



MONROE THIS WEEK

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Thank you for reading Monroe This Week.

This week's edition includes a recognition of the 20th anniversary of 9/11, a reminder about school zone speed limits, details on SRO Craig Robertson, the graduation of a new police officer, Puget Sound Starts Here Month, the Monroe Community Senior Center's 4th Annual Drive-Thru Spaghetti Dinner Fundraiser, and the local recognition of both Hispanic Heritage Month and Hydrocephalus Awareness Month.



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

RECOGNIZING THE 20TH ANNIVERSARY OF 9/11

Twenty years ago, the nation watched transfixed as planes hijacked by terrorists crashed into the World Trade Center in New York City, the Pentagon in Washington, D.C. and a field in Shanksville, Pennsylvania on September 11, 2001. The events of that day forever transformed the country. Nearly 3,000 people died as a result of the attacks, including the 19 hijackers. It remains the deadliest foreign attack on U.S. soil.



This Saturday, I am inviting everyone in the community to join me in remembering the lives that were lost, the loved ones left behind, and those who continue to protect our country today.

SCHOOL ZONE SPEED LIMITS RETURN

I would like to remind everyone that school is back in session. Effective September 8, 2021, speed limit signs in school zones were posted to 20 mph between 7:30 a.m. – 4:30 p.m., Monday through Friday. Please watch out for children walking and crossing the street. Thank you for your cooperation in observing a slower speed during the school day.



MONROE PD CONTINUES TO PROTECT OUR SCHOOLS

The return of school also comes with the exciting return of our School Resource Officer. This year Craig Robertson will be helping out at Monroe High School, continuing another year of strong partnership between the [Monroe School District](#) and [Monroe Police Department](#). The police department and myself would like to wish everyone a safe and productive school year.



NEW POLICE OFFICER GRADUATES ACADEMY

Congratulations to Officer Brendan Hearne of the [Monroe Police Department](#). After successfully completing his 720-hour basic training at the Police Academy in Burien, Officer Hearne obtained his Peace Officer Certification on September 9, 2021. Chief of Police Jeff Jolley and Sergeant Jake Carswell attended the graduation

ceremony and presented Officer Hearne with his certification. Officer Hearne will transition to the patrol operations bureau at the Monroe Police Department and will begin field training soon. Great job Officer Hearne! We look forward to your service to the Monroe community.



CELEBRATE PUGET SOUND STARTS HERE MONTH

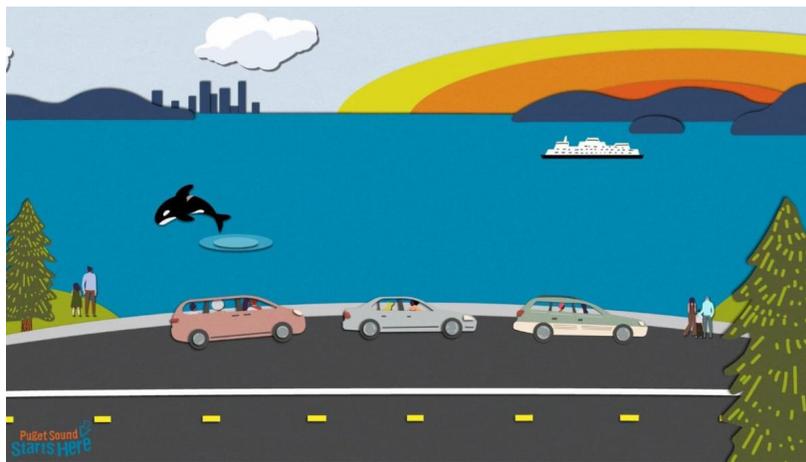
Across Puget Sound, cities and counties are coming together this September to celebrate [Puget Sound Starts Here Month](#). Puget Sound is our economic powerhouse, provides endless recreational opportunities, and is home to incredible, iconic, and irreplaceable animals. It's also in trouble.

We say Puget Sound Starts Here because every single day, pollutants from our neighborhoods flow through storm drains to nearby creeks, streams, and lakes which flow into Puget Sound. We rely on clean water for our wellbeing, as do salmon, orcas, and other wildlife that live in our shared habitat.

What we do here in Monroe has an impact on our local waterways and, eventually, on Puget Sound. Join us this month in helping to raise awareness and committing to at least one action that will protect our water quality. This month's campaign focuses on vehicle-related contaminants, and by making even just one of the small changes below to your daily activities, you can help keep pollution out of our Puget Sound.

- Take your car to a commercial wash or wash in the grass to prevent the chemicals from running down the street into a storm drain
- Check your vehicle for oil leaks regularly and dispose of used motor oil properly by bringing it to a local auto shop for recycling
- Keep tires properly inflated, aligned, and rotated so that they will wear down more slowly

Check out the City of Monroe's [Facebook](#) and [Instagram](#) pages this month for more information related to proper car maintenance and its impact on water quality!



MCSC 4TH ANNUAL SPAGHETTI DINNER FUNDRAISER

Next Friday, September 17, the Monroe Community Senior Center will be holding their 4th Annual Drive-Thru Spaghetti Dinner Fundraiser, sponsored by [Brookdale Senior Living](#), to support the operations and programs of MCSC. Dinner is \$10 and all are welcome! RSVP on [their website](#), by calling 360-794-6359, or pay them a visit at 276 Sky River Parkway.



CITY RECOGNIZES HISPANIC HERITAGE MONTH

In 1988, the United States Congress adopted a resolution recognizing September 15 through October 15 as Hispanic Heritage Month, celebrating the culture and traditions of Spanish speaking residents. September 15 is the anniversary of independence for Costa Rica, El Salvador, Guatemala, Honduras, and Nicaragua; September 16 is the anniversary of independence for Mexico; and September 18 is the anniversary of independence for Chile.



Our Hispanic community brings a rich cultural heritage representing many countries, ethnicities, and religious traditions that are interwoven into the fabric of America, and has a profound influence on our city and country. Next Tuesday, September 14, during the City Council meeting, I will be issuing a Proclamation recognizing Hispanic Heritage Month and encouraging residents to learn more about the rich Hispanic culture, traditions and history, and to celebrate the contributions that have been made to our country and our community by Hispanic Americans. I invite you to view the City Council meeting to hear this Proclamation read in both English and Spanish. Participation information for the meeting can be accessed by clicking the button at the bottom of this newsletter.

CITY RECOGNIZES HYDROCEPHALUS AWARENESS

On August 24, 2021, I issued a [Proclamation](#) recognizing September as Hydrocephalus Awareness Month. Hydrocephalus is primarily characterized by excessive cerebrospinal fluid on the brain that results in abnormal widening of the spaces in the ventricles, which creates harmful pressure and can be fatal if left untreated. There is no cure for Hydrocephalus, and the only treatment is brain surgery; many individuals require multiple surgeries throughout their lives to remain well. Hydrocephalus affects approximately one million Americans in every stage of life, from infants to the elderly. One out of every one thousand babies are born with hydrocephalus, making it as common as Down's Syndrome, and more common than spina bifida or brain tumors; it is the most common reason for brain surgery in children. I encourage all residents to read the Proclamation, and to join the City Council and myself in this worthy observance.



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, which can be accessed by clicking the button below.

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