



MONROE THIS WEEK

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**Arbor Day & Earth Day
Virtual Ceremony**

April 30th ~ 1:00pm
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Thank you for reading Monroe This Week.

This week's edition includes details on the City's proposed Powell Street Reconstruction project, the construction of a second water reservoir, Congresswoman DelBene participating in the City's Arbor Day/Earth Day Celebration, a Litter Walk event to help clean up Lake Tye, the 2021 Flags for our Fallen Virtual 5K, Relief and Recovery Grants offered by the state Department of Agriculture, and the 2021 Community Action Training School.



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

Yours in Service,

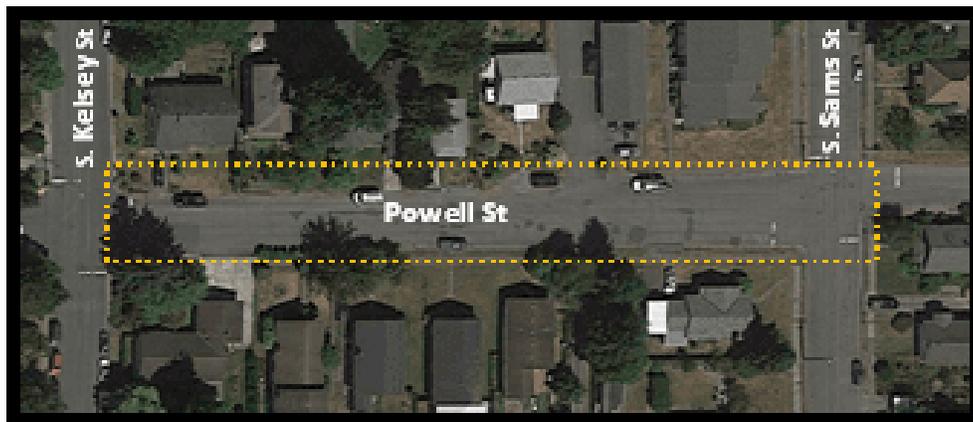
Mayor Geoffrey Thomas

CITY INVITING PUBLIC INPUT ON POWELL STREET RECONSTRUCTION PROJECT

The City is proposing to reconstruct a portion of Powell Street, specifically the block between S. Kelsey Street and S. Sams Street. This segment has poor pavement condition and localized stormwater ponding issues. An aging water main will also be replaced.

An opportunity exists at the intersection with S. Sams Street to revise the traffic flow. The current layout has Powell street "jogging" through the intersection, which is not ideal for traffic operations.

Design work is ongoing, and several [design alternatives](#) have been developed. The City invites you to review the alternatives and the [project webpage](#), and to participate in an [online survey](#) that will help determine the final design.



SECOND WATER RESERVOIR UNDER CONSTRUCTION

In 2015, the City's Comprehensive Plan identified the need for a second water reservoir on the Department of Corrections property; there is currently one other water reservoir dedicated to the facility that was constructed back in 1986. The project, which broke ground this past March, consists of the construction of an 850,000-gallon welded steel drinking water storage reservoir and is expected to be



operational by early 2022. For more information on the project, please visit the [City's website](#).

CONGRESSWOMAN DELBENE TO PARTICIPATE IN CITY'S ARBOR DAY & EARTH DAY CELEBRATION

As I shared in a recent edition of [Monroe This Week](#), the City will be hosting a virtual Arbor Day & Earth Day Celebration at Lake Tye Park on Friday, April 30 at 1:00 p.m. I'm excited to announce today that Congresswoman Suzan DelBene will participate in the ceremony next Friday and will present the City with the Tree City USA Growth Award. The Growth Award is presented by the Arbor Day Foundation to participating Tree City USA communities that demonstrate higher levels of tree care and community engagement during the calendar year. The City of Monroe is receiving the Growth Award for creating and implementing [Heritage and Living Christmas Tree Donation Programs](#).



A group of gardening friends donated a Katsura tree to the City, which will be planted at the Park at the conclusion of the April 30 event.

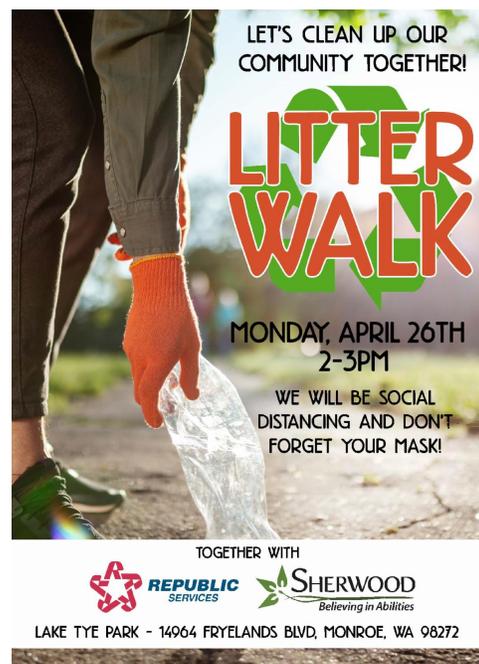
In recognition of the City's ongoing status as a Tree City USA, and this year's receipt of the Growth Award, the state [Department of Natural Resources](#) recorded a congratulatory video message, which be viewed [here](#).

LOCAL AGENCIES PARTNER TO CLEAN UP LAKE TYE

As part of the Earth Day celebrations, [Republic Services](#) and [Sherwood Community Services](#) will hold a Litter Walk at Lake Tye Park on Monday, April 26 at 2:00 p.m. The work parties will clean and beautify the area around the lake.

Residents are invited to join them for a volunteer clean-up event. Sherwood provides innovative and inclusive services to children and adults with disabilities, and all abilities are welcome. Participants will receive information on best practices for recycling items in the residential blue bins, and fun snacks to close out the event.

Safety is a top priority. All volunteers will be provided hi-res safety vests and litter



grabbers for the event. Please put on your facial covering and walking shoes, and take an hour from your day to join this outdoor, COVID-safe community event. For more information please contact Recycling Coordinator Natalie Caulkins at Republic Services by phone at (425) 646-2432, or by email at RecyclingInfo@RepublicServices.com.

FLAGS FOR OUR FALLEN VIRTUAL 5K SET FOR MAY 22

[VFW Post 7511](#) and its Auxiliary have announced the 5th Annual Flags for our Fallen (Virtual) 5K Race. As a virtual event, participants are encouraged to run a 5K, either alone, with a friend, or a group of friends, on (or before) the Saturday, May 22 race day, and post photos on social media using the **#Flags4rFallen** hashtag. Registration is \$35, and can be completed online at the event [website](#). Pre-race tee-shirt pick-up will be on Friday, May 21, from 3:00 to 7:00 p.m. at 17150 W. Main Street.



WSDA RELIEF AND RECOVERY GRANTS CLOSE MONDAY

The state [Department of Agriculture](#) is offering [Relief and Recovery Grants](#) of up to \$15,000 to businesses in the agriculture industry. \$15 million has been dedicated to this program, with a goal to provide support to small



businesses and organizations in four sectors that play an important role in the economic viability of Washington agriculture, and have been economically impacted due to the COVID-19 public health emergency; the four sectors are:

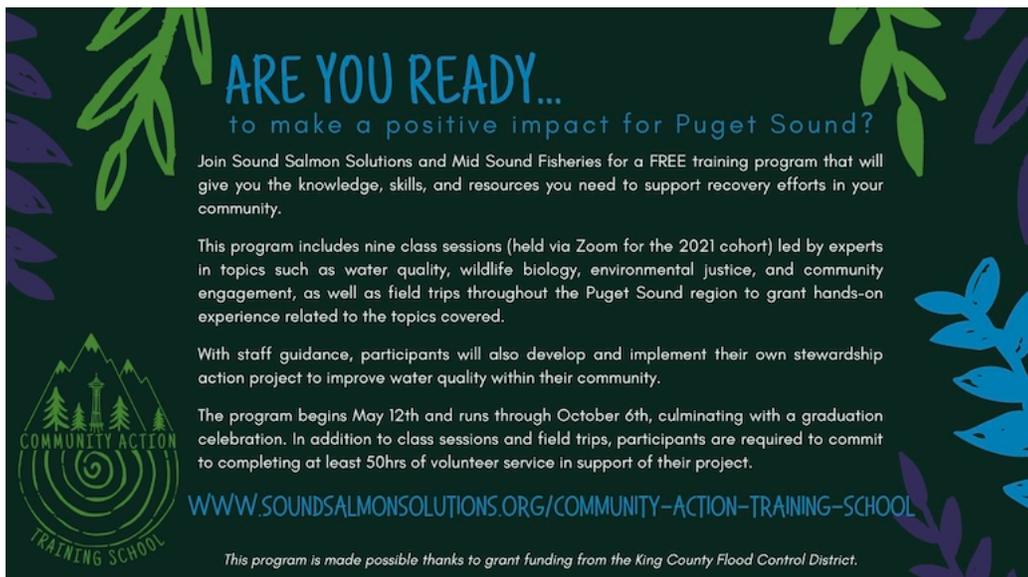
1. Shellfish Growers
2. Farmers Market Organizations
3. Agritourism Farms
4. Craft Beverage Producers

Applications close on Monday, April 26. Awards and payments are anticipated to be issued by the end of May.

REGISTRATION OPEN FOR COMMUNITY ACTION SCHOOL TRAINING

You have an opportunity to make a positive impact for Puget Sound. 2021 Community Action Training School begins May 19 and is free to the public.

Staff from [Sound Salmon Solutions](#) and [Mid Sound Fisheries Enhancement Group](#) are offering this free series of virtual classes and in-person field experiences designed to empower community members to be more effective at being the change they want to see in the world. This program provides a robust series of classes on important scientific issues, including watershed health, clean water, native plants, salmon restoration, and more; the program also supports attendees in the design and implementation of stewardship action projects in their own communities. For more information, including the schedule and how to apply, please visit the [program website](#).



ARE YOU READY...
to make a positive impact for Puget Sound?

Join Sound Salmon Solutions and Mid Sound Fisheries for a FREE training program that will give you the knowledge, skills, and resources you need to support recovery efforts in your community.

This program includes nine class sessions (held via Zoom for the 2021 cohort) led by experts in topics such as water quality, wildlife biology, environmental justice, and community engagement, as well as field trips throughout the Puget Sound region to grant hands-on experience related to the topics covered.

With staff guidance, participants will also develop and implement their own stewardship action project to improve water quality within their community.

The program begins May 12th and runs through October 6th, culminating with a graduation celebration. In addition to class sessions and field trips, participants are required to commit to completing at least 50hrs of volunteer service in support of their project.

WWW.SOUNDSALMONSOLUTIONS.ORG/COMMUNITY-ACTION-TRAINING-SCHOOL

This program is made possible thanks to grant funding from the King County Flood Control District.

UPCOMING CITY COUNCIL MEETING SCHEDULE

The City Council will next meet in a Regular Business Meeting on Tuesday, April 27, 2021. The meeting will be held via the Zoom remote meeting platform and participation information will be posted with the April 27 agenda, which can be accessed by clicking the button below.

Council Agendas/Minutes

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