

March 21, 2022

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City of Lynden Mayor and Councilmembers  
300 Fourth St.  
Lynden, Washington 98264

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 200,000 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 2022 Event Calendar are as follows:

- Whatcom County Youth Fair: April 8-9; NWWF
- International Plowing Match: May 21; Berthusen Park
- Farmers Day Parade: June 4; Front Street /downtown Lynden
- Loyal Order of Camels Fishing Derby: June 11; City Park
- Northwest Raspberry Festival: July 15-16, Front Street/ downtown Lynden
- Antique Tractor Show and Threshing Bee: Aug 4- Aug 7; Berthusen Park
- Northwest Washington Fair: August 11-20; NWWF
- Puget Sound Toy Tractor Show: September 24; NWWF
- Model Railroad Show: October 1-2; NWWF
- Lynden Music Festival: October 12-15, various locations
- Lighted Christmas Parade: December 3, NWWF, Fairway Center, Downtown.

The 2022 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 4; 5:00 a.m.  
Street Closure: Front St. from 3<sup>rd</sup> to 17<sup>th</sup>; 3<sup>rd</sup> from Front to Grover, Grover from Front to B.C.

All side streets from 3<sup>rd</sup> to B.C. between Front and Grover  
4<sup>th</sup> St. and 7<sup>th</sup> St. Parking lots

\* Request Riverview closed to through traffic

- The Northwest Raspberry Festival: Friday, July 15- and Saturday July 16  
Street & Lot Closure: Thursday, July 15<sup>th</sup>, Beginning at 6:00 p.m. Wednesday, July 14<sup>th</sup>  
Parking lots at 7<sup>th</sup> St. and north of Front between 5<sup>th</sup> and 6<sup>th</sup>  
East parking area on 4<sup>th</sup> between Front St. and Grover  
East Parking area on 5<sup>th</sup> between Front St. and Grover  
6<sup>th</sup> St. from Front to alley with access for Post Office dock

Street Closure: Friday, July 15<sup>th</sup>, Front St. from 3<sup>rd</sup> to 7<sup>th</sup> Beginning at 4:00 a.m.

All side streets from 3<sup>rd</sup> to 6<sup>th</sup> from Front to Grover

4<sup>th</sup>, 5<sup>th</sup> and 7<sup>th</sup> Street parking lots

East side of 7<sup>th</sup> Street north of Front to Grover

Street Closure: Saturday, July 16<sup>th</sup>, Front Street 3<sup>rd</sup> 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 7<sup>th</sup>, 10<sup>th</sup> and B.C.)

4<sup>th</sup>, 5<sup>th</sup> and 7<sup>th</sup> Street parking lots

\*Request closure of new street off Front near 11<sup>th</sup>

\*Request Riverview closed to through traffic

- The Northwest Lighted Christmas Parade/ Sinterklaas: Saturday, December 7  
Front St. from 3<sup>rd</sup> to 19<sup>th</sup> beginning at 4 p.m.  
18<sup>th</sup> St. from 17<sup>th</sup> to Front  
Emergency vehicle access will be maintained at 7<sup>th</sup>, B.C. Avenue, 17<sup>th</sup> and 18<sup>th</sup>  
\*Request closure of new street of Front near 11<sup>th</sup>  
\*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 use of, 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 to ensure the best possible experience for event attendees as well as citizens of the community regarding traffic-related issues, and communicating with agencies such as the WTA and WSDOT 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 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 of Commerce continues working with various entities to eliminate the placement of over-street banners, as these banner locations are all attached to private property, and there is a question of liability. We also continue to explore options in order that such banners may once again be utilized.

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 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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