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\$1.5 Million for Phase 3 of the Waterfront Project

The City of Mount Vernon will receive \$1,500,000 from the State Capital Budget as set forth in Engrossed House Bill 1115. These funds will be used to help finance the \$10 million dollar third and final phase of the Downtown Mount Vernon Flood Protection and Revitalization Project. The total project cost for all phases of the Downtown Flood Protection and Revitalization Project is \$28 million.

Phase 3 of the project includes a) 1.1 miles of floodwall b) .6 miles of riverwalk and trail connection and c) an earthen levy around the Wastewater Treatment Plant. The project will begin where the second phase ended at approximately the intersection of Kincaid and Main Street. Completion of Phase 3 will result in FEMA certified flood protection for the historic downtown area, and that will mean possible reduced flood insurance rates, more favorable building codes and a much needed boost to downtown revitalization efforts.



I am extremely grateful to our 10th and 40th District legislators for all their hard work in securing these much needed construction funds. With this capital funding the City has secured \$8 million dollars towards this third and final phase. The southern portion of Phase 3 will be under construction later this summer. Completing this historic project will bring much needed flood protection to our downtown area, and that will go a long ways towards assuring our residents and business owners that their property is safe from flooding.

2015 Paving Projects

The bids have just been awarded for the following projects, and work should begin shortly:

Grind and Overlay

Division Street from N. 18th Street to S. 27th Street • Blackburn Road from S. Walter Street to S. 2nd Street

Pavement Replacement

S. 3rd Street from Blackburn Road to S. 2nd Street • W. Lincoln Street from N. Barker Street to N. Baker Street • Cosgrove Street from N. Barker Street to N. Baker Street • N. Barker Street from Cosgrove Street to W. Lincoln Street

Mayor's Coffee Hour

Saturday, July 18, 10:00 - 11:00 am
Fire Station 2
1901 N. LaVenture Road

Friday, July 24, 10:00 - 11:00 am
Skagit Publishing Community Room
1215 Anderson Road



Register now for the 4th annual Mayor's Wellness Challenge at www.mountvernonwa.gov

31st Annual Children's Art Festival

Saturday, July 18, 10am - 4pm
Hillcrest Park, 1717 S. 13th Street

Local children's entertainment and approximately 30 booths providing hands on arts and crafts! Concessions are available for purchase or you are welcome to bring your own lunch. Children can experience activities from fish prints to sand art and best of all, it's free! This festival is supported by the City of Mount Vernon and many other generous businesses and organizations in Mount Vernon and the Skagit Valley. Bring the whole family, a picnic lunch and enjoy the whole day together at Hillcrest Park.

Starlight Cinema: Earth to Echo

Friday, July 31
Hillcrest Park, 1717 S. 13th Street
Movie begins at dusk

Come celebrate summer nights with a movie under the stars! Bring your lawn chairs or blankets and family and friends! We will be showing family movies on our JUMBO screen! Admission is FREE!

Concessions will be available for purchase. Movies will begin at dusk. Remember to bring your flashlight for when it is time to leave.

Comprehensive Plan Public Meeting

Wednesday, August 5, 6-8pm
Fire Station 3, 4701 E. Division Street

The City of Mount Vernon is holding an open house for the public to give input on what Mount Vernon should be like in 20 years. Information gathered at the open house will be used to develop the vision for the Comprehensive Plan.

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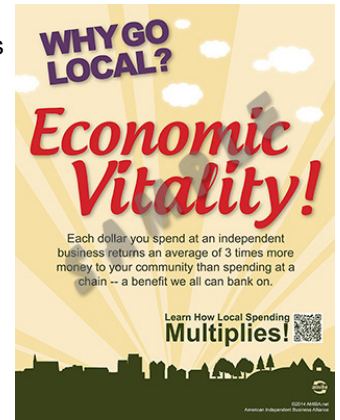


Buy Local, Eat Local, Go Local

Local sales tax revenues fund 21% of the cost of City services. By choosing local and independent businesses for your services, shopping, dining and other needs, you not only get real value and personal service, you're helping:

- **BUILD COMMUNITY!**
The casual encounters you enjoy at neighborhood-scale businesses and the public spaces around them build relationships and community cohesiveness. They're the ultimate social networking sites!
- **STRENGTHEN YOUR LOCAL ECONOMY!**
Each dollar you spend at independent businesses returns 3 times more money to your local economy than one spent at a chain (hundreds of times more than buying from an online mega-retailer) - a benefit we all can bank on.
- **SHAPE OUR CHARACTER!**
Independent businesses help give your community its distinct personality.
- **CREATE JOBS AND OPPORTUNITIES!**
Not only do independent businesses employ more people directly per dollar of revenue, they also are the customers of local printers, accountants, wholesalers, farms, attorneys, etc., expanding opportunities for local entrepreneurs.
- **INCREASE WEALTH OF RESIDENTS!**
The multiplier effect created by spending locally generates lasting impact on the prosperity of local organizations and residents.

Information taken from an article at <http://www.amiba.net/resources/localhero>



Riverwalk Concert Series

Dust off your lawn chairs and your picnic gear and come to Historic Downtown Mount Vernon for some memorable summer evenings!

The City of Mount Vernon and the Mount Vernon Chamber of Commerce are proud to announce the Riverwalk Summer Concert Series. The free concerts will be held every Thursday night beginning July 9th through the end of August on the brand new Mount Vernon Riverwalk Plaza. The two hour concerts will begin at 6pm and feature a mix of family-friendly local and regional artists.



Every Thursday 6:00pm - 8:00pm
Free Concert Series at the Skagit Riverwalk Park
in Historic Downtown Mount Vernon

This inaugural event debuts in an expansive new venue, the Mount Vernon Riverwalk, a \$28 million flood control and economic revitalization project that has been almost 9 years in the making.

The band lineup for the remainder of this inaugural season is:

July 16	Alan Hatley Band
July 23	Holmes Shea Band
July 30	Bobby Holland & the Breadline
August 6	Stilly River Band
August 13	Chris Eger Band
August 20	Rabbit Wilde
August 27	Hot Damn Scandal