

Lathrop's 4th of July Fireworks Show

Lathrop Sunrise Rotary Club brought good ole' American pride back to their community by co-sponsoring the 4th of July Fireworks Show along with the City of Lathrop. Residents have not seen a city-sponsored fireworks show since 2009 and without this year's dual-partnership with the Rotary, funding would not have been possible again. The all-day entertainment event was held at the Mossdale Community Park in the relatively new subdivision of Mossdale. The beautiful day began with family activities that included picnicking, food vendors and informational booths by the local community services.

Just before dusk, members of the club passed out flyers and mingled with many of the residents and thanked them for coming out to support the show. As dusk gave way to evening, more and more people gathered and settled in their spot to view the fireworks show but before the featured show began, Rotary member Steve Dresser as the master of ceremony, narrated the fireworks demonstration by vendors Phantom and TNT. The twenty-minute demonstration was an extra visual-treat to everyone in attendance.

Finally, as the sky darkened to a perfect pitch and the park became more crowded along with built anticipation, the show began! Fifteen minutes of fireworks choreography along with patriotic music gave Lathrop residents a sense of awe and something to be really proud of!

Although this is the first year that the club has partnered with the City, Lathrop Sunrise Rotary has committed to co-sponsoring this event for five years. Through the sales of fireworks, the club has already fund-raised half of the club's share for the next year's show. According to Tyler Silva, current club president, it estimated that three thousand people attended the event. It is expected that the attendance will easily double next year and the club will once again bring goodwill and pride to the community.