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## **CELEBRATE THE 4<sup>TH</sup> OF JULY AT HOME**

Every Fourth of July for the past 29 years, a stunning display of vibrant fireworks have illuminated the night sky over State Fair Park, delighting families from across the Valley. Unfortunately, this year one of the longest-running day-long community celebrations has been officially canceled.

Due to the Governor's mandatory ban on large crowd gatherings and concerns regarding the current coronavirus outbreak in Yakima County, the Central Washington Fair Association Board of Directors voted to cancel this year's celebration.

Kathy Kramer, President and CEO of the Central Washington Fair Association said, "It's unfortunate we have to cancel this year's 4<sup>th</sup> of July Celebration; however, our priority is the health and safety of our guests, staff, and vendors. Although we will not be able to gather at State Fair Park with friends and family to celebrate this 4<sup>th</sup> of July, mark your calendar for next year's celebration which will be even bigger and better."

Plans are already underway for the 2021 4<sup>th</sup> of July Celebration. "We are excited to announce Yakima Federal Savings and Loan as an event sponsor. We can also confirm the annual Yakima APPLE JAM, featuring live, local bands and vendors will be back in 2021" said Kramer. More food vendors and family-friendly activities are being planned, as well as a crowd favorite - carnival rides.

State Fair Park, a 501(c)(3) nonprofit organization, produces this community give-back event to preserve a beloved 4<sup>th</sup> of July tradition for Valley residents. "This year, we will still be celebrating America, just a bit different from previous years. Stay safe and stay home so we can all get through this together" said Kramer.

For information on upcoming events, including the status of the 2020 Central Washington State Fair, visit [www.statefairpark.org](http://www.statefairpark.org).

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