



MONROE THIS WEEK



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Appointment Openings

Ethics Board
Planning Commission
Salary Commission

Job Openings

Senior Planner
Associate Planner
Accountant
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Events this Week

- 6/20 Tri Monroe Triathlon
- 6/20 NW Epilepsy fun run/walk
- 6/20 Community Night, Evergreen Speedway
- 6/20-21 Legends Baseball Club Tournament
- 6/22 Planning Commission
- 6/22-26 Skyhawks Multi-Sport Youth Camp
- 6/22-27 SPEED WEEK, Evergreen Speedway
- 6/23 City Council

For more events,
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and tap on "Events."

From the Office of Mayor Thomas

To highlight some of the things going on in our community, I am writing this weekly city update, "Monroe This Week." If you have any suggestions or questions regarding "Monroe This Week" or the stories below, please contact me at GThomas@MonroeWa.gov.

Yours in Service,

Mayor Geoffrey Thomas

It is summertime in Monroe and there is simply a lot going on!

Take a moment to **download the Choose Monroe App** and select "events" to get a complete list. Here are some events this week:

- Saturday, we host hundreds of athletes from over 28 states, Canada, and Brazil in the Olympic qualifying TriMonroe Triathlon.
- Also on Saturday the Evergreen Speedway has Community Night at the Races. There is a great lineup including Figure 8s and Modifieds Foreign Stocks. Entrance for Community Night is free for kids 10 and under and is \$10 for everyone else. For more information, check out -- www.EvergreenSpeedway.com.
- Sunday is Fathers' Day. There will be events around town including a car and bike show at the Rock Church.
- Thursday there will be a ribbon cutting for Dreadnought Brewing, a new business at 16726 – 146th Street, SE.

SPEED WEEK

At Tuesday's Council Meeting, I proclaimed the week of June 22nd as SPEED WEEK in Monroe and encouraged residents and business owners to take part in the many racing and motor sport activities happening at the Evergreen Speedway during the week of June 22nd. For more information, check out -- www.EvergreenSpeedway.com.

Loaner Life Jackets at Lake Tye

The concessionaire at Lake Tye City Park will be providing life jacket loaners for free this summer season. This is a program run by Safe Kids of Snohomish County, a non-profit organization that has partnered with Snohomish County Parks and Recreation, Monroe Fire District No. 3, and the City of Monroe.

**Pothole, Graffiti, Street
Light Out?**

**Report it with the
Choose Monroe App**

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**and tap on "311" and then
"Report a Problem."**

**A picture and location of
the problem will be sent to
city staff.**

Downtown's Main Street Plaza Project

The Public Works Department and our contractor continue making great progress on Phase 1 of the Main Street Plaza project. The first phase of this project, which is replacing sidewalks on Lewis Street and the east side of Main Street, will be completed by June 30th. The second phase of this project, which replaces sidewalks on the west side of Main Street, is scheduled to begin on July 6th and be completed as early as August 3rd.

When both phases of this project are completed, two blocks of downtown's core will have fifteen foot-wide sidewalks on both sides of Main Street. The City is encouraging revitalization of our downtown businesses through continued outreach, waiving permit fees, changing parking time limits, and allowing businesses to use the sidewalks to for outdoor dining and to sell merchandise. Come on down and check out Main Street!

City Social Media

Earlier this month, the City Council adopted a social media policy for your elected officials. The policy allow's your Councilmembers and Mayor the ability to have an official city Facebook page where they can post to the timeline and receive comments on those posts.

Also, this last week a number of City Facebook groups have been combined into one City Facebook group. City staff has also been encouraged to use Facebook to share events and information through Facebook.

Rant, rave, or just questions about city business?

There are limitations on your officials' ability to post and comment on city-related business on other Facebook timelines. Even if your elected officials are in your Facebook group or are Facebook friends, they may not be able to comment, like, or reply to city-related business.

The best way to communicate with your elected officials electronically is by e-mail. Mayor Thomas can be reached at GThomas@MonroeWa.gov and Mayor Thomas and the City Council can be reached at CouncilMembers@MonroeWa.gov.

Planters on Main and Lewis

THANK YOU Monroe Correctional Complex! On June 18th, inmates from the correctional complex planted about 2,000 flowers in the end caps of the landscaped islands on Main Street and Lewis Street. This work saves our City approximately \$900 per year. It is a great example of how agencies can work together for the community.

New Recycle Bins Coming to Our Parks

THANK YOU!!! Keep America Beautiful and The Coca-Cola Foundation awarded the City six recycling bins through a national recycling grant program. We will install these bins in our parks, including Lake Tye Park and Skykomish River Park.

Clean Up of Al Borlin Park

City personnel with assistance from Fire District No. 3 spent June 8th through 9th in Al Borlin Park removing camp materials and garbage in areas where people had set up living encampments throughout the 90 acre city park. Approximately 15 to 20 homeless people had been living at the park where overnight camping is prohibited. Those that were contacted were referred to service organizations such as The Hand Up Project, Take the Next Step, Community Advocates, and local Chaplains to assist in finding other living options. It is estimated that 60 to 80 yards of debris was removed from the park. A BIG THANK YOU to all those who helped out with this!!!

Panhandling

A number of members of our community expressed concerns about panhandling at our June 16th City Council Meeting. The City adopted a panhandling law a number of years ago. City staff will present an overview of this law at Council's regularly scheduled meeting on July 21st that begins at 7PM at City Hall.

Wakeboard Park at Lake Tye

On June 16th, the concessionaire (H30) for the proposed wakeboard park at Lake Tye presented proposed revisions to an existing agreement between the City and H30. The proposed revisions will be discussed again at the City Council's regularly scheduled meeting on July 21st that begins at 7PM at City Hall.