



MONROE THIS WEEK

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Thank you for reading Monroe This Week.

This week's edition includes details on Presidents Day 2022, the second round of American Rescue Plan Act (ARP) applications, the second North Hill Area Park Design Workshop, next week's lodging tax application opening, the Police Department's partnership with Cribs for Kids, the temporary suspension of the Monroe-Duvall shuttle, and the return of the Monroe Farmers Market.



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

MONDAY, FEBRUARY 21 IS PRESIDENTS' DAY

This Monday, February 21, we recognize the federal holiday of Presidents' Day. Originally enacted to recognize and celebrate George Washington's birthday, the day now commonly recognized as Presidents' Day was established in 1879 as February 22. On January 1, 1971, the Uniform Monday Holiday Act shifted the holiday to the third Monday in February, which can land between the 15th and 21st days of the month. Originally established as "Washington's Birthday", the day has become known colloquially - and officially in over 20 states - as Presidents' Day to honor President Abraham Lincoln as well. I wish all residents of Monroe a very Happy Presidents' Day!



AMERICAN RESCUE PLAN ACT APPLICATIONS OPEN

The City of Monroe is accepting applications from local businesses, not-for-profit service providers, individuals/households, and other agencies for projects that will benefit the Monroe community. Funding is available through the American Rescue Plan Act (ARP), which provides federal relief funds to states, counties, cities, and towns. Applications are due no later than 4:30 p.m. on Friday, April 15. A volunteer committee will review applications and make funding recommendations to the City Council.



This is the second round of funding the City is making available through ARP funds. Last year, the City Council approved a plan to distribute ARP funds in multiple rounds, with projects being categorized into one of three categories:

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

In addition to these Project Categories, projects must align with an [expenditure category](#) as set forth by the United States Department of the Treasury.

Last year, the City Council approved ARP awards totaling nearly \$1.3 million to 28 applicants proposing a wide variety of projects. An additional \$1.3 million is available in this second round. Future funding rounds will be announced later this year.

As our community continues to address the impacts of COVID-19, the City Council and myself recognize the importance of supporting our residents and businesses in recovery efforts. I thank the City Council for their collaboration in this effort, and the City staff and volunteer reviewers for their dedication to making this program successful.

Please see the City's [ARP Funds page](#) for additional details, eligibility criteria, and application process.

NORTH HILL AREA PARK SECOND DESIGN WORKSHOP SET FOR NEXT WEDNESDAY

The City of Monroe invites all residents to participate in the second design workshop for the North Hill Area Neighborhood Park, to be located at the southwest corner of 134th Street SE and 191st Avenue SE. This collaborative, online event will occur on Wednesday, February 23, from 6:00 - 7:00 p.m., and will include an overview of three conceptual designs for the future park.



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 in the image above, or by clicking [here](#).

CITY WILL ACCEPT LODGING TAX GRANT APPLICATIONS BEGINNING NEXT WEEK

The City of Monroe will begin accepting applications for 2022 lodging tax awards next Wednesday, February 23. Applications will be due no later than 4:30 p.m. on Friday, April 8. Further

details and the application will be available on [our website](#).

This is the second round of lodging tax applications for 2022. At its meeting on October 4, 2021, the Lodging Tax Advisory Committee voted to conduct two application rounds in order to better assess the opportunities for tourism-related events and activities in 2022. In this round, priority consideration will be given to events taking place between July 2022 and April 2023.



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

- 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.

POLICE DEPARTMENT PARTNERS WITH CRIBS FOR KIDS

Are you in need of a safe place for your baby to sleep? Is someone you know struggling to afford a crib for their baby? The [Monroe Police Department](#) is in partnership with Cribs for Kids, to provide cribs for babies under one year old. This program is available to low-income individuals who do not have other safe sleep arrangements for their baby. To inquire about the program, please call the Monroe Police Department at 360-794-6300 or visit at 818 W. Main Street, Monday-Friday from 8:00 a.m. - 5:00 p.m., excluding legal holidays. Visit the Cribs for Kids [website](#) for more information.



MONROE-DUVALL SHUTTLE TEMPORARILY SUSPENDED

The Monroe-Duvall Shuttle is temporarily out of service due to a driver shortage. Snoqualmie Valley Transportation is actively recruiting to fill

open driver positions, and invites anyone considering a job change to consider applying.

Snoqualmie Valley Transportation is a project of the Mt. Si Senior Center. The organization provides transportation services to the general public throughout the Snoqualmie Valley communities of North Bend, Snoqualmie, Fall City, Carnation, and Duvall and into Monroe, with general service times between 5:00 a.m. and 9:30 p.m. Monday thru Friday.

DRIVERS NEEDED:
Monroe - Duvall Shuttle Temporarily Out of Service

Prospective applicants are invited to visit the [SVT website](#) for more information and to apply.

MONROE FARMERS MARKET RETURNS MAY 25

Earlier this week, the [Monroe Chamber of Commerce](#) announced the return of the Monroe Farmers Market in 2022. Featuring fresh produce, artisan products, and arts & crafts, the Market will open on Wednesday, May 25 and run through Wednesday, September 7. The Chamber will also host a fall Harvest Market on Wednesday, September 28. All markets will take place in the parking lot of Galaxy Theatres in the North Kelsey area.



UPCOMING CITY COUNCIL MEETING SCHEDULE

The City Council will next meet in a Regular Business Meeting on Tuesday, February 22, 2022. The meeting will be held via the Zoom remote meeting platform. Participation information will be posted with the February 22 agenda, which can be accessed by clicking the button below.

[Council Agendas/Minutes](#)

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