



MONROE THIS WEEK

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GRAND OPENING CELEBRATION



LAKE TYE ALL-WEATHER LIGHTED FIELDS PROJECT

THURSDAY, AUGUST 5TH ~ 5:30-7:00PM

Thank you for reading Monroe This Week.

This week's edition includes a reminder about the Lake Tye All-Weather Lighted Fields Grand Opening next week, Tuesday's National Night Out Against Crime, details on the City's progress towards finalizing ARPA funds distribution plans, the annual road maintenance project, an invitation to chat with me tomorrow morning over coffee, and Monroe's First Annual End of Summer Block Party.



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

LAKE TYE ALL-WEATHER LIGHTED FIELDS PROJECT GRAND OPENING CEREMONY NEXT WEEK

Next Thursday, August 5 at 5:30 p.m. we will celebrate the grand opening of the Lake Tye All-Weather Lighted Fields. The new fields offer all-synthetic, LED lighted, multipurpose fields, permitting year-round extended competitive play and practice for baseball, softball, soccer, lacrosse, football, and rugby. The new, synthetic fields will improve the capacity, diversity of use, and accessibility of two fields at our signature community park. All are invited to enjoy informal play on the new fields following the Opening Ceremony. If you can't attend the event in person, please follow the [Facebook Event page](#), where we'll be broadcasting live.



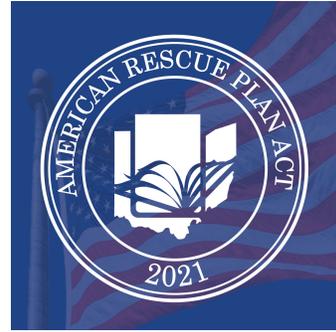
TUESDAY IS NATIONAL NIGHT OUT AGAINST CRIME

National Night Out Against Crime is Tuesday, August 3 from 5:30 - 8:30 p.m. at Lake Tye Park. Bring the whole family for a free night of food and fun. Activities include SWAT demonstrations, Police K9 demonstrations, Fire Rescue demonstrations, a scavenger hunt, community resources and more.



CITY FINALIZING ARPA FUNDS DISTRIBUTION PLAN

The City of Monroe is finalizing plans for the distribution of American Rescue Plan Act (ARPA) funds. To advise the City on eligibility criteria and application process, an ad-hoc committee of current Boards and Commissions members has been formed. Membership includes representatives of the Planning Commission, Parks Board, Community Human Services Advisory Board (CHSAB) and Economic Development Advisory Board (EDAB). This group held its first meeting on Tuesday, July 27, and reviewed a draft application packet and set of eligibility criteria. City staff is currently preparing updated documentation based on feedback received in the July 27 meeting, and a final draft of each will be presented to the City Council at its August 10 meeting. If approved on August 10, applications will be opened to the public on Monday, August 16, and due back by Tuesday, September 21. Eligible projects will fall into one of the following categories: supporting recovery, reconnecting community, and building resiliency. Further details will be shared here in *Monroe This Week*, on the City's [Facebook page](#), and on the City's [website](#).



ANNUAL ROAD MAINTENANCE PROJECT IS UNDERWAY

The City's 2021 Annual Road Maintenance Project is currently underway. The project preserves roadways throughout the City; it also includes sidewalk improvements that meet ADA requirements and replaces aging asphalt. This year, 14 total projects will be constructed. For more information, please visit the [project page](#) on the City website.



JOIN ME TOMORROW FOR COFFEE WITH THE MAYOR

Monroe residents are invited to join me tomorrow between 8:00 and 10:00 a.m. at Original Pilot House for Coffee with the Mayor. Connecting directly with residents and businesses provides a helpful perspective and informs policy decisions. Please join me for a cup of coffee – or your morning beverage of choice – and informal conversation about matters of interest to the community.



FIRST ANNUAL END OF SUMMER BLOCK PARTY COMING THIS AUGUST

Save the date for Monroe's First Annual End of Summer Block Party, August 28 from 12:00 - 6:00 p.m. Come to Historic Downtown Main Street for fun, food, drinks, shopping, and camaraderie. Back in the day, block parties became a way to strengthen community ties and the [Chamber of Commerce](#) is bringing it back in 2021.



UPCOMING CITY COUNCIL MEETING SCHEDULE

The August 3, 2021 Regular Study Session Meeting has been CANCELLED.

The City Council will next meet in a Regular Business Meeting on Tuesday, August 10, 2021. The meeting will be held in a hybrid format; members of the public may participate in Monroe City Council meetings both in-person at City Hall and remotely via the Zoom remote meeting platform. Participation information will be posted with the August 10 agenda.

Council Agendas/Minutes

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