



Mount Vernon

An Innovative Community; Authentically Hometown

City to Dedicate Liberty Plaza at American Heritage Park

Replica of Statue of Liberty will be unveiled at ceremony

MOUNT VERNON, October 14, 2024 – The City of Mount Vernon will dedicate Liberty Plaza on Monday, October 28, 2024 at 10 a.m. at American Heritage Park.

Located at the corner of Columbus Avenue and South Main Street, American Heritage Park serves as the backbone to the City's recreation and transportation network. A true gateway to the trails, the Kokosing River, Ariel~Foundation Park and downtown Mount Vernon, this hub serves both residents and visitors alike. And now, American Heritage Park will greet those who enter Mount Vernon with a nine-foot, 1,500-pound Statue of Liberty.

"We are so grateful to Ariel Foundation for this gift to enhance American Heritage Park," said Mayor Matthew Starr. "This dedication marks the beginning of some exciting things taking place at the park. We look forward to completing our other projects on the campus and really making this gateway into Mount Vernon shine."

Much like the original dedication ceremony of the Statue of Liberty in New York City, Mount Vernon also chose to dedicate this public art in late October. "The original Statue of Liberty was unveiled on October 28, 1886," said Tanner Salyers, the City's Safety-Service Director. "It's exciting for our dedication to have a deep tie into history. We hope residents and visitors will have the same excitement when they see the statue right here in downtown."

Liberty Plaza highlights a nine-foot, bronze statue made from the final maquette utilized by Frédéric-Auguste Bartholdi in planning for his creation of what was originally known as "Liberty Enlightening the World." Mount Vernon's Statue of Liberty now will greet the community, visitors and all who come to the City seeking new opportunities. In addition to the new Liberty Plaza, the City of Mount Vernon is finalizing plans to spotlight the service and sacrifice of America's military and first responders through monuments and displays across the park grounds.

In partnership with the Knox County Convention & Visitors Bureau, the City of Mount Vernon invites the public to join the dedication ceremony on Monday, October 28, 2024 at 10 a.m. To RSVP, call the Knox County Convention & Visitors Bureau at 740-392-6102.

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ABOUT THE CITY OF MOUNT VERNON:

The City of Mount Vernon is an innovative community with an authentic hometown feel. The City is dedicated to providing modern services with an emphasis on continual improvement, customer service and equitable laws that support our citizens and visitors, while retaining and attracting investors in our community. Home to 17,000 people, Mount Vernon is the county seat for Knox County and boasts historic buildings and districts as well as business and professional, educational and recreational opportunities through many adaptive reuses of the community's infrastructure and spaces. The City has strong ties to higher education, with Mount Vernon Nazarene University, Kenyon College and Central Ohio Technical College operating satellite locations in the historic downtown. Located 40 miles northeast of Columbus, Mount Vernon is near the geographic center of Ohio and has connections all over the globe.

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