

SKAGIT VALLEY CHAMBER OF COMMERCE

CHAMBER CHAT

JUNE 2026

Housing Gets the Focus It Needs

At our May Luncheon the topic was housing, from the prospective of nonprofit organizations who work on the issue and build houses. Our panelists—Tina Tate (Skagit Habitat for Humanity), Bill Henkel (Community Action of Skagit County), and Chuck Messinger (United Way of Skagit County)—provided an insightful look into the current state of local housing, highlighting our community's pressing challenges, emerging opportunities, existing gaps, and vital partnerships. The event was moderated by Amber Lang from Family Promise of Skagit Valley.

Following the Skagit Housing Update, our team participated at the groundbreaking ceremony for Kulshan Vista Village, a solid partnership between Community Action of Skagit County and the Mount Vernon School District to support families experiencing housing instability.

We will continue to focus on, and advocate for housing solutions for Skagit County. Part of our effort is to identify the impediments to building, including regulations at all levels.

West Mount Vernon Businesses

Please support our friends in West Mount Vernon! The painting of the bridge connecting them to downtown will very soon be restricted to one-way traffic going west. That means that the traffic they depend on for exposure and access for their customers will be reduced significantly. We will highlight them regularly to bring attention and customers. We are also working with the Mount Vernon Downtown Association to spread the word on the traffic restriction and to promote the affected businesses.

Andy Mayer
President / CEO



GOLD



SILVER



Skagit Valley Chamber of Commerce
(360) 428-8547
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Calendar of Events

Ribbon Cutting at Skagit Clubhouse

Thursday June 4

3:00 PM

Skagit Clubhouse

1320 Riverside Dr. Suite E

Mount Vernon

Speaking of Women “The Power of Women”

Wednesday, June 17

4:30 to 6:00 PM

Save the Date

Details coming soon



Skagit Chamber Alliance Multi-Chamber After Hours at The Bony Pony

Thursday, June 11

4:30 p.m. to 6 p.m.

2423 Old Hwy 99 S Rd

Mount Vernon

Latino Business Leaders Round



Wednesday, June 24

6 p.m. to 8 p.m.

Skagit Valley Chamber of Commerce

301 W. Kincaid. Mount Vernon

[Register here](#)

Ribbon Cutting at Mi Casita

Friday March 12

3:00 PM

127 E. Fairhaven Ave.

Burlington

Member Appreciation Luncheon



Wednesday June 24

11:30 to 1:00 PM

Craft Stove

900 W. Division St. Mount Vernon

[Register here](#)

Business E.D.G.E - How to Resolve Conflicts

Tuesday June 16

2:00 to 3:00 PM

Virtual event

[Register here](#)

BRONZE LEGACY



Welcome New Members

Leslie Kasper, Travel Advisor with Be Our Guest Travel Company

Leslie Kasper
(360) 320-6913
17691 SR-536
Mount Vernon



www.BeOurGuestTravelCompany.com

I believe the best trips are the ones where you can truly relax, have fun, and make unforgettable memories—without sweating the small stuff. That's where I come in! As a Travel Advisor specializing in family and luxury travel, I take care of all the details so you can focus on enjoying the journey.

Johnson Electrical Services

Corey Johnson
(520) 470-7775
5638 Swift Creek Drive
Mount Vernon



<http://www.johnsonelectricservices.com>

Whether you need an electrical repair, panel upgrade, EV charger installation, generator hookup, lighting installation, hot tub wiring, remodeling electrical work, or wiring for a new construction project, Johnson Electrical Services is committed to getting the job done safely and correctly. Licensed, bonded, and insured, and every project is completed to meet current electrical codes and industry standards.

B.E.C.U

Debbie Matson
1753 S. Burlington Blvd
Burlington

BECU is a member-owned, not-for-profit credit union. Our members' needs are what's most important to us.

Skagit Sign Co.

Anthony Asp
(360) 855-5105
789 Chrysler Dr.
Burlington

<https://skagitsignco.com/>



At Skagit Sign Co., we specialize in creating high-impact signage and visual communication solutions that elevate your brand and get you noticed. Proudly serving Skagit County and the greater Pacific Northwest, we bring decades of industry experience and a deep understanding of local businesses to every project we take on. From design and production to installation and project management, we guide you through the process to ensure your vision becomes a reality.

GuardWell RV & Boat Storage

Deanna Hobbs
(425) 941-5787
2950 Cedardale Road
Mount Vernon



<http://www.guardwellstorage.com>

GuardWell RV & Boat Storage offers premium RV & boat storage in Western WA - Mount Vernon location coming soon!

Adventure starts here — and so does safe storage! Whether it's your RV, boat, or adventure toys, we've got your safe and affordable storage facility waiting for you. Secure, convenient, and ready when you are.

Financial Horizons, PLLC

Mark Sabo
(206) 714-6200
301 W. Kincaid
Mount Vernon



Professional consulting services including business taxes, business valuations, business growth strategies, business plans systems and efficiencies and turn-around management.

Speaking of Women welcomes students

Speaking of Women is a chamber program designed for business women to connect with one another, empower each other and mentor upcoming business leaders. The program focuses on building authentic professional bonds. Both Chamber members and non-members are welcome to join Speaking of Women at any point during the year.

The program also provides an incredible opportunity for students to connect directly with impactful women leaders right here in Skagit County. It is an unmatched way for local youth and young professionals to build a local professional network and gain invaluable insights.

To access the student rate, applicants only need to complete the online application and submit it to the chamber. Once accepted, students receive a significantly reduced rate for all Speaking of Women events, ensuring that financial barriers don't stand in the way of high-value professional development and networking.

Local businesses can directly champion this next generation of leadership through our student sponsorship initiative. A business can sponsor a student's future participation in the program, granting them access to these opportunities with Skagit County leaders.

Registration Fees (June thru November)

- Chamber Member Fee \$150.00
- Non-member Fee \$200.00
- Student Fee \$75.00

Students can apply to Speaking of Women by [following this link](#).

For more information about the Speaking of Women program, contact Silvia Reed | (360) 395-2944 | Silvia@SkagitValleyChamber.com



Riverwalk Summer Concert Series

Dust off your lawn chairs, put on your dancing shoes and come to Historic Downtown Mount Vernon for some memorable summer evenings! The Riverwalk Summer Concert Series is free thanks to community sponsors. From foot-tapping blues, to old-time rock and roll music, the Riverwalk Concerts are a great way to wind down your week or jump-start a fun-filled weekend. For information on sponsoring the series contact Silvia Reed, Business Development & Foundations Director at (360) 395-2944 or Silvia@SkagitValleyChamber.com. See the sponsorship details on pages 12 - 13 and reserve your spot today.



7/9/2026 Pacific Twang
7/16/2026 EDEN
7/23/2026 The ABBAgaphs
7/30/2026 Bluesfish
8/6/2026 Friends for the Ghost
8/13/2026 Baby Cakes
8/20/2026 The Chris Eger Band
8/27/2026 The Atlantics

Thank you for Renewing your Membership

20+ Year Anniversary

- Lincoln Theatre
- McIntyre Hall, Performing Arts

5+ Year Anniversary

- PAVÉ Jewelry & Design
- Guild Mortgage, The Griffin Group

2 Year Anniversary

- Right at Home Northwest

10+ Year Anniversary

- Craft Stove
- John Piazza Jr. Construction & Remodeling
- JP Automotive
- All About Hearing
- Learned Commercial, Inc.
- Skagit Valley Neighbors In Need Food Bank
- WAFD Insurance Group Inc.

1 Year Anniversary

- A Plus Concrete LLC
- Caisley Graphic Design

Partner Members

Anderson Podiatry, Aquarius Collective, Birch Equipment Co., Coastal Farm & Ranch, CPI Plumbing & Heating, Foothills Toyota, Global Credit Union, Hampton Inn & Suites, Law Office of Jeffrey R. Pollock, PLLC, Leslie Kasper, Travel Advisor with Be Our Guest Travel Company, Loving Farms, Mount Vernon School District, North Coast Credit Union, PogoZone, Port of Skagit, Puget Sound Energy, Skagit Public Utility District 1, Skagit Regional Health, Skagit Speedway, Skagit Valley Food Co-op, The Skagit Casino Resort WECU, Williams & Nulle, PLLC, CPAs, Wingate by Wyndham

May in Pictures



**Ribbon Cutting at
C&W Fencing**



**Speaking of Women
Coffee Chat**



**Latino Business Leaders
Business Panel**



**Chamber Ambassador
Meeting**



**Multi-Chamber After Hours
at Foss Heating & Cooling**



**Membership Luncheon
Skagit Housing Update**



**Chamber Foundation
Career Presentation at
Camp Korey**

Ambassadors

Chair - Ian Houben
Skagit Habitat for Humanity

Betsy Anorbe
Betsy Anorbe Real Estate

Silvia Alvarez
Triumph Teen Life Center

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CrossCountry Mortgage, LLC

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Global Credit Union

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Title & Escrow

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U.S. Bank - Riverside Dr

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All Colors Painting

Jessica Rodriguez
Children of the Valley After
School Program

Perla Vergara
Perla's Insurance Services

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Chair - Lance Calloway

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Washington

Past Chair - Flora Lucatero

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Treasurer - Tammy Reim-Ledbetter

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Crystal King

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Robert Knoll

Puget Sound Energy

Andrew Miller

United Way of Skagit County

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Skagit Valley Food Co-op

Steve Sexton

City of Mount Vernon

Danny Vera

Skagit Regional Health

STAFF

Andy Mayer President/CEO

Silvia Reed Business Development and
Foundation Director

Bob Johnson

Visitor Information Services



Member Announcements

Skagit Habitat for Humanity Homebuyer Program



Application are open at Parkside Cottages in Anacortes, 2-bed, 1.5-bath units. This is an opportunity to pay no more than 33% of your gross monthly income to own a home in beautiful Anacortes. [Download the application](#)

Skagit Valley Highland Games Call for Volunteers

VOLUNTEERS NEEDED

We need **your** help at the
**Skagit Valley Highland
Games, July 11 & 12th.**
Tickets, parking, selling
merchandise, customer
service, and more!

CORPORATE/GROUP
OPPORTUNITIES AVAILABLE.
VOLUNTEERS RECEIVE TWO
FREE WEEKEND PASSES!



SCAN QR CODE FOR MORE
INFO OR VISIT OUR WEBSITE!



www.celticarts.org/highland-games

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

Send your announcements to
Silvia@SkagitValleyChamber.com

SKAGIT VALLEY RENAISSANCE FAIRE

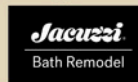


Parking & Ticket Help needed
Business Name Placement Still Available
For immediate reply: Text 206-291-6205

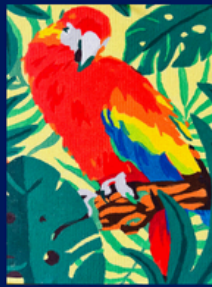
Skagit County Fairgrounds - Mt Vernon

Set-Up June 11-12, Thu/Fri 10 AM - 10 PM. - Volunteers needed!
Also: Faire du Well! June 13-14, Sat 10-6:30, Sun 10-5

Information/Tickets



TRIUMPH TEEN LIFE
CENTER PRESENTS



2026 QUIÉN SOMOS “WHO WE ARE”

JOIN US FOR AN
EXTRAORDINARY CELEBRATION
OF TALENT, CREATIVITY, AND
PERSEVERANCE AT THE 4TH
ANNUAL FUNDRAISING EVENT
HOSTED BY TRIUMPH TEEN LIFE
CENTER. ALL PROCEEDS HELP
KEEP CRUCIAL TEEN SERVICES
AVAILABLE TO OUR
COMMUNITIES.



16
JUNE
2026

FEATURED PROGRAMMING:

- TALENT SHOW
- ART AUCTION
- PRIZES!!!

06:00 PM - 8:00 PM | MCINTYRE HALL PERFORMING ARTS
& CONFERENCE CENTER
TICKETS ARE \$5 AT THE DOOR. DONATIONS TO



MORE INFORMATION AT:

WWW.TRIUMPHTLC.ORG

INFO@TRIUMPHTLC.ORG



BRING A GUEST AND
SHARE THE VALUE OF THE CHAMBER



MEMBERSHIP

Appreciation Luncheon

**11.30 -
1:00 PM**

**WEDNESDAY
JUNE 24TH**



CRAFT STOVE

900 W. Division.
Mount vernon

FREE ADMISSION

BRING A PROSPECTIVE CHAMBER MEMBER FOR A
CHANCE TO WIN A ONE-NIGHT STAY AT
SWINOMISH CASINO & LODGE AND
A \$100 GIFT CARD TO PARTICIPATING RESTAURANTS

WWW.SKAGITVALLEYCHAMBER.COM
Membership (360) 395-2944

Business Events

Sponsorship Opportunities



Gain premium visibility and position your business at the forefront of our community's growth.

■ Events



Membership Luncheon
(Monthly)



Morning Biz Buzz
(July - October)



Referral Program Social
(October)



For information



(360) 395-2944



Silvia@SkagitValleyChamber.com

Visit Our Website



www.SkagitValleyChamber.com

**Skagit Valley Chamber of Commerce Presents
RIVERWALK SUMMER CONCERT SERIES
July 9 through August 27, 2026
Thursdays, 6 p.m. to 8 p.m.**



The Mount Vernon Riverwalk Concert Series consists of eight weekly concerts on the Mount Vernon Riverwalk Plaza. The concerts feature an eclectic lineup of outstanding bands from the area.

The concerts offer a free, family-friendly, fun atmosphere to encourage visitors and entertain residents. The venue is perfectly situated by the river and adjacent to downtown retail and restaurants. Based on last year's attendance, we expect to welcome 6,000+ people into the downtown area during the entire series.

2026 Lineup - 7/9 - Pacific Twang, 7/16 - EDEN, 7/23 The ABBAGraphs, 7/30 - Bluesfish, 8/6 - Friends for the Ghost, 8/13 - Baby Cakes, 8/20 - The Chris Eger Band, 8/27 - The Atlantics

The series will be heavily promoted through 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-oriented event series.

Please join and support us in offering another wonderful community experience.

For more information on sponsorships, please contact Silvia Reed at the Skagit Valley Chamber of Commerce, 360-395-2944 or Silvia@SkagitValleyChamber.com



2026 Riverwalk Summer Concert Series Sponsorship Opportunities

Presenting Sponsor: **Not Available**

Opportunity to speak or be recognized at every concert
Magnified and well-positioned company logo on poster
Company name on advertising, marketing materials, and social media including:
 Logo on Skagit Valley Herald display ads
 Branded advertising on SkagitValleyChamber.com
 Social Media Promotion on Chamber channels
 Mention in all press releases
Company Banner displayed on Riverwalk throughout series
Display table at all series concerts

Royal Sponsor: **\$2,500 - limited**

Opportunity to speak or be recognized at three concerts
Company logo prominently displayed on promotional poster
Company name on advertising, marketing materials, and social media including:
 Logo on Skagit Valley Herald display ad
 Branded advertising on SkagitValleyChamber.com
 Social Media Promotion on Chamber channels
Company Banner displayed on Riverwalk throughout series
Display table at three concerts

Major Sponsor: **\$1,250**

Opportunity to speak or be recognized at one concert
Company logo on poster
Company name on advertising, marketing materials, and social media including:
 Logo on Skagit Valley Herald display ads
 Branded advertising on SkagitValleyChamber.com
 Social Media Promotion on Chamber channels
Company Banner displayed on Riverwalk throughout series
Display table at one concert

Supporting Sponsor: **\$550**

Company logo displayed on promotional poster
Company Banner displayed on Riverwalk throughout series
Company name on advertising, marketing materials, and social media including:
 SV Chamber website
 Chamber Facebook

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