

**MOUNT VERNON RESIDENT SURVEY**  
**PLEASE TAKE A MOMENT TO COMPLETE THIS 5-MINUTE QUESTIONNAIRE**

1. Overall, how would you rate the City of Mount Vernon, NY as a place to live? Would you say it is excellent, good, fair or terrible?

- ☐ Excellent
- ☐ Good
- ☐ Fair
- ☐ Terrible
- ☐ Don't Know

Please take a moment to explain your answer:

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2. About how long have you lived in Mount Vernon? Have you lived here less than one year, one to five years, six to ten years, 11 to 20 years, more than 20 years OR have you lived here all your life?

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| <input type="checkbox"/> Less than one year | <input type="checkbox"/> 11-20 years                  |
| <input type="checkbox"/> 1-5 years          | <input type="checkbox"/> More than 20 years           |
| <input type="checkbox"/> 6-10 years         | <input type="checkbox"/> I've been here my whole life |

3. What section of town do you reside in?

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| <input type="checkbox"/> Less than one year | <input type="checkbox"/> More than 20 years           |
| <input type="checkbox"/> 1-5 years          | <input type="checkbox"/> I've been here my whole life |
| <input type="checkbox"/> 6-10 years         | <input type="checkbox"/> Don't know                   |
| <input type="checkbox"/> 11-20 years        |   |

4. Generally, would you say Mount Vernon has a lot of interesting things for residents like you to do, some interesting things, only a few interesting things, or nothing interesting for residents like you to do?

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| <input type="checkbox"/> A lot      | <input type="checkbox"/> Nothing interesting here at all |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Some       | <input type="checkbox"/> Don't know                      |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Only a few | <input type="checkbox"/>                                 |

5. Thinking specifically about the recreational and cultural choices that are now available in the area, please tell me whether each of the following is something that makes Mount Vernon special ("Yes"), or not ("No")?

Y <input type="checkbox"/>	N <input type="checkbox"/>	Public parks and gardens	Y <input type="checkbox"/>	N <input type="checkbox"/>	Live theater, such as stage plays and musicals
Y <input type="checkbox"/>	N <input type="checkbox"/>	Live spectator sports events like baseball, basketball, football and hockey	Y <input type="checkbox"/>	N <input type="checkbox"/>	Historic landmarks and sites
Y <input type="checkbox"/>	N <input type="checkbox"/>	Museums, art galleries and other places that show art or cultural exhibits	Y <input type="checkbox"/>	N <input type="checkbox"/>	Walking tours (history, architecture)
Y <input type="checkbox"/>	N <input type="checkbox"/>	Live music, such as folk, blues, opera choral groups and jazz			

6. And how much of your spare time, if any, do you spend doing the following hobbies or leisure activities? First, how much time do you spend (-a lot, some, only a little, or none at all) **doing the following?**

Drawing, painting or taking photographs as a hobby	<input type="checkbox"/>	A lot	<input type="checkbox"/>	Some	<input type="checkbox"/>	None at all
Doing crafts such as knitting, sewing, ceramics or carpentry	<input type="checkbox"/>	A lot	<input type="checkbox"/>	Some	<input type="checkbox"/>	None at all
Playing a musical instrument like the piano, guitar or violin	<input type="checkbox"/>	A lot	<input type="checkbox"/>	Some	<input type="checkbox"/>	None at all
Reading books, other than something for school or work	<input type="checkbox"/>	A lot	<input type="checkbox"/>	Some	<input type="checkbox"/>	None at all
Listening to music on CDs or audiotapes	<input type="checkbox"/>	A lot	<input type="checkbox"/>	Some	<input type="checkbox"/>	None at all
Watching films, recorded performances or documentaries on videotape or TV	<input type="checkbox"/>	A lot	<input type="checkbox"/>	Some	<input type="checkbox"/>	None at all
Playing cards, chess, scrabble or other board games	<input type="checkbox"/>	A lot	<input type="checkbox"/>	Some	<input type="checkbox"/>	None at all
Writing things, like poetry or stories, as a hobby	<input type="checkbox"/>	A lot	<input type="checkbox"/>	Some	<input type="checkbox"/>	None at all
Collecting things, like stamps, plates, or comic books	<input type="checkbox"/>	A lot	<input type="checkbox"/>	Some	<input type="checkbox"/>	None at all
Doing OUTDOOR activities like hiking, fishing, gardening or skating	<input type="checkbox"/>	A lot	<input type="checkbox"/>	Some	<input type="checkbox"/>	None at all

**Now, I'd like to ask a few questions about some things you might have done  
WHEN YOU WERE YOUNGER.**

7. Which of the following activities did you participate in BEFORE YOU TURNED 18? Have you ever...

Participate in a band, choir or theater group in school or some other way	<input type="checkbox"/>	Yes	<input type="checkbox"/>	No	<input type="checkbox"/>	Never
Study singing or a musical instrument in school or through private lessons, NOT as a part of a school band or choir	<input type="checkbox"/>	Yes	<input type="checkbox"/>	No	<input type="checkbox"/>	Never
Study dance in school, at a dance studio or some other way	<input type="checkbox"/>	Yes	<input type="checkbox"/>	No	<input type="checkbox"/>	Never
Study painting, drawing or sculpting in school, at an art studio or some other way	<input type="checkbox"/>	Yes	<input type="checkbox"/>	No	<input type="checkbox"/>	Never
Attend a SCHOOL music, dance or theater production	<input type="checkbox"/>	Yes	<input type="checkbox"/>	No	<input type="checkbox"/>	Never
Participate in organized team sports in school or in a recreational league	<input type="checkbox"/>	Yes	<input type="checkbox"/>	No	<input type="checkbox"/>	Never
Go to a PROFESSIONAL music, dance or theater performance	<input type="checkbox"/>	Yes	<input type="checkbox"/>	No	<input type="checkbox"/>	Never
Go to a museum	<input type="checkbox"/>	Yes	<input type="checkbox"/>	No	<input type="checkbox"/>	Never
Go to a PROFESSIONAL sports event (NBA, NHL, NFL)	<input type="checkbox"/>	Yes	<input type="checkbox"/>	No	<input type="checkbox"/>	Never

### QUESTION FOR PARENTS OF A CHILD AGE 3-17

8. Now, thinking specifically about FAMILY activities . . . Overall, how satisfied are you with the types of recreational and cultural activities in Mount Vernon that you can do with your children—very satisfied, somewhat satisfied, not very satisfied or not at all satisfied?

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|---|---|
| <input type="checkbox"/> Very satisfied     | <input type="checkbox"/> Not at all satisfied |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Somewhat satisfied | <input type="checkbox"/> Don't know           |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Not very satisfied |   |

9. Is any of your involvement with the following activities something you do with your child/children on your own, or as a part of their school-based activities?

Sports	<input type="checkbox"/>	On my own	<input type="checkbox"/>	With the school	<input type="checkbox"/>	Never
Music	<input type="checkbox"/>	On my own	<input type="checkbox"/>	With the school	<input type="checkbox"/>	Never
Dance	<input type="checkbox"/>	On my own	<input type="checkbox"/>	With the school	<input type="checkbox"/>	Never
Theater	<input type="checkbox"/>	On my own	<input type="checkbox"/>	With the school	<input type="checkbox"/>	Never
Arts or Crafts	<input type="checkbox"/>	On my own	<input type="checkbox"/>	With the school	<input type="checkbox"/>	Never

10. Are there recreational or cultural activities that you would like to do with your children that are not currently available in Mount Vernon? If YES, what are those activities?

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11. What activity would you MOST like to have that is not currently available?

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12. Next, when you have family members or friends come from out of town to visit, do you ever take them to . . .

Any type of art gallery or museum	<input type="checkbox"/>	Yes	<input type="checkbox"/>	No	<input type="checkbox"/>	Never
A professional sporting event, such as football, basketball, or baseball	<input type="checkbox"/>	Yes	<input type="checkbox"/>	No	<input type="checkbox"/>	Never
An historic park, monument, or building	<input type="checkbox"/>	Yes	<input type="checkbox"/>	No	<input type="checkbox"/>	Never
A casino or other gambling spot	<input type="checkbox"/>	Yes	<input type="checkbox"/>	No	<input type="checkbox"/>	Never
Any type of live music performance	<input type="checkbox"/>	Yes	<input type="checkbox"/>	No	<input type="checkbox"/>	Never
Any type of dance, play or other live performance other than music	<input type="checkbox"/>	Yes	<input type="checkbox"/>	No	<input type="checkbox"/>	Never

ARE ANY OF THE ABOVE ACTIVITIES EVER IN MOUNT VERNON? \_\_\_\_ Yes \_\_\_\_ No

If YES, Please describe briefly

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**Next I'd like you to think specifically about arts and cultural activities in Mount Vernon.** By arts and cultural activities I mean live theater, music or dance performances and activities connected with museums, libraries or historical sites.

13. First, if you think about arts and cultural activities in Mount Vernon, what are the names of the groups or institutions that come to mind?

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14. Take a look at the list of specific arts and cultural **organizations** in Mount Vernon listed below. Please tell me how much you know about the programs and activities each one offers. If you haven't heard of the organization just say so. **Do you know a lot about its programs and activities, a little, or nothing at all?**

AC-BAW	<input type="checkbox"/>	A Lot	<input type="checkbox"/>	A Little	<input type="checkbox"/>	Never heard of it
Fleetwood Neighborhood Association	<input type="checkbox"/>	A Lot	<input type="checkbox"/>	A Little	<input type="checkbox"/>	Never heard of it
Triple Hill Arts Initiative	<input type="checkbox"/>	A Lot	<input type="checkbox"/>	A Little	<input type="checkbox"/>	Never heard of it
Young At Arts	<input type="checkbox"/>	A Lot	<input type="checkbox"/>	A Little	<input type="checkbox"/>	Never heard of it
Doles Center	<input type="checkbox"/>	A Lot	<input type="checkbox"/>	A Little	<input type="checkbox"/>	Never heard of it
St. Paul's Historic Site	<input type="checkbox"/>	A Lot	<input type="checkbox"/>	A Little	<input type="checkbox"/>	Never heard of it
Afrikkian Brotherhood	<input type="checkbox"/>	A Lot	<input type="checkbox"/>	A Little	<input type="checkbox"/>	Never heard of it
	<input type="checkbox"/>	A Lot	<input type="checkbox"/>	A Little	<input type="checkbox"/>	Never heard of it
	<input type="checkbox"/>	A Lot	<input type="checkbox"/>	A Little	<input type="checkbox"/>	Never heard of it
	<input type="checkbox"/>	A Lot	<input type="checkbox"/>	A Little	<input type="checkbox"/>	Never heard of it

15. If you want to get information about arts and cultural activities in Mount Vernon, do you MAINLY get this information from a newspaper, radio, television, in the mail or some other way?

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| <input type="checkbox"/> Newspaper  | <input type="checkbox"/> Mail                |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Radio      | <input type="checkbox"/> Other—SPECIFY _____ |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Television | <input type="checkbox"/> Don't know          |

15a. Do you MAINLY get information about arts and cultural activities from the *Mount Vernon Inquirer*, the *Journal News*, the *County Press* or another medium?

- ☐ Mount Vernon Inquirer  
☐ The Journal News  
☐ The County Press  
☐ Other community paper (please list) \_\_\_\_\_

16. Generally speaking, would you say you are getting about the right amount of information about arts and cultural activities in Mount Vernon, too much information or not enough information?

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| <input type="checkbox"/> Right amount of information | <input type="checkbox"/> Not enough information |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Too much information        | <input type="checkbox"/> Don't know             |

17. Do you ever do arts or cultural activities OUTSIDE of Mount Vernon area?

- ☐ Yes
 ☐ No
 ☐ Never

18. Below is a list of reasons why some people go outside of the Mount Vernon area for arts or cultural activities. For each one, please tell me whether it is a MAJOR reason, a MINOR reason, or NOT a reason YOU do this.

Better quality performances or exhibits	<input type="checkbox"/>	Major	<input type="checkbox"/>	Minor	<input type="checkbox"/>	Not a reason
More choice of performances or exhibits	<input type="checkbox"/>	Major	<input type="checkbox"/>	Minor	<input type="checkbox"/>	Not a reason
Performances or exhibits have longer engagements	<input type="checkbox"/>	Major	<input type="checkbox"/>	Minor	<input type="checkbox"/>	Not a reason
Restaurants or other social spots are closer to the activities you're interested in	<input type="checkbox"/>	Major	<input type="checkbox"/>	Minor	<input type="checkbox"/>	Not a reason
It is fun to get out of town	<input type="checkbox"/>	Major	<input type="checkbox"/>	Minor	<input type="checkbox"/>	Not a reason

**Next I have just A COUPLE of questions about funding for local arts and cultural activities . . .**

19. In general, do you think state and local tax dollars, such as regional asset district funds, should be used to help support arts and cultural organizations and institutions in Mount Vernon?

☐ Yes ☐ No ☐ I don't know

20. From what you know about how state and local tax money is spent, do you think the local governments spend too much money on arts and cultural organizations and institutions, too little money, or about the right amount?

☐ Spends too much money ☐ About right  
☐ Spends too little money ☐ Don't know

21. Is it your impression that MOST of the arts and cultural activities in Mount Vernon are INFORMAL events where almost anyone can feel comfortable, or FORMAL events where only *certain* people can feel comfortable?

☐ Informal events where almost anyone can feel comfortable ☐ Don't know  
☐ Formal events where only certain people can feel comfortable ☐

22. Have you ever attended an arts or cultural activity in Mount Vernon?

☐ Yes ☐ No ☐ I don't know

If YES, Please describe briefly

## DEMOGRAPHICS

23. The next few questions are so we can describe the people who took part in our survey . . . Are you...

☐ Employed full-time ☐ Homemaker  
☐ Employed part-time ☐ Student  
☐ Retired ☐ Disabled  
☐ Not employed

24. Are you married, LIVING as married, divorced, separated, widowed, or have you never been married?

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| <input type="checkbox"/> Married           | <input type="checkbox"/> Separated     |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Living as married | <input type="checkbox"/> Widowed       |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Divorced          | <input type="checkbox"/> Never married |

25. What is the LAST grade or class that you COMPLETED in school?

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| <input type="checkbox"/> None, or grade 1-8  | <input type="checkbox"/> Some college, no 4-year degree   |
| <input type="checkbox"/> High school incomplete (grades 9-11)                        | <input type="checkbox"/> College graduate (B.S., B.A., or other 4-year degree)  |
| <input type="checkbox"/> High school Grad (grade 12 or GED Cert,)                    | <input type="checkbox"/> Post-graduate training or schooling after college (e.g., toward a master's degree or Ph.D.; law or medical school) |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Business, technical, or vocational school AFTER high school |   |

26. What is your age? \_\_\_\_\_

27. Last year, in 2007, what was your total family income from all sources, before taxes?

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|---|--|
| <input type="checkbox"/> Less than \$10,000         | <input type="checkbox"/> \$50,000 to under \$75,000  |
| <input type="checkbox"/> \$10,000 to under \$20,000 | <input type="checkbox"/> \$75,000 to under \$100,000 |
| <input type="checkbox"/> \$20,000 to under \$30,000 | <input type="checkbox"/> \$100,000 and over          |
| <input type="checkbox"/> \$30,000 to under \$50,000 | <input type="checkbox"/> Don't know                  |

28. What is your race? (Optional)

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|---|--|
| <input type="checkbox"/> White                  | <input type="checkbox"/> Asian               |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Black/African American | <input type="checkbox"/> Other or mixed race |

29. **Would you like to receive future information on arts & culture events in Mount Vernon from Triple Hill?**  
Please add your name and email here. This information will not be shared or sold.

- ☐ Yes! Please add me to the list!      Name: \_\_\_\_\_  
Email: \_\_\_\_\_

**That completes the interview. Thank you very much for your time and cooperation!**

**Please submit this survey to:**

**The Triple Hill Arts Initiative  
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Mount Vernon, New York 10552**