



MONROE THIS WEEK

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Thank you for reading Monroe This Week.

This week's edition includes details on the upcoming second round of ARP applications, the relocation of two Lake Tye benches, Talk Saves Lives training sessions, the Sky Valley Food Bank's recruitment efforts for a new Executive Director, the Great Junk Hunt taking place this weekend at the Evergreen State Fair Park, Monroe Public Schools Foundation's Local Community Scholarship for graduating seniors, the Monroe Chamber's Chocolate Crawl next weekend, and a recap of this week's City Council meeting.



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 ACCEPT ARP SECOND ROUND APPLICATIONS

The City will begin accepting applications for funding from the American Rescue Plan Act (ARP) Tuesday, February 15. The City will accept applications from local businesses, not-for-profit service providers, and other agencies for projects that will benefit the Monroe community.



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

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

A description of each priority will be included in the application packet.

Applications will be open for 60 days, and due by Friday, April 15. Applications will be reviewed by 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.

Updates will be provided here in *Monroe This Week*, on the City's [Facebook page](#), and the City's [ARP Funds page](#). Please see the ARP Funds page for additional details, eligibility criteria, and application process.

RELOCATION OF LAKE TYE BENCHES

Due to a combination of erosion and vandalism (removing the rockery around them on the lake side), the City of Monroe's Parks Maintenance Team are relocating two benches along the path at Lake Tye. They will be relocated in the general vicinity, along the trail, to a location that is more safe and secure for the integrity of the benches and safety of park users. This project will be completed within



the next few weeks. Please email [Dale Olson](#), Parks Supervisor if you have further questions.

TALK SAVES LIVES TRAINING SET FOR NEXT WEEK

More than two-thirds of adults in Monroe believe suicide is a moderate or serious problem facing our young people; it is once again the leading cause of death for youth aged 10-17 in Snohomish County. With your help, we believe suicide in Monroe can be prevented. The



[Monroe Community Coalition](#) is proud to present *Talk Saves Lives*, a brief 45-minute training that will equip you with the tools to recognize common risk factors and warning signs to prevent suicide in our community. You're invited to participate in *Talk Saves Lives*, taking place on Zoom from 6:00 - 7:00 p.m. on the evening of your choice - February 7, 8 or 10 - to learn how to save a life; a 12:00 noon - 1:00 p.m. session will also be held on February 8. *Talk Saves Lives* was developed by the American Foundation for Suicide Prevention and will be taught by representatives from the [Snohomish County Children's Wellness Coalition](#) and the Suicide Prevention Task Force.

FOOD BANK LOOKING FOR NEW EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR

The [Sky Valley Food Bank](#) (SVFB) is currently recruiting for a new Executive Director. Accountable to the SVFB Board of Directors, this position provides the leadership necessary to ensure the continued operation of the food bank and directs the development and maintenance of all SVFB community programs. The Executive Director is responsible for securing the resources of food, time, money, and advocacy from food industry partners, businesses, community organizations, and individual donors, along with planning, implementing, and directing all aspects of fundraising activities.



The food bank, located in Monroe, serves the greater Sky Valley Community, providing supplemental food to families in need. Food service includes twice a week shopping, home delivery, food box pick up, and remote service in Index, WA. They also prepare over 200 backpacks each week filled with nutritious, easy-to-prepare meals and snacks to students in need throughout the Monroe School District.

For more information or to request an application packet, please contact Debbie Willis via [email](#) or at 360-794-7959. Application packets must be received by 12:00 pm (noon), next Friday, February 11.

THE GREAT JUNK HUNT COMING TO MONROE TODAY

Have you heard of the [The Great Junk Hunt?](#) Happening today and tomorrow at the Evergreen State Fair Park, the event is full of vintage inspired and home decor vendors. Tickets are sold exclusively on their website. This is the largest traveling flea market, voted #1 for the best to attend in the US, and it's here in Monroe, so you won't want to miss out!



SCHOOLS FOUNDATION SCHOLARSHIP APPLICATIONS DUE IN ONE WEEK

Can you help the Monroe Public Schools Foundation get the word out to graduating seniors? Local community scholarship award applications are due next Friday, February 11. Monroe School District graduating seniors are encouraged to apply for these scholarships. Last year, over \$93,825 was awarded to 105 graduates. For applications, or if your business, service organization, non-profit organization, individual or family is interested in giving a gift that will last a lifetime, please visit their [website](#).



CHOCOLATE CRAWL TO TAKE PLACE NEXT WEEKEND

[The Monroe Chamber of Commerce's](#) Chocolate Crawl is right around the corner, February 12 and 13 in Downtown Monroe. They are inviting everyone to come shop with over 20 vendors from 11:00 am - 3:00 pm. Some highlights include chocolate covered strawberries, keto and gluten free baked goods, jewelry, soaps, candles, dog treats, and more! Don't have a ticket? That's ok! All the downtown restaurants, bars and shops will be open. The vendors will be along Main Street selling their sweets, treats and crafts. Grab someone you love and join in on the fun for Valentine's Day Weekend.



JANUARY 25 CITY COUNCIL MEETING SUMMARY

The City Council met in a Regular Study Session Meeting on Tuesday, February 1. The following items were discussed during the meeting:



City Administrator Deborah Knight reported on the North Hill Area Park Design Workshop, which was held on Wednesday, January 26. Ms. Knight also provided a legislative update including House Bill (HB) 1025, which would provide an alternate funding option for parks maintenance and operation, and HB1782, which would require cities to allow duplexes, triplexes and fourplexes in zones currently allowing only single-family homes or to adopt minimum density equivalent.

Interim City Engineer Scott Peterson presented the preferred and alternative designs for the Powell Street Reconstruction project. Finance Director Becky Hasart and Parks & Recreation Planning and Capital Projects Manager Ben Swanson presented the proposed Park Impact Fees.

UPCOMING CITY COUNCIL MEETING SCHEDULE

The City Council will next meet in a Regular Business Meeting on Tuesday, February 8, 2022. The meeting will be held via the Zoom remote meeting platform. Participation information will be posted with the February 8 agenda, which can be accessed by clicking the button below.

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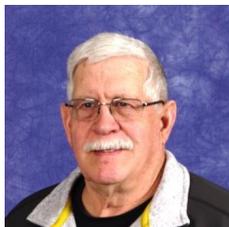
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