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Public Invited to Open House on Comprehensive Plan Vision on June 23rd

MOUNT VERNON – On Tuesday, June 23rd, the City of Mount Vernon will hold a public open house from 6:00 to 7:30 p.m. at **Hillcrest Lodge**, 1717 S. 13th Street. The purpose of the open house is for the public to give input on what Mount Vernon should be like in 20 years. Interested participants can also take a short online survey at www.mountvernonwa.gov. Information gathered at the open house and through the survey will be used to develop the vision for the Comprehensive Plan.

Comprehensive Plans establish policies for community growth and development and guide city decision making in several areas: land use, economic development, transportation, parks and recreation, utilities, housing, health and wellness, community planning, and capital facilities. Setting a community vision is the first step in Mount Vernon's Comprehensive Plan update. Public participation is a key component of this effort.

The City of Mount Vernon is updating its Comprehensive Plan in accordance with the Washington State Growth Management Act (GMA) governed by RCW 36.70A. Most jurisdictions in the state are required to adopt a Comprehensive Plan consistent with the GMA and to update their plan every eight years. Mount Vernon's update will take about a year to complete and is due to the state in June 2016.

Anyone who wishes to stay informed about the Comprehensive Plan update as it progresses should send their contact information to mvced@mountvernonwa.gov or call 360-336-6214.

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