



# Mount Vernon

*An Innovative Community; Authentically Hometown*

## **George Washington Estate Flags Flying in Public Square**

*Will mark City's 220<sup>th</sup> birthday and America's 250<sup>th</sup> semiquincentennial*

MOUNT VERNON, June 6, 2025 – The City of Mount Vernon is proud to announce a special addition to its Public Square in celebration of the City's 220<sup>th</sup> birthday during the June First Friday event and in connection with the upcoming America 250 semiquincentennial celebrations. Two flags that were flown over President George Washington's Mount Vernon estate in Virginia on June 1, 2025, now fly proudly in Mount Vernon, Ohio.

The flags include a three-by-five-foot, traditional, embroidered American flag and a replica of General George Washington's personal Commander-in-Chief Standard, a striking and historically significant banner that flew during Washington's leadership of the Continental Army during the Revolutionary War for American independence. It has a deep blue field with 13 six-pointed, white stars, representing the 13 original colonies, arranged in rows symbolizing Washington's unique authority, and was used to mark his presence on the battlefield and in military encampments.

The flags were raised on the Public Square on the morning of June 5, 2025, as a symbol of our City's namesake and to highlight the historic bond between Mount Vernon, Ohio, and the legacy of America's founding father. The flags are just a small piece in a more-than-yearlong effort to honor our history as we approach America's 250<sup>th</sup> birthday in 2026.

"We are deeply honored to fly these flags on the Public Square," said Mayor Matthew Starr. "They are a meaningful tribute not only to our City's heritage but also to the enduring values that George Washington represented – courage, leadership and service to the common good."

Residents and visitors are encouraged to visit the Public Square to view the flags and reflect on the shared legacy that connects Mount Vernon, Ohio, to the home of our first president, and to the story of our nation.

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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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