



MONROE THIS WEEK

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Thank you for reading Monroe This Week.

This week's edition includes details on park closures due to flooding, a notice that the City of Monroe is not affiliated with DOXO.com, more information on the upcoming North Hill Area Park Design Workshop, the completion of the second water reservoir tank at the Monroe Correctional Complex, Chief Jolley's attendance at the Monroe Pastor's Luncheon, Take the Next Step's need for winter coats, and the Great Junk Hunt coming to Monroe in two weeks.



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

PARKS CLOSED FOR FLOODING

Due to water levels in the Skykomish River, we have two (2) parks experiencing closures.

The south parking lot at Skykomish River Park is 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 is closed to vehicular traffic until our Parks Department can re-assess the park conditions. Updates will be provided on the City's [Facebook page](#).

DOXO.COM BILL PAYING SERVICE NOT AFFILIATED WITH THE CITY OF MONROE

It has come to our attention that when doing an internet search to pay your City of Monroe utility bill, one of the first results listed is a company called DOXO. Be advised that DOXO is not affiliated with the City of Monroe. It appears that when DOXO takes your payment, they then mail a check to the City. This causes a delay between when you pay and when you are credited for the payment. Depending on the delay, this may cause you to incur late fees and/or possibly have your water shut off.

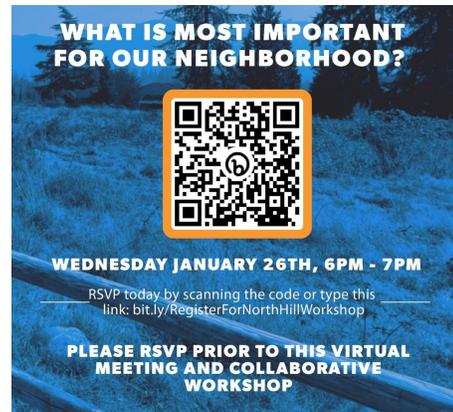


The City recognizes that you have a number of options on how you can pay your utility bill. If you choose to pay a fee based service such as DOXO, be advised that you will need to allow enough time for mailing purposes, similar to if you use your bank's bill paying service.

If you would like to make your payment by credit card online, we recommend using our [online payment portal](#) where the service is free. Be sure to double check the web address of any payment site you use for the correct address before entering your credit card number. If you prefer, you can also pay by phone without a fee, by calling City Hall directly at 360-794-7400.

NORTH HILL AREA PARK DESIGN WORKSHOP

The City of Monroe welcomes all residents to participate in the design workshop for the North Hill Area Neighborhood Park on Wednesday, January 26 at 6:00 p.m. This collaborative, online event will include an overview of the existing site conditions and help the City determine what amenities and features to include in the park design. This new park will be located at the southwest corner of 134th Street SE and 191st Avenue SE.



The City purchased the five acres of land last year to develop a park to serve the surrounding neighborhoods. The land was formerly owned by the Trombley family. Isadore and Grace Trombley moved to Monroe from Michigan in 1910 and homesteaded the North Hill area. Portions of the original homestead were sold off over the years. However, descendants of Isadore and Grace envisioned this area as a city park. They approached the City with the idea and in 2021 the City purchased the land. For more information, view the North Hill Area Neighborhood Park story at this [link](#).

RSVP today by scanning the QR code on the above image or by clicking [here](#).

CORRECTIONAL COMPLEX RESERVOIR COMPLETED

The City has recently completed the second water reservoir tank that began construction in March of 2020 on the Department of Corrections property. The project consisted of an 850,000-gallon welded steel drinking water storage reservoir that is now in service. Paving and site restoration will begin soon, weather pending, and final exterior coatings will be applied in late spring during warmer, dryer weather. The paint color will be forest green. For more information on the project, please visit the City's [website](#).



CHIEF JOLLEY SPEAKS AT PASTOR'S LUNCHEON

Police Chief Jeff Jolley and Commander Paul Ryan were invited to attend the January Pastor's Luncheon on Thursday, hosted at Cascade Community Church. There, Chief Jolley provided departmental updates on drug trends in the community, and trends facing law enforcement

locally and regionally. [Monroe Police Department](#) event updates were also provided, which included sharing about the success of the Shop with a Cop program in December, and the forthcoming Jayme Biendl Memorial Run this Sunday, January 23.



TAKE THE NEXT STEP IN NEED OF WINTER COATS

[Take the Next Step](#), a grass roots, faith based non-profit organization here in Monroe, is in need of winter coats to give back to the community. They are currently low in kid sizes and prefer sturdy, warm, winter jackets - no shells, hoodies, or sweatshirts. New or gently used is great.

Since they are working remotely and their Resource Center is "closed", they have drop off boxes at [Coastal Community Bank](#) on US-2 and at the [Monroe Library](#). Thank you for helping your neighbors stay warm in these cold months!



THE GREAT JUNK HUNT COMING TO MONROE IN TWO WEEKS

Have you heard of the [The Great Junk Hunt](#)? Coming to Monroe February 4 & 5 at the Evergreen State Fair Park, it's full of vintage inspired and home decor vendors. Only 2 weeks away, you can find tickets sold only on their website. This is the largest traveling flea market, voted #1 for the best to attend in the US and they're coming to Monroe, so you won't want to miss out!



UPCOMING CITY COUNCIL MEETING SCHEDULE

The City Council will next meet in a Regular Business Meeting on Tuesday, January 25, 2022. The meeting will be held via the Zoom remote meeting platform. Participation information will be posted with the January 25 agenda, which can be accessed by clicking the button below.

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