



MONROE THIS WEEK

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HOUSING NEEDS ASSESSMENT

CITY OF MONROE, WASHINGTON



Thank you for reading Monroe This Week.

This week's edition provides details on the launch of the City's Housing Action Plan survey, Fire District 7's Distance Education Learning Workshop, the 2021 City Budget Public Hearing, upcoming improvements to Rotary Field, how the community can help prevent flooding during rainy season, and two upcoming community sale events.



Please contact me with any and all feedback regarding the articles below. I can be reached at GThomas@MonroeWA.gov.

Yours in Service,

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read 'G. Thomas', written in a cursive style.

Mayor Geoffrey Thomas

HOUSING ACTION PLAN SURVEY LAUNCHED

The City of Monroe is in the process of drafting a Housing Action Plan (HAP). The goal of the HAP is to promote housing diversity, affordability, and opportunity for all income levels. The City received a grant from the state Department of Commerce to aid in this endeavor. The deadline for the final draft is June 30, 2021.



We want to hear from you! The City wants to ensure community participation in the HAP process in order to establish housing strategies that reflect all resident's needs. Visit the HAP [project page](#) and take the survey to let your voice be heard. Also available on the project page are project documents, project updates, timeline, opportunities for community engagement, and a chance to comment on the draft Housing

Needs Assessment.

The City is excited to draft this very important document to address the affordable housing crisis. Your comments are always welcome. For more information on this project or to provide comments, contact Anita Marrero, Senior Planner, at (360) 863-4513 or AMarrero@MonroeWA.gov.

FIRE DISTRICT 7 ANNOUNCES DISTANCE LEARNING WORKSHOP

At Snohomish County Fire District 7, the onset of Fall often signals a time the district normally gears up for Fire Prevention Week. Firefighters look forward to school visits in kindergarten, second, and fourth grade classrooms. This year looks a little different, but District 7's focus remains the same. District 7 wants to support our parents and teachers, and bring valuable safety messages to the children, teens, adults, and families within the district. Join District 7 for their second Instructor Workshop to learn lessons that teach grade level standards, focus on safety messages, and highlight the diverse roles firefighters and team members play on a day-to-day basis. Each lesson is ready to be incorporated in your virtual classroom or in your home. [Online registration](#) for this free workshop is now open!

DISTANCE EDUCATION
Resource Workshop
SEPTEMBER 30TH | 4 PM

We continue to be dedicated to supporting our educators through this pandemic, and are creating ways to teach fire and life safety concepts to our students while meeting state learning guidelines.

JOIN US FOR A 1 HOUR ONLINE WORKSHOP AS WE DISCUSS OUR FREE ONLINE LESSONS AND VIDEOS YOU CAN USE FOR YOUR STUDENTS THIS YEAR.

OPEN TO ALL EDUCATORS AND PARENTS.

REGISTER ONLINE AT
WWW.SNOFIRE7.ORG/EDUCATION

2021 CITY BUDGET PUBLIC HEARING SCHEDULED

This week the City issued [notice](#) that a public hearing will be held on Tuesday, October 13 at 7:00 p.m. regarding the 2021 City of Monroe Budget. The public hearing will review both the 2021 Budget and budget revenue sources. Revenues will be available for public review by 5:00 p.m. on September 30, 2020 on the [City's website](#). A public comment period will be available, and anyone may provide public testimony during the public hearing. Written comments can also be submitted by emailing Becky Hasart, Finance Director/City Clerk, at BHasart@MonroeWA.gov. Ms. Hasart may also be contacted via email or by phone at (306) 863-4518 for additional information.



The public hearing will be held via the Zoom remote meeting platform:
Zoom link: <https://us02web.zoom.us/j/89536855135>
Call in: (253) 215-8782
Meeting ID: 895 3685 5135

PARKS STAFF FINALIZING VITAL IMPROVEMENTS TO ROTARY FIELD

Monroe Parks Department staff are moving forward on needed enhancements for the Rotary Field athletic facility, to install electronic ADA door assists for the restroom building and outfield safety netting to protect adjacent property.



Staff are finalizing a contract for services to install the electronic ADA door-assists for the restroom doors. This improvement project is budgeted at \$14,000, and the City is grateful for the Monroe Rotary Club's generous cash donation of \$5,000 toward the project cost. Staff expects to finalize the contract and commence work during October.

The City has executed a contract with All City Fence Company for \$25,567.46 to purchase and install 200 lineal feet of 20-foot high netting to protect adjacent property from potential damage and cars from errantly hit balls.

COMMUNITY MEMBERS CAN HELP PREVENT FLOODING

This past week we've seen the return of rain to Western Washington. Rainy season has been most welcome this year as it helped clear the smoke from our air and return a healthy air quality to our area. As we move in to the rainy season, please remember to show our storm drains some love. Keeping mud and debris away from storm drains prevents them from becoming clogged and causing flooding. It also prevents pollution from getting in to our creeks and rivers – only rain down the drain. Your help is greatly appreciated!



UPCOMING SALES SUPPORT LOCAL BUSINESSES AND COMMUNITY SENIOR CENTER

As October rapidly approaches, two local organizations are hosting sale events that will benefit our local community. In just over a week, the Monroe Senior Center is hosting its 1st Annual Rummage Sale on Friday and Saturday, October 2-3 from 9:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m. each day. Fantastic bargains will be found on home decor, kitchen/housewares, camping gear, artwork, holiday/seasonal items and more! Proceeds will benefit the Monroe Community Senior Center. If you want to support the Senior Center and clear clutter in your home, donations are being accepted at the Senior Center between 9:00 a.m. and 3:00 p.m., Monday thru Friday.



Following its successful September

event, the Monroe Chamber of Commerce will host its second Sidewalk Sale event on Saturday, October 17 from 10:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m. Business retailers across the downtown core will move their



inventory out into the fresh air for a downtown-wide sidewalk sale event. This event is intended to allow shoppers the opportunity to safely and responsibly shop and support some of their favorite local businesses, while enjoying a variety of discounted merchandise and other promotions.

Tables with sale items will be placed in front of their businesses along with goodies and other great deals. There will be food vendors onsite, and the Chamber will be providing free reusable tote bags. Attendees are reminded to please wear facial coverings and remain six feet apart while walking outside.

UPCOMING CITY COUNCIL MEETING SCHEDULE

Notice has been issued that the Transportation Benefit District Board will hold a Special Meeting and Public Hearing at 7:00 p.m. on September 29, 2020, for the purpose of adopting the 2021 Monroe Transportation Benefit District Budget. The meeting will be held via the Zoom remote meeting platform, and the agenda and virtual participation information can be found [here](#).

The City Council will meet in a Study Session Meeting on Tuesday, October 6, 2020. The meeting will be held via the Zoom remote meeting platform and participation information will be posted with the October 6 agenda.

[Council Agendas/Minutes](#)

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Have a question for your Councilmembers?
Contact them at councilmembers@monroewa.gov

