

# 57<sup>th</sup> Autumn Leaf Festival



You can purchase this 2021 Festival theme pin at our Leavenworth businesses

**Welcome to the 57<sup>th</sup> Autumn Leaf Festival**

**We missed you in 2020 but we are back for 2021.**

Enjoy our Bavarian town and hospitality while you are here to celebrate the beautiful fall weather and colors. Best Wishes to our current Royal Lady of the Autumn Leaves, Penny Carpenter and First Gentleman John Ressler. From Carol Forhan, 2016 Autumn Leaf Royal Lady and 2021 Royal Lady companion.

## The Royal Lady of the Autumn Leaves Welcomes you to the Bavarian Village

Greetings! As Leavenworth's Royal Lady of the Autumn Leaves for both 2020 and 2021 it is very special for me to welcome you to our most unique and charming Bavarian Village. This year we are especially grateful to be having the Autumn Leaf Festival complete with a parade!

Bavarian restaurants and cuisine from around the world. Many of our shops feature one-of-a-kind articles and you really shouldn't miss our world-renowned Nutcracker Museum. Tasting shops from our many local wineries are scattered about the village and you will have plenty of opportunity to sample the wares of our local breweries.

By the time we say Auf Wiedersehen I'm sure you will be saying "we will be back soon!"

Leavenworth has its own appealing charms - the charm of old Bavaria perhaps, but the natural charms of its setting at the foot of the mountains and at the mouth of its canyons and at this time of year with the changing colors of the autumn leaves - it all comes together.

There is just so much to see and do in Leavenworth and every season has its own enchantments. At this time of year we celebrate the harvest and the beauty of the Autumn Leaves. This is Leavenworth's oldest festival and the line of Royal Ladies, which I proudly join, goes back to 1964 and the beginnings of Bavarian Leavenworth.

Thank you for coming! Enjoy yourselves. We look forward to having you as our guests. See you at Saturday's parade!

Come enjoy our many lodging options, authentic

**Penny Carpenter 2020 & 2021 Royal Lady**



PHOTO BY HEIDI SWOBODA

## Herzlich Willkommen!



**CARL J. FLOREA**  
MAYOR

Herzlich Willkommen! As Mayor of the City of Leavenworth, and on behalf of the City Council, businesses, and citizens of our beautiful city, I am pleased to welcome you to the Annual Washington State Autumn Leaf Festival and grand time of fun!

Although Leavenworth has many festivals, the Autumn Leaf Festival is the oldest one, and was the very first Leavenworth festival I experienced. My wife and I attended together before we were married, long before we moved here in 1985 to raise our family. The first piece of art we purchased together

came from that experience. And since that first experience the memories of fine fall fun just keep adding up! I hope you, too, are enjoying making Autumn Leaf memories with your family.

Autumn Leaf Festival celebrates the changing colors of the leaves each year as summer turns into fall, occurring at a time that is perfect for enjoying the natural beauty of Leavenworth and the surrounding area. The changing colors and crisp fall air make this my favorite season. It fills me with awe and wonder. I hope you will enjoy the Grand Parade, the music and dancing, and the wonderful food, as well as the unsurpassed hospitality of our townsfolk.

Because we are still dealing with an active COVID-19 virus, we have taken many steps to keep you safe, including

creating the pedestrian-only downtown core, moving the parade out of the downtown, and having masks and hand sanitizer available. Please help us out by wearing a mask when indoors or when being socially distant outdoors is not possible.

Enjoy a walk through one of our lovely parks, Front Street Park, Waterfront Park, or Enchantment Park, and then relax at any of the wonderful dining establishments you have to choose from.

Taste some of our award winning, locally brewed beers, visit our downtown wine tasting rooms and patios, or taste spirits at our local distillery! We have plenty to offer in a socially distanced fashion. We hope you will thoroughly enjoy your stay and accept our Herzlich Willkommen (heartfelt welcome)!



## Elisabeth Saunders is the 2021 Washington State Autumn Leaf Parade Grand Marshal

By: MEGAN SOKOL  
Reporter

Leavenworth's Autumn Leaf Festival Grand Marshal Elisabeth 'Liz' Saunders is thrilled about her new role. Saunders is a staple within the Leavenworth community, with her history as a Royal Lady, a Rotary President, and the former owner of Haus Lorelei, Saunders is the embodiment of Leavenworth's spirit.

Born and raised in Kiel, Northern Germany, Liz Saunders immigrated to the U.S. when she was 22. She first visited Leavenworth in 1971 and permanently moved here in 1975. She had originally lived in Los Angeles, but said that she was drawn to Leavenworth's beauty.

"We sold our business in California, which was a hospital, and then moved up

here," Saunders said.

"It was one of the most gorgeous places on earth," Saunders said, reflecting on her former home at Haus Lorelei.

After selling Haus Lorelei in 2003, Saunders began going on mission trips around the world. She visited Nepal, Romania, along with multiple countries within Africa and the Balkan countries within the eastern bloc. Her most notable trip was when she helped fund furnishings for a home for autistic children in Chile.

"I was out in the world, all over the world, telling people about the Lord Jesus."

In the 1990's, Saunders started getting more involved with the Autumn Leaf Festival,

building floats and assisting with fundraising campaigns. In 1997-98, she became president of the Leavenworth Rotary Club and was a Royal Lady in 2007.

During her retirement, she joined a motorcycle club and was involved in numerous activities such as cross-country skiing, going to the gym, riding her bicycle, and mountain climbing with mules.

"It was a big thing in my youth," Saunders said, regarding her mountain climbing with mules. Nowadays, Saunders still assists with the Leavenworth Rotary Club. Volunteering with the food bank and assisting with local fundraising campaigns in her spare time.



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## Autumn Leaf Parade list

Publishers note: As of press time no order had been established

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| Bellevue High School Marching Band     | Leavenworth Alphorns                                   | Miss Appleatchee Riders                           |
| Mount Vernon High School Bulldog Band  | West Coast Country Heat                                | Queen Alexis Shoultz                              |
| Meridian Marching Trojans              | Cascade High School                                    | Miss Rodeo Othello                                |
| Newport Pride Marching Band            | Homecoming Royalty                                     | Tillicum Riders Equestrian Team                   |
| Prosser High School Band               | Washington State Eagles                                | McCleary Bear Festival                            |
| Hazen Highlander Marching Band         | Royalty Youth Court                                    | Autumn Leaf Royal Lady                            |
| Cascade High School Marching Band      | 2021 Washington State Apple Blossom Queen Brooke Perez | -Penny Carpenter                                  |
| Mount Baker Mountaineer Marching Band  | Miss East Cascades Blazen Divaz                        | Deer Park Community Float                         |
| Medical Lake High School Marching Band | Leavenworth Scooter Babes                              | Department of Washington Veterans of Foreign Wars |
| Walla Walla High School Marching Band  | The Highlanders Drill Team                             | Sequim Irrigation Festival                        |
| Southridge High School Marching Band   | West Coast Country Heat                                | Cannell Community Float - "Honoring our Heroes"   |
|  | La Senioritas Drill Team                               | Seattle Commodores SS Minnow                      |
|  | North Queens Drill Team                                | Washington State Apple Blossom Festival           |
|  | Eastside Precision Drill Team                          | Fathoms O Fun Makin waves across the Puget Sound  |
|  | Ballard Eagles Drill Team                              |   |
|  | Drill Team   |   |

### AUTUMN LEAF FESTIVAL PARADE ROUTE 2021

**LEGEND**

- Parade Route
- Parade Assembly Areas
- Float Return Route
- Detour Routes

**Street closures and detours**

The Autumn Leaf Festival and Parade will take place on Saturday, September 25, 2021; activities will continue through Sunday the 26th in the downtown area.

Street closures/detours on Saturday and Sunday are as follows:

**Saturday - September 25, 2021**

West bound Highway 2 will be closed at Chumstick Highway from 11:30 - 2:00 PM. You may detour through town via East Leavenworth Road to Iclide Road during that time. If you do not detour, you will be forced to turn on Chumstick Highway north. East bound Highway 2 will be closed at Iclide Road from 11:30 - 2:00 PM. You must detour through town via Iclide Road to East Leavenworth Road during that time.

Front Street - is currently closed, due to the downtown street closure from Highway 2 (Gustav's) to 10th Street (Iclide Brewery). There will be activities taking place between 8th Street and 9th Street on Front Street, in Front Street Park, and the Gazebo. Check the attached map to review the parade route and detours. All side streets and parking lot entrances along the parade route will be barricaded during the parade, 11:30 - 2:00 PM on Saturday, September 25, 2021. Front Street is currently closed, due to the downtown street closure. There will be activities taking place between 8th Street and 9th Street on Front Street, in Front Street Park, and the Gazebo.

### The Leavenworth Friends of the Library Annual Fundraising Book Sale

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| Downtown at the corner of 8th and Commercial Streets on these dates and times listed: | Monday, September 27, 10-5    |
| Friday, September 24, 10-6  | Tuesday, September 28, 10-5   |
| Saturday, September 25, 10-6  | Wednesday, September 29, 10-5 |
| Sunday, September 26, 10-5  | Thursday, September 30, 10-5  |
|   | Friday, October 1, 10-6       |
|   | Saturday, October 2, 10-6     |
|   | Sunday, October 3, 10-3       |

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