

Bernie Bacon

From: Erin Nickel <enickel@vincentbenjamin.com>
Sent: Tuesday, May 08, 2018 4:09 PM
To: Bernie Bacon
Subject: Fireworks

Good afternoon,

I am writing to voice my concerns for the fireworks allowed in Camas. Over the last 4 years it has gotten considerably worse. Our neighbors shoots off very large fireworks that not only shakes our house, but last year they actually burned holes in our patio cover. The other, and probably more important to me, is the effect it has on our dogs. No amount of music, fans, or loud TV drowns out the noise of the fireworks. Last year I spent nearly three hundred dollars on mediations for my dogs, JUST FOR THE 4th. I am not against the City having a designated area or sponsor a show, but I don't feel it should be in my backyard. I literally feel like I am in the middle of a war zone.

Thank you, Erin

Erin Nickel

Bernie Bacon

From: Jill Jensen <ourdogsmakemelaugh@gmail.com>
Sent: Tuesday, May 08, 2018 4:50 PM
To: Bernie Bacon
Subject: Fireworks Testimony

Dear City of Camas

The 4th of July, and the days leading up to it, are my family's most dreaded week of the year. The intrusion of fireworks in my neighborhood has been bad since we moved to Camas in 1996, but it is getting worse each year.

There has been a proliferation of the very large, explosive aerial fireworks (I have no idea what they are called) that go silently up in the air and then you hear a single LOUD boom. These booms rattle our windows and shake me to my core. Our neighborhood is more like a war zone, certainly not what anyone could call a patriotic celebration.

We always have at least one dog (up to 3 at a time over the years) and they are/have been sensitive to the fireworks noise. If we are at home on July 4, we are forced to keep the windows and doors closed, turn fans and TVs on, etc to try to mitigate the noise and they still hide and shake.

Some years we load our dogs in the car and just drive around (away from houses) from around 7 pm to 11:30 pm or so. Other years we have driven to various business park parking lots (away from houses) and just sat in the car with the windows rolled up for hours. A couple times we have paid to camp at Beacon Rock State Park from 7 pm on to try to get away from the noise. We have not found a viable solution to get away from it. We have no idea what we will do this year.

We have mixed emotions about not being home on July 4. There are so many fireworks going off in our neighborhood (Parker Estates) that the air is so smoky you can't even see across the street. We are very concerned about the risk of fire from fireworks landing on our roof or landscaping. Our neighbor has a row of Arbovitae less than 20 feet from our house. By July, they are dry and flammable.

Then there is all the debris from the fireworks that cover our yard, driveway and roof. My husband goes up on the roof each July 5 and collects all the fireworks debris. Even though we have a small house, some years he has filled a 5 gallon bucket. Some neighbors try to sweep up/collect their fireworks debris from the street, but they never come to our property to clean up. Other neighbors leave their spent fireworks in the street or at the curb for others to clean up.

Fireworks on the 4th of July are one thing, but having them legal on days leading up to the 4th make no sense. My preference is to have all fireworks banned in the city of Camas completely. If that is felt to be too harsh, then at least limit them to one day, on July 4. Then it can be revisited in a couple years so they can be banned completely.

Thank you for asking for my opinion.

Respectfully,
Jill Jensen

Bernie Bacon

From: Michelle Culhane <meculhane@yahoo.com>
Sent: Wednesday, May 09, 2018 11:38 AM
To: Bernie Bacon
Subject: County fireworks

Hello,

We moved off prune hill to a camas county address by Union High school 3 yrs ago. Fireworks were like mini battles on the hill and worse in county. I fully support a ban on fireworks. My yard is littered with them, I had a puppy almost die chewing plastic left overs, drunk neighbors, no one cleans up. These are million dollar homes!
It's turned into a hot mess bc nobody seems to have personal restraint anymore.
I'm all for celebrating but a definite no on any fireworks in Clark county!



Michelle

Please excuse brevity and spelling errors. Sent from my iPhone.

Bernie Bacon

From: Gary Medvigy <Mgmedvigy@comcast.net>
Sent: Thursday, May 10, 2018 6:28 AM
To: Bernie Bacon
Subject: Fireworks testimony

I am retired from the US Army after 33 years and since a boy looked forward to the 4th of July fireworks and honoring our country's flag. I have retired to Camas.

I am disappointed by the amount of lawlessness over this holiday in this community. Community fireworks by the community, Port or a local high school as a display of patriotism is a safe way to commemorate the fourth. (It could also be a fundraiser or at least be self sustaining by charging viewers).

Houses and forest areas can burn out of control with poorly used or unsupervised use of incendiary devices. That is what they are and every community in the US that has a fire danger and fireworks has examples of burned roofs, entire homes, fields and forest areas.

What has been shocking to me and most of my neighborhood is the complete disregard for existing laws and the rights and safety of others by the discharge of firearms and explosive devices already prohibited by federal and state law. There appears to be no enforcement and the people doing it, seem to selfishly do it at all hours and for many days.

I understand that one can buy illegal fireworks at the local reservation. They have a right I guess to sell them, but they shouldn't leave the reservation.

For the sake of our pets and livestock that go crazy during this time, stop it... at least exercise reasonable control over the use and limit fireworks to reasonable hours on the fourth and better yet only at restricted locations or at organized community celebrations.

Arrest those recklessly discharging firearms and detonating home made bombs.

We shouldn't have to do without celebrations, but the selfish and indiscriminate use of large explosive devices at all hours, over many days creating fire danger and a state of chaos should be the responsibility of local government through law enforcement to protect the greater community.

Gary Medvigy

Sent from my iPad

Bernie Bacon

From: Judy <reedme2004@yahoo.com>
Sent: Thursday, May 10, 2018 10:04 AM
To: Bernie Bacon
Subject: Fireworks

It is a celebration of the 4th. Not the 1st through the 5th and for some a longer period. It is traumatic for pets and wildlife. I would understand the true celebration but it is a money driven event. A place safe and on the 4th would be appreciated by many Thank you Kent Reed

Sent from my iPhone

Bernie Bacon

From: Nate Jackson <nate.d.jackson@gmail.com>
Sent: Thursday, May 10, 2018 10:33 AM
To: Bernie Bacon
Subject: Fireworks

Hi, I want to express my concerns about allowing personal fireworks in Camas.

My wife and I live in a very old house, just up the hill from the mill which has historical significance (1906, Hugh MacMaster). The building has original wood shiplap siding attached directly to the framing with no sheathing layer. The house is also a balloon frame structure which means there is no fire blocking in the exterior walls between floors all the way up to the attic. If a firework hit the side of our house, there is a distinct possibility that embers could enter into the wall structure and could spread between the floors faster than our ability to exit the house safely. Given the limited staff per fire engine in Camas, I feel like neighborhood fireworks present a very real risk to our safety and property, and to the safety of first responders if there were a fire started or accelerated by fireworks. This risk is perfectly illustrated by the fireworks incident that completely destroyed an old home on SE Tampa St in May last year.

Last year on July 4, we had a couple of groups of neighbors lighting many fireworks in our corner intersection. At least half a dozen fireworks were accidentally launched at our house and into our yard (accidentally fired sideways!). I saw a few hit our roof and siding, which left marks on the house, and a couple went into our yard which started the lawn on fire in a couple of places. The next morning we found much to our dismay that some fireworks had even found their way into our upstairs porch that we didn't see at the time. Fortunately, I had gone out with the hose earlier and thoroughly watered the whole exterior down with the hose. I'm glad I did because otherwise we very well may have had a house fire disaster. There's no way we could have left the house unattended in any case.

We also have three dogs, who were extremely stressed from the noise. My wife and I would have preferred to kennel them in a quiet part of the house and go out to enjoy some municipal fireworks. Unfortunately we felt like we had to stay around the house in case of a fire.

The next morning nobody had cleaned up, so I went out and picked up many little pieces of plastic and cardboard that were left all over the street, and the various pieces that had gone into our yard. Only one neighbor who had been setting off fireworks went out with their kid to clean up after I started picking up, but they only picked up the area immediately in front of their house and then went back in. There were so many tiny pieces of plastic that it was not possible to get all of them and many probably ended up in the storm drain.

While we did enjoy the display put on by our neighbors, it was not without MAJOR anxiety and concern for the safety of our home and our dogs. It would have been much more enjoyable if Camas sponsored an official fireworks show perhaps over the lake or the river and disallowed personal fireworks.

I don't think that Camas should continue to accommodate people for wanting to shoot fireworks in the neighborhood, at the expense of significant harm and stress to those in the community. I've seen neighborhood message board comments from many people who consider their privilege to use fireworks (irresponsibly) as more important than the effects they may have on others. It's extremely selfish and inconsiderate to those who are put at risk of health or property. I especially think of how insensitive this attitude is for the war veterans in the community who often have PTSD and don't always have the ability just leave town for the day (which is what they're told by folks who want to do fireworks).

PLEASE ban fireworks in Camas! We can still celebrate the 4th with fireworks with an official, local professional fireworks display for the community and strictly enforce the ban so we can leave our homes to enjoy it!

Thanks for your consideration.

-Nate Jackson
1123 NE Adams St, Camas

Bernie Bacon

From: Nancy Sturges <nlsturges@me.com>
Sent: Thursday, May 10, 2018 4:17 PM
To: Bernie Bacon
Subject: Fireworks in a Camas

I think it is time to end fireworks in a Camas. We do not set them off at our house, however the amount of debris over our yard and roof each year is incredible. This is a disaster waiting to happen.

Sent from my iPad

Bernie Bacon

From: Judith Kerker <judy.kerker@gmail.com>
Sent: Thursday, May 10, 2018 5:58 PM
To: Bernie Bacon
Subject: Fireworks

I am a resident of Camas and strongly object to fireworks in Camas. Aside from the dangers of fireworks, they are extremely noisy, cause garbage on the streets and lawns and are terribly disturbing to animals, who are frightened at the loud noises. Fireworks lovers should watch the professional displays which are pretty rather than using the small fireworks which are only noisy.

Thank you

Judith Kerker
judy.kerker@gmail.com

Bernie Bacon

From: Leahann Sperl <lasperl@icloud.com>
Sent: Thursday, May 10, 2018 6:24 PM
To: Bernie Bacon
Subject: No fireworks

On the evening of July 4th and in the morning I found remnants of overhead fireworks on my doorstep and on my patio next to my sliding glass door. I think the fireworks are extremely dangerous and people are not using common sense. There should not be any fireworks in city limits. People are shooting off fireworks in the middle of the street that shoot up. No one can tell where they come down. I live near the shell station in the summit condos on prune hill. Thank you. Leah Ann Sperl

Sent from my iPhone

Bernie Bacon

From: Dave Drasin <dave@drasin.net>
Sent: Thursday, May 10, 2018 8:01 PM
To: Bernie Bacon
Subject: Fireworks

Hello. I'm writing in support of fireworks in Camas. Ive been a homeowner and resident of Camas since 2010. We enjoy fireworks as a family event, and ive been pleased to have bought a home in a city that does not restrict my ability to enjoy fireworks at home.

I do understand that some other residents may not agree. But I dont think its fair that the minority gets to silence the majority or that the liberties of those against trumps the liberties of those for to the extent that the city would make such a change to create fireworks restrictions.

I ask that the city of camas not change fireworks policy.

David Drasin
1236 NW Klickitat Ln

Bernie Bacon

From: Karen Grice <grice4373@comcast.net>
Sent: Thursday, May 10, 2018 8:36 PM
To: Bernie Bacon
Subject: Fireworks

Hello,

We don't support the use of fireworks by individual citizens for a number of reasons. First, most new subdivisions are high density developments that increase the likelihood of an accidental fire on a rooftop or shrubbery. Second, it literally terrorizes our pets and many of my friend's pets. Third, fireworks contain harmful substances that are very bad for the air, soil and water. I think having a nice city fireworks display that everyone can enjoy in a safe area makes much more sense. In this way, the pollutants and noise are confined to one area and greatly reduces the chance of fire and accidental injury. Please think about the welfare of our planet, pets and the safety of our children and opt for a lovely city display. It makes much more sense. People need to get creative and find less destructive ways to raise money for their organizations. Fireworks are too dangerous and destructive.

Thanks!

Steve and Karen Grice

Sent from my iPhone

From: Vince Myers <vince.myers@townofyacolt.com>

Date: May 10, 2018 at 8:37:47 PM PDT

To: Scott Higgins <SHiggins@cityofcamas.us>

Subject: Camas council meeting

Scott,

I was contacted by a representative of the fireworks vendors to come and speak at your council meeting on Mondays in support of keeping consumer grade fireworks available for sale at the current levels allowed by law.

I just don't think it would be appropriate for a Mayor from another jurisdiction to just show up like that without courtesy contact ahead of time.

I know fireworks has become a hot topic across the County, however the data provided so far by the County Fire Marshal does not prove that firework discharge is a public safety concern or health concern. It actually proves the opposite.

My concern all along has been elected officials making policy decisions based on emotion rather than known facts. The fact that advocates for banning fireworks are using only noise complaints as the primary reason a ban is needed is troubling. County wide there were 570 complaints on fireworks during the 4th of July holiday period. While it seems like a large number, it's really a very small number, it equals 0.001% of the population. The ratio for 2016 and 2015 are similar. The data provided by the Fire Marshal does not indicate how many of the complaints were from the same caller, does not indicate the time of day of the call, does not indicate the number of actual fires caused by fireworks versus fires caused by other factors.

I believe limiting people's freedoms even when it is a privilege should not be done lightly nor should it be done without a vote of the constituency being effected.

I'd be glad to talk with you about this further if you'd like. I work full time and don't have my Town device with me at my regular job. If you'd like a fuller perspective on this you can call me on my cell phone (360) 281-2208, I may be at a point where I could take a break and chat.

Vince Myers
Mayor, Town of Yacolt

Sent from my Galaxy Tab A

Bernie Bacon

From: LINDA HERMAN <lintro28@comcast.net>
Sent: Thursday, May 10, 2018 8:42 PM
To: Bernie Bacon
Subject: Fireworks in Camas

Dear Mr. Bacon,

I'm in favor of having fireworks on the 4th of July! I've read many reviews from those who want to ban fireworks and I haven't seen the mayhem described by many. We've lived on Prune Hill for 16 years and look very forward to watching the fireworks display by our neighbors! The neighborhood camaraderie would be lost without fireworks! I know a few don't follow the rules, but it's only one night, and a fun way to celebrate our amazing freedoms. We don't want to brave the crowds, traffic congestion, and drunk drivers on the roadways during this time, so staying home and enjoying the celebration from our house is very much worth a little extra cleanup!

There are two sides in this debate, we've seen the restrictions over the years and of course, fire danger needs to be a consideration! Since going to only the night of the 4th, there is not nearly the ongoing nightly display of previous years. Many more people are following the rules than are not, and it's a sad day when we have to give up yet another freedom, because of someone's fears about what hasn't happened. With prudent guidelines, there's no need to eliminate what's been a tradition, and night of fun for the entire neighborhood for many years!

Thank you,

Linda Herman

Bernie Bacon

From: Tracey Kasten Heil <tracey.heil@outlook.com>
Sent: Thursday, May 10, 2018 10:43 PM
To: Bernie Bacon
Subject: Against Fireworks in City of Camas

Deputy City Clerk Bernie Bacon,

Thank you for taking a moment to consider our position against legalizing fireworks within the City of Camas. By now, you are far too familiar with the concerns from those whose pets are traumatized by fireworks every year (like ours are), or from veterans who have served our country and suffer from PTSD, like our neighbor does, or whose homes (and lives!) might be impacted by stray fireworks during the midst of dry summer. These impact far more families than you might imagine. The important thing to consider is that by not legalizing fireworks, the chances of random fireworks going off at different days/times would arguably be drastically reduced, and would (hopefully) increase fines/prosecution rates for those who choose to break the law.

That said, I admire a nice fireworks show as much as the next person. The best way to work around this would be to have the city sponsor (or support someone else sponsoring) a big fireworks display by the waterfront so that those who would like to express their patriotism in this manner can appreciate the spirit of the commemorative event in a more organized manner. The schools and scouts clubs can replace revenue for their respective organizations lost from fireworks sales by hosting concessions at a community event. By not having fireworks randomly being set off around their neighborhoods at different days/times, people can better plan ahead for the chaos that might affect them if they knew they could schedule around an organized fireworks display away from their neighborhoods.

Please help keep Camas a loving and proactively caring community for EVERYONE who enjoys calling Camas home by making independent fireworks purchases ILLEGAL, and by supporting a venue where fireworks-enjoying residents can come together and enjoy the spirit of the event in a spirited yet orderly fashion within a given timeframe. I would happily pay to see a fireworks display – especially if I didn't have to drive down to Fort Vancouver to do so! I'd much rather celebrate with those in my own community!

Best regards,

Tracey Kasten Heil
Camas, WA
360-852-3250

Bernie Bacon

From: David Meigs <dcmeigs1@yahoo.com>
Sent: Friday, May 11, 2018 8:21 AM
To: Bernie Bacon
Subject: In support of a ban on fireworks Fireworks

Dear sir,

As Camas residents, I wish to comment on the discussion regarding the private use of fireworks.

For me, the celebratory aspects are not worth the property damage, fire risk, stress to animals, mess, cleanup costs and air pollution created by the private use of fireworks. I love the holiday as much as anyone, but fireworks are just one aspect of the celebration and there are plenty of public displays to satisfy our needs.

Last year rockets fired over our roof from the street burned a hole in our outdoor furniture. They covered our roof with litter that ultimately required gutter cleaning and weeks of cleanup as it blew from the roof. Those responsible didn't bother to clean up the mess they left in the street. I did not recognize these people as being our neighbors.

With fireworks wisely outlawed in Vancouver, it just follows that those from Vancouver unhappy with that decision will travel to Camas where they may legally shoot off their fireworks on our public streets. This shifts the fire suppression costs and cleanup costs from Vancouver taxpayers to those of us in Camas. This is a burden I don't cheerfully shoulder.

You will hear complaints about stressed animals. It's is of course a valid complaint and one I support, but it's not just the animals that suffer. Our labs were so frightened by fireworks we were forced to stay home and comfort them rather than go out and celebrate the occasion with our friends as we would have preferred. Those who do celebrate with private fireworks displays do so at the expense of others enjoyment of the occasion.

Finally, each year we read of veterans returning from our various wars who suffer from the effects of PTSD. I find it painfully ironic that we celebrate a war victory by terrorizing our living war veterans.

It's time now that we outlaw fireworks in densely populated areas so that we may all live together in consideration of our neighbors well-being.

Sincerely

David Meigs

2042 NW Fargo Loop
Camas, WA

Bernie Bacon

From: keith shaw <zug101@comcast.net>
Sent: Friday, May 11, 2018 8:32 AM
To: Bernie Bacon
Subject: fireworks in Camas

Thank you for your interest in this subject. I am opposed to fireworks in Camas. Why? Because we have a greenspace/wetland adjacent to our backyard with is ripe with "FUEL", as many of Camas neighborhoods do. Our neighbors set off fireworks which land in our back patio canvas covered pergola. I water it down before each 4th of July evening. Please help in banning these airborne fireworks. - Keith Shaw

Bernie Bacon

From: tdehart@earthlink.net
Sent: Friday, May 11, 2018 9:02 AM
To: Bernie Bacon
Cc: sldehart@earthlink.net
Subject: Message in Support of Legal Fireworks in Camas

Dear Mr. Bacon,

As a former USMC Aviation Ordnance Technician, I support the use of legal fireworks to celebrate Independence Day.

Point 1: These bans don't work. I was raised in SE Portland and the ban was clearly ineffectual.

Point 2: A ban on legal use of fireworks can lead to increased use of illegal, unregulated fireworks. I've seen it happen.

Point 3: The noise of these pyrotechnic devices sound nothing at all like a "war zone." I believe that the people who are inconvenienced by the noise should instead think about the "inconvenience" experienced by our military men and women in harm's way.

Point 4: The current Camas rules for citizen fireworks displays are reasonable and fair.

Thank you for listening.

Terry DeHart
Camas, WA

Bernie Bacon

From: Laura Nanson <laurananson@icloud.com>
Sent: Friday, May 11, 2018 9:19 AM
To: Bernie Bacon
Subject: Fireworks

Please. The fireworks are out of control. Why should these incredibly loud fireworks be allowed to disrupt so many neighborhoods? My dogs are terrified, my daughter is terrified and I have to stay up late, all because of the noise. Ugh! What a horrible time of year. I dread it. Please don't equate patriotism with fireworks. Please don't tell me it is a once-a-year-fundraiser for organizations. It's a huge intrusion.

Laura Nanson

Sent from my iPhone

Bernie Bacon

From: Comcast <cmping@comcast.net>
Sent: Friday, May 11, 2018 10:28 AM
To: Bernie Bacon
Subject: Fireworks in Camas

Dear Sir or Madam,

We moved to Camas about 1 1/2 years ago so have only experienced two New Years' and one 4th of July celebrations. Previously, we lived outside of a small California town and fireworks were prohibited. After our move we were absolutely astounded by the amount of disruption in our lives caused by the noise (literally bombs overhead) and the complete disregard for and lack of enforcement of any time restrictions that might exist. It was as if we moved to the Wild West! It was impossible to sleep at night and it went on for days. Our animals were frantic, even with medication we obtained from the vet.

We are a military family and are very patriotic. We enjoy watching and strongly support fireworks but believe they should be handled by professionals at a community event in a designated area. Given the extensive fires of last year caused by a firecracker it is mind boggling that any governmental entity would continue to allow indiscriminate use by the general public. Please stop this madness. Perhaps a local non-profit (Rotary) could organize a community picnic with fireworks, charge admission, add a band, and allow other Community clubs to sell food and drink?

Christine Ping

Sent from my iPhone

Bernie Bacon

From: Lindsey Hunt <lindseyhunt1018@yahoo.com>
Sent: Friday, May 11, 2018 11:30 AM
To: Bernie Bacon
Subject: Firework use

To whom it may concern,

I'm writing you today in response to the debate regarding the possibly firework ban in Camas. I initially was going to wait out the results without putting any input in but after reading comment after comment on social media of disheartening opinions, I figured I would share my point of view.

My family moved to Camas in 1995 into Parker Estates. We were fortunate enough to live on a street with other families where we would play with the other kids until the street lights came on. We had street barbecues, holiday parties and participated in neighborhood events- One of these events being the Fourth of July. The Moms cooked and the Dads planned out the fireworks to put on the best show possible for the kids. We ended the fireworks at 12am and woke early with our gloves and garbage bags to pick up the debris from the fireworks and swept the streets until the street was spotless. Our family participated in this for 10 years before having to move to a bigger home.

My point of giving you this background is to shine light on the traditions of mine and my husbands that The City of Camas would be taking from my children and those other children who eagerly wait for this holiday every year. Our planned street barbecue would be canceled and we will have to make the trek to one of the over crowded venues that allowed fireworks. I hear and understand the voiced concerns regarding those who are irresponsible and inconsiderate of their neighbors and use the fireworks until the early hours of the morning. Or the people who have pets under distress from the noise; but stripping the fun for everyone else because of the actions of a few or discomfort of animals for just one night seems unfair and dramatic. Not to mention disappointing for those of us who are trying to start traditions with our newly growing family.

Thank you for taking the time to read this and I hope The City of Camas takes these points into consideration when making a final decision.

Sincerely,
Lindsey Kern

Bernie Bacon

From: Connie Roach <connie.gleason@comcast.net>
Sent: Friday, May 11, 2018 11:50 AM
To: Bernie Bacon
Subject: fire works

Can't make Monday as I will be out of town. Oh, the passion on both sides will be displayed.

I am for allowing fireworks to be used in the city by citizens. I have young grandchildren, under age 11, and they prefer small fireworks at home with their dads lighting to sitting and watching the large show. I prefer sitting and watching, I am old.

It would be easier on all, people and dogs, if July 4, was the only day for fire works. It use to be that way. In trying to appease everyone with adding days we seem to be aggravating the negatives. I always have had dogs and the noise is hard on them. Days and days of exploding is difficult on animals.

Connie Roach

210 NE 22nd Ave

Bernie Bacon

From: Douglas Strabel <dstrabel@gmail.com>
Sent: Friday, May 11, 2018 12:45 PM
To: Bernie Bacon
Subject: Camas Fireworks - 2018

We are writing to express our support for the 100% ban on fireworks in Camas

Because;

- Peace and quiet is destroyed
- Fire hazard
- Health hazard - both people and animals
- Domestic animals are frightened and driven crazy

Enough is enough - The 4th of July is not about blowing up stuff !!!!!!!

thank you

Kathy and Douglas Strabel
4307 NW Oregon St.
Camas, WA

Bernie Bacon

From: Brittany Hickey <brittany.hickey12@yahoo.com>
Sent: Friday, May 11, 2018 12:46 PM
To: Bernie Bacon
Subject: Ban Fireworks!

Hello,

I wanted to make my opinion known about fireworks but I will make it short and sweet. I do not believe letting fireworks off should be something necessary to celebrate our Independence Day. It is a holiday many of us now dread. I do not think it is fair that we make people suffer (those with PTSD, pets, etc.) so that a few can get enjoyment of letting off explosives. There are many places they can go to see a fireworks display for free. It is harder for all of us to try and find a place that doesn't let off fireworks (somewhere like sunriver). Where we then have to drive there a couple days before and stay a couple days after because people let them off during that whole week whether it is legal or not. This is expensive and not everyone can pay to do something like that. So the other people just have to deal with the loud obnoxious noises and dangerous activity around them. People say they are safe about it when it comes to letting off fireworks. Unfortunately, there's often not a lot of control when things go wrong with fireworks. No matter how safe you are, things can go bad very quickly. When I was younger my family went to 4th of July parties and 4 years in a row someone in my family got injured by a firework that was not made properly. My mom got hit in the face and her whole chin bled, I got hit in the leg and still have a scar and another time my shirt that left a big hole, and my dad got hit on the top of his head. These are dangerous and it is sad we still allow them just so people can get a hype out of them.

Thank you for reading,
Brittany Hickey

Bernie Bacon

From: Benjamin Eneas <benjamin.eneas@gmail.com>
Sent: Friday, May 11, 2018 2:33 PM
To: Bernie Bacon
Subject: FIREWORKS

I personally love fireworks and am so happy that Camas still allows them. I could write a thousand word essay if needed, but do we really need a huge argument to counter the its loud complaint? Little background, I'm a first generation foreigner who endured communism and is not at all offended by the patriotic display.

Thanks,
Benjamin Eneas