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Juvenile Work Crew Program

The City of Mount Vernon City Work Program operates in collaboration with the Skagit County Office of Juvenile Court to offer the Juvenile Work Crew. The program is for juveniles involved in the court process. It holds juveniles accountable by providing an opportunity for community restitution. The Juvenile Work Crew not only includes juveniles from Mount Vernon, but also from neighboring communities including Burlington, Sedro-Woolley, and Anacortes. The Juvenile Work Crew works most Saturdays throughout the year.

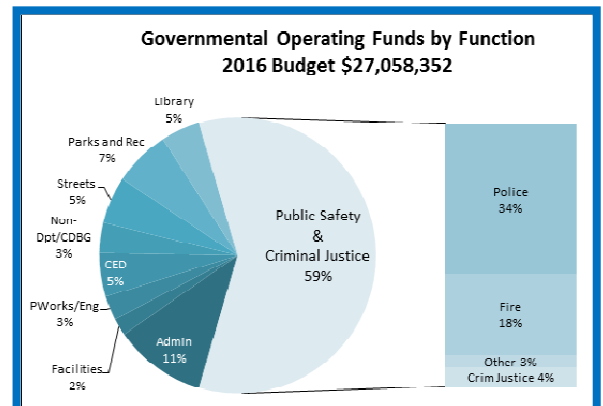
The Juvenile Work Crew serves a specific purpose and completes a variety of tasks within the City of Mount Vernon. These tasks include litter clean up, pulling weeds, special projects and other beautification projects within the City. However, the main focus is on graffiti cleanup. Unfortunately, many home and business owners are victims of graffiti. The Juvenile Work Crew provides a service to these residents by doing their best to paint over graffiti within a week. Allowing graffiti to stay on fences, walls, and other areas of the City, empowers those who do it.

This year alone, the Juvenile Work Crew has had nearly 150 juvenile participants and abated over 200 graffiti sites. The Juvenile Work Crew Supervisor directs the juvenile crew in making the graffiti sites look as close to their original condition as possible. Often the juveniles give feedback that they are proud of the work they are doing. On many occasions, random citizens have made comments of appreciation as they drive by.

2016 City Budget Update

The City Council, Mayor and staff have been working together on the 2016 budget since October 14. The 2016 preliminary budget for the City of Mount Vernon is \$53,232,583, representing a 1.9% increase as compared to the 2015 budget.

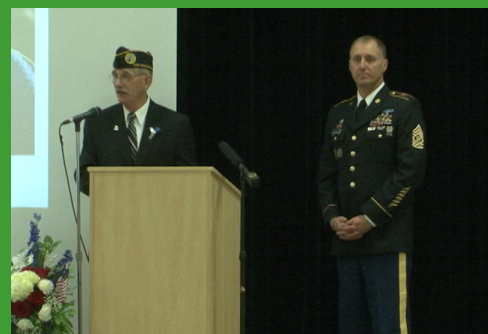
Governmental operations receives 75% of its funding sources from taxes which primarily only grow in a strong economy. These revenues cover expenses for Police, Fire, Library, Streets, Permitting/Planning and Parks operations. Major capital projects included are completion of the Waterfront Revitalization and Flood Protection Project and design and engineering for widening College Way under Interstate 5. Staffing remains status quo.



City Council has held a public hearing regarding revenue and property tax. **This Wednesday, November 18 @ 7pm**, City Council will continue discussing 2016 property taxes and hold a public hearing for proposed amendments to the utility tax on water. **On Tuesday, November 24 @ 6pm, City Council will hold a public hearing on the adoption of the 2016 budget.** All meetings take place at the Police/Court Campus, 1805 Continental Place. For more information please call the Mayor's Office at 336-6211.

Mayor's Coffee Hour

Friday, December 4
10:00 am - 11:00 am
City Hall Lobby
910 Cleveland Avenue



Thank you to those that attended the City of Mount Vernon Veterans Recognition Ceremony and to Richard Sundance and Command Sergeant Major Jason Beirmann (pictured above) for being part of the event

Breakfast with Santa

Saturday, December 5, 8 - 11am
Hillcrest Lodge
1717 S. 13th Street

Don't miss this opportunity to visit with Santa and listen to holiday music in the warm atmosphere of the Hillcrest Lodge. Enjoy a scrumptious breakfast of pancakes and ham and don't forget to bring your camera for some great photo opportunities! Tickets (\$6 for all ages) can be purchased at the door!

Free Holiday Movie "Home Alone"

Sunday, December 6, 2:30 OR 7pm
Lincoln Theatre, 712 S. 1st Street

Community members are invited to a FREE showing of this holiday classic at the historic Lincoln Theatre.

Seating is first come, first served. Thank you to Ken's Hairstyling and the Mount Vernon Downtown Association for sponsoring this event!

Old Fashioned Christmas Parade & Tree Lighting Ceremony

Sunday, December 6, 5pm
1st Street, Downtown Mount Vernon

Enjoy this festive annual event - fun for the whole family! Come to historic downtown 1st Street for Mount Vernon's annual Christmas Parade, starting at 5pm. The Tree Lighting Ceremony in Pine Square will follow shortly after the parade, around 6pm.

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New Dogwood Trees

The City has recently replaced two dogwood trees across from City Hall. The removal and replanting was necessary due to age and disease. The new dogwood trees are the Eddie's White Wonder variety.

The City rededicated the trees to Judge Egbert Crookston, whose name is reflected on a monument plaque at the base of the tree. Egbert Crookston, City Clerk and Police Judge of Mount Vernon, had a highly commendable record in those capacities and is acknowledged to have been one of the influential citizens of the town. He was born on August 26, 1855 in Newburgh, New York.



In February 1893 he took up residence in Mount Vernon, where he remained for the rest of his life. He served as Chief Deputy in the County Assessor's Office, preparing plats on Dikes 2, 13, and others. From 1900 to 1902 he was Skagit County Deputy Treasurer. In 1912 he received the appointments of City Clerk and Police Judge to fill out unexpired terms in those offices. Judge Crookston was described as "systematic, prompt and accurate in the discharge of his duties as clerk and as police judge has manifested familiarity with the town ordinances, a keen sense of justice and an unusual knowledge of human nature."

Skagit River Jam Memorial Rededication

Recently the City rededicated the Skagit River Jam Memorial – honoring eight men who used loggers tools and their own strength and determination in clearing away the massive two-mile long log jam blocking the bend of the river (in front of now historic downtown). The five aluminum panels have been installed on the Riverwalk at the underpass of the Division Street Bridge.

The original memorial was dedicated in 1999 and installed along what was known as the boardwalk on the old revetment. Due to the Waterfront Flood Protection Project, the panels were removed when the boardwalk and revetment were demolished. Credit for the project goes to Mr. Dick Fallis, a local historian who worked to obtain City permission, funding, and design in the 1990s.



Former Mayor Skye Richendrfer, Mayor Jill Boudreau, Tracy Powell, Lex and Cruz Ludtke



Skagit River Jam Memorial

Attending the rededication on October 22: Tracy Powell, designer of the graphics for the panels; Dan Royal, historian for Skagit County Pioneer Association; Mr. Lex Ludtke and Cruz Ludtke, son-in-law and great grandson of Dick Fallis; and Skye Richendrfer, former Mayor. Thank you to City staff Gary Owens and James Weppeler for helping to rehab and install the panels.