



# MONROE THIS WEEK

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*Thank you for reading Monroe This Week.*

*This week's edition includes details on the excessive heat expected this weekend, the adoption of Resolution No. 007/2021, the rescheduling of the Wiggly Walk, a reminder to join the first annual PRIDE event this weekend, a recap of last week's Juneteenth celebration, the upcoming summer recycling survey, the City's participation in the Monroe Farmers Market, and the local recognition of Parks and Recreation Month.*



*Please contact me with any and all feedback regarding the articles below. I can be reached at [GThomas@MonroeWA.gov](mailto:GThomas@MonroeWA.gov).*

*Yours in Service,*

Mayor Geoffrey Thomas

## EXCESSIVE HEAT WARNING ISSUED FOR WESTERN WASHINGTON

The [National Weather Service](#) has issued an [Excessive Heat Warning](#) for Western Washington, beginning at 2:00 p.m. this afternoon and extending through 9:00 p.m. on Monday. An Excessive Heat Warning indicates dangerously hot conditions, with high temperatures rising to the high 90s and peaking above 100 degrees on Sunday and Monday.



Several Monroe organizations will be open to the public as cooling stations throughout the warning period. As of publication of this edition of *Monroe This Week*, the following locations will be available for members of the public to have a safe place to cool off when the temperatures rise:

### Friday, June 25

- Monroe Library: 10:00 a.m. - 6:00 p.m.
- Monroe Community Senior Center: 9:00 a.m. - 7:00 p.m.

### Saturday, June 26

- Monroe Library: 10:00 a.m. - 6:00 p.m.
- Miracles and Memories Academy: 12:00 - 6:00 p.m.

### Sunday, June 27

- Monroe Library: 1:00 - 5:00 p.m.
- Monroe Community Senior Center: 1:00 - 7:00 p.m.
- Snohomish Regional Fire & Rescue Station 31: 12:00 p.m - 9:00 p.m.
- Miracles and Memories Academy: 12:00 - 6:00 p.m.

### Monday, June 28

- Monroe Library: 10:00 a.m. - 7:00 p.m.
- Monroe Community Senior Center: 9:00 a.m. - 7:00 p.m.
- Snohomish Regional Fire & Rescue Station 31: 12:00 - 9:00 p.m.
- St. Vincent de Paul Community Resource Center: 12:00 - 6:00 p.m.

In addition to these, don't forget about the numerous air conditioned attractions around Monroe, such as Galaxy Theatres. If traveling outside Monroe, there are several cooling station locations across Snohomish County; visit the [Snohomish Health District website](#) for an alphabetical list. If you choose to stake out a spot on the river or Lake Tye, remember to practice water safety.

## CITY ADOPTS RESOLUTION RESPECTFULLY INSISTING ON REOPENING OF STATE

At its June 22, 2021 Regular Business Meeting, the Monroe City Council adopted Resolution No. 007/2021, expressing the City's position regarding the response to the COVID-19 public health emergency, and supporting personal healthcare choices.



Throughout the COVID-19 emergency, the City of Monroe has actively and assertively advocated for our residents and employers. As detailed in Resolution No. 007/2021, in 2020 the City quickly issued a Proclamation of Emergency and subsequent Emergency Executive Orders to ensure the community was prepared, had quicker access to necessary resources, and to reduce potential exposure, as well as suspend delinquent account penalties, enact limits on City expenditures, and authorize temporary outdoor retail areas in the public right-of-way.

In December 2020, the first vaccinations were administered, and since then, there has been a significant reduction in the case counts, hospitalizations, and deaths due to COVID-19. Since June 15, 2021, case counts are lower than they have been since March of 2020, and the number of fully vaccinated people is now over 50% both in Snohomish County and statewide. In recognition of the availability of COVID-19 vaccinations and the declining case counts, with the adoption of Resolution No. 007/2021, the City of Monroe respectfully insists that Governor Inslee immediately rescind all State mandates that relate to the wearing of masks and that compel unvaccinated people to wear masks, socially distance, and be treated in any manner different than any person who is vaccinated. The City of Monroe has supported and continues to support efforts that are necessary and reasonable to slow the spread of COVID-19 and re-open safely while supporting each resident's own health care choices, including whether or not to be vaccinated and whether or not to wear a mask.

The full text of Resolution No. 007/2021 is available on the City [website](#).

## WIGGLY WALK RESCHEDULED DUE TO EXPECTED HEAT

For the health and safety of our community and all of our furry friends, the [Monroe Chamber of Commerce](#) has decided to cancel the [Wiggly Walk](#) this weekend and postpone the event until September 25, 2021.

With the extreme heat coming, being outdoors can become very dangerous for humans and dogs alike, so the Chamber would like to thank everyone for understanding this decision. Mark your calendars, and don't forget to bring your pup and the rest of your family for a dog-centric day at Sky River Park on Saturday, September 25!



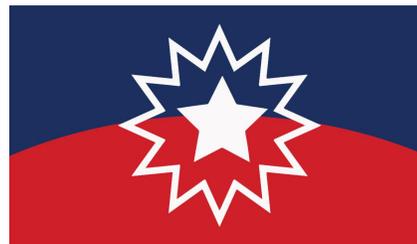
## REMINDER TO JOIN MONROE PRIDE EVENT ON SUNDAY

Don't forget to stop by Monroe's First Annual Pride Event this Sunday, June 27 from 12:00 - 4:00 p.m. at Sky River Park. Hosted by the [Monroe Equity Council](#), the event will be full of entertainment, speakers, food, and much more family friendly fun. The program includes over 60 vendors; a main stage program with dance, entertainment, improv, and music; a community art project; coloring stations; a "smooch the pooch" kissing booth; Blitz the Pride pony; and water stations.



## JUNETEENTH CELEBRATION EXEMPLIFIES THE LOVE IN OUR COMMUNITY

Last Saturday, June 19, the *Justice to Jubilee* Juneteenth celebration took place in downtown Monroe. Festivities kicked off at 11:30 a.m. with a march from Traveler's Park to Sky River Park. The community celebration at Sky River Park included a picnic, singing, and dancing. Event organizer Junelle Lewis led attendees in singing "Lift Every Voice and Sing", and Ms. Lewis gave a speech illustrating the significance of Juneteenth.



Juneteenth commemorates the end of slavery by marking the day when enslaved African Americans in Texas learned they were free: June 19, 1865. Confederate general Robert E. Lee had surrendered two months earlier in Appomattox, Virginia to end the Civil War, but slavery in Texas remained unaffected until the historic day when Union soldiers brought the news of freedom to the City of Galveston.

## SUMMER RECYCLING SURVEY IN MONROE

In order to get a general sense of how Monroe is recycling, Republic Services will be

holding a survey of recycling within the city over the summer. They will be checking a sample of carts from every route starting in July and going through October 1. They will not be touching or disturbing the materials, just lifting the lid and taking pictures. This will help Republic Services refine their messaging and educate Monroe residents on how to recycle right. The goal of this survey is to enable everyone to keep their bills low and reduce overall contamination in the recycling stream. Findings are projected to be shared in the fall.



## SEVERAL CITY DEPARTMENTS PARTICIPATE IN FARMERS MARKET

Interested in learning more about what goes on in the City? Stop by our booth at the Monroe Farmers Market, located at Galaxy Theatres, every Wednesday from 2:30 - 7:00 p.m. to say hi to our [Parks and Recreation](#) staff and Community Outreach Team from the [Monroe Police Department!](#) Some of the upcoming dates of interest for the PD include:



- June 30: UAV Drone
- July 14: K9
- July 28: Traffic Safety
- August 11: DUI Awareness
- August 25: Crime Prevention
- September 1: Investigations / Detectives

While you're there, don't forget to fill out our [Imagine Monroe Survey](#) and get your voice heard through our updated vision statement. Find more information about the Imagine Monroe project on the City [website](#).

## CITY RECOGNIZES PARKS AND RECREATION MONTH

On Tuesday, June 22, I issued a Proclamation recognizing the month of July as Parks and Recreation Month in the City of Monroe. Parks and recreation programs are an integral part of communities throughout the country, including right here at home. Our parks and recreation programs are a vital component of our community's quality of life and also in building and maintaining a healthy and active community. I encourage Monroe residents, businesses, and visitors to read the full text of the Proclamation [here](#), and to seek out parks facilities and recreation programs in our community.



# UPCOMING CITY COUNCIL MEETING SCHEDULE

There will be no City Council meeting next week as it is a Fifth Tuesday. Also, the July 6, 2021 Regular Study Session Meeting has been CANCELLED.

The City Council will next meet in a Regular Business Meeting on Tuesday, July 13, 2021. The meeting will be held via the Zoom remote meeting platform and participation information will be posted with the July 13 agenda.

## Council Agendas/Minutes

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