

CHAMBER CHAT

August 2024

August is a Time to Learn...and to Have Fun!

I am going to use this space to highlight meetings and events that you may want to attend, as I typically do. But first, I want to emphasize that the value of your investment in the Chamber is not dependent on your coming to our programs and events. Your support allows us to be your voice and active participants in creating a better community for your business and for residents of our area. We do so through advocacy on the state and local level, leadership in many boards and organizations, and lots of strategic discussion by the board and staff. There are plenty of additional ways that you receive marketing and business assistance, without attending meetings and events, Of course, when you do, we strive to provide the information you need, the opportunity to form mutually beneficial connections, and to be part of the process.

1. Our Luncheon on the 28th, featuring the program “Mount Vernon Library Commons: A Prologue” is a meeting that I think you will find interesting. The Library Commons is such an exciting project because of the diverse and valuable ways that it will benefit our community. HKP Architects will fill us in on the unique design elements that make it a state-of-the-art facility, in energy efficiency and functionality for its many uses. A City representative will also speak on what to expect from the new Library. I believe that we will come away from the program with the understanding that the Library Commons will be a hub of activity for a long time to come and generate significant economic and community activity.

2. The Riverwalk Concert Series is in full swing! Thanks to our fabulous sponsors and loyal concert crowd, the attendance this year is the best that we have had. We continue to have people comment on how much they appreciate the series because of how well it builds community, brings business to the downtown, and is so much fun. If you have attended, thank you. If you haven't, you owe it to yourself to come out for the evening.

Thank you for your support of the Chamber and our community!
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Calendar of Events

Multi-Chamber After Hours at The Garage Cafe

Thursday, August 8
4:30 p.m. to 6 p.m.
227 State Street
Sedro-Woolley

Speaking of Women Coffee Chat

Wednesday August 14
9:00 a.m.
Triumph Teen Life Center
2121 E College Way
Mount Vernon
[Register here](#)



Chamber Membership Luncheon - Mount Vernon Library Commons: A Prologue

Wednesday, August 28
11:30 a.m. to 1 p.m.
Hillcrest Lodge
1717 S 13th St
Mount Vernon
[Register here](#)



Latino Business Leaders Summer Social and Kickoff Event

Wednesday August 28
6:00 p.m.
La Catrina Tacos & Tequila
517 S 1st St
Mount Vernon
[Register here](#)

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Latino Business Leaders Summer Social

After wrapping up a very successful 2023-2024 Latino Business Leaders program last May and launching Latino Business Youth last July, we are excited to kick off the new Latino Business Leader program this August.

The Latino Business Leaders 2024-2025 Program is kicking off with its annual summer social on **Wednesday August 28 at La Catrina Tacos & Tequila** in Mount Vernon. The Summer Social is open to Latino startups and established businesses. This year we will also have with us our Latino Business Youth participants who will connect and share their business ideas with our Latino entrepreneurs. Stay tuned for more details.

The 2024-2025 program includes monthly business sessions, specialized training, networking events, and one-on-one mentorship. New this year and in answer to the needs of our community, we will offer training for contractors and food businesses in addition to the monthly sessions. All Latino Business Leaders sessions will continue to be delivered in Spanish while specialized training for contractors will be delivered in English and Spanish.

As a regional chamber of commerce, our services are available for all businesses in Skagit as well as neighboring counties.

Sponsorship and Partnership opportunities are available. **The deadline to confirm your sponsorship is Friday August 23rd.** Sponsors will be announced at the Summer Social event. For more information please contact Business Development and Foundation Director Silvia Reed at (360) 395-2944 | (360) 305-0895 or Silvia@MountVernonChamber.com.

BrewFest on the Skagit Continues

The historic Lincoln Theatre has passed the reigns of BrewFest on the Skagit to the Mount Vernon Chamber of Commerce. We are honored to take on this long-standing Mount Vernon tradition. We are also happy to donate a portion of each ticket sold to the Lincoln Theatre Foundation to help keep live music, theatre, community events and film in the theatre throughout the year.

The event is on Saturday, September 7th from 2 p.m. to 7 p.m. in downtown Mount Vernon. We have an incredible music lineup, see the list below. There will be local and regional breweries from throughout Washington State, cider, and wine at the event. There will also be amazing food and leisure games to play while you enjoy the show. We expect over 800 attendees at the event.

Music lineup:

2 p.m. The Chris Eger Band - 4 p.m. Eden - 6 p.m. Friends for the Ghost

The event will be heavily promoted through diverse media, including social media, radio, print, press releases, chamber website, member communications, and more. As a sponsor, you can expect to benefit from unprecedented brand exposure and stand above the competition through association with a much-loved, community event.

Sponsorship opportunities are now available. Please refer to the flyer at the end of this newsletter for more information. **Sponsorship deadline is Monday, August 12!** Contact Jeremy Kindlund, Operations Director at Jeremy@MountVernonChamber.com or 360 428-8547 for any questions or to secure your spot.

Welcome New Members

The Apothecary Spa

Anna Holm
(360) 299-2112
www.theapothecaryspa.com
320 E. Fairhaven Ave.
Burlington

The Spa’s inspired professionals are dedicated to providing treatments that bring together healing and luxury. Restore your balance as we take you through an unforgettable experience.

Dorothea Coffee

Conor Mahoney
(360) 542-2258
www.dorotheacoffee.com
514 S 1st St
Mount Vernon

We are a specialty coffee roaster located in Downtown Mount Vernon offering fun and interesting coffee. Retail and wholesale.

Northwest Brewers Supply

Ben Holm
(360) 293-0424
www.nwbrewers.com
940 S Spruce St
Burlington



For over 30 years, Northwest Brewers Supply has had the freshest ingredients, friendly service, and expert education for amateur beer, wine, cider, and mead makers in Skagit County and beyond.

ZenBusiness

Sallie Clark
(844) 493-6249
www.zenbusiness.com
5511 Parkcrest Dr Ste 103
Austin, Texas

ZenBusiness is a business formation services company that provides an easy, all-in-one platform and trusted guidance for small business owners to start, run, and grow a successful business.

Riverwalk Summer Concert Series

Dust off your lawn chairs and come to Historic Downtown Mount Vernon for some memorable summer evenings! Imagine an informal crowd relaxing along the riverfront, listening and dancing to live music set against the backdrop of the Skagit River and a beautiful sunset

Every Thursday from 6 p.m. to 8 p.m.

- August 8: The Naughty Blokes
- August 15: Pension King and the Dependents
- August 22: Chris Eger and the Powerhouse Horns
- August 29: Billy Appleton Band



Presented by:



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Member Announcements

Skagit County Fair



Washington Vocational Services' ATTIC Program is hiring part-time Job Coaches!!

If you or someone you know loves working with people, would love to make a difference by supporting students with disabilities and is looking for part-time work. Please join our dedicated team as we strive to empower students with disabilities by teaching essential independent living skills. As a part-time job coach, you will play a crucial role in fostering autonomy and self-sufficiency among our students in classroom/group environment or on-on-one coaching. This position offers 12 to 16 hours per week, providing a flexible schedule for those passionate about making a difference in the lives of others. To apply, please [click here](#).

Mount Baker Mortgage Welcomes Veronica Rincon: Enhancing Service with Bilingual Expertise

Mount Baker Mortgage Company NMLS 1820049 is pleased to announce a valuable addition, Veronica Rincon NMLS 2596758, who joins us as a bilingual loan officer. Veronica brings a diverse background with extensive experience as a real estate agent and legal assistant specializing in personal injury and immigration law. Her multifaceted expertise will significantly enhance our ability to serve a broader range of clients and communities.

Tune In
Chamber Chat
Wednesday Mornings

8:05 a.m. **102.1 KQPS** The New Country
8:20 a.m. **KBRC** Classic Rock

For more member announcements, visit
mountvernonchamber.com/member-announcements

Send your announcements to
Jeremy@MountVernonChamber.com

July in Pictures



Biz Buzz Networking Luncheon



**Multi-Chamber After Hours
at The Depot**



**Speaking of Women coffee chat at
The Skagit Table**



Latino Business Youth



**Mount Vernon Chamber
Ambassador Committee**



**Eden playing the
Riverwalk Summer Concert Series**

Ambassadors

- Chair - Betsy Anorbe**
Betsy Anorbe Real Estate
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- Chris Van De Grift**
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BRONZE LEGACY



BrewFest on the Skagit
Sponsorship Opportunities
Saturday, September 7, 2024



Presenting Sponsor: \$5,000 - Not available

Opportunity to speak and be recognized at the event

Mentioned in all radio ads – KISM, KAPS and KBRC

Logo prominently displayed on event poster as the Presenting Sponsor

Logo listed as the Presenting Sponsor on all advertising, marketing materials, and social media including:

Logo on Skagit Valley Herald display ad

Branded advertising on MountVernonChamber.com

Social Media Promotion on Chamber channels

Logo in the chamber newsletter

Eight tickets to the event

Company Banner displayed at event

Display table at event

Imperial Sponsor: \$1,500

Company logo prominently displayed on promotional poster

Special recognition during event

Company logo on advertising, marketing materials, and social media including:

Logo on Skagit Valley Herald display ad

Branded advertising on MountVernonChamber.com

Social Media Promotion on Chamber channels

Six tickets to the event

Company Banner displayed at event

Display table the event

Supporting Sponsor: \$550

Company logo displayed on promotional poster

Company logo on advertising, marketing materials, and social media including:

Logo on Skagit Valley Herald display ad

Branded advertising on MountVernonChamber.com

Social Media Promotion on Chamber channels

Two tickets to the event

Contact Jeremy Kindlund, Operations Director to reserve your spot!

(360) 428-8547

Jeremy@MountVernonChamber.com





Partnership Opportunities

Latino Business Leaders (LBL) is a Mount Vernon Chamber of Commerce Foundation program designed to facilitate the advancement and participation of Latino businesses in our region through business training programs, networking, marketing and mentorship. LBL runs between August 2024 and May 2025.

LBL Presenting Partner

\$2500.00

- ⇒ Company name and/or logo in all LBL marketing including website, social media and newsletter
- ⇒ Company name in all radio announcements
- ⇒ Opportunity to speak in front of the group
- ⇒ Your marketing material available for participants at all business training sessions
- ⇒ Marketing table (or similar depending on space) at 3 LBL Social-Networking events

LBL Partner (3 business training sessions)

\$500.00

- ⇒ Company name and/or logo in LBL marketing including website, social media and newsletter
- ⇒ Opportunity to speak in front of the group
- ⇒ Your marketing material available for participants at 3 business training sessions

Latino Initiative Supporter

\$250.00

- ⇒ Company name and/or logo in event marketing
- ⇒ Opportunity to speak in front of the group
- ⇒ Your marketing material available for LBL participants

LBL Social-Networking Event Supporter

\$250.00

- ⇒ Company name and/or logo in event marketing including website, social media and newsletter
- ⇒ Opportunity to speak in front of the group
- ⇒ Marketing table at event (or similar depending on space)

LBL Business Training Supporter (1 session)

\$200.00

- ⇒ Company name and/or logo in LBL marketing
- ⇒ Company logo on the event page and displayed during the sponsored session
- ⇒ Your marketing material available for session participants

2024-2025 Schedule

LBL Social-Networking Events

Held on in August—December and April

Latino Initiatives

Special sessions designed to support the Latino community and based on specific community needs.

Business Training Program

Free monthly training sessions in Spanish. Held the second Wednesday of the month unless otherwise noted in event page.



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LATINO BUSINESS LEADERS SUMMER SOCIAL

2024-2025 KICKOFF EVENT
LANZAMIENTO DEL PROGRAMA 2024-2025

La Catrina Tacos & Tequila

517 S. 1st St. Mount Vernon
August 28 | 6 - 8 PM

- Se conectara con otros empresarios de exito y nuevos emprendedores
- Connect with successful business owners and new start ups
- Buffet de botanas gratuito
- Free appetizers

Confirme su Asistencia

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