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Working on the Future

Community Development Department Director Bob Hyde and planner Rebecca Lowell kicked off the City's 2016 Comprehensive Plan Update Public Participation Program with visits to Mount Vernon High School to get input from our next generation of City leaders and residents.

Mount Vernon High School teacher Mrs. Miller invited Mr. Hyde and Mrs. Lowell into three of her American History Classes comprised of graduating Seniors. In addition to telling these students more about what our Community Development Department does, Mr. Hyde led these students through a visioning process wherein the students identified, in their own words, the Strengths, Weaknesses, Opportunities and Threats specific to the City of Mount Vernon. This visioning exercise will become part of the City's current Comprehensive Plan Update.



Your Voice Matters!

As part of the 2016 Comprehensive Plan Update, the Community Development Department has the following four public meetings currently scheduled to take input from our citizens on how they want to see our City grow over the next 20 years:

Tuesday, June 23, 6 pm, Hillcrest Lodge (1717 South 13th Street)

Tuesday, July 7, 6 pm, City of Mount Vernon Police/Court Campus (1805 Continental Place)

Wednesday, August 5, 6-8 pm, Fire Station #3 (4701 East Division Street)

Saturday, September 19, 1-3 pm, Vaux Retreat Center (3011 East Fir Street)

The City has just launched the 'Future of Mount Vernon' survey to take additional input. This survey can be completed by visiting the City's website at: www.mountvernonwa.gov; then 'Departments'; 'CEDD'; 'Community Development', '2016 Survey'.

Mayor's Coffee Hour

Saturday, May 30, 10:00 - 11:00 am
Mount Vernon Chamber of Commerce
301 W. Kincaid Street

Visit www.mountvernonwa.gov for additional upcoming dates and times.

Summer Reading Program at the Mount Vernon City Library



Signups begin June 8.
FREE books, prizes,
and programs for
kids 2-12!

www.mountvernonwa.gov/library

Mount Vernon Farmers Market

Saturdays from May 23 - October 17
9am-2pm
Skagit Riverwalk Plaza

Seasonal fresh produce, artisan crafts, kids activities, live music and special events! Also, the Wednesday Market continues at Skagit Valley Hospital from June 3 - Sept 30, 11am-4pm!

Intro to Geocaching

May 28, 6-8pm

City Library, 315 Snoqualmie Street

This free course will provide an overview of Geocaching - a real world, outdoor treasure hunting game using GPS enabled devices. Learn how to get started, equipment needs, different types of caches, how to log a find, and much more! At the conclusion of the presentation we will head into the surrounding neighborhood with our GPS devices and hunt for caches. Bring your smart phone or GPS if you would like, but not necessary for class.

Summer Solstice Geocoin Challenge

June 19, 7pm and June 20, 8am

Friday night will be an evening hunt in historic downtown Mount Vernon. Saturday's hunt will have you searching the City for 10 hidden caches! After the required amount of caches are found, participants will receive their "Coin," one per family.

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Phase 3 Flood Protection Project Update

The City is progressing with the final design of the flood protection project. The next portion of the project to be constructed this summer includes fortification of the existing earthen levee adjacent to the City's wastewater treatment plant and new construction of an earthen levee that runs parallel to Riverview Lane and Dike Road. Construction of this 3600 linear feet of levee will provide 100-year flood protection for downtown Mount Vernon and reduced flood elevations in adjacent areas.



The \$26 million project was broken into three phases: Phase 1 was completed in 2009 and Phase 2 in 2014. See the City's website www.mountvernonwa.gov for more information.

The project ensures flood protection and nearly 2 miles of trail along the Skagit River for year round community recreation.

Speed Limit in School Zones

Our Police and Public Works Departments make every effort to ensure School Zone safety in our City. All Mount Vernon schools have the "When Children are Present" speed limit signs to regulate speed in school zones, but when are children actually considered present?



The definition according to State law is as follows:

WAC 468-95-335

When children are present.

Amend MUTCD Section 7B.15 by adding the following to paragraph 07:

The supplemental or lower panel of a School Speed Limit 20 sign which reads When Children are Present shall indicate to the motorist that the 20 mile per hour school speed limit is in force under any of the following conditions:

- (1) School children are occupying or walking within the marked crosswalk.
- (2) School children are waiting at the curb or on the shoulder of the roadway and are about to cross the roadway by way of the marked crosswalk.
- (3) School children are present or walking along the roadway, either on the adjacent sidewalk or, in the absence of sidewalks, on the shoulder within the posted school speed limit zone extending 300 feet, or other distance established by regulation, in either direction from the marked crosswalk.

In short, 'When Children are Present' is in effect when children are physically on the sidewalks, crosswalks, or close proximity (open access) to the roadway.