



MONROE THIS WEEK

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Thank you for reading Monroe This Week.

This week's edition includes the local recognition of Independence Day, firework safety tips and precautions, the reopening of the Monroe Municipal Campus, a reminder about the last chance to complete the Imagine Monroe Survey, the upcoming Evergreen State Fair Park food drive, and the Spikeball National Tour's stop in Monroe.



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

HAVE A SAFE AND HAPPY INDEPENDENCE DAY

I would like to wish all Monroe residents a safe and happy Independence Day. On July 4, 1776, the Continental Congress declared the original thirteen American colonies as free, united and independent states. This Declaration of Independence followed a vote of the Congress two days prior to approve a resolution of independence. America has been called the Great Experiment, as the democratic form of government established by the newly free nation was and is the first of its kind.



This Fourth of July, please celebrate Independence Day. Please get together with one another – with family, friends, and neighbors. Given the recent, record-breaking heat, please consider using alternatives to personal fireworks this year and, if you use them, only use legal fireworks. Be safe and have a Happy Independence Day!

JULY 4TH SAFETY TIPS

Annually, residents ask questions about the city's fireworks regulations. The City allows fireworks on the Fourth of July only, between 9:00 a.m. and 11:59 p.m; fireworks are not allowed in City parks.

I felt it was valuable to get some frequently asked questions (FAQs) up on our website so that people can have access to these questions and responses. You can read the FAQs on fireworks laws and tips on the [City's website](#). As noted in the FAQs, the City Council has not authorized me or a qualified staff member, like a fire marshal, to declare an emergency to prohibit fireworks, even following the extreme weather conditions like we experienced between June 24 and June 29, 2021, and State Law prohibits changes to local fireworks laws from becoming effective for one year.



As the July 4th holiday approaches, Snohomish Regional Fire and Rescue would also like to ask our residents to use extreme caution if they plan to use fireworks. High temperatures are causing drier-than-normal conditions, which make fires a real danger to homes. Instead, celebrate with glow sticks and

bubbles, or even consider watching a fireworks display by trained professionals. If you choose to discharge fireworks, make sure that you have a bucket of water nearby to soak spent and unused fireworks before discarding them appropriately. You can learn more safety tips by visiting the [Fire District's website](#).

The Snohomish County Department of Emergency Management (DEM) reminds residents that the Fourth of July is one of the busiest for our local emergency responders. Below is a graphic from DEM with tips to avoid unnecessary emergency calls. For non-emergency issues, please call (425) 407-3999.



MUNICIPAL CAMPUS TO REOPEN NEXT WEEK

The Monroe Municipal Campus - including City Hall, the Police Department, and the Public Works and Parks & Recreation annex - will reopen on Tuesday, July 6. City departments, including Utility Billing, Police Services, Development Review Services, and the Monroe Municipal Court, will be open to the public on a full or limited basis. For Development Review Services, while electronic permit application submittals are the preferred route, the City will be providing residents the opportunity for in-person meetings. To speak with a representative for all Development Review Services, or to make a submittal appointment, please call (360) 863-4501.



Unvaccinated visitors to the municipal campus are asked to please wear a mask. We appreciate your cooperation as we reopen.

Municipal Campus Hours of Operation, effective July 6, 2021:

City Hall

Utility Billing: Monday - Friday, 8:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m.

Municipal Court: Monday - Friday, 8:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m.

Police Department

Police Services: Monday - Friday, 8:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m.

Public Works and Parks & Recreation annex

By appointment only: Monday - Friday, 7:00 a.m. to 3:30 p.m.

Development Review Services

In-Person Customer Service Hours

Monday, Tuesday & Thursday, 8:00 a.m. to 12:00 p.m. / 1:00 p.m. to 5:00 p.m.

Remote Customer Service Hours

Monday - Friday, 8:00 a.m. to 12:00 p.m. / 1:00 p.m. to 5:00 p.m.

For Electronic Submittals:

Building, Engineering, and Fire Department permit submittals and information on uploading permit documents can be found on [the City's building page](#).

Land Use/Development permit submittals and information on uploading permit documents can be found on [the City's land use page](#).

IMAGINE MONROE SURVEY CLOSES IN ONE WEEK

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 [here](#) before it closes next Friday, July 9, or swing by the Farmers Market on Wednesday from 2:30 - 7:00 p.m. at Galaxy Theatres to learn more and fill out a hardcopy.



EVERGREEN STATE FAIR PARK FOOD DRIVE

The Evergreen State Fair Park is doing things a little different this year. Instead of offering daily gate admission specials, they're moving their annual Food Drive to before Opening Day, so you can choose which weekday you'd like to save on admission to come to the Fair. This is your opportunity to get free weekday Evergreen State Fair Gate admission! For more information, visit [the Fair Park website](#).

★ SAVE THE DATE

★ Opening Day Food Drive...but NOT on Opening Day!
 ★ Saturday, **July 10th 12-6pm** • Evergreen State Fair Park



This is your chance to get **FREE** admission to the 2021 Evergreen State Fair!

Donate **3** items of nonperishable food & receive **ONE FREE** weekday gate admission to the 2021 Evergreen State Fair.
Limit 4 tickets per car. No tickets given for monetary donations.



FOOD TRUCKS WILL BE ON-SITE

Benefiting the Snohomish County Food Bank Coalition

SPIKEBALL NATIONAL TOUR IS COMING TO MONROE

The Spikeball National Tour is coming to Monroe on July 24-25 at Sky River Park. This is the first time the Spikeball National Tour Series has come to Snohomish County, and the tournament will be open to all ages. Register to compete in the following divisions: Beginner, Youth, Intermediate, Women's division, Contender and Premier/Pro. Registration is open now [here](#).



UPCOMING CITY COUNCIL MEETING SCHEDULE

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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Have a question for your Councilmembers?
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