



MONROE THIS WEEK

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Thank you for reading Monroe This Week.

This week's edition includes details on our local recognition of Juneteenth, scheduling of the public hearing and open house for the Housing Action Plan, the launch of the Imagine Monroe survey, recent lift station maintenance, recruitment for seasonal positions within the City, a reminder to join the first annual Wiggly Walk, and the local recognition of Father's Day and Amateur Radio Week.



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 RECOGNIZES JUNETEENTH THIS SATURDAY

On Tuesday, June 15, I issued a [Proclamation](#) recognizing Juneteenth here in the City of Monroe. On January 1, 1863, President Abraham Lincoln issued the Emancipation Proclamation, setting in motion the end of slavery in the United States. Word of the signing of the Emancipation Proclamation was delayed in reaching authorities and African Americans in the South and Southwest by some two and a half years, to June 19, 1865. This date is now recognized nationally as the oldest known public celebration of the end of slavery in the United States. I encourage you to read the full text of the Proclamation, and to become more familiar with the significance of this celebration in African American history and in the heritage of our nation and City.

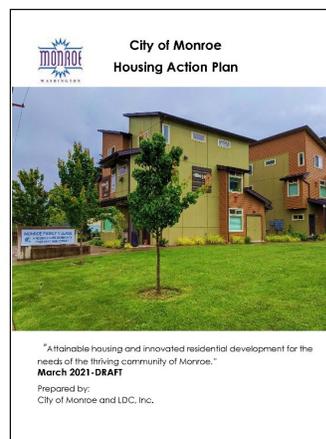


The [Monroe Equity Council](#) will be holding the second annual Justice to Jubilee event to celebrate Juneteenth this Saturday, at Sky River Park from 12:00 – 4:00 p.m. There will be music, games, food, and fun!

PUBLIC HEARING AND OPEN HOUSE SCHEDULED FOR THE HOUSING ACTION PLAN

The Public Hearing for the Housing Action Plan (HAP) has been scheduled for Monday, June 28 at 7:00 p.m. at the City’s Planning Commission Meeting. There will be an open house on the same day from 6:00 - 7:00 p.m. The open house will act as an open forum where residents can ask staff and the consultant questions about the HAP. All meetings will be virtual.

Links for the meetings can be found [here](#). Visit the [HAP project page](#) to review the document and make comments.



For more information on this project or to provide comments, contact Anita Marrero, Senior Planner, at (360) 863-4513 or AMarrero@monroewa.gov.

A NEW VISION FOR MONROE

The City is updating its vision statement, adopted in 2015, and developing a new mission and set of core values to better reflect the current needs and priorities of our community. Monroe is growing with new businesses opening and more people moving to the area. We need to get a fresh vision to guide our work – and we need your help. To better understand your current and future priorities, we are collecting city-wide input that will inform planning, policy making, and budgeting. Take the survey at [here](#), or swing by the Farmers Market on Wednesdays from 2:30 - 7:00 p.m. at Galaxy Theatres to learn more and fill out a hardcopy.

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Let's build the future we want together.

PUBLIC WORKS PERFORMS CRUCIAL LIFT STATION MAINTENANCE

In May, Public Works crews performed quarterly maintenance to the city's nine lift stations, which are a part of Monroe's sewer collection system. All city wastewater is conveyed to the wastewater treatment plant through the sewer collection system.



Lift station maintenance is critical to ensure safe and efficient conveyance of wastewater. It also prevents backups and overflows which are both unsanitary and detrimental to the environment. Maintenance includes “vactoring” or cleaning of the wet wells. Grease and other debris build up within the wet wells, causing operational problems and failures if left unchecked. To learn more about Monroe's wastewater program, please visit the [sanitary sewer page](#) on our website.

CITY ACTIVELY RECRUITING FOR SEASONAL POSITIONS

The City is recruiting for seasonal positions in the [Public Works](#) and [Parks](#) Departments. These positions may last for up to 5 months, and the pay rate is \$18-\$20 per hour, depending on experience. Typical duties for Parks positions include maintaining grounds and facilities to include mowing, raking, weeding, and janitorial duties. For Public Works positions, typical duties include mowing, painting, traffic control, and providing support for utility maintenance activities. Minimum qualifications: Must be at least 18 years of age. Positions require the use of City vehicles. Individuals must possess a

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valid Washington State driver's license and have an acceptable driving record. For more information and to apply, please visit the City's [website](#).

La Ciudad de Monroe desea contratar personal para varios puestos de trabajo de temporada en el Departamento de Obras Públicas (Public Works) y en el Departamento de Parques (Parks). La duración de los contratos de los puestos de trabajo podría ser de hasta cinco 5 meses. El pago por hora es de US\$18-20 dependiendo del nivel de experiencia. Las funciones típicas para los puestos de trabajo en el Departamento de Parques incluyen: el mantenimiento de los terrenos e instalaciones, incluyendo cortar el pasto, rastrillar, desherbar y realizar servicios de limpieza. Para los puestos de trabajo en el Departamento de Obras Públicas, las funciones típicas incluyen: cortar el pasto, pintar, controlar el tráfico y proporcionar apoyo para las actividades del mantenimiento de los servicios públicos. Requisitos mínimos: Debe tener por lo menos 18 años de edad. Estos puestos de trabajo requieren el uso de vehículos del municipio. Los candidatos deberán poseer una licencia válida de conducir del Estado de Washington y tener un expediente de conducción aceptable. Para obtener más información y para presentar una solicitud de trabajo, por favor visite [el sitio web](#) de la Ciudad.

REMINDER TO JOIN FIRST ANNUAL WIGGLY WALK

Monroe's first annual Wiggly Walk is just one week away! June 26 from 11:00 a.m. - 4:00 p.m. at Sky River Park. Come enjoy pet friendly vendors, a food truck, a doggy kissing booth and more. The City is sponsoring the event in partnership with the [Monroe Chamber of Commerce](#) and they will be hosting a pet food donation drive which will benefit [Beck's Place](#). Beck's Place provides animal and human support services to low-income families in order to enable them to stay together with their pets. They are in need of all kinds of non-expired animal food and dog leashes. If you're not able to attend the Wiggly Walk, donations can be made directly to Beck's Place. All well behaved, friendly dogs (and their people) are welcome to walk, wag, shop and eat next Saturday!



CITY CELEBRATES FATHERS DAY AND AMATEUR RADIO WEEK

On Tuesday, June 15, I issued a [Proclamation](#) recognizing this Sunday, June 20, as Father's Day. This holiday is dedicated to honoring remarkable men who strive and sacrifice to encourage us to reach great heights and support us no matter the challenges we face. We celebrate the men who raised us, who love us unconditionally, and who set us on the road to success. I encourage you to read the full text of the Proclamation, and to give thanks for, honor and express love to fathers everywhere, who support us, mentor us and act as role models.



I also issued a [Proclamation](#) on Tuesday recognizing Amateur Radio Week which runs from June 21-27, Amateur radio operators are celebrating over a century of the miracle of broadcasting the human voice over the airwaves. The amateur radio station is a critical communications link in the event of disaster; amateur radio operators provide situational awareness to emergency managers during and after a disaster and have demonstrated their value in public assistance by providing free radio communications for positive community and charitable events. I encourage Monroe residents and businesses to read the full text of the Proclamation, to learn more about the American Radio Relay League - the largest organization for amateur radio in the United States - and to thank Amateur Radio Operators for their service.



UPCOMING CITY COUNCIL MEETING SCHEDULE

The City Council will next meet in a Regular Business Meeting on Tuesday, June 22, 2021. The meeting will be held via the Zoom remote meeting platform and participation information will be posted with the June 22 agenda, which can be accessed by clicking the button below.

[Council Agendas/Minutes](#)

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