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Historic Downtown Public - Private Partnership

BACKGROUND

In 2008 the City adopted our Downtown and Waterfront Master Plan. The following Goals and Objectives from this Master Plan are nearly complete:

- Build a combination flood wall and levee system to create a barrier between the downtown and the Skagit River as part of the Flood Management Program
- Develop a pedestrian-oriented downtown area that increases pedestrian activity and retail and hospitality businesses

NEXT STEPS

With the City's last phase of the flood wall nearing completion, the next step the City needs to take is to facilitate the redevelopment of property acquired for flood control and provide a variety of incentives for commercial redevelopment of underdeveloped properties that will include the following elements: shoreline recreation, office, retail, restaurant, hotel, entertainment and residential. The City has hired Collins Woerman, an award winning firm with extensive expertise in sustainable architecture, planning and design at the local, national, and international levels to assist the City with identifying catalyst projects to expedite the envisioned redevelopment of our historic downtown.



PUBLIC OPEN HOUSE

The public is invited to an Open House hosted by the City and facilitated by Collins Woerman/THG. We hope to see you there!

- When:** March 23, 2-4pm
Where: Skagit Station Conference Room, 105 East Kincaid Street
Further Info: City website at www.mountvernonwa.org or (360) 336-6214

Kincaid South Sub-Area Plan

The City is continuing its focus on the downtown core with a sub-area plan that was kicked off in late 2016. Assisting the City with this effort is Makers, a Seattle based Architecture, Planning and Urban Design firm.

The overarching goal of the Kincaid South Sub-Area Plan is to identify the growth potential and optimal mix of land uses within the sub-area boundaries.

The plan will examine an increase in residential density to provide a greater level of around-the-clock activity, support existing business and improve the general vitality of this area by encouraging and incentivizing higher residential density, mixed use buildings and other to-be-determined land uses intended to manifest this area into bustling, vibrant neighborhood with a unique Northwest flare.

Extensive public involvement is vital in this type of planning effort – stay tuned for additional details regarding upcoming meetings to solicit public comment and input.



Mayor's Community Wellness Events

A free community activity every month of the year!

The Mayor's Wellness Challenge is being reimagined in 2017 to celebrate and grow our community spirit over the course of the entire year, with a special event or activity highlighted each month!

We encourage everyone to come out and participate - celebrating together strengthens our community connections, fosters neighborliness, and highlights everything that is great about our city. We look forward to seeing you in the months ahead!

Visit www.mountvernonwa.gov for all the latest details on monthly activities, or "like" us on Facebook at Mount Vernon Wellness Challenge

KICKOFF EVENT:

April

Arbor Day at Bakerview Park
Saturday, April 8, 9-11am

We're celebrating Arbor Day by planting trees, mulching and doing park beautification at Bakerview Park.

Participants are encouraged to bring work gloves and the Parks Department will supply any needed tools. Open to any and all community members who would like to help! Please RSVP at 336-6215.

Mayor's Coffee Hour

Friday, March 17, 10-11am
Mount Vernon City Hall, 2nd Floor
910 Cleveland Avenue

Mayor Jill Boudreau
910 Cleveland Avenue
P.O. Box 809
Mount Vernon, WA 98273

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City Welcomes New Outreach Coordinator

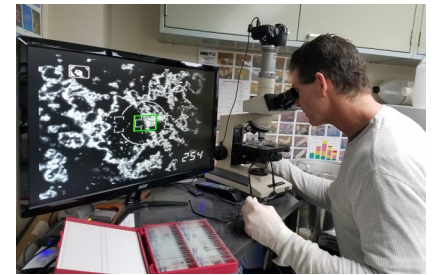
Erin Von Femppe joined the Mount Vernon Police Department on March 1 as the City's first Outreach Coordinator. Erin will be performing outreach services to individuals in the community suffering from mental illness, drug/alcohol dependency, and the homeless, and will collaborate with other social and public agencies to provide services referral.



Erin has an extensive background in this field. She graduated from UC Riverside with a BA in Psychology, obtained her Masters of Social Work from USC and spent 20 years working with the homeless population in Long Beach, California through Mental Health of America. She's worked on the front lines, supervised outreach teams and the last position she held was Deputy Director, where she supervised and oversaw all aspects of five intensive direct service teams providing social and mental health services to this population. Welcome, Erin!

Did You Know? Wastewater Treatment Plant Operator Qualifications

Our City's Wastewater Utility Operators are highly skilled professionals and must possess a Group III Operator certification upon hire. There are five levels of wastewater certification in Washington - each level has education and experience requirements and requires the applicant to take and pass a rigorous exam.



Achieving the level of Group III Operator requires 90 relevant credits/CEUs and 4 years of domestic wastewater treatment plant operating experience. Without college credit or CEU's, a total of 8 years' experience is required. Once certification is obtained, 30 hours of class time in wastewater process or other relevant wastewater topics are needed every 3 years.

Wastewater Certification Exam Sample Questions:

- A trapezoidal channel is 3.5 ft wide at the bottom and 5.5 ft wide at the water surface. The water depth is 38 in. If the flow velocity through the channel is 125 ft/min, what is the ft³/min flow rate through the channel?
- The flow to a primary clarifier is 4.89 MGD. If the influent to the clarifier has a suspended solids concentration of 185 mg/L and the primary effluent has 100 mg/L suspended solids, how many lb/day suspended solids are removed by the clarifier?

Sewer Pipe Rehabilitation

The City is contracting with Michel's Pipe Services to rehabilitate sewers in various places around the City, including the College Way/Riverside Drive intersection. The work is being done at night to minimize traffic and safety impacts and should be completed by the end of March.

This project is part of an ongoing effort by the City to rehabilitate aging sewer and storm collection systems. Tubes of specially manufactured felt material are soaked in resin and inserted through manholes. The "wet" liner is then cured in place using steam, which hardens it into a structural material similar to modern PVC pipe, but without the time and expense associated with traditional sewer replacement. The final product is expected to extend the life of the pipe by more than fifty years. For more information, contact Public Works at 336-6204.