



MONROE THIS WEEK

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<p>BACK IN THE SADDLE AGAIN</p> <p>★ AUG 26-31 & SEPT 2-6, 2021 ★</p>	<p>OPEN FOR FUN IN 2021!</p>
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Thank you for reading Monroe This Week.

This week's edition includes details on the Monroe Transportation Benefit District Annual Report, the Woods Creek Road Water Main Replacement, the return of the Evergreen State Fair, this weekend's Flags for our Fallen Virtual 5K Race, the Monroe Community Band's Memorial Day Weekend Virtual Performance, and a recap of BloodWorks Northwest's May Pop-Up Blood Donation event.



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

TRANSPORTATION BENEFIT DISTRICT ANNUAL REPORT

At a Special Meeting on Tuesday, May 18, the Monroe Transportation Benefit District Board

received the 2020 Annual Report. Established by ordinance in 2012, the Monroe Transportation Benefit District provides adequate funding for ongoing transportation projects improvements that preserve, maintain, and, as appropriate, construct or reconstruct the transportation infrastructure of Monroe.



In 2020, over 409,000 square feet (nearly 2.5 miles) of paving was completed on six Monroe streets, including upgrades to 33 curb ramps. Approximately 236,000 square feet (2.15 miles) of paving and 24 curb ramp upgrades are planned for 2021. The Annual Report presentation can be found [here](#).

WOODS CREEK ROAD WATER MAIN REPLACEMENT PROJECT SLATED FOR MID-JUNE

The Woods Creek Road Water Main Replacement project will upgrade approximately 750 linear feet of aging water main located under Woods Creek Road, between Highway 2 and Tjerne Place SE. This project is expected to begin in mid-June, and the City will place electronic messaging boards along the roadside in advance to remind the public of the pending construction activity. For more information on this project, please visit the project [webpage](#).



EVERGREEN STATE FAIR TO BE "BACK IN THE SADDLE" IN 2021

Snohomish County recently [announced](#) that the Evergreen State Fair will return this fall. Sporting a theme of "Back in the Saddle Again - Open for Fun in 2021", the 11-day fair will open on August 26 and run through September 6; the Fair will be closed on September 1.



As health and safety guidelines and related metrics will ultimately guide decision-making, the Fair will feel and look a little different in 2021. Nevertheless, Snohomish County officials are hopeful that the 2021 Fair will bring a lot of joy and tradition back to the summer festivities.

A few changes will be introduced this year, such as advance purchase admission, parking e-ticketing, and electronic building capacity message boards. Announcements about entertainment, exhibits, vendors and more will be announced in the coming months. With COVID-19 information changing frequently, the guidelines and state recommendations for fairs could shift. Stay connected with the Fair Park and updates through their [website](#), newsletter and social media.

FIFTH ANNUAL FLAGS FOR OUR FALLEN 5K TOMORROW

As I shared in a recent edition of [Monroe This Week](#), the 5th Annual Flags for our Fallen (Virtual) 5K race is taking place tomorrow. Join VFW Post 7511 and its Auxiliary in remembering the lives of the brave men and women who have paid the ultimate sacrifice for our country. Be sure to walk or run your 5K and post photos to social media with the **#Flags4rFallen** hashtag. The Lake Tye ceremony will kick off at 9:00 a.m. If you'd still like to register, or need to pick up your packet, stop by Lake Tye any time after 7:00 a.m. on Saturday.



MONROE COMMUNITY BAND MEMORIAL DAY WEEKEND VIRTUAL PERFORMANCE

Save the date for a Virtual Performance of the Monroe Community Band starting Memorial Day weekend. The Monroe Community Band is honored to present the premier performance of "Day is Done...Safely Rest" arranged by Todd Marchand. This piece is based on "Taps" and is presented as a tribute to the brave men and women of our armed forces who have fought for our country throughout the world. Mark your calendars and view the virtual performance at on the Monroe Community Band's [website](#).



BLOODWORKS NORTHWEST MAY POP-UP DONATION EVENT MAKES A "HUGE IMPACT"

Last week, BloodWorks Northwest hosted a pop-up blood donation event here in Monroe, and saw an extraordinary number of first-time donors. Over the two-day event, 73 units were collected from 80 donors, including 16 first-time donors, which was described by event staff as a "huge" number. Thank you to all donors for helping to save lives!



UPCOMING CITY COUNCIL MEETING SCHEDULE

The City Council will next meet in a Regular Business Meeting on Tuesday, May 25, 2021. The meeting will be held via the Zoom remote meeting platform and participation information will be posted with the May 25 agenda, which can be accessed by clicking the button below.

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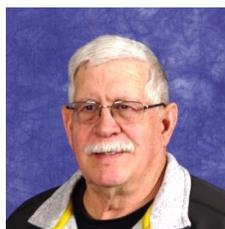
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