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END OF YEAR WRAP UP

A message from the City

2020 has certainly been quite a year! Lake Stevens has been growing and the City has embarked on new projects and planning initiatives to keep up with the demand. But, before we take a look back, let's take a moment to acknowledge the tremendous work accomplished under difficult conditions by our community of City Staff, Boards and Commissions Volunteers, Residents, Councilmembers and Mayor, and Community Partners.

We addressed issues of a global pandemic, racial equity and an economic crisis – while remaining focused on local issues that also matter to the community from roads and parking, safety and more.

From our community to yours, we hope this finds you safely wrapping up 2020 and looking forward to 2021! Please remember to stay safe through the holidays and beyond. Thank you for continuing to engage and keep Lake Stevens the community we share and love.

Capital Projects

- Frontier Heights Park (near completion)
- Cavelero Skate and Dog Park completed
- North Cove Park Phase I completed, including the War Memorial; Phase II in progress
- South Lake Stevens Trail
- Decant Facility (in progress)
- New Police Station opening soon
- 20th St SE improvements, from road widening and paving, in progress



Planning Initiatives

- Mobile Food Vendor ordinance passed in October
- Trail Master Plan
- The Civic Center on Chapel Hill Civic Campus private-public partnership with Sno-Isle Libraries and Lake Stevens Sewer District
- SE Interlocal Annexation (in progress)

Lake Stevens Farmers' Market 2020

This year brought the Lake Stevens Farmers' Market back to the city! Under the direction of Market Manager, Sarah Dylan Jensen, our inaugural year was a huge success and a boost to the local economy.

- Spanning 13 weeks for the summer market season: 71 unique vendors, averaging 54 vendors per month. The mid-season July 4th Saturday market: 33 vendors
- Total market revenue (all vendor sales combined): \$355,635
- The Harvestfest Market hosted 62 unique vendors; the Winterfest Holiday market hosted 70 unique vendors.
- Early sales numbers show that for each holiday event, sales are set to be 10-15% over an average weekly summer market, with numbers reaching approximately \$30K for the single one-day event.



Small Business CARES Grant

The City created an emergency grant program for our local small businesses from a portion of its CARES Relief Funds.

- The total amount given: \$841,861.46. This includes \$150,000 given to the Volunteers of America and \$15,000 given to the Lake Steven Senior Center for further distribution. This total reflects the first 4 rounds of grants. At the time of this publication, round 5 is still in progress.
- Grant recipients: 103 businesses

UPCOMING CITY EVENTS

CITY HALL CLOSURES – DECEMBER 25 and JANUARY 1, JANUARY 18, 2021

CITY COUNCIL ZOOM MEETINGS—DECEMBER 22 meeting has been cancelled. Meetings resume January 5, 2021, 6:00 pm.



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HOLIDAYS**



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