



MONROE THIS WEEK

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Thank you for reading Monroe This Week.

This week's edition includes a reminder of the lodging tax grant application deadline today, details on park impacts due to flooding, the City still accepting applications for boards, commissions, and committees, an important message about utility billing, the City's living Christmas tree program, and the Community Transit bus service survey.



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

LODGING TAX GRANT APPLICATION DEADLINE TODAY

Applications for a City of Monroe lodging tax grant are due **no later than 4:30 p.m. today, November 19**. For further details and to download the application, please visit [our website](#).



To be considered for funding, the request must be used for one of the following activities, as specified in [Chapter 67.28.1816](#) of the Revised Code of Washington:

- Tourism marketing;
- Marketing and operations of special events and festivals designed to attract tourists;
- Operations of tourism-related facilities owned or operated by nonprofit organizations as defined by the IRC 501(c)(3) or 501(c)(6).

Verification of nonprofit status will be required. Priority consideration will be given to applications that feature events scheduled from January through June 2022, and that promote tourism activities during the same period.

A second application cycle is anticipated to open next spring for events and activities taking place from July through December 2022.

FLOODING IMPACTS PARK OPERATIONS

Flood conditions earlier this week have impacted availability of two City parks.

The south parking lot at Skykomish River Park is currently closed. Visitors can access the Wiggly Field Dog Park by walking through Skykomish River Park. City staff will monitor the water levels and reopen the parking lot as soon as possible.



Al Borlin Park was closed earlier this week, but as of publication of this edition of *Monroe This Week*, the park is open to vehicular and foot traffic. Trails have been impacted, with mud and standing water in places, so please exercise caution if visiting.

CITY STILL ACCEPTING APPLICATIONS FOR BOARDS, COMMISSIONS, & COMMITTEES

The City is continuing to seek applications to City boards, commissions, and committees, including the Planning Commission and Salary Commission. The Planning Commissions reviews and makes recommendations regarding the physical development of the City; it considers both long-range and current plans, as well as development regulations, and works with the City Council in balancing environmental concerns with those of the City. The Salary Commission sets the salaries of elected officials, including the mayor and the members of the City Council. For a full list of vacancies and to apply, visit the City's Boards, Commissions, and Committees [vacancies](#) page.



La Ciudad de Monroe continúa buscando solicitudes para las juntas, comisiones y comités de la Ciudad, incluida la Comisión de Planificación y la Comisión de Salarios. Las Comisiones de Planificación revisan y hacen recomendaciones sobre el desarrollo físico de la ciudad; considera los planes actuales y a largo plazo, así como las regulaciones de desarrollo, y trabaja con el Ayuntamiento para equilibrar las preocupaciones ambientales con las de la ciudad. La Comisión de Salarios establece los salarios de los funcionarios electos, incluidos el alcalde y los miembros del Ayuntamiento. Para obtener una lista completa de vacantes y postularse, visite la [página web](#) de vacantes de las Juntas, Comisiones y Comités de la Ciudad.

IMPORTANT MESSAGE FROM THE CITY OF MONROE

With the expiration of the Governor's moratorium on utility late fees and shutoffs, the City Council has taken steps to help those customers that may need additional time to bring their accounts current to avoid shut off of their services.



The City took the following steps to help customers who are behind on their bills:

- Allow payment arrangements which can go through December 2022;
- Suspend late fees for those amounts incurred prior to October 31, 2021 that are subject to a payment arrangement made by November 30, 2021. In order to continue to have the late fees waived, the customer must stay current on the agreed upon payment arrangement; and
- Suspend shut offs for nonpayment of utility bills until the January 2022 cycle.

If you are behind on your bill, contact the City as soon as possible at (360) 794-7400. A list of partners that may be able to help you with your bill can be found on the City's [utility page](#).

CITY'S LIVING CHRISTMAS TREE PROGRAM

As you start to think of decorating for the holidays, don't forget if you purchase a living Christmas tree in a container, and you don't intend to plant it on your own property, you may donate it to our local Monroe parks. This way, you can watch it grow and everyone can enjoy it for years to come. Our living Christmas tree program allows residents who use living Christmas trees to donate suitable trees to the City for planting in our parks and open spaces after the holidays. You may find living Christmas trees for sale at Fred Meyer, Pine Creek Farms and Nursery, and Falling Water Gardens.



SURVEY FOR BETTER BUS SERVICE IN MONROE

Community Transit is asking for help from people who live and travel to Snohomish County in redesigning local bus service to better serve the county when light rail reaches Lynnwood, Mountlake Terrace and Shoreline in 2024.



The online survey, available in five languages, will be open through December 17:

English: <https://transit2024.participate.online>

Spanish: <https://transit2024-spanish.participate.online>

¡Complete nuestra encuesta a más tardar el 17 de diciembre! ¡Queremos sus comentarios! Después de revisar la información en esta página web, favor de completar la encuesta que aparece a continuación a más tardar el 17 de diciembre.

UPCOMING CITY COUNCIL MEETING SCHEDULE

The November 23, 2021 City Council meeting is CANCELLED. The City Council will meet in a Regular Business Meeting on Tuesday, December 4, 2021. The meeting will be held via the Zoom remote meeting platform. Participation information will be posted with the December 4 agenda.

Council Agendas/Minutes

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