

# Mayor's Message

NOVEMBER 2012

## UPCOMING EVENTS:

### Free Holiday Movie "Elf"

Sunday, November 25, 3:00 p.m.  
Lincoln Theatre  
712 S. 1<sup>st</sup> Street

### Downtown Christmas Parade and Tree Lighting Ceremony

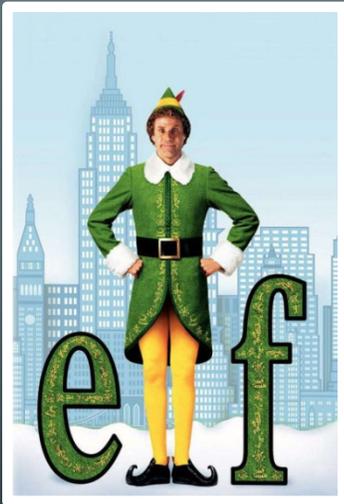
Sunday, November 25, 5:00 p.m.  
1<sup>st</sup> Street

### City Budget Hearing

Wednesday, November 28, 6:00 p.m.  
Police/Court Campus  
1805 Continental Place

### Breakfast with Santa

Saturday, December 1, 8:00 – 11:00 a.m.  
Hillcrest Lodge  
1717 S. 13<sup>th</sup> Street



Free Screening of "Elf" at the Lincoln Theatre on November 25

## Happy Thanksgiving

I'd like to wish you a blessed Thanksgiving holiday – a poignant time of year to reflect on blessings and offer gratitude to each other and our loved ones. I will be enjoying the company of many family members this holiday as we celebrate the life of my dearest grandmother who passed away Sept. 30. Nanny always said "I love you and appreciate you" to visitors in her home. She left me a legacy of gratitude and appreciation for human kindness, for which I will forever be grateful.



## Free Holiday Movie

Community members are invited to a special FREE screening of the holiday comedy "Elf" sponsored by Ken's Hairstyling and the Mount Vernon City Council.

The movie will be shown on Sunday, November 25th at 3:00 p.m. at the Lincoln Theatre, 712 South 1st Street. The annual Christmas Parade and Tree Lighting Ceremony will follow the film at 5:00 p.m., so plan to stay downtown and enjoy the festivities when the movie ends!

## Street Sweeping

The city has two street sweepers which remove dust and other debris from the city's 131 miles of public streets for pollution control purposes. Leaves and sand from snow and ice operations are some of the significant sources of debris that is swept up each year. The street crew uses sweeper trucks to collect sweepings and transport them to the appropriate treatment facility. The resulting materials are hauled to the Waste Water Treatment Plant, where a decant process separates solids from liquids and makes them suitable for disposal.

Benefits of routine street sweeping:

- The sediment is collected before it can contribute to the water quality issues.
- Keeps the city clean by removing debris off of the streets.
- Improves driver safety by maintaining the visibility of striping and lane markings.

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## Street Sweeping, cont.

- Removal of the sediment before it reaches the storm drain systems or streams has a large positive effect on the environment.
- Street sweeping meets municipal National Pollutant Discharge Elimination System (NPDES) and federal Clean Water Act requirements.

## Envision Skagit

The Envision Skagit 2060 project is a visioning and planning process intended to identify long-term opportunities and challenges facing residents and communities in Skagit County over the next 50 years. Envision Skagit 2060 was initiated by Skagit County in 2009 with the assistance of numerous local partner organizations and is funded with two federal grants and local in-kind contributions from participating individuals and organizations.

The Skagit County Growth Management Act Steering Committee, which consists of the three Skagit County Commissioners and the Mayors of Anacortes, Burlington, LaConner, Mount Vernon, and Sedro-Woolley, unanimously supported participation in the Envision Skagit 2060 process on February 26, 2009, and later unanimously supported appointment of the 12-member Envision Skagit Citizen Committee.

The committee's final recommendations were released in October of 2011 as the "Envision Skagit Citizen Committee's Final Report and Recommendations."

No jurisdiction is required to implement the Envision Skagit Citizen Committee's recommendations. The Conversations on Regional Collaboration were designed to encourage Skagit County jurisdictions to discuss regional challenges and opportunities and identify areas where it makes sense for them to work together at a regional (countywide) level.

Next steps include having the Skagit Council of Governments continue the conversation about long-term, regional opportunities and challenges requiring inter-jurisdictional cooperation, coordination, and collaboration that was begun by Envision Skagit 2060.

I support the intent of the Envision Skagit 2060 project – to identify long-term opportunities and challenges facing our future generations, and make decisions to ensure the quality of life in the Skagit Valley. Decisions need to be made with honest discussion and best intentions for our future. Civilizations have 'planned' for thousands of years – ancient Rome, our Founding Fathers... the need for planning is nothing new or sinister. It is common sense.



### Mayor's Coffee Hours December 2012

**Friday, December 7, 2:00 – 4:00 p.m.**

Mount Vernon City Hall  
910 Cleveland Avenue

*\*Bring the kids for cocoa with the Mayor by the City Hall Christmas Tree\**

**Friday, December 14, 9:00 a.m.**

Fire Station 2  
1901 N. LaVenture Road



To learn more about the Envision Skagit 2060 project – visit the Skagit County website at:  
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