



MONROE THIS WEEK

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Chocolate Crawl 2022

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DOWNTOWN MONROE
11AM TO 3PM

Thank you for reading Monroe This Week.

This week's edition includes a sneak peak of Monroe's new gateway signs, details on the return of the Community Egg Hunt, the City Council authorizing the purchase of body worn cameras for our police officers, a reminder about the Chocolate Crawl happening downtown this weekend, Snohomish Regional Fire & Rescue's recruiting efforts, 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

NEW GATEWAY SIGN SNEAK PEEK

Monroe's new gateway signs are under construction. The fabricator shared this sneak peek of the letter "N" sitting on the I-beam that will hold the word "Monroe". The first gateway sign will be installed at the roundabout at the west end of Main Street at the intersection of SR522. A big thank you to the city's [Economic Development Advisory Board](#) who assisted with the overall gateway and wayfinding sign design. A second smaller sign will be installed at the south end of Lewis Street to greet travelers entering Monroe from the south over the Lewis Street bridge. For more information about the gateway and wayfinding signs, visit the City's [website](#).



COMMUNITY EGG HUNT RETURNS

I am happy to announce the 25th Annual Community Egg Hunt will be returning to Lake Tye Park on April 16th. Pre-event activities begin at 9:00 a.m., and the hunt begins at 10:00 a.m. on the new all-weather fields. Ages 10 and under are welcome to hunt, please bring your own basket. Fields are organized by age group, each field hunts one at a time and the start times will be announced by the DJ. There will be lots of fun things to do. Vendor booths hosted by local organizations and businesses will provide hand-on games and activities. If you are an organization or business interested in having a free booth at the event, or if you interested in volunteering, please contact Katie Darrow at KDarrow@MonroeWA.gov.



CITY COUNCIL AUTHORIZES PURCHASE OF BODY WORN CAMERAS

At Tuesday's City Council Meeting, the City Council authorized the purchase of body worn cameras (BWCs) for our Monroe Police Officers. Since 2016, [the Police Department](#)

has been utilizing BWCs in a limited scope. When choosing to implement BWCs in 2016, the City of Monroe engaged in consultation with community members and Council, drafting a resolution (007/2016) that helped define the operational policies guiding their use.



During the 2021 Legislative Session, House Bill 1223 was signed into law, thereby requiring mandatory electronic recording of police custodial interrogations. The effective date of the law was January 1st, 2022. The legislation sped up departmental need to implement an expanded BWC program, with the intent all uniformed personnel are soon equipped with BWCs.

In 2021, the Police Department performed a thorough trial of several BWC vendors, ultimately settling on Motorola Solutions. In the months ahead, the Police Department will be equipping and training their personnel on the use of the Motorola BWC. In 2021, the city received \$78,946 from the state to help offset costs associated with legislative actions. This money helped offset a portion of the cost associated with the BWC project.

For any questions about the BWC purchase or usage, please contact Commander Paul Ryan at PRyan@MonroeWA.gov or 360-863-4579.

SNOHOMISH REGIONAL FIRE & RESCUE IS HIRING

Snohomish Regional Fire & Rescue is looking for individuals to join their family, and help serve our diverse community. They currently have Firefighter I/Paramedic positions open. If you have a passion to serve others, are a continuous learner who works well in a team environment, and are respectful, effective, and humble with high integrity in all your actions... Join their team!



Eligible candidates must complete a FireTEAM test administered by National Testing Network (March 6, 2021 or more recent). The last date to complete the FireTEAM test is Sunday, March 6, 2022. For more information, or to apply, visit their [Employment Opportunities](#) page.

CHOCOLATE CRAWL HAPPENING THIS WEEKEND

A reminder that [The Monroe Chamber of Commerce's](#) Chocolate Crawl is this weekend, Saturday and Sunday in Downtown Monroe. They are inviting everyone to come shop with over 20

vendors from 11:00 a.m. - 3:00 p.m. 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.



FEBRUARY 8 CITY COUNCIL MEETING SUMMARY

The City Council met in a Regular Business Meeting on Tuesday, February 8. The following items were discussed and acted upon during the meeting:



Consent Agenda – Items considered routine and approved by one vote:

- Accounts Payable/ACH payments through 2/8/2022
- City Council Minutes for the January 11, January 18, January 25, and February 1, 2022 meetings
- Consultant Contracts with:
 - PH Consulting for the Kelsey Street Railroad Crossing Safety Improvements Project
 - My Ownly Kennel Animal Shelter
 - Two lodging tax grants with Snohomish County
 - GMR Transcription Services, Inc.
 - Sno Co Human Services – First Responders Flex Fund
- 2022 Capital Improvement Projects Authorization
- 2023-2028 Transportation Improvement Plan
- Grant Funding Process of 2022 Human Services Implementation Budget

New Business – reviewed, discussed and approved the following new items:

- Approved an agreement with Motorolo Solutions for the purchase of Body Worn Cameras (BWC)
- Approved an agreement with Ken Fulcher to provide concessionaire services at Lake Tye and Sky River parks
- Set a Public Hearing Date for the Proposed Vacation of portions of street right-of-way on 171st Avenue SE
- Accepted first reading of Ordinance 005/2022 to adopt the Parks, Recreation and Open Space (PROS) Plan
- Adopted Resolution 2022-003, establishing a Public Video System Policy

Final Action – took final action to approve these items that have been previously discussed:

- Ordinance 002/2022 adopting the Monroe Woodlands Annexation
- Resolution 2022-004 approving the Garibaldi Preliminary Plat and Planned Residential Development

Public Hearings – conducted public hearings on the following items:

- Ordinance 003/2022 granting to Astound Broadband, LLC a five-year non-exclusive telecommunications franchise
- Ordinance 004/2022 adopting interim zoning amendments in single-family residential zoning districts
- Proposed amendments to Chapter 3.52 of the Monroe Municipal Code - Park Impact Fees

UPCOMING CITY COUNCIL MEETING SCHEDULE

The City Council will next meet in a Regular Study Session Meeting on Tuesday, February 15, 2022. The meeting will be held via the Zoom remote meeting platform. Participation information will be posted with the February 15 agenda, which can be accessed by clicking the button below.

Council Agendas/Minutes

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