



# MONROE THIS WEEK

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*Thank you for reading Monroe This Week.*

*This week's edition includes details on how to attend the PROS Plan Virtual Town Hall, Public Works' crack sealing repairs, next steps for the Imagine Monroe Visioning Project, the upcoming Monroe All-Class Picnic, the Sky Valley Food Bank's new distribution schedule, and the reopening of Take the Next Steps' Resource Center.*



*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*

## SHAPE THE FUTURE OF OUR PARKS

As I shared in last week's edition of [Monroe This Week](#), there will be a virtual town hall meeting on Thursday, July 29 at 6:00 p.m. to discuss our Parks, Recreation and Open Space (PROS) Plan. Participation information is now available; you can join the meeting by clicking the link [here](#).



Visit the [PROS Plan page](#) to learn more about the project, planning process, meetings and document library, and to join our mailing list or contact us. Save the date and help us shape the future of our parks!

## PUBLIC WORKS PERFORMS CRACK SEALING REPAIRS

Each summer, Public Works crews conduct crack sealing repairs on our roadways. Crack sealing repair is a cost-effective method for extending the life of asphalt.

This work is funded through the Transportation Benefit District, passed in 2012, which dedicates 0.2% of sales tax to the City's road maintenance and rehabilitation needs. To learn more about Monroe's Transportation Benefit District, please visit our [website](#).



## IMAGINE MONROE SURVEY WRAPS UP

We did it. Nearly 1,400 community members filled out our Imagine Monroe survey. Thank you! So, what's next? The survey is now closed, and our team is reviewing and analyzing the results. We will share a full summary report on our [website](#) this August. Our team will then use the survey results to draft a new vision statement for the City in collaboration with our [Imagine Monroe Sounding Board](#). That draft vision, along with a draft mission and set of core values, will be presented to the City Council in September.



Have more thoughts you'd like to share in the meantime? [Email us](#), give us a call at (360) 863-4526, or visit the [Imagine Monroe webpage](#) for updates.

## MONROE ALL-CLASS PICNIC THIS SUNDAY

The Monroe All-Class Picnic is this coming Sunday, July 18! The event starts at 12:00 p.m. and is being held at Lewis Street Park. Some of the graduates in the picture below, provided by the [Monroe Historical Society](#), might even be there as many are still with us!



## FOOD BANK OPEN TWICE A WEEK FOR DISTRIBUTION

As of this week, the [Sky Valley Food Bank](#) has expanded distribution to two days a week. Their new times are Tuesdays from 4:00 p.m. - 6:00 p.m. and Thursdays from 9:00 a.m. - 11:00 a.m. They want to remind everyone that appointments are still required; you can schedule an appointment [here](#) today.

Last month the Food Bank distributed over 71,500 pounds of food to more than 1200 families. They also had about 13,000 more pounds donated this month than in the month of May.



## TAKE THE NEXT STEP RESOURCE CENTER REOPENS

Take the Next Step announced this week the reopening of its Resource Center. Operating hours are Monday - Thursday from 10:00 a.m. - 5:00 p.m., with an hour long closure from 1:00 - 2:00 p.m. for lunch. To schedule an appointment, you can visit their website [here](#).



Take the Next Step was created to provide a reliable list of available resources for our neighbors in need. In 2005, Take the Next Step was just one huge three-ring notebook. This year, they anticipate over 5,000 Community Resource Center visits.

## UPCOMING CITY COUNCIL MEETING SCHEDULE

The City Council will next meet in a Regular Study Session Meeting on Tuesday, July 20, 2021. The meeting will be held via the Zoom remote meeting platform and participation information will be posted with the July 20 agenda.

### Council Agendas/Minutes

## CITY COUNCIL MEMBERS



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Councilmember  
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