



MONROE THIS WEEK

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THE MONROE CHAMBER OF COMMERCE PROUDLY PRESENTS

MONROE'S END OF SUMMER BLOCK PARTY

28 AUG 2021 • DOWNTOWN MAIN STREET • 12PM TO 6PM

FOOD TRUCKS • LIVE MUSIC • SHOPPING

Thank you for reading Monroe This Week.

This week's edition includes details on the upcoming virtual ARPA funds application workshop, the City's efforts to help incoming Afghan refugees, recent street maintenance, the End of Summer Block Party this weekend, increased bus service to the fair, and the Monroe Historical Society's exhibit on Olympian Lee Orr.



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 TO HOLD ARPA FUNDS APPLICATION WORKSHOP

The City of Monroe will host a virtual workshop for prospective applicants for American Rescue Plan Act (ARPA) funds; the workshop will provide prospective applicants an overview of the application and an opportunity to have questions answered.



This workshop will provide details of federal ARPA requirements, the City's application packet and recipient contract, and reporting requirements.

The workshop will be held from 6:00 - 7:30 p.m. on Wednesday, September 8. You can find the link for the workshop [here](#).

CITY JOINS WASHINGTON WELCOME FUNDRAISER

The [Monroe Police Department](#) and the City of Monroe have partnered with [Q13 FOX](#) to gather items for Afghan refugees who will find their way to our state via JBLM. Please see the image below for items needed. If you would like to help donate, please bring the items to City Hall located at 806 W Main St, where a box has been placed. The deadline to donate is today, August 27, at 5:00 p.m.

A WASHINGTON WELCOME

DONATION DRIVE

WHAT IS NEEDED

KITCHEN KIT	BED & BATH KIT
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Silverware (4 forks, knives, spoons)	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Bed linens (twin, full, or queen)
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Dishes (4 plates, bowls, cups)	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Blanket (twin, full, or queen)
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Pots/pans/baking sheet	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Comforter (twin, full, or queen)
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Mixing/serving bowls	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> 2 pillows
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Cooking utensils	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Alarm Clock
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Manual can opener	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Towel set (Bath, hand, face)
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Kitchen knife	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Shower curtain and rings
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Cutting board	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Shampoo & Conditioner
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Kitchen towels or sponges	
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Broom/mop and dustpan	

STREET MAINTENANCE FUNDED BY TRANSPORTATION BENEFIT DISTRICT

The City's Public Works Operations & Maintenance Division staff recently completed a repaving project to the entrance of Al Borlin Park at the end of Simons Road. This summer, Public Works has also completed paving repairs at several locations city-wide:

- Fryelands Boulevard
- South Kelsey Street
- Charles Street
- Old Owen Road
- Blueberry Lane
- 154th Street SE
- South Sams Street



To learn more about Monroe's street maintenance program, please visit [our website](#). You can report a concern through our Monroe Listens program [here](#).

MONROE'S BLOCK PARTY THIS SATURDAY

Let's come together and celebrate the start of the Evergreen State Fair this Saturday at the [Monroe Chamber of Commerce's](#) End of Summer Block Party. This free event will feature live music, street festivities including vendors and a petting zoo, as well as a beer garden and many delicious food options. It is being held downtown from 12:00 - 6:00 p.m. on Main Street.



COMMUNITY TRANSIT TO INCREASE FAIR BUS SERVICE

Excited to get back to the Evergreen State Fair this Summer? Community Transit is ready to take you there with additional bus service between Monroe and the Evergreen State Fairgrounds. Along with the frequent and fast service that Community Transit buses regularly provide, Route 271 is offering extra evening trips to the fairgrounds. You can plan on spending the entire day at the fair because there will also be extra evening trips on Route 271 to help you get home!



Avoid the expense and stress of parking. During Fair hours, buses will take you straight to the West Gate entrance. Visit Community Transit's [website](#) to learn more and plan your trip!

MONROE HISTORICAL SOCIETY HONORS OLYMPIC SPRINTER WITH EXHIBIT

At just 19 years old, lifelong Monroe track star Lee Orr was at the race of his life in the 1936 Berlin Olympics. Just a few lanes down was four-time gold medalist Jesse Owens, and a few more yards past that were Nazi leaders, including Adolf Hitler. When he passed away, Orr left all of his memorabilia to the Monroe Historical Society, and they have recently opened a new exhibit about his life featuring items



such as his running spikes that still have dirt from the Olympics, medals, buttons, and more. Thanks to journalist Jake Goldstein-Street and photographer Andy Bronson, a wonderful article on Orr and the exhibit has recently been featured in the Everett Herald. You can learn more about Lee's life [here](#), or by visiting the exhibit at 207 E. Main St from 12:00 - 3:00 p.m. on Wednesdays and Saturdays.

UPCOMING CITY COUNCIL MEETING SCHEDULE

The City Council will next meet in a Regular Business Meeting on Tuesday, September 14, 2021. The meeting will be held via the Zoom remote meeting platform. Participation information will be posted with the September 14 agenda.

Council Agendas/Minutes

CITY COUNCIL MEMBERS



Councilmember
Patsy Cudaback



Councilmember
Kevin Hanford



Councilmember
Ed Davis



Councilmember
Jason Gamble



Councilmember
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