

Fairgrounds Director Report
December 2025

December Events:

Langley Holly Jolly Parade December 6th

Winter Market December 6-7

Country Christmas Market Nov 28-December 8th

Tenants:

As we move in to the New Year there will be turn over in kitchen and commercial spaces. rePurpose Whidbey has found a new location and is moving on, but simultaneously I have started early talks with two local businesses who are interested in becoming part of the Fairgrounds Community.

Nisi48 is graduating from their space in the Pole kitchen. We are always so pleased when the businesses that start at the Fairgrounds grow and move on. The space will be taken by Ad Astra, who has been using the Coffman Kitchen.

Projects and Repairs:

The Fair AGR grant was released for a second round of funding opportunities. The ask I put together is for \$40,000 (max amount) for updating and repairs to the Fairground main entrance.

Energize Langley Micro Grid Study- Initially the Fairground did not make the cut for this project, but after another organization backed out we received a last minute call to join. I met with the engineers and planners from Cascadia renewables as well as Langley City Planner and others from the community. The lead engineers from the project made a visit to the fairgrounds to begin collecting information about the buildings to determine where the project could be conducted on the property. The Malone, Burrier and Turner buildings were selected for planning, which includes plans for solar, needed electrical upgrades, and power storage.

One key need on the part of the Port is completing the 3phase power upgrade. Once the study is complete the Port will have all the needed information to apply for the energy grant from the state of Washington, probably within the next 2 grant cycles. This gives the port 3-4 years to accomplish the rest of the 3phase project. The benefit of both the work from this study and the grant itself include: Advanced Emergency Preparedness, protection for the local food supply chain, the possibility for a generator, opportunities for additional support and grants, and of course providing a renewable energy source for Langley.

Main Restroom Renovation: We will be starting the renovation project for the main restrooms in the near future. I am currently working on permits with the City of Langley. This project is funded by the Fair AGR grant.