


Survey Results: Cherry Days

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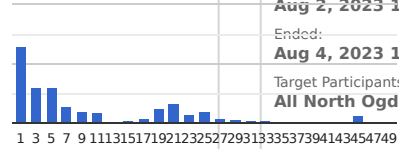
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481
Total
Participants

310 of 552 initially invited (56%)
171 others
Margin of error: $\pm 6\%$

Applied Filter:
Locals only
Participants for
filter:
304

Response Time (hours)



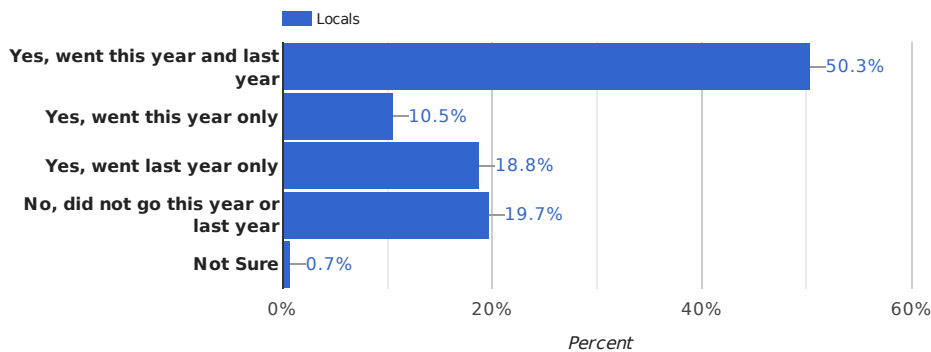
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Aug 2, 2023 1:06pm MDT
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Aug 4, 2023 1:06pm MDT
Target Participants:
All North Ogden

Q1 Each year a Citizen Committee organizes the Cherry Days event in North Ogden. Last year Cherry Days was a 1 day event ending with Fireworks on July 4th. This year, in partnership with the City, the event was 8 days ending with Fireworks on July 8th.

In the last two years, have you or your family gone to any Cherry Days events?

(304 responses by)

Options	Locals (304)
Yes, went this year and last year	50.3% (153)
Yes, went this year only	10.5% (32)
Yes, went last year only	18.8% (57)
No, did not go this year or last year	19.7% (60)
Not Sure	0.7% (2)

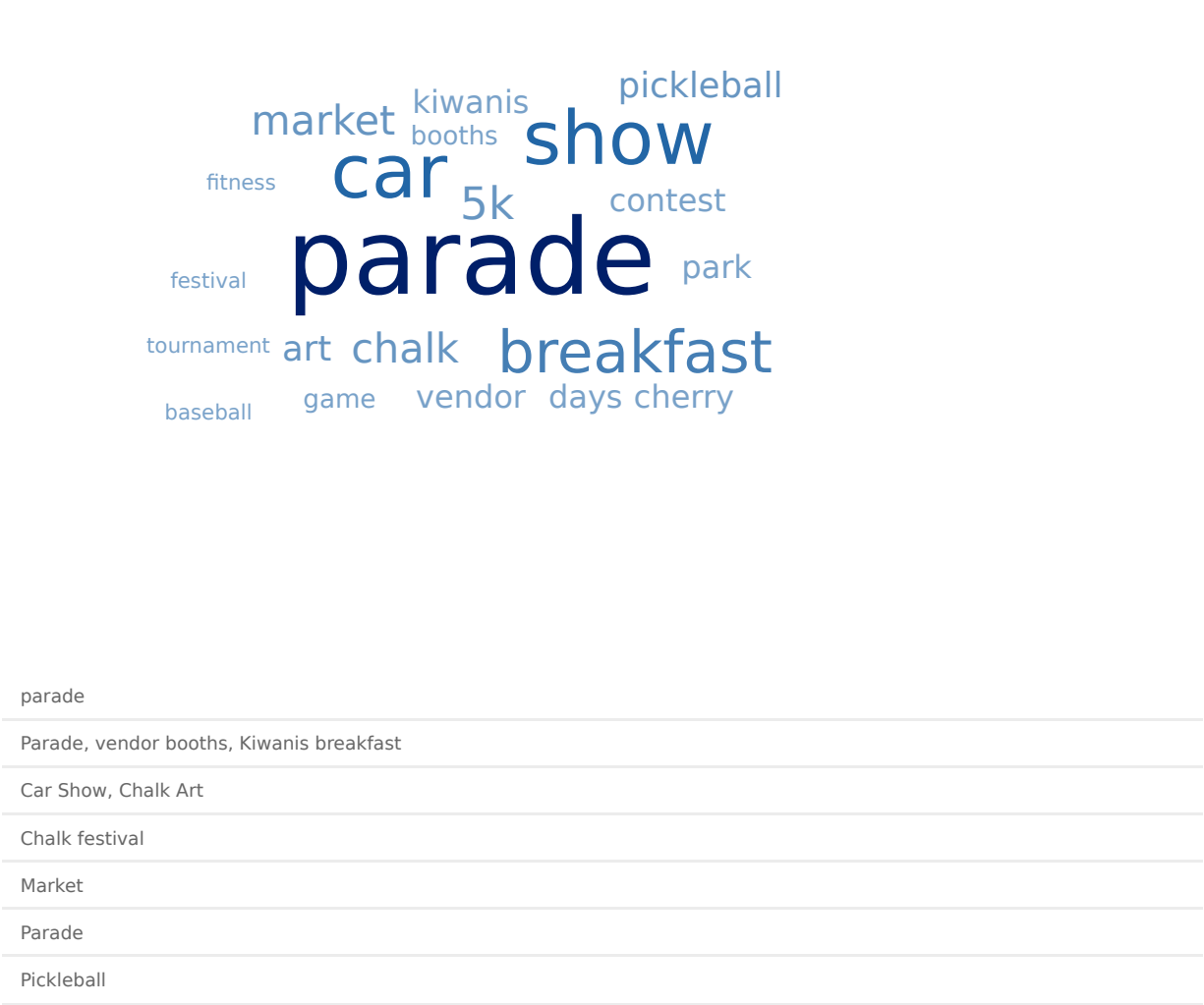
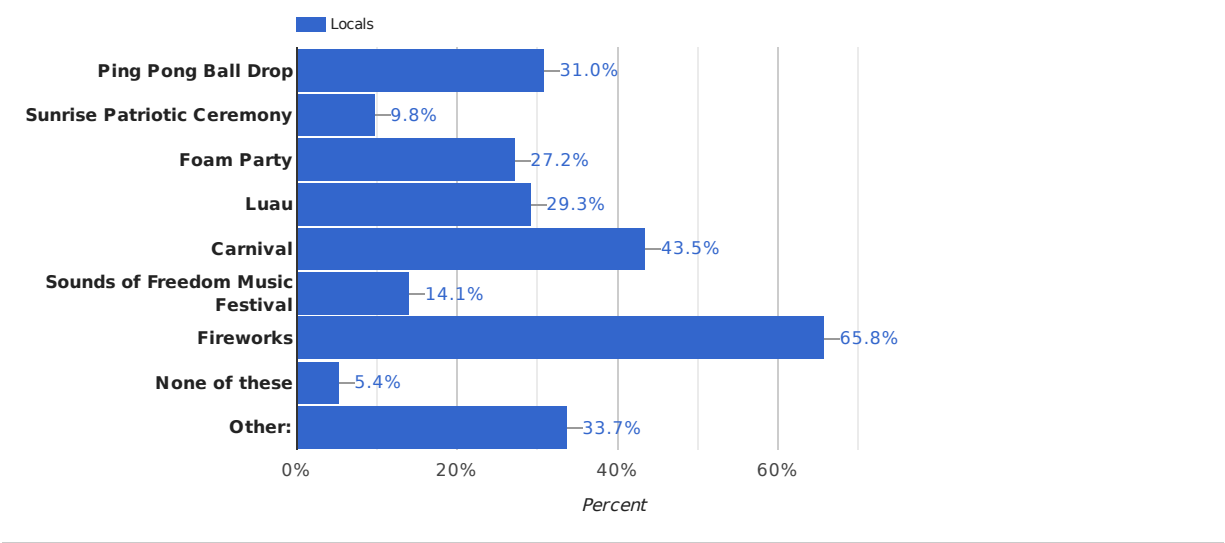


Q2 Which of the following did you or your family attend this year, if any? (Choose all that apply)

(184 responses by)

Options	Locals (184)
Ping Pong Ball Drop	31.0% (57)
Sunrise Patriotic Ceremony	9.8% (18)
Foam Party	27.2% (50)

Options	Locals (184)
Luau	29.3% (54)
Carnival	43.5% (80)
Sounds of Freedom Music Festival	14.1% (26)
Fireworks	65.8% (121)
None of these	5.4% (10)
Other:	33.7% (62)



Parade

Parade

Parade

Parade

The parade

Parade

Breakfast

Parade

Parade

Parade

Guns and Hoses Baseball game, Cherry Days Market, car show and chalk art contest

Car Show/Chalk Festival

Parade

Car show, parade

5k, won 3rd place in chalk art contest, kids bike parade

Parade

Parade

Car show and Saturday market

Car show

Car show

Parade

Fitness in the Park

Car show

Parade

Chalk Art Contest

Parade

Parade

Car show

Kiwanis breakfast

Helped a vendor

Cherry Days Vendor booths

breakfast

baseball game cops vs firemen, car show

Parade

Parade

Parade

Car Show

5K, Cherry Days Market, pancake breakfast

5K

Parade

Breakfast in the Park and some of the Carnival. Missed the parade as it was not on the holiday.

Kawana's Breakfast, Fireworks. only some of family could go on the 8th

Parade

Fitness in the Park

Parade

Parade

Car Show

Parade

Farmers market

Car show

Vendors' Market & parade

Parade

Parade

5K and breakfast

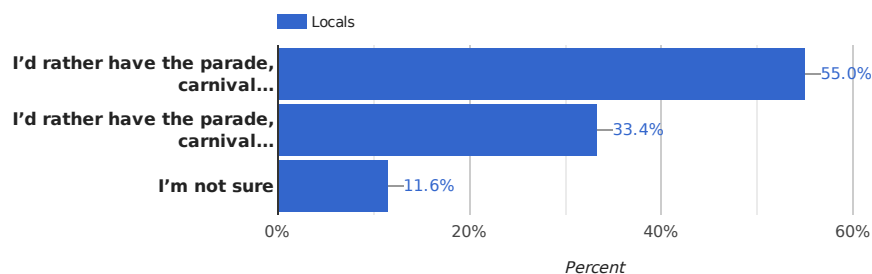
5k and breakfast

Q3 Next year July 4th is on a Thursday. Cherry Days could be an 8 day celebration ending on the Thursday July 4th with fewer parade entries, fewer carnival vendors and more expensive fireworks. Or it could be an 8 day celebration ending on Saturday July 6th with more vendors, less expensive fireworks, and more parade entries.

Which best describes your preference?

(302 responses by)

Options	Locals (302)
I'd rather have the parade, carnival and fireworks on Thursday July 4th even if that means fewer parade entries, fewer carnival vendors and more expensive fireworks	55.0% (166)
I'd rather have the parade, carnival and fireworks on Saturday July 8th with more parade entries, more carnival vendors and less expensive fireworks	33.4% (101)
I'm not sure	11.6% (35)

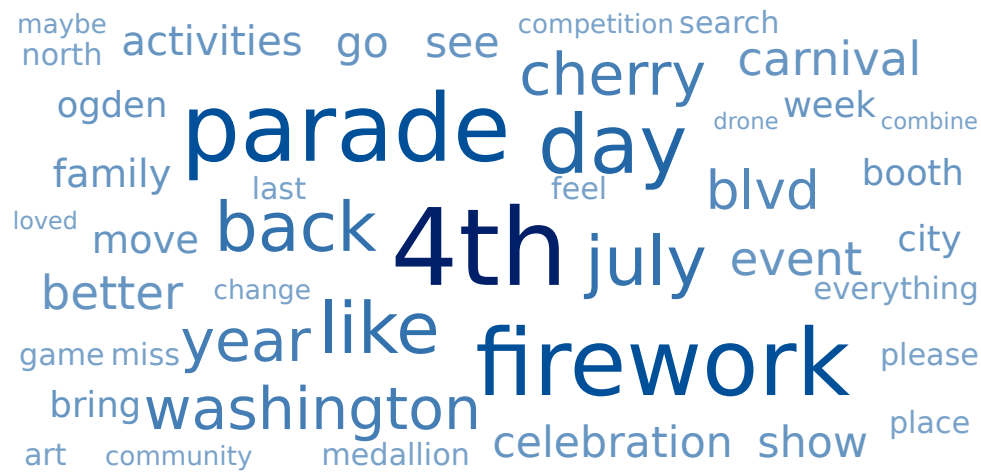
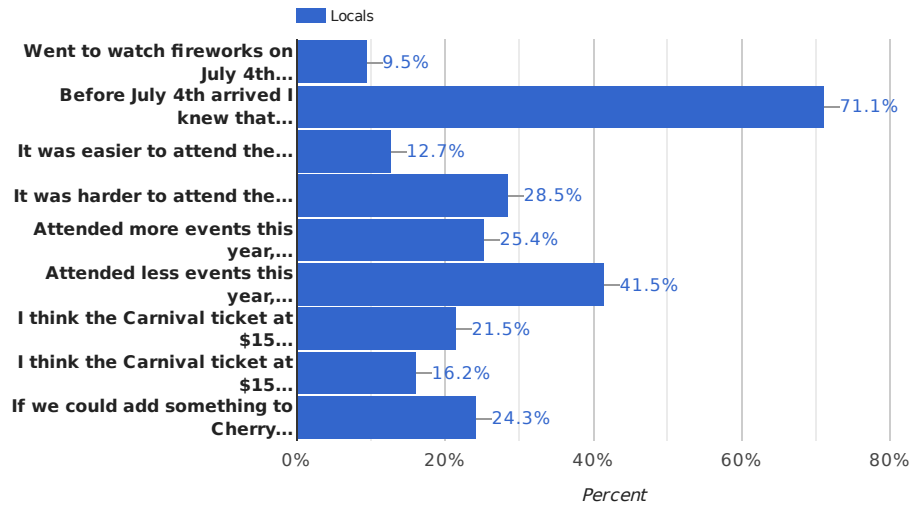


Q4 Which of the following are TRUE for you and your family, if any?

(284 responses by)

Options	Locals (284)
Went to watch fireworks on July 4th and then found out they weren't until July 8th	9.5% (27)
Before July 4th arrived I knew that fireworks had been moved to July 8th	71.1% (202)
It was easier to attend the music/fireworks this year, compared to last year	12.7% (36)
It was harder to attend the music/fireworks this year, compared to last year	28.5% (81)

Options	Locals (284)
Attended more events this year, compared to last year	25.4% (72)
Attended less events this year, compared to last year	41.5% (118)
I think the Carnival ticket at \$15 for all day rides was a good deal	21.5% (61)
I think the Carnival ticket at \$15 for all day rides was too expensive	16.2% (46)
If we could add something to Cherry Days next year, I'd like to see:	24.3% (69)



- More booths and parade down wash Blvd!!! Please!☺
- Move the the 4th parade back to Washington BLVD.
- Functioning foam party
- Everything on the 4th of July. It makes it easier for those families who already have the day off.
- Move the ping pong ball drop to a place with a cement surface and have the young ones go first.
- The carnival wasn't a carnival. Please find a better word. It was inflatables and a very dirty plac
- Move the Parade back to Wash Blvd & have the Jets fly over
- I think more vendors geared adults would be great. Kind of like Brigham City does on peach days

The Medallion Search

A beer garden or something like it with local breweries and distilleries.

Better fireworks display

I really missed the scavenger hunt for the North Ogden coin this year.

Maybe some adult only events (only because I don't have kids, I wouldn't want this if I did 😊)

No carnival. Just do the marketplace thing. Doesn't need to be so commercial.

Fireworks back at Barker Park.

Arts and crafts show/competition, chili or dutch oven cook off

I loved everything the way it was, but I would like to see the parade go down Washington again.

Drone show instead of fireworks!

It 100% canceled unless it is covered by private funds. No taxpayer money should be spent on this.

Bring back the softball tournament from years past, add a civilian team to the guns and hoses game

Children's competitions

Maybe some evening exercise/yoga classes for those who work during the day

The parade and fireworks on the 4th while still extending the events out throughout the week

on 4th Carnival Fireworks, Breakfast,-400 E. Parade-Ogden can with cement dividers why not N.O.?

combine luau and Chalk Art of Auto Show. Combine Guns and Hoses Game with Auto Shoe and Chalk Art

Less bounce houses at carnival, more actual carnival rides

Medallion Search

Bring back the small town feel. Booth prices more comparable to Farr West and Plain City

Fireworks and parade should be July 4 as it has for every year of Cherry days other than last year!

5k

The Little Miss Pageant

Farmers Market Booths

Have the parade on Washington on the 4th, and a SunSET patriotic program at the amphitheater

Food contests

Pick a committee chair that has lived in NO longer than a few months

I'd rather have the market, carnival, & fireworks on the 4th of July. We have to go other places...

I would like to keep the parade and the fireworks on the 4th.

July 4th events only

Just fireworks ON the 4th

No fireworks. Do a drone show

Bring back the medallion search and let the community know much earlier that the committee needs/ed

Square for parade. Start on by going along 3100n, going down 1050 end on 2600 going behind library

I don't mind the full week celebration but would like something more on the 4th to make it feel

Fireworks should be on the 4th. I felt like we minimized the 4th this year.

the parade was so much better this year then last year. it was great!!!

Everyone has 4th of July off (most). Events for my family were limited due to everything spread out

Horse shoes competition

I think what we had in the past was a truer representation of our community.

Fireworks on the 4th

I hate that it wasn't on the 4th. Also I don't want an 8 day celebration. I want a 4th of July.

We expected the carnival to be CARNIVAL rides, not tons of bounce houses with a couple rides. More details would have been beneficial, including more than an hour or two notice that the majority of the bounce houses were involving water. Information on the appropriate ages would have also been useful - there wasn't much for a 2 year old to do. We think the parade route was in a good location!

Please keep the parade on the 4th. It has been a family tradition for us for almost 40 y and this year was a train wreck for us being able to get our family together.

I honestly wouldn't mind it being held earlier, like in mid-late June in hopes that it would be cooler temps. This year was actually quite nice for temperature, but usually the 4th of July is too hot!

As far as I can remember Cherry Days has been focused on the 4th of July. I do not mind the lengthening of the events into 8 days instead of only 1. (I grew up in Ogden with the fireworks, the many parades, street festival and rodeo spread over weeks). My suggestion would be, either do it on the 4th or separate it from the 4th completely. Roy does their celebration the first weekend in Aug. Pleasant View does theirs the last week of June. Pick a time and stick to it. Going over the 4th, but not fully celebrating on the 4th is confusing. By July 8th, it felt way overdue. Like celebrating Thanksgiving the Saturday after, or Christmas on the 26th.

Moving the parade route back to Washington. It is easier to get to and more space. I know there is a median now but it's small and parade could split for that block.

Even though we didn't attend more events, I really like the way it was organized this year.

Thank you to all who worked so hard to make it happen this year.

I feel like we need more activities on the fourth for our community. We raised our family staying busy all day with activities. This year was very quiet on the fourth.

Keep the fireworks and wrap up on the 4th.

Please stop changing the 4th of July celebrations. Nobody is selling cherries anymore in North Ogden and we do not need a week long celebration. "Cherry Days" is now the 4th of July. We shouldn't have to beg our City leaders to allow the community to show patriotism on the country's most important celebration. I will do everything in my power to vote in new leaders next election.

I think if it could still be the parade, market and fireworks on the 4th- people already have it off. The problem with not doing it on the 4th, is most people will get the holiday off, but not the Saturday. So it ruined family time for a lot of people, because there was nothing to do in the fourth which was a Bummer. Marketplace vendors are great, I think the carnival is totally unnecessary. Just do the parade, market, and then fireworks. Keep it simple.

It was a bummer north Ogden was a ghost town on the 4th ... when there is usually a parade and the carnival !

I love having the main Cherry Days celebrations on the 4th of July. I liked having all the celebrations at North Ogden park this year including the fireworks. It was nice to not have to leave to go to somewhere else for the fireworks show.

To be blunt, it feels wrong and almost sacrilegious that North Ogden mostly stopped celebrating specifically on the Fourth of July (clearly for financial gain) when our ancestors shed blood to gain independence for us and the future of America. It only seems fitting that we celebrate on the day that was intended to honor all that was, and has been, sacrificed for our beautiful country.

Don't listen to the haters. There are always people who resist change even if it's better.

Why does the parade need to be shorter and less vendors? If on the 4th? Why is it cheaper this way? I see why the fireworks would be more money. But can the parade be the 4th and carnival but fireworks on the following Saturday?

To extend the July 4th for more than 2 days makes one wonder what are celebrating or making.? As a north Ogden citizen an entire week has lost its value in the day Independence Day. Also, we have founder day in pleasant view then pioneers days following the Independence Day. Is this abit celebration or making money?

Parade and fireworks on the 4th, but keep all the activities throughout the week.

Ban fireworks

It was well organized and so exciting! It was perfect! GREAT JOB! I can't wait until next year!

I had no idea the city wasn't planning the events and a committee was. Both entities need to let the community know earlier so more can volunteer and help. Having different events could have been fun. We did not attend any due to pricing. And we missed the Cherry day's celebration due to being out of town. Had we known the 4th of July was going to be celebrated 4 days after the holiday, we may have changed our plans. Holidays are meant to be celebrated on the calendar days. I found it very disrespectful that we celebrated our community heritage on a different day.

Go back to a one day event. Almost everyone has a day off on the 4th of July - but not on other days or nights that week. It was so disappointing to find out that the one day off (the 4th) not much was going on in my own community! Terrible Idea!

I loved having the fireworks back at North Ogden Park, it was awesome!! I would have liked the parade running more through north ogden... not mostly Pleasant View. I liked the 2600 north route. Still benefited business in the area, and put folks closer to the festivities at the park. Skip the small filler fireworks that are only visible from up close... spend the money on the bigger shells that can be seen from around the city.

The inflatables were dirty/muddy. They are not a carnival. The foam party had no foam. Awesome ideas and fun event overall. The luau was great.

North Ogden was a sleepy adorable little town. I feel like we are growing in a "California " way and not staying true to our family and friends core values. It seems like now we want bang for our buck. Our sons used to love looking for the hidden medallion the week before cherry days. It's the little traditions that make North Ogden unique.

The luau was a family favorite we'd love to see again. We liked the added activities, but would like to have fireworks and parade on the 4th.

I think it's more fun to have the parade and fireworks on the 4th and all the other activities leading up to it.

I think the carnival on a different day is just fine but believe fireworks and the parade should be done on the 4th. Thank you for all you do!

Yeah, tell the Mayor to stop bad mouthing people who disagree with him. What a jackass.

Put the parade back to going down Washington blvd. I've heard the argument that the government will not allow this, but if every other city can close down their Main Street for a parade, I don't see why North Ogden is any different

Your questions are extremely suggestive to the "the answer you want to see". Next time you should at the very least try and give the appearance that your not so biased to the answers that you want to hear.

It was challenging to have historically celebrated Cherry Days on July 4 for decades and then this year, there seemed to be fewer activities on the 4th than on any of the other days. I don't think we need an 8-day celebration, it's too much. The majority of people have the 4th of July off work, and it was hard for those who got that day off to participate on any of the other days, and they were left hanging and had to go find other places to celebrate on the 4th.

Perhaps a parade on the 4th of July to kick things off, then a week of activities ending with the carnival and fireworks on a Saturday at the park.

Have a Pickleball tournament

I would like to see an actual foam machine for the foam party (like I've seen other cities do and had way more success than the fire foam). I think the carnival was great although all of the bouncy houses were far too hot for kids. Would be more fun to have booths that have games in it for kid's to win prizes and etc. In years past the parade was so much bigger and more exciting. Honestly, this years was pretty small and too intimate feeling. I think it's a better parade on Washington although I understand it would have to be on the 4th. Which I think is fine? Why does the parade and fireworks have to be on the same day? I actually like an evening parade like Cache Valley and Bountiful does. I think that would be a really great new tradition and would always have a great turnout.

I didn't like the extra day of fireworks, it terrifies my dog.

Move the 4th activities back to the 4th, thank you

Keep it to one day, July 4th. It's always been on the 4th and it was really odd that it was spread out throughout the entire week. We really miss having the parade on Washington Blvd.

I loved this year cherry days. It was my favorite. I absolutely loved the Luau and brought a lot of people. I didnt mind the fireworks not being on the 4th. Im not interested in the carnival or parade so I wasnt sure how to answer the first question. I am fine with fireworks not on the 4th but I do love a good firework show and fireworks are for everyone not just the kids like the carnival. Great job this yr!

I find it outright ridiculous that the 4th was not celebrated on the 4th this year. Our Founding Fathers and others laid down their lives for our freedom and North Ogden couldn't care less about the actual day.

Your 3rd questions doesn't make sense in this survey. It has different dates and says 8 twice for different options.

The committee did what they wanted to do, not the residents. It's a great idea to do CD for multiple days, but it should've ended on the 4th with parade and fireworks (the most popular things). We had nothing to do on the 4th because our traditional plans were moved to Saturday. Pick a committee chair that knows NO traditions, and didn't just move here (her FB page says she lives in Alpine). I'm upset that with the parade being moved to Saturday, we missed the fly over at the parade. It's the best part. I'm patriotic, and don't like that it was moved. When I questioned Phil about it on FB, I didn't even get a response. Also, it bugs me that any criticism about CD on Facebook was removed. My mother-in-law voiced her distaste to some of the new plans in a respectful way, and because it didn't align with what you wanted, her comment was removed. Do better next year. Actually listen to what the people want. Every person I talked to was dissatisfied with one of more parts of it.

Our family comes together for the parade and ballgames - if you put it other days they won't come (that's the holiday day they have off)

For the most part Cherry Days this year was great. My family was way more interested in participating this year than any other year. I'd like to see more advertisement for things like the Guns and Hoses baseball game. The foam party was a great idea but fell a little flat. So, more planning for that would make it more fun. The luau was a lot of fun, but having to stand in line so long for the food was a pain. If there's some way to better organize the flow of getting food that would be helpful. Different types and more vendors at the market would be better. And some kind of beer garden or 21 and up activity would be fun. We'd even be willing to pay entry for a concert. I really appreciate the sun rise ceremony and the solemnity that brought to celebrating Independence Day. Overall, we really enjoyed Cherry Days and any criticisms we have are minor. We did not enjoy all the hate and ugliness for members of the community who felt like the event wasn't what they thought it should be.

I think there are specific activities for July 4th and those for Cherry Days. My ideas, I'm sure, are different from others but these are my suggestions: Specific to July 4th should include the sunrise service, the breakfast, the parade, the carnival and the fireworks (maybe with the concert) in celebration of our country. All of the other activities we had this year were fun and well attended and could be spread out over the week of July 4th, similar to other communities' activities, to celebrate our city's Cherry Days.

Cherry days should be celebrated on the 4th of July. That's the whole purpose of the celebration.

Most activities were in the middle of the day, it would have been nice to have them in the cooler evening hours when parents are home from work. The fireworks display was mediocre and blah after the 4th of the July.

Cherry Days was at its best 8 years ago

Keep certain traditional aspects the same. Remember why we have Cherry Days

Please keep the parade and fireworks on the 4th of July. I think everything else (all the other activities) were great.

The parade on Washington Blvd seems more accessible for everyone. I understand the need to try new things, but we have seen some big changes for the past two years. I'm hoping feedback from this survey will create better stability and return a few things back to past traditions. For future change, maybe try a few changes and not everything at once.

I really loved the pages full of images and descriptions of each event in the north ogden magazine with the QR codes to register. We were able to attend so many events this year because it was spread out all week. I would suggest heavier advertising for the chalk art so more people register and that lot is full of art! One thing that we did not like was the ping ping ball drop listed for a certain time not knowing that meant that was the time that the wrist band/sign in started. It was too hot out to wait an hour with young kids and not much shade. More specific timeline in the event pages on FB or the north ogden magazine would be helpful.

I liked it this year, but don't want it to get so big it pulls people from all over the county.

Jeeps in the parade were ridiculous. Boring!

Loved the car show! Liked the bands and fireworks at North Ogden Park. Not enough to do at foam pit didn't stay long. Ping pong drop was fun and well organized! Missed the medallion search. On a side note...can the city light banners be changed to a Cherry Days theme for month? I saw a few signs for the luau and skate comp but more banners along Washington earlier would have showcased the events. Overall. It turned out better than I thought it would. Great job.

Thanks to everyone who works to make all our City events so great!

I loved the change! It made the 4th more relaxing and family oriented, rather than a rush to parade, to carnival, to BBQs, to fireworks and then to work the next day...I loved the later parade and I didn't know how massive the carnival was, so I thought the cost was outrageous. Once we went we realized the cost was actually a great deal. My kids thought this was the best Cherry Days ever, and so did I!

Bring it back to July 4th

We attended a few of the activities during the week and we liked that, but we wish the parade and fireworks were on the 4th. It would have been a great way to end a holiday week. Instead, we had a very boring 4th of July. Doing it on the 8th was very anticlimactic. The excitement of the 4th had passed.

I thought it was awesome! Loved the fireworks. Luau was super fun. Thank you everyone who put this on for our community

Bring the Parade back to Washington Blvd. and minimize effortless commercial advertisements with entry theme or expectations.

It would be nice to see a full overview rather than having to click in and out of everything to figure it all out. The way Cherry Days went down this year looked awesome, but was out of my family's budget. I would have liked to know if/how we could have participated more without breaking the bank. I'm sure there were ways.

Keep it on July 4! That's the proper holiday not any other day. Cherry days for many years has been on the 4th with the parade on Washington blvd. That is a better location for a parade by far!!

I do feel like having some activities through out the week is fun for some but I think parade and fireworks should be on the 4th

I want the parade and fireworks to be on the 4th of July

I think there was something for everyone. Good job.

I want to celebrate independence day as a community. There is already a big push to diminish independence day and I think we need to come together ON the 4th of July and celebrate the reason for our freedoms.

Drone show instead of fireworks!

I live the idea of 8 day cherry days. But would love to continue the 4th tradition. Even if just parade and fireworks. Move everything else.

Thank you to the volunteer committee for the enormous effort put in to this year.

It was amazing!

As a historian at the North Ogden Historical Museum, I think people get Cherry Days confused with a July 4 celebration. This year we saw many comments saying the city was not patriotic because they didn't celebrate on the 4th. In the past, Cherry Days was celebrated at whatever time the cherries were ripe so they could give out free small bags of cherries.

I really don't have a preference for what day(s) the events fall on and as a newer resident was honestly really shocked at all the backlash. I appreciate all the work of the committee. My only suggestion would be that if we want to do fireworks on a weekend, we choose the one closest to the actual day. Obviously for this year on a Wed it didn't matter but when it comes back around to being on a Sun/Mon/Tue my preference would be to hold the fireworks the fri or sat before and then continue other events throughout the week instead of waiting for the following weekend. People seem to set off a lot more at home fireworks waiting for the big ones and those carry a lot of issues for young children, pets, veterans, fire risk etc so minimizing those any way we can (ideally with more restrictions but if not that, then well timed events) would be great. Plus more time between July 4 and Pioneer day.

Love the week long celebration but it should end on the 4th with the parade! The 4th in North Ogden didn't feel like the 4th this year

I prefer having all the activities on July 4, giving prominence to our national day of Independence. Spreading the events out over the week dilutes it and not having fireworks on July 4 feels unpatriotic.

Do Cherry Days on the 4th of July and do the parade on Washington. If it ain't broken, don't fix it. You don't need a survey. You know you screwed up and made a lot of citizens of the community upset. Come on now.

Functioning foam party, better parade route

The luau food was bad. For the price paid there has to be better food and more organized.

I think doing the carnival on the weekend is great but I missed having the parade on the 4th. Fireworks I'm okay with either way. Foam party was a bust with long lines and very little foam but it could possibly still be fun if improved upon.

I would prefer the holiday to be celebrated on the holiday. The rest of the celebration can take place on the 8 surrounding days.

Keep traditions. Stop trying to add so much.

I love the 1 week long celebration. It gave many options for different schedules

I absolutely loved the full week celebration. I felt like I was able to enjoy a few of the events I normally miss due to family traditions. I also loved the new events. I did miss the parade and the fireworks on the day of, the 4th felt like it was missing something special. But I still enjoyed having them later on in the week. The cherry days market was nice, but so extremely hot that it was hard to really enjoy it. But it's not like you can change the weather! Overall I think it was a great success!! Thank you all for your hard work and efforts to make our holiday fun and memorable!

The fun of Cherry Days was that it was on the 4th of July. People have that day off work and should be just as easy to have the celebration that day instead of delaying it for a weekend. The fireworks were hard to watch from the North Ogden Park. It's easier to see them from Barker Park.

I know you guys will most likely get a lot of negative feedback. I appreciate the efforts of everyone to try and make this a fun event. My opinion is my family has a lot of good memories from a neighborhood breakfast, parade, events at the park, then fireworks--all when everyone had the day off. Spreading it out conflicted with work schedules and drastically reduced what we attended and hosted. We actually went to events in other cities. I hope the consensus is to put as many events back on the actual holiday. Thanks

Move the fireworks back to where they were last year and previous years!!! Did not like the location at all. More residents can enjoy them from wadman park or barker park.

The activities the week of the 4th were Great. Good job volunteers! We had a memorial service for a sister on the 8th. So we missed the parade and fireworks. Point being, a memorial service would not have been held on the 4th. To many competing activities if not held on the 4th. Besides that, let Freedom ring on the 4th of July! It's been a wonderful tradition for many many years for the residents of N Ogden.

I think the fireworks was better at north Ogden park than at barker park better to get out and home easier.

Move the parade back to Washington Blvd, which has more parking options so that those with mobility issues are not expected to hike up or down hill, and seating that is not in residents' front yards (reserved by homeowners).

The fireworks should always be on the 4th of July. Not having fireworks or even any events planned on July 4th was extremely infuriating that we didn't even acknowledge the nation's birthday. For our family fireworks and the city parade on the 4th of July is in large part our holiday celebration so moving to the weekend afterwards really was upsetting. Also the new events were all too expensive. We feel admission events should largely if they use tax money should be free to the whole community with fees being reserved for additional parts of the event like food.

We were sorry to be out of town this year. We would have attended many of the activities.

Many folks I talked to prefer (myself included) the fireworks on July 4th since Independence Day is what we are celebrating. I believe prior to making major changes to traditional national holidays an 'public open comment' period should be publicized (in-person at City council and online public input). The FlashVote format would work depending on population reach.

Having been a resident for almost 50 years, I still love fireworks on July 4th. New and fun activities would be supported if they worked around the 4th rather than was done this year.

We so appreciated everyones effort and hardwork to bring this to our community..They did a great job and we had a blast!! Thank you and well done!

Put the car show on the weekend or on the 4th

I like the multiple day events, but I think they should lead up to and end on the 4th. That way, we celebrate the freedoms we have on the appropriate day.

The only thing that made having events during the week hard was having to work. We had to miss things because we had to work. It seems like they're wasn't as much for us to do on the 4th, which is the day we had off.

I don't mind the week long thing but would like more things that feel like the 4th to be on the 4th. It just kind of felt like any other day.

Really miss the Washington parade route

My family enjoyed all of the events

Sent out a flyer the week of the celebration. So the community can hang it in their cabinet and quit complaining that they didn't know about what was going on.

Overall....Great events....Liked the addition of the chalk and ping pong balls and aerobics. Nice Fireworks. Sad the guns and hoses game was rained out. On a separate night that was great and can stand alone but may be better if combined with Guns and Hoses Game or Luau to get better turnout. Movies and luau were great. Could easily be a stand alone event on another evening with Car Show added. Set off cannon early to wake folks for Patriotic Flag Event. Put the Car show in conjunction with the Luau or hoses and guns game.

on July 4th a national holiday, hold Patriotic Event, Kawana's Breakfast, Parade on 400 east....Ogden's state holiday parade had cement dividers in street so we in North Ogden can too; Carnival and Fireworks. All on the 4th. Our extended family could not come to any but the breakfast as they had to work the other days and evenings. Combine Chalk Art and Car show with guns and hoses game or Luau. Keep ping pong drop as a stand alone event; Foam was fun. Overall great work...just do not spread the traditional events all over the week.

I think simpler, and focused on the patriotic elements would be beneficial. Expensive shows and things are not the best use of tax dollars

I think the committee did a great job with the extended celebration for Cherry Days. I like the idea of having the fireworks and parade at the end of the week (not necessarily on the fourth). This eliminates scheduling issues with other cities and family activities that we would like to attend.

To honor our military and show them our appreciation and respect, please have the celebrations "conclude" on July 4th. It seems disrespectful not to have the fireworks and final celebrations "on" July 4th. Let's show our wonderful veterans and current military our gratitude and support by celebrating it on the same day that the "entire country" is celebrating. Please don't have the fireworks on any other day! Only July 4th. The activities leading up to it are great! Great job! But the 4th is the 4th and needs to STAY the 4th.

The new parade route worked well with a large parking lot for floats and drop off. Th3

Parade on Washington on the 4th Sunset Patriotic Program also on the 4th at the amphitheater, with maybe small personal fireworks like sparklers or a few aerals set off behind the stage. We could also do a Hispanic or multi-cultural dinner and program like the luau. There are a few tweaks I would make to the celebration, but overall, it was THE BOMB!! Loved it!!

We understand all your persuasion to make us think change is good. But what's wrong with tradition especially when people love it? And the money cannot be a true factor. This city has more money than it ever has. Pry the wallet open and let the citizens enjoy some of their tax money.

Keep it on the 4th of July!!!

I am fine with doing things throughout the week but I would like the parade, car show, and fireworks on July 4. My family had the 4th off and missed out on things we would have liked to go to, but had to work the other days. My son had to work on the Saturday and missed the parade that he would have really like to have seen.

I enjoyed having many days of activities and being able to attend other city's events with my extended family on the 4th, but my kids missed out on many of the weekday activities because they occurred during work hours.

I appreciate all the fun activities and events that were held and attended several. I loved that it was held over the course of several days. It gave us something fun to do each day. The carnival was a blast. We went both days and the cost was perfect. It was such a treat this year!

I feel we need to do more to celebrate the 4th of July, whether that is add things to the 4th or move some Cherry Days items to the 4th.

Please keep everything on July 4 with the parade back on wash Blvd. so many traditions are going away elsewhere. PLEASE keep this one! The food at the luau was cold because of long and unorganized lines. Maybe have professional caterers

organize instead of city council members.

Email list to announce city and planning commission meeting and notes. Include cherry days info and such also.

This change to have the focus not be on the nation's independent day is anti-american and unpatriotic. This would be akin to upholding a city law to take away the right to bear arms and violating the second amendment. Make the focus be on the fourth. Change it back to how everyone liked it. People didn't go to the activities because they didn't like them. From what I hear, the activities were not well planned or executed either. Again, change it back

Please keep the celebrations on the 4th of July and the parade on 450/400. Changing the parade route every year is so confusing, and doing it in smaller roads makes it harder to get a spot where my little kids can see the parade well.

I would love to see the parade and fireworks on July 4th, no matter which day of the week it lands on. I'd prefer lots of activities on the 4th as opposed to activities spread throughout the week.

I was disappointed at first, because I knew that my family wouldn't be able to participate basically at all, but I think it is better for the community and that's what matters

Celebrate on the federal holiday. Cherry days is a family event and most people take off or already have the 4th of July scheduled off. It's easier to have it celebrated on the 4th(unless federal observance day changes because maybe the 4th is on a Sunday so it may be observed that Monday etc.)

They can have the fireworks & parade (on Washington Blvd.) on July 4th. The other activities (carnival, car show, swimming, movie, etc.) can be on any other day including Saturday.

North Ogden is growing despite most of us not wanting it. We can at least keep old traditions and the small town feel of our holidays.

Go back to having cherry days all on the Fourth of July! It was stupid this year having a week of activities. Most of us work all week and can only go on the holiday

I feel cherry days would have been better on July 4th because I wasn't able to attend the parade because I had to support the sports activities of my grandchildren that wouldn't have been scheduled on July 4th.

We are fairly new to the area. This was our second summer here and we went to Cherry days last year and this year. Hands down this year was much better and more enjoyable. Cramming everything into one day is exhausting and our young kids can only handle so much. We were able to pick and choose what worked for our schedule and we ended up doing much more this year than last. We really hope the carnival stays spread out over two days. Our kids repeatedly told us the day we went to the carnival was the best day of their lives! They played for hours and absolutely loved it all. The crowds were much more manageable this year too. We knew well in advance that fireworks were not on the 4th and it really did not bother us. Every other neighbor shoots off fireworks so we just watched those from our porch. Still felt like the 4th to us. Our only recommendation is more slip and slides at the foam party to cut down on the lines. This community is awesome, thank you!!!!

I appreciate that you guys tried to make it bigger with more events but please keep traditional parade and fireworks on the 4th

Is Cherry Days sponsored by the city or a separate group of citizens? Is the goal of Cherry Days to celebrate the city of North Ogden, or celebrate the 4th of July as it has been in the past. I believe that question needs to be answered, and perhaps put to a vote of the citizens. If it is a celebration of the city than it doesn't matter when it is held. I have heard from many people that while the fireworks display may have been wonderful this year, many could not view them from the location used this year. Perhaps relocating them back to the Barker Park Amphitheatre would be a better option....

The vendors fair was better than last year, but I'd really like our celebration on the 4th so we don't have to go looking for other places to go on the 4th when our family members are off on the 4th. At was anti-climactic to have the carnival & fireworks after. We missed the car show with the vendors fair.

It is hard to replicate the feeling of the holiday on another day. We had a family reunion over the fourth so that we could watch the fireworks. We ended up spending the day in Liberty. Everyone was back home by Saturday.

Cherry days on the fourth has always been a family activity/tradition. Not this year. Very disappointed.

Don't squirt so much water on Parade watchers as a lot of people don't like to get wet

While the Cherry Days committee did such an AMAZING job this year my family and I still liked having the bulk of the festivities on the 4th. Would also like to see the parade moved back to Washington Blvd where it's the main street in our city and can support local businesses as well as have better viewing spots for those attending. I'm aware of the permit process with UDOT and that there is more money, work and involvement in having it on Washington but feel it's worth it to help bring back the spirit, excitement and sense of community we all long for during Cherry Days and the 4th of July. Change can be a good thing but not always and I'm aware of the work it takes to keep traditions alive. Thanks for all the hard work that goes into such a wonderful occasion by all the volunteers and city employees! Jaymie Hansen

Our neighborhood has always enjoyed watching the fireworks from the nearby park. Moving it to north ogden park we did not see fireworks. Cherry days does not need to be a week long event it is to celebrate the 4th or July. If we want an north ogden days or something else, let's plan it for another time during the summer. Many people have traditions that mean a lot to them and did not enjoy the change.

Keep the 8 days of events, just shift it all forward so that they culminate on the 4th. Bring back the softball tournament, and add a civilian team to guns and hoses creating a mini tournament.

The organizers did an amazing job!! Thank you for donating your time!!

Please don't block Washington Ave/450 E/Lakeview Dr during the parade. This is a major thoroughfare and makes for a major inconvenience for the public. Many people have no interest in the parade.

I love the survey. Please keep this going

Bring the parade back to Washington Blvd

The activities planned this year were great, but please keep the parade and fireworks on the traditional 4th. AND parade route on Washington Blvd

Information about everything wasn't easy to find I had to look up everything on Facebook and that is not ideal for everyone.

It was awesome!

It made it hard for working single parent households to take kids to events during the day. I liked the events spread out but did not like the parade and fireworks on a different day. The 4th didn't feel like the 4th.

How about letting the community know about these events. Not everyone is on Facebook, Twitter, or other social media. It as of this is supposed to be automatically known, but only by a select few.

I loved that it was spread out. Working families got to do more plus we weren't competing with every other firework show in the state. Basically we got fireworks the third, fourth and 8th. Plus we don't stay up for the fireworks when the next day is a work day. It was nice to have it on the weekend. After all the celebration is about north Ogden heritage not the 4th of July. I thought the whole thing was awesome and we did as much as our schedule allowed for

I would love to see a 1 day event. I wish it was called the Fourth of July OR Independence Day and NOT cherry day or cherry days.

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