

Scenes from An Edmonds Kind of 4th

Record crowds turned out for Independence Day in Edmonds, a patriotic affair featuring plenty of flags and grand marshal Rick Steves, below. The crowd was overwhelmingly maskless, as they were allowed to be, and social distancing was a thing of the past. The Lynnwood Police motorcycle officers led off the parade, and one of the biggest cheers was for the Washington Latin Dancing Horses.



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tary support their way. And volunteers – up to 150 – heeded the call to help, too. Many were first-timers.

“We weren’t shying away from those who’ve done this for the last 20-plus years,” Urban said, “but it’s just fantastic to have people come from everywhere. We had volunteers that came into the office to stuff packets for the race.

“A woman from Everett actually had never come down to the Fourth of July here, but she saw stories in the news and came to help.”

Urban also said without the local media attention, and that of Seattle radio and TV stations, the parade wouldn’t have happened.

The parade, which began at noon, extended beyond its usual time. It boasted more than 60 entries, and 20-plus classic vehicles were placed between entries to stretch out the procession. Many of the vehicles

will be back Sept. 12 for the annual Classic Car Show.

Another factor in the parade’s entries and length: the cancellation of Independence Day activities in nearby cities, including Seattle. That meant the debut of a new crowd favorite, the Washington Latin Dancing Horses (even the pooper scooper received applause). An extra treat for those who wandered over to the end of the parade saw an impromptu, 45-minute performance by the group, music blasting.

Edmonds police

Edmonds Police Sgt. Josh McClure said the department had extra staffing for the parade and fireworks events – all officers on their days off. There were no major incidents to report from either, and McClure added that traffic congestion post-fireworks was the most significant challenge.

Personal fireworks have been banned in Edmonds