



# MONROE THIS WEEK

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## NATIONAL HISPANIC HERITAGE MONTH



*Thank you for reading Monroe This Week.*

*This week's edition includes a reminder about the upcoming ARPA funds application deadline, details on the recording of the ARPA workshop, open seasonal positions with the City, the local recognition of Hispanic Heritage Month, the first annual Wiggly Walk next Saturday, and the Sky Valley Food Bank's August stats.*



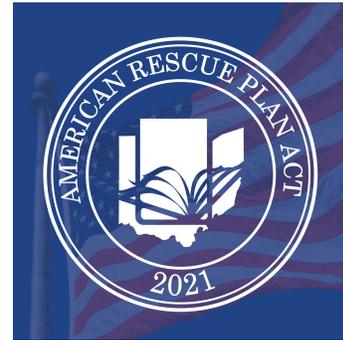
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*Yours in Service,*

*Mayor Geoffrey Thomas*

### **ARPA FUNDS APPLICATION DEADLINE REMINDER**

Applications for funding from the American Rescue Plan Act (ARPA) are due no later than 4:30 p.m. on Tuesday, September 21. The City of Monroe is accepting applications from local businesses, not-for-profit service providers, and other agencies for projects that will benefit the Monroe community.



Projects proposed in ARPA applications will be categorized into one of three priorities:

1. Supporting Recovery
2. Reconnecting Community
3. Building Resiliency

A description of each priority is included in the application packet.

After the deadline, applications will be sent to review committees consisting of members of City boards and commissions. Review committees will present their funding recommendations to the City Council, and the City Council will issue formal awards. Recipients will be notified and a recipient workshop will be held in December, with the funds available in January of 2022.

Applications may be submitted online [here](#), or by downloading the fillable PDF form on the City's [ARPA Funds page](#). Please see the ARPA Funds page for additional details, eligibility criteria, and application process.

## ARPA WORKSHOP RECORDING AVAILABLE

On Wednesday, September 8, 2021, the City hosted a virtual workshop for prospective ARPA funds applicants. This workshop provided details of federal ARPA reporting requirements, the application packet, and the City's contracting and reporting processes. Attendance at the workshop, or viewing the workshop recording, is required for an application to be considered eligible; the workshop recording can be downloaded [here](#).



## CITY RECRUITING FOR SEASONAL POSITIONS

The City is recruiting for seasonal positions in the [Public Works](#) and [Parks](#) Departments. These positions may last for up to 5 months, and the pay rate is \$18-\$20 per hour, depending on experience. Typical duties for Parks positions include maintaining grounds and facilities to include mowing, raking, weeding, and janitorial duties. For Public



Works positions, typical duties include mowing, painting, traffic control, and providing support for utility maintenance activities. Applicants must be at least 18 years of age. These positions require the use of City vehicles; individuals must possess a valid Washington State driver's license and have an acceptable driving record. For more information and to apply, please visit the City's [website](#).

La Ciudad de Monroe desea contratar personal para varios puestos de trabajo de temporada en el Departamento de Obras Públicas (Public Works) y en el Departamento de Parques (Parks). La duración de los contratos de los puestos de trabajo podría ser de hasta cinco 5 meses. El pago por hora es de US\$18-20 dependiendo del nivel de experiencia. Las funciones típicas para los puestos de trabajo en el Departamento de Parques incluyen: el mantenimiento de los terrenos e instalaciones, incluyendo cortar el pasto, rastrillar, desherbar y realizar servicios de limpieza. Para los puestos de trabajo en el Departamento de Obras Públicas, las funciones típicas incluyen: cortar el pasto, pintar, controlar el tráfico y proporcionar apoyo para las actividades del mantenimiento de los servicios públicos. Requisitos mínimos: Debe tener por lo menos 18 años de edad. Estos puestos de trabajo requieren el uso de vehículos del municipio. Los candidatos deberán poseer una licencia válida de conducir del Estado de Washington y tener un expediente de conducción aceptable. Para obtener más información y para presentar una solicitud de trabajo, por favor visite [el sitio web](#) de la Ciudad.

## HISPANIC HERITAGE MONTH BEGINS

On September 14, 2021, during the City Council meeting, I issued a [Proclamation](#) recognizing September 15 through October 15 as Hispanic Heritage Month. Monroe resident Benito Montiel read the Proclamation in [Spanish](#), and Monroe residents Mariana Medina and Aracely Jimenez, as well as Monroe Equity Council Secretary Von Thompson-Wynn, provided thoughts and reflections. Thank you to them for contributing to the City's recognition of Hispanic Heritage Month.



I encourage residents to read the Proclamation 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.

## WIGGLY WALK TO TAKE PLACE NEXT SATURDAY

Monroe's first annual Wiggly Walk is finally just one week away! Next Saturday, September 25 from 11:00 a.m. - 4:00 p.m. at Sky River Park. Come enjoy pet friendly vendors, a food truck, a doggy kissing booth and more. The City is sponsoring the event in partnership with the [Monroe Chamber of Commerce](#) and [Beck's Place](#). Beck's Place provides animal and human support services to low-income families in order to enable them to stay

together with their pets. They are in need of all kinds of non-expired animal food and dog leashes. A pet food donation drive benefitting Beck's Place will be held during the Wiggly Walk. If you're not able to attend the Wiggly Walk, donations can be made directly to Beck's Place. All well behaved, friendly dogs (and their people) are welcome to walk, wag, shop and eat next Saturday!



## SKY VALLEY FOOD BANK SERVES OVER 3,000 PEOPLE IN AUGUST

The Sky Valley Food Bank, which has served area residents since the late 1970s, served over 3,000 people during the month of August. Thanks to 59 volunteers contributing over 1,500 volunteer hours, the Food Bank distributed 83,297 pounds throughout the month.



Food distributions are currently open on Tuesdays from 4:00 - 6:00 p.m. and Thursdays from 9:00 - 11:00 a.m. during their outdoor market, by appointment only; appointments can be made by visiting the Food Bank's [website](#) and clicking "Find Food." They do ask that everyone wear a mask and bring their own box or bag for food.

## UPCOMING CITY COUNCIL MEETING SCHEDULE

The City Council will next meet in a Regular Study Session Meeting on Tuesday, September 21, 2021. The meeting will be held via the Zoom remote meeting platform. Participation information will be posted with the September 21 agenda, which can be accessed by clicking the button below.

[Council Agendas/Minutes](#)

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