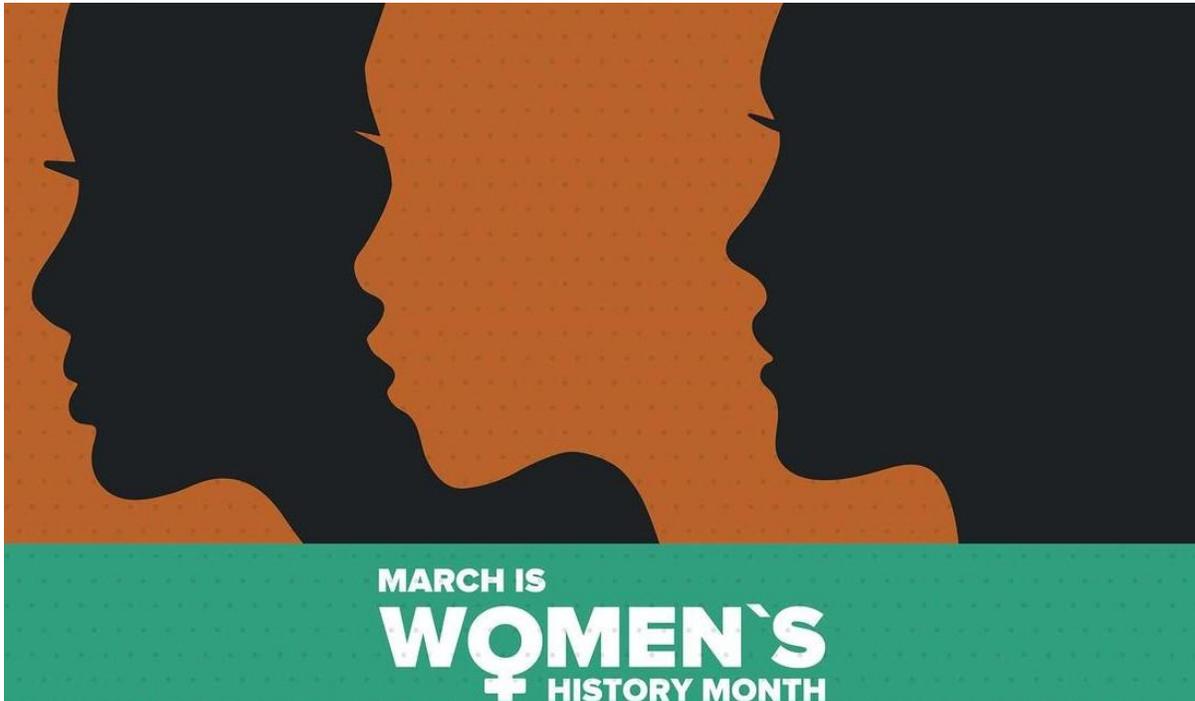




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Thank you for reading Monroe This Week.

This week's edition includes details on the local recognition of Women's History Month and International Women's Day; openings on City Boards, Commissions, and Committees; laws pertaining to personal delivery devices; new promotions and hires at Snohomish Regional Fire & Rescue; the Monroe Public Schools Foundation's recent success and upcoming auction; the local recognition of Red Cross Month; and a summary of the March 8 City Council meeting.



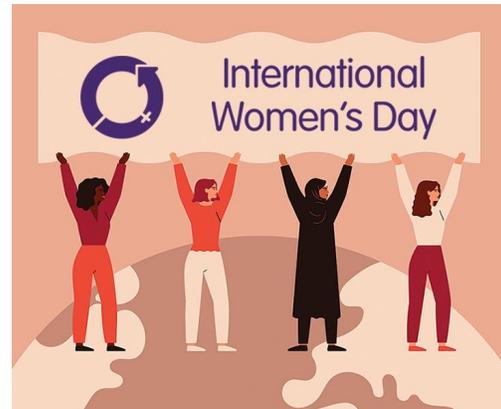
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Yours in Service,

Mayor Geoffrey Thomas

CITY RECOGNIZES WOMEN'S HISTORY MONTH AND INTERNATIONAL WOMEN'S DAY

At the February 22, 2022 City Council Regular Business Meeting, I issued a [Proclamation](#) recognizing the month of March as [Women's History Month](#), and March 8 as [International Women's Day](#). In 1987 Congress designated the month of March as Women's History Month, to honor women's contributions through history. International Women's Day is dedicated to the global celebration of women's achievements, the recognition



of biases against women, and a call for action for equality, equity, inclusion, and justice for women everywhere. Here in Monroe, women serve in our community in many places including in businesses, nonprofits, and government, and I am thankful for the contributions of each of the women working for the City of Monroe, including the following women in leadership roles: Councilmember Tami Kinney, Councilmember Heather Fulcher, Judge Jessica Ness, City Administrator Deborah Knight, Finance Director Becky Hasart, Court Administrator Pam Haley, and City Clerk Jodi Wycoff. I encourage all residents to read the full text of the Proclamation, and I call upon everyone to listen to women's voices, to genuinely honor the inherent value of every woman, and to take actions to remove inequities, unjust rules, and cultural norms that limit women from realizing the blessings of liberty in all its forms as men can.

SERVE ON A BOARD, COMMISSION, OR COMMITTEE

As I've shared recently here in *Monroe This Week*, the City has openings on multiple Boards, Commissions and Committees. Are you looking for ways to serve the community you live in? We currently have the following vacancies:

1 - Economic Development Advisory Board (4-year term ending 12/2025)

3 - Salary Commission (two 3-year terms ending 12/2023; two mid-term vacancies ending 12/2022)



- 2 - Park Board (4-year terms ending 12/2025)
- 1 - Lodging Tax Advisory Committee (membership reviewed annually)

For more information on the duties of each board or commission, please visit our [Boards, Commissions, and Committees](#) page. To apply, please visit our Boards, Commissions, and Committees [vacancies](#) page. More vacancies are anticipated to open in January.

LAWS PERTAINING TO PERSONAL DELIVERY DEVICES

With more and more Amazon Scouts being spotted around the city, the [Monroe Police Department](#) would like to acknowledge the laws pertaining to personal delivery devices and right-of-way. According to [RCW 46.61.261](#), the driver of a vehicle shall yield the right-of-way to any pedestrian, bicycle, or personal delivery device on a sidewalk. A personal delivery device must yield the right-of-way to a pedestrian or a bicycle on a sidewalk or crosswalk.



SRFR ANNOUNCES PROMOTIONS AND NEW HIRES

[Snohomish Regional Fire & Rescue](#) (SRFR) promoted five personnel, and hired 10 firefighter/emergency medical technicians in January. The new recruits are headed to the academy for training, and will start work for the community in May. An interesting fact? A majority of instructors at the academy are SRFR personnel.



According to Chief Kevin O'Brien, these positions will help maintain emergency service levels for residents and businesses served by the Fire District. These service level improvements were possible thanks to support from the public for a fire levy lid lift in 2021.

The promotions are part of SRFR's plan to seek accreditation by the Commission on Fire Accreditation International. The accreditation process assesses everything at the Fire District from emergency responses and

command structure to financial stewardship. Accredited agencies have better save rates for fire and EMS calls.

Battalion Chief Colby Titland is now Deputy Chief of Operations. Acting Training Captain Michael McConnell is Deputy Chief of Health and Safety. Vincent Read, who served as the Acting Medical Officer, is now the Deputy Chief of Emergency Medical Services. These positions report to Assistant Chief of Operations Ryan Lundquist, who was promoted from a deputy chief position. Chief Lundquist is responsible for daily emergency operations at SRFR, the emergency medical service program, firefighter training, and community health and safety.

MPSF THANKS YOU FOR YOUR SUPPORT

The Monroe Public Schools Foundation would like to thank everyone in the community for your support and help in making a difference in our schools. Their Books from Birth program, partnering with the Dolly Parton Imagination Library, continues to reach over 500 preschool aged children in the school district as they foster a love of reading and kindergarten readiness. If you are interested in being a sponsor or want to donate an item for their upcoming auction, call Jen at 360-804 2540. You can also register [online](#) today for their All in for Kids Virtual Auction Gala taking place on March 26.



CITY RECOGNIZES MARCH AS RED CROSS MONTH

Emergencies don't take vacations. They don't even take off nights and weekends. No matter when they strike, the compassionate actions of the American Red Cross helps ensure that families and individuals never face crises alone. Their mission wouldn't be possible without the community heroes seen in their volunteers, blood donors, and partners, and I have issued a [Proclamation](#) recognizing March as Red Cross month to honor their dedication.



This past year marked one of our region's most active for severe weather; in some cases, battering communities still reeling from previous disasters. We saw Red Cross volunteers step in to provide comfort and relief from wildfires, a dangerous heat wave and devastating flooding. Since January 1, teams of volunteers have responded to at least 175 home fires across the Northwest region, and hundreds have rolled up a sleeve to donate, as every day hospital patients in the U.S. needed lifesaving blood to battle illness and injury. I thank everyone who makes their lifesaving work possible in the Pacific Northwest, across the country and around the world.

You can join in their commitment during the Red Cross Month celebration by visiting their [website](#) to make a financial donation, schedule an appointment to give blood or platelets, become a Red Cross volunteer or take a class to learn lifesaving skills like CPR and first aid.

MARCH 8 CITY COUNCIL MEETING SUMMARY

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



Consent Agenda - items considered routine and approved by one vote:

- Accounts Payable/ACH payments through March 3, 2022;
- City Council Meeting Minutes for February 22, 2022;
- Acceptance of/begin lien period for 2021 Annual Road Maintenance Project

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

- Cadman Property Acceptance - Council authorized staff to send notification of the City's decision to accept Cadman's offer to convey to the City

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

- Ordinance 008/2022; Wireless Code
- Ord 009/2022; Franchise Code
- Ord 007/2022; amending Chapter 4.50 – Park Board

Unfinished Business - reviewed the following item to address errors in the original ordinance:

- Repealing/replacing Park Impact Fee ordinance – Council approved first reading

Public Hearing - conducted a public hearings on the following item:

- Right-of-Way (ROW) vacation of 171st Ave SE – Council approved vacation and authorized staff to prepare a proposed ordinance vacating the right-of-way and retaining easement rights for public utilities.

Staff Reports - received reports from City staff members in the following departments:

- Parks;
- Public Works;
- Emergency Management;
- City Administrator for Legislative Committee work plans

UPCOMING CITY COUNCIL MEETING SCHEDULE

The March 15, 2022 City Council meeting is CANCELLED. The City Council will meet in a Regular Business Meeting on Tuesday, March 22, 2022. The meeting will be held via the Zoom remote meeting platform. Participation information will be posted with the March 22 agenda.

Council Agendas/Minutes

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