



MONROE THIS WEEK

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Thank you for reading Monroe This Week.

This week's edition includes a recap of my State of the City Address, a reminder that today is the last day to submit applications for ARP funds, and details on the return of the Community Egg Hunt tomorrow, an extension of the deadline to apply for lodging tax awards, Coffee With Your Chiefs next Wednesday, the resumption of fingerprint services at the Monroe



Police Department, and a summary of the April 12 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

RECAP OF THE STATE OF THE CITY ADDRESS

On Tuesday, April 12, I delivered the State of the City Address to the Monroe Chamber of Commerce. A copy of the slide presentation and an audio recording provided by Michael Whitney of the [Snohomish Tribune](#) can be found on the City's website [here](#).



I thank our City staff for all the work they do to support our community, our Council, and me. Without their dedication, passion, and work, we would not be as strong, connected, and successful as we are today.

In 2021, we accomplished several projects and initiatives while delivering services to our community amid a continuing pandemic and associated limitations on our interactions with one another. The link above provides a summary of some of these.

With *Imagine Monroe* as our guide, looking to 2022 and beyond, we have the following sample of work on our horizon:

1. City staff and I are continuing to improve our understanding in truth, reconciliation, and reform with people and communities that are underrepresented and that have different and diverse lived experiences. Our improved understanding and improved outreach will inform policy and budget development, service delivery, and other interactions among our City staff, Council, and me with our residents, employers and business owners, and visitors.
2. We will install our [gateway signs](#) by June at Main Street and Tester Road, in the roundabout, and at Lewis Street and Sumac Drive on SR-203. We will also install wayfinding signs in our riverfront areas.
3. We will complete stormwater improvements on Blueberry Lane and, by 2023, complete park improvements at Blueberry Lane Park.

4. We will begin work on and hopefully complete necessary pedestrian and frontage improvements along the Fairgrounds and fair park. I thank the County and State for partnering with us in completing this work.
5. We will continue to work with our legislators to secure funding and complete work to #Finish522. We really need your continued help in this space – the City cannot do it alone; we need residents, employers and business owners, and visitors to support people in the legislature who will make this a priority, but also to get the work done.
6. We will begin a master plan of our riverfront parks.
7. We will complete necessary improvement to renovate and expand our existing municipal campus.
8. We will begin the next update of our Comprehensive Plan.
9. We will begin to develop a new City brand and new logo that are consistent with *Imagine Monroe*.
10. In all our work, we will work to engage a broad and diverse representation of residents, employers and business owners, and visitors to our community. This engagement includes more focused communication with people who primarily speak Spanish in our community.

As we do all this work, it is important that we ensure that we create a safe place, where everyone feels at home, and everyone knows they belong.

ARP FUNDS APPLICATION DEADLINE IS TODAY

The deadline for American Rescue Plan Act (ARP) funds is today, April 15 at 4:30 p.m. Please see the City's [ARP Funds page](#) for funding details, eligibility criteria, and application process.



La fecha límite para las solicitudes de fondos de la Ley del Plan de Rescate Estadounidense (ARP) es hoy 15 de abril a las 4:30 p.m. Consulte [la página de fondos ARP](#) de la ciudad para obtener detalles sobre la financiación, los criterios de elegibilidad y el proceso de solicitud.

COMMUNITY EGG HUNT RETURNS TOMORROW

Tomorrow is the Monroe Community Egg Hunt at Lake Tye Park. Pre-event activities begin at 9:00 a.m., and the hunt begins at 10:00 a.m. Ages 10 and under welcome to hunt, please bring your own basket. Fields are organized by age group and will hunt ONE AT A TIME. Please listen to the DJ to announce when your field can begin the hunt, and watch for the bunny to arrive at your field. We'd like to thank our event sponsors: [Fred Meyer](#), [Walmart](#), [Rotary Club of Monroe](#), [Republic Services](#), [Monroe Police Officers Association](#),



[Evergreen State Fair Park](#), [Park Place Community Church](#), [The Church at Maltby & Monroe](#), [Department of Corrections](#), [Natural Factors](#), and the many day-of volunteers. We could not host this event without all of your support.

NEW THIS YEAR, thanks to our amazing sponsors we have 2 GRAND PRIZES to give away per field. These prizes will be hidden within the eggs and have a 'Grand Prize Winner' ticket inside. Bring your ticket to the prize tables to collect your grand prize!

LODGING TAX APPLICATION DEADLINE EXTENDED TO APRIL 29

The deadline for City of Monroe lodging tax award applications has been extended to Friday, April 29 at 4:30 p.m. For further details and to download the application, please visit [our website](#).



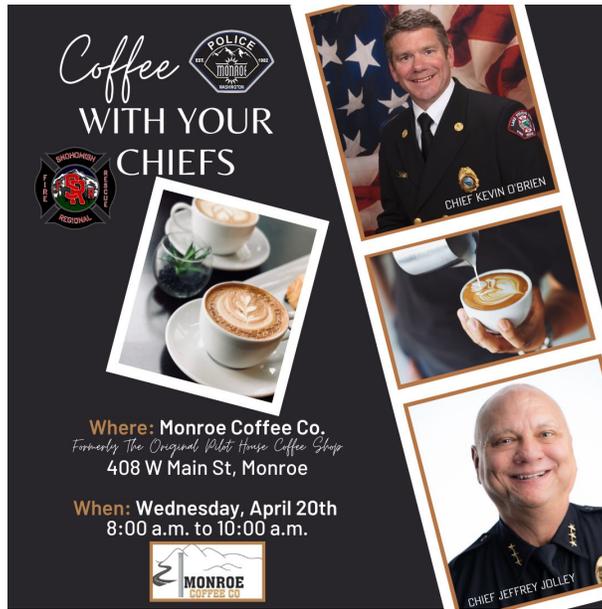
To be considered for funding, the request must be used for one of the following activities, as specified in [Chapter 67.28.1816](#) of the Revised Code of Washington:

- Tourism marketing;
- Marketing and operations of special events and festivals designed to attract tourists;
- Operation 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. Priority consideration will be given to applications that feature events scheduled from July 2022 through April 2023, and that promote tourism activities during the same time period.

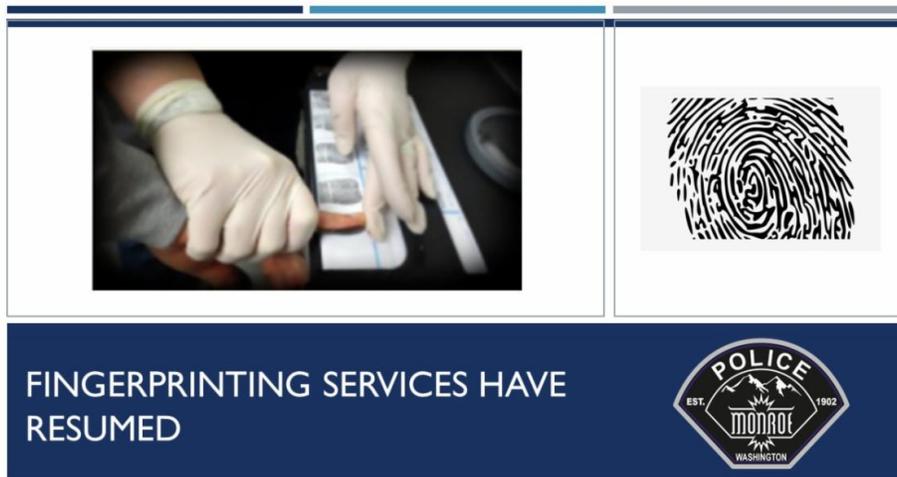
COFFEE WITH YOUR CHIEFS NEXT WEDNESDAY

We're less than one week away from Coffee With Your Chiefs. Join Monroe Police Chief Jeff Jolley and Fire Chief Kevin O'Brien on Wednesday, April 20, between 8:00 and 10:00 a.m. The Chiefs will be at Monroe Coffee Co., formerly Original Pilothouse Coffee, at 408 W. Main Street. They look forward to seeing you there!



FINGERPRINTING SERVICES HAVE RESUMED

Fingerprinting for City of Monroe residents has resumed, by appointment only, on Tuesdays and Thursdays from 2:00 p.m. to 4:00 p.m. For more information, check out the Police Department's [Fingerprinting website](#) or call Police Records at (360) 794-6300.



APRIL 12 CITY COUNCIL MEETING SUMMARY

The City Council met in a Regular Business Meeting on Tuesday, April 12. The following items were discussed and acted upon during the meeting:

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

- City Council Meeting Minutes for March 22 and April 5, 2022



- Accounts Payable/ACH payments through April 12, 2022
- March 2022 payroll
- Acceptance of Utility Easement Agreement
- Resolution for Surplus and Ownership Transfer of Monroe Youth Activities Building
- Contract with Public Safety Testing, Inc. for Promotional Testing Services
- Acceptance of Law Enforcement Wellness Grant via Washington Association of Sheriffs and Police Chiefs (WASPC)
- Agreement of Municipal campus project phase I architectural design management

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

- Appointment of Paul Stayback to the Community Human Services Advisory Board (CHSAB)
- Council's dais seating arrangement for 2022-2023
- City Clerk Jodi Wycoff reviewed and answered questions about new OPMA regulations
- Approval of Memorandums of Understanding for Police Department sergeants and supervisors bargaining contracts
- First reading of Ordinance 011/2022, which would enact a Biennial budget process for the City

Mayor/Administrative Reports:

- City Administrator Deborah Knight reported that ARP applications are due April 15 and Human Services Award applications are due May 17.
- I reported on:
 - Recent meetings, including meeting Representative Steele and Representative Goehner, who will be our new representatives when new districting goes into effect January 1, 2023
 - My State of the City Address.
 - Asked for and received Council's authorization to add their signatures to a letter of support for EvergreenHealth Monroe for a grant from Congresswoman DelBene's office for new imaging suites and equipment.

Staff Reports:

- Public Works
- Parks and Recreation
- Economic Development

UPCOMING CITY COUNCIL MEETING SCHEDULE

The City Council will meet in a Regular Study Session Meeting on Tuesday, April 19, 2022. The meeting will be held in a hybrid format; members of the public may participate in Monroe City Council meetings both in-person at City Hall and remotely via the Zoom remote meeting platform. Participation information will be posted with the April 19 agenda, which can be accessed by clicking the button below.

Council Agendas/Minutes

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