination, material and services for events throughout the community. We are anticipating working with over 40 various groups this year alone, utilizing Chamber staff expertise and knowledge in addition to physical chamber resources such as signs, costumes, canopies and other event related infrastructure.

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

Sincerely,

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