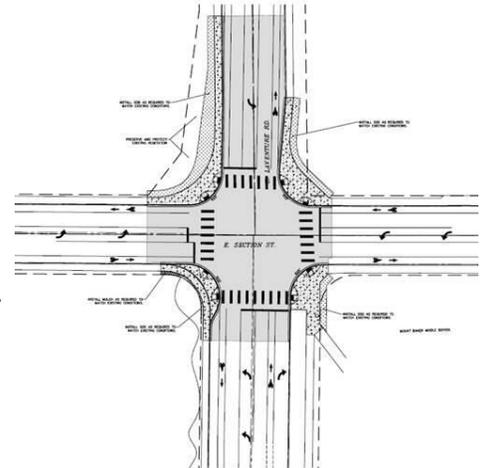


We provide professional, efficient services to create a lifetime positive difference for our Community.

Summer Transportation & Construction Projects Underway

There are several major transportation and construction projects in progress throughout the City this summer. Thank you in advance for your cooperation and patience as work progresses.

Section / LaVenture Traffic Signal Installation: Roadway and sidewalk work has begun with traffic light installation expected to start mid-August and project completion early to mid-September. This intersection services approximately 17,000 vehicles and 300 students per day - the highest pedestrian usage in Skagit County. The new traffic signals will relieve traffic congestion and improve pedestrian and vehicle safety at the intersection, create larger sidewalk areas at the signal crossing, designate a right turn lane on LaVenture northbound, create additional bike lanes and street lighting, and reduce pedestrian crossing distance.



Section/LaVenture Traffic Signal Project

Roundabout at Waugh and Division: Construction of the roundabout at the intersection of Waugh Road and East Division Street began on June 21st and will be complete by approximately September 20th. The roundabout is a requirement of several residential developments in the area and its design is intended to fully enhance the intersection while promoting vehicular and pedestrian safety.

Montreaux II Development: The City recently approved Clearing and Fill & Grade permits following an in-depth approval process and pre-construction meeting with the developer and sub-contractors for the Montreaux II development (a new residential subdivision at the corner of S Waugh Road and E Broadway Street). Residents will notice tree and brush clearing operations beginning on Jun 20th, which should be complete by July 17th. As part of the conditions for development, the City required the developer to utilize arborist services to clearly identify the property boundary lines to include all danger and hazard trees. Grading activity will take place 8am - 5pm and weekend work will most likely not be required.

Paving Projects and ADA Sidewalk Ramp Improvements:

- Division Street between S 28th Street and Leann Street
- N 32nd Place and N 33rd Place north of College Way
- Fowler Street between S 14th Street and 18th Street, and S 14th Street from Blackburn Road to Fowler Street
- Curtis Street from West Division Street (SR 536) to McLean Road

Pump Station on the corner of Freeway Drive and College Way: City forces are performing needed maintenance work on the pumps and accessories contained in this important sanitary sewer pump station.

Sewer and Storm Pipe Rehabilitation Project: Contractors working for the City will be lining sewer and storm drain pipes at various locations throughout the City in order to restore the life and function of old, worn pipes.

Roosevelt Avenue Sanitary Sewer Repair: City forces will repair a 300-foot section of larger diameter sanitary sewer pipe in Roosevelt Avenue located in the block west of N 18th Street.

Mayor's Coffee Hour

Saturday, June 24, 10:00 - 11:00 am
Fire Station 3
4701 E. Division Street

Friday, June 30, 12:00 - 1:00 pm
Mount Vernon City Hall
910 Cleveland Avenue, 2nd Floor

Visit the City website for more information:
www.mountvernonwa.gov



Police Officer Chris Pash graduated from the Basic Law Enforcement Academy on June 14. He successfully completed 720 hours of law enforcement training, including months of exhaustive practical exercises and intensive academic work. The graduation ceremony was held at the Washington State Criminal Justice Training Center. Congratulations, Officer Pash on a job well done!

MAYOR'S JULY COMMUNITY WELLNESS EVENTS:

Fabulous 4th of July

Tuesday, July 4
Edgewater Park
600 Behrens-Millett Road

Music, food and fireworks...a good time for the entire family! Bring your own food and BBQ or try one of our tasty food vendors. Music begins with local bands at 7pm, the headliner at 9pm, and fireworks at dark. Don't forget your lawn chair or blanket and a flashlight to help when leaving the show.

Children's Art Festival

Saturday, July 15, 10am - 4pm
Hillcrest Park, 1717 S. 13th Street

Local children's entertainment and approximately 30 booths providing hands on arts and crafts! 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.

Fall & Winter Gardens Start in Summer!

Monday, July 24, 6pm
City Library, 315 Snoqualmie Street

Join Valerie Rose, WSU Skagit Master Gardener, to learn why a fall garden must be started in the summer; which varieties are best for late-season harvest; and strategies for protecting your garden from frost and cold. New and experienced gardeners alike will learn how to extend the growing season well into the cold months.

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Celebrate Safely This 4th of July

Stay safe this 4th of July - purchase only legal fireworks (available at licensed fireworks stands in Mount Vernon). Firecrackers, chasers, rockets, missiles, and mortars are **illegal** in the City. Discharge of legal fireworks is allowed only on July 4th between the hours of 12 NOON AND 12 MIDNIGHT. In addition, fireworks may NOT be discharged within 300 feet of any forest lands or parks within the City.

As a safe alternative, join other members of the community for music, food, and a fantastic public display of fireworks at Edgewater Park! See left for details.

Be Prepared	Be Safe	Be Responsible
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Purchase only legal fireworks • Must be 16 to purchase fireworks • Keep pets indoors • Always have a hose or fire extinguisher ready to use 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Only adults should light fireworks • Do not throw or hold fireworks • Protect your eyes • Never re-light a dud 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Soak used fireworks in water • Clean up used fireworks • Keep matches, lighters and fireworks away from children • Alcohol and fireworks don't mix!

Be a Good Neighbor

Many property owners may not know that they are responsible for maintaining the public right-of-way next to their property, including the sidewalk and planting strip. With summer upon us, now is the perfect time to assess your property and trim or remove any overhanging trees, plants, shrubs, and vegetation which obstruct adjacent streets, alleys or sidewalks.

Trimming vegetation to improve visibility is one of the most effective ways you can enhance pedestrian and traffic safety in your neighborhood, and being proactive now will go a long way towards eliminating major problems in the future! THANK YOU!



Councilmember Hudson Graduates Leadership Skagit

Congratulations to Councilmember Mary Hudson, who graduated from Leadership Skagit on June 14. The program was founded by the Economic Development Association of Skagit County, Skagit Valley College and Washington State University and works to strengthen and transform Skagit County and its communities by developing a network of business and community leadership that is informed, inclusive and connected through shared learning experiences.



The program's intense 9-month curriculum combines leadership skill development with in-depth information, study and discussion on topics critical to the future of our region. Participants also work as part of a small team to plan, organize and complete a service project that will provide a lasting benefit to our community. Congratulations, Councilmember Hudson on this remarkable accomplishment!