

LEAVENWORTH CITY COUNCIL
Study Session Agenda
City Hall – Council Chambers & Zoom
September 22, 2026 | 5:30 – 6:50 PM

5:30-5:40 2026 Block Party Recap & 2027 Planning Discussion

The City of Leavenworth hosted its annual Community Block Party on August 20, 2026, at the Osborn Playfield and along Orchard Street, welcoming an estimated **700 community members**. The event brought together **47 organizations across 43 booths**, including local nonprofits, service organizations, schools, public agencies, and City departments. Activities included informational booths, Touch-A-Truck vehicles, face painting, field games, a waterslide and bounce houses, a community cookout served by City staff, and cookies served by City Councilmembers.

City staff from across departments supported setup, food service, activities, event operations, and cleanup. Sustainable NCW and Winton Manufacturing supported the City's zero-waste efforts with waste stations and sorting education. Despite wildfire smoke concerns leading up to the event, air quality remained within established thresholds and the Block Party proceeded outdoors as planned.

Attendance was lower than the estimated 900 attendees in 2025; however, community feedback has been positive, and participating organizations have expressed appreciation for the opportunity to connect directly with community members and one another.

The post-event After Action Review identified several successes to carry forward, including the water slide, staff T-shirts, Council & Cookies, improved food-line flow, dedicated rovers and a runner, three waste stations, four grills, and pre-chilled beverages. Improvements identified for 2027 include better waste-station signage, additional food and beverage supplies, radio headsets, improved grill-to-food-line communication, and better food-line waste management. Staff also recommended mandatory breaks for grill and food-line staff, and a dedicated break area and cooling options.

Finally, staff suggested considering moving the Community Block Party to June, potentially coinciding with the last day of school for the Cascade School District. An earlier date could offer milder temperatures, reduce the likelihood of wildfire smoke, and provide a community-wide kickoff to summer. As planning for 2027 begins, staff is seeking City Council's thoughts and feedback on whether a June date is worth exploring further.

The following items are included under **TAB B**.

- 2026 Community Block Party Summary

5:40-6:15 Leavenworth Winter Sports Club

This time is for the City Council to hear a proposal from the Leavenworth Winter Sports Club for a permanent connection to City water for snowmaking purposes.

The following items are included under **TAB C.**

- Existing Snowmaking Agreement
- Snowmaking days analysis
- Snowmaking report

6:15-6:45 Parking Garage – Reduced Scope Discussion

This time is for the City Council to consider a reduced scope for the parking garage project. Any re-development of this site will require reconstructing the retaining walls. This project would study the feasibility and cost of new retaining walls and adding up to two levels of parking, matching the elevation of the adjacent Aasgard parking lot. The project would be designed to accommodate future development above.

The following items are included under **TAB D.**

- Scope of Work
- Fee proposal

6:45-6:50 Council Updates/Suggestions for Future Agenda Items

There are no items included under **TAB E.**