

CHAMBER CHAT

July 2024

Being Diverse in all definitions

By Silvia Reed, Business Development and Foundation Director

We are happy to welcome Susana Ipanaque to our team. Susana will be assisting our Foundation's efforts in supporting our future leaders through entrepreneurship and gainful employment. Programs and initiatives like Speaking of Women, Latino Business Leaders or Latino Business Youth contribute to creating a more equitable economic ecosystem.

In celebration of Latino Business Leaders 5th Anniversary, we are launching Latino Business Youth on July 10th. We are also working on our legacy members event on September 19th. The event will have a focus on "Building the Bridge" between diverse groups and the positive impact in our economy.

If you would like to know more about our work in diversity, inclusiveness and equity in our local economy I invite you to contact me at me at Silvia@MountVernonChamber.com | (360)395-2944.

Summertime in Mount Vernon

By Jeremy Kindlund, Operations Director

Now that it is officially summer, I wanted to make sure you make the most of it. We are kicking off the Riverwalk Summer Concert Series at Skagit Riverwalk Park on July 11 and will continue every Thursday in July and August from 6 p.m. to 8 p.m. We are thrilled to welcome all our neighbors from near and far. BrewFest on the Skagit will be at the south end of the Skagit Riverwalk on Saturday, September 7 from 2 p.m. to 7 p.m. Our Friends at the Lincoln Theatre have passed the reigns to us after 21 years of success. The event will still benefit the Lincoln Theatre as a portion of each ticket sold will go directly to them. Stay tuned for more information and sponsorship opportunities.

This summer will offer several opportunities for you to learn and network as well. The Bizz Buzz Networking Luncheon is Wednesday, July 24 at Hillcrest Lodge, make sure you register for that. Our Multi-Chamber After Hour this month is at the Depot in Anacortes which is sure to be a great time. I hope you all enjoy the sunshine this summer!



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Calendar of Events

Speaking of Women Coffee Chat

Wednesday, July 10 at

9 a.m.

The Skagit Table

225 S 1st St

Mount Vernon

[Register here](#)



Membership Orientation

Monday, July 15

3 p.m.

Mount Vernon Chamber Office

301 W Kincaid St

Mount Vernon

[Register here](#)

Latino Business Youth Kickoff Event

Wednesday, July 10

6 p.m. to 7:30 p.m.

Skagit Station

105 E. Kincaid. Mount Vernon

[Register here](#)

Ribbon Cutting at Triumph Resource Center

Saturday, July 20

12 p.m.

1911 E Division

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Multi-Chamber After Hours at The Depot

Thursday, July 11

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

611 R Avenue

Anacortes

Biz Buzz Networking Luncheon

Wednesday, July 24

11:30 a.m. to 1 p.m.

Hillcrest Park

1717 S 13th St

Mount Vernon

[Register here](#)



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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.

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. Bring your whole family, lawn chairs, a blanket, and stop by your favorite downtown restaurant.

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

July 11: Mama Dirty Skirt Band

July 18: The Hip

July 25: The Walrus

August 1: Eden

August 8: The Naughty Blokes

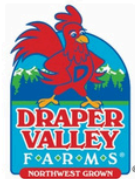
August 15: Pension King and the Dependents

August 22: Chris Eger and the Powerhouse Horns

August 29: Billy Appleton Band



Thank you sponsors!
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Member Announcements

Skagit Valley Highland Games

July 13 & 14, 2024
Skagit County Fairgrounds
Mount Vernon, WA

Volunteers go for free!

Tickets and information
celticarts.org

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- Heavy Events
- Children's Activities
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Barron adds chimney sweeping to home maintenance services

Recognizing that many Northwest Washington residents rely on wood-burning fireplaces for heat, Barron Heating AC Electrical & Plumbing now offers chimney sweeping services to improve their safety and efficiency. "We focus on three pillars: comfort, health and energy efficiency," CEO Brad Barron said. "Chimneys affect all of them because every fireplace has the potential to send harmful contaminants such as smoke and debris into the breathable living spaces of homes." For more information about chimney sweeping, visit www.barronheating.com.

Tune In
Chamber Chat
Wednesday Mornings

8:05 a.m.

8:20 a.m.

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

Send your announcements to
Jeremy@MountVernonChamber.com

June in Pictures



Volunteer Appreciation dinner at Il Granaio



Chamber Connections Wednesday Morning Group



Speaking of Women presentation at Whispering Firs Bed & Breakfast



Ribbon Cutting at Alpha Home Health and Hospice



**Welcome to the chamber
Susana Ipanaque**



Celebrating chamber birthdays

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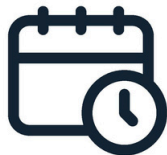
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BRONZE LEGACY

2024 LEGACY EVENT

BUILDING THE BRIDGE

SAVE THE DATE



THURSDAY SEPT. 19

5:30 - 7:30 PM

LOCATION TO BE CONFIRMED




A LEGACY MEMBERSHIP BENEFIT

FOR INFORMATION

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KICK OFF EVENT



WEDNESDAY JULY 10
6:00 -7:30 PM
Skagit Station
105 E. Kincaid, Mount Vernon



- ✓ 2-month free business training for youth (16-24 y.)
- ✓ Mentorship by successful Latino entrepreneurs
- ✓ Opportunity to present their business idea at Mount Vernon Chamber and Latino Business Leaders events
- ✓ PAID work experience for those who qualify



**About Latino
Business YOUTH**



Information/RSVP

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EVENTO DE LANZAMIENTO



MIÉRCOLES 10 DE JULIO
6:00 -7:30 PM
Skagit Station
105 E. Kincaid, Mount Vernon



- ✓ 2-meses de entrenamiento de negocios completamente gratuito (16-24 y.)
- ✓ Mentoría por empresarios Latinos de éxito
- ✓ Oportunidad de presentar su idea de negocio a la Cámara de Comercio de Mount Vernon y Latino Business Leaders
- ✓ Experiencia de trabajo PAGADA para quienes califican

 **Acerca de Latino Business YOUTH**



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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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