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Major Projects Moving Forward!

The City recently awarded bids for construction of three important projects:

- **2015 Street Improvements Project:** This is mostly pavement overlay work that will be performed by Lakeside Industries on segments of West Blackburn Road, Division Street, Lincoln Street, Barker Street, and Cosgrove Street for an approximate cost of \$380,000. Preparation work by City crews has already begun on Blackburn Road and overlay work for the entire project will be completed during the next two months.
- **Downtown Flood Protection Project—Phase 3A:** This is the earthen levee segment of the City's downtown flood protection project that is located around the Wastewater Treatment Plant. Colacurcio Brothers, Inc. is the contractor that will perform this work for an approximate cost of \$985,000. Work is expected to begin by the week of August 24 and be complete by the end of October. It is important to note that even though the work adjacent to the Skagit River requires relatively small modifications of the existing levee, this portion of the work will be completed first to be ahead of flood season.
- **Downtown Mount Vernon Riverwalk Restroom:** This is a project to build a new building adjacent to the riverfront plaza that will provide public restrooms, needed utility space and a vendor location for a cost of approximately \$520,000. Local contractor Axthelm Construction will begin work on the project in the next few weeks and have the facility complete by early next year.



Electric Vehicle Charging Station Coming to Skagit Station

Skagit Station is awaiting confirmation of a grant award which includes funding for the installation of an Electric Vehicle (EV) charging station at Skagit Station. The project was submitted to the Washington State Department of Transportation Regional Mobility Grant Program.

The grant will fund the purchase and installation of three EV charging stations (one single charge station and one dual station), redesign of the parking area to add EV charging station stalls, two additional parking spaces to mitigate the loss of stalls by the placement of EV stalls and the necessary upgrade to electrical infrastructure at Skagit Station to accommodate 2-4 hour EV chargers. For more information call Marcy Smith at Skagit Transit, (360) 757-8801 ext. 1605.

Mayor's Coffee Hour

Saturday, August 29, 10:00 - 11:00 am
Skagit Valley Food Co-op, 2nd Floor Mezzanine
1901 N. LaVenture Road

After Coffee Hour with the Mayor, sample the wares & fares of some of the Co-ops favorite local farmers and producers at their 3rd Annual Summer Garden Party!



Skagit Riverwalk Concert Series
(see next page for upcoming concert dates)

Riverwalk Summer Concert Series

Thursday August 20
Rabbit Wilde

Thursday, August 27
Hot Damn Scandal

Free concerts on the brand new Mount Vernon Riverwalk Plaza. The two-hour concerts begin at 6pm and feature a mix of family-friendly local and regional artists. Bring a lawn chair and enjoy the show!

Veterans Coffee and Donuts

Friday, August 21
10am - 1pm

Heritage Flight Museum's free USO Canteen at Skagit Regional Airport Port of Skagit Hearing Room
15400 Airport Drive

From 10am-1pm the meeting room at the airport will serve as a temporary WW2 USO Canteen and all veterans will be served coffee and donuts. Greet the CAF's B-17 arrival "Sentimental Journey," arriving around noon. The Heritage Flight Museum also plans to have the P-51 Mustang on display.

Walk and Roll on the Kulshan Trail

Saturday, August 22
10am-12pm

Kulshan Trail between Riverside Drive and Waugh Road

Walk and/or Roll on the Kulshan Trail as part of the Mayor's Wellness Challenge and visit the fun and informative booths along the way!

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Rules of the Roundabout

Studies have shown that roundabouts are safer than traditional stop sign or signal-controlled intersections.

Roundabouts reduced injury crashes by 75 percent at intersections where stop signs or signals were previously used for traffic control, according to a study by the Insurance Institute for Highway Safety (IIHS).

Studies by the IIHS and Federal Highway Administration have shown that roundabouts also typically achieve a 37 percent reduction in overall collisions.



Five things to remember when driving a roundabout:

- Slow down when approaching a roundabout.
- Pick a lane as you approach a roundabout. To turn right, be in the right lane. To turn left, be in the left lane. To go straight, use either lane unless otherwise indicated.
- Yield to traffic in the roundabout. Vehicles in the roundabout have the right-of-way.
- Stay a safe distance behind trucks because they will usually use both lanes. Driving side-by-side a truck in a roundabout can be risky!
- Do not stop within the circular portion of the roundabout.

Information taken from www.wsdot.wa.gov/safety/roundabouts. Visit the WSDOT website for more information and videos about driving in single and multilane roundabouts.

Thank You, Tulip Valley Gardeners!

I would like to thank the Tulip Valley Gardeners for their involvement in the City of Mount Vernon's Park Steward Adopt-A-Space Program.

If you have been downtown lately, you have probably noticed their work - they have rehabbed the corner of 1st and Kincaid Streets near the Mount Vernon High School readerboard by purchasing plants for the space and tending to the area multiple times a week throughout the hot weather.

Anyone interested in assisting the City by adopting a space can contact the Mount Vernon Parks Department at (360) 336-6215.

