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### Lewis County 4<sup>th</sup> of July Safety

Each year in the United States of America, we celebrate the 4<sup>th</sup> of July with community parades, picnics, and fireworks-the sort of celebrations that make cherished memories. The office of the Lewis County Fire Marshal has heard the requests from some of the citizens of Lewis County to ban fireworks this year. However, at this time, the Board of County Commissioners has not banned fireworks in the unincorporated areas of Lewis County.

The current and extended weather conditions are hot and dry. The office of the Lewis County Fire Marshal asks everyone in unincorporated Lewis County to exercise caution when discharging personal fireworks.

- Fireworks should never be lit near fields, standing timber, slash or power lines.
- A charged garden hose or 5 gallon bucket of water should be on hand in case an emergency should arise.
- Pay close attention to the wind and where projectiles and sparks may land, be proactive and pre-sprinkle or hose areas of concern prior to lighting fireworks. Watering can also create a defensible space between you and your neighbors should sparks or debris land on your property.

In true Lewis County spirit, several cities and civic groups are hosting weekend festivities that include organized fireworks displays. According to *The Chronicle's Life Section*, June 23, 2021, fireworks displays can be viewed at:

- The Pe Ell School starting around 10 p.m. July 4th
- Centralia Summerfest at Fort Borst Park at 10:30 p.m. July 4th
- The Randle Firefighters Association at the White Pass High School July 3<sup>rd</sup> starting around 10 pm.
- Mossyrock Freedom Festival, Klickitat Prairie Park at 10 p.m. July 4th

The office of the Lewis County Fire Marshal wants everyone in Lewis County to have fun and be safe this 4<sup>th</sup> of July. For further information, please contact Doyle Sanford, Lewis County Fire Marshal, at (360) 740-2696. The Fire Marshal's office is in the Lewis County Public Services Building, located at 2025 NE Kresky Avenue, Chehalis, Washington.

