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Sky Valley Trout Unlimited
KID'S FISHING DAY

LAKE TYE ~ 14964 FRYELANDS BLVD, MONROE

Thank you for reading Monroe This Week.

This week's edition includes details on a ARP success story, the Sky Performing Arts performance of Treasure Island, Kid's Fishing Day this Sunday, the upcoming Arbor Day and Earth Day Celebration next Friday, Community Transit's free virtual job fair, Medical Teams International's free urgent dental care event, Pickin' @ the Barn's Spring Market next weekend, and a summary of the April 19 City Council meeting.



Please contact me with any and all feedback regarding the articles below. I can be reached at GThomas@MonroeWA.gov.

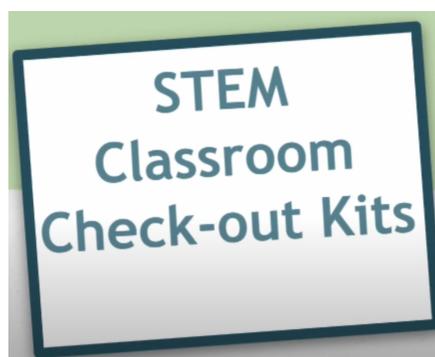
Yours in Service,



Mayor Geoffrey Thomas

CITY ARP FUNDS BENEFIT MONROE STUDENTS

In recent editions of *Monroe This Week*, I've shared information about the application process for and allowed uses of American Rescue Plan Act (ARP) funds made available by the City. I'd like to share this story, from the staff of the [Monroe School District](#), of how an ARP award to the [Monroe Public Schools Foundation](#) is supporting Monroe students:



"We had a second grade boy that wrote a story in class and then proceeded to use the STEM kit to code the sounds of his story. If it began to thunder and lighting in the story you could hear those sounds happen at the time you came to that part of the story. If someone was laughing or the dog was barking, those sounds would come up on cue. Best part of all was as the student's teacher observed the student working enthusiastically on coding his story. She quickly realized he was using a middle school curriculum as a second grader to accomplish his intended project. At the end of the day, when the student was leaving, he told his teacher how much he 'loved playing video games at school'. For us, it is always a win when students are engaged in learning in a way that feels like play for them. There was a girl in the same class who coded a working stop light for the street she was creating for her project. I thought to myself, possible future City of Monroe employee by chance?"

It was creative learning activities such as these that students lost out on during the period of time students experienced in-home learning. Being able to add to the digital tools in the Classroom STEM Kits from the funding we received from the City of Monroe will have a long lasting and ongoing effect on the hands-on learning project students are able to re-engage with. The STEM Kits are specifically stocked with digital tools that will be instrumental to out of the box thinking for students in all grade levels as they work either in groups or individually to creatively solve any given classroom assignment."

A [video](#) prepared by the School District shows the types of materials included in the STEM Kits and how teachers are utilizing them in classrooms district-wide. My sincere thanks to the Monroe Public Schools Foundation for applying for and administering this important program! I will share further stories of how ARP funds are impacting our community in future editions of *Monroe This Week*.

SKY PERFORMING ARTS PRESENTS TREASURE ISLAND

Looking for something fun to do this weekend? Sky Performing Arts presents Treasure Island with sailing times starting today.

Friday: April 22, 29 at 7:00 p.m.
 Saturday: April 23, 30 at 2:00 p.m. and 7:00 p.m.
 Sunday: April 24, May 1 at 2:00 p.m.



Performances will take place at the Wagner Performing Arts Center, 639 W. Main Street. Mark your calendars and support the local arts!

KID'S FISHING DAY THIS SUNDAY

[Sky Valley Trout Unlimited](#) Kid's Fishing Day is this Sunday at Lake Tye. This is a free community event open to kids 12 and under from 8:00 a.m. - 1:00 p.m., with fishing gear provided. Kids must be accompanied by an adult. Fish for rainbow trout up to 9 pounds and compete for prizes!



ARBOR DAY AND EARTH DAY CELEBRATION

Join me at Lake Tye Park for an Arbor Day and Earth Day Celebration next Friday, April 29 at 1:15 p.m. to recognize the importance of preserving our natural resources. Students of Mrs. Tenney's third grade class from Fryelands Elementary School will assist in the ceremonial planting of a Pacific Sunset Maple donated by a group of gardening friends in honor of the [Monroe Garden Club](#).



COMMUNITY TRANSIT VIRTUAL JOB FAIR

Community Transit is hiring for multiple positions! Join their free virtual job fair on Tuesday, May 3. There will be two available sessions that day: 11:00 a.m. - 1:00 p.m. or 6:00 p.m. - 8:00 p.m.



You can hop on anytime during the event from your desktop or mobile device. Learn more about their open positions and employee benefits, live chat with one of their team members, or join a Q&A discussion with their driver and mechanic trainers. Register to join the event today!

Link for session one: www.communitytransit.org/jobfair

Link for session two: www.communitytransit.org/careerfair

For questions, you may contact CT Employee Engagement at (425) 348-2315 or email CTJobs@commtrans.org.

MEDICAL TEAMS INTERNATIONAL TO HOLD FREE URGENT DENTAL CARE EVENT

On Monday, May 2, [Medical Teams International](#) will be holding a free urgent dental care event at the [St. Vincent de Paul Resource Center](#). Running from 9:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m., they will be offering urgent dental care for people experiencing dental pain, no insurance required. Call and schedule your appointment today at (928) 920-6705 or email HERE2HELP4U@hotmail.com for more information.



PICKIN' @ THE BARN SPRING MARKET NEXT WEEKEND

Just one week from today [Pickin' @ the Barn](#) will open the barn doors for their Spring Market! Open from 10:00 a.m. - 4:00 p.m. on April 29 and 30, the market will have a wide variety of offerings including antiques, clothing, food, live classes, and more. With free parking and just \$10 entry, this is an event you won't want to miss. All proceeds benefit the [Sky Valley Food Bank](#).



APRIL 19 CITY COUNCIL MEETING SUMMARY

City Administrator Deborah Knight reported:

- The City received 53 ARP applications totaling \$3.3 million in requests, and has \$1.3 million available in this current application round.
- Staff is working to form an application review committee of community volunteers. Ms. Knight invited Council to participate as “ad-hoc” non-voting members, and Councilmembers Gamble and Hanford expressed interest.
- Staff is working on sending “welcome packets” to Representatives and Senators from the 44th and 12th legislative districts, who will be representing parts of Monroe beginning in 2023. These packets will include invitations to various City events.



Announcements/Presentations:

- Councilmembers and myself wished a warm Happy Birthday to Councilmember Kevin Hanford.
- I formally issued a **Proclamation** recognizing April 22 as Earth Day and April 29 as Arbor Day.
- Monroe School Board President Jennifer Bumpus, Acting Superintendent Kim Whitworth, Director of Digital Learning DeAnn Hermes, and student representative Andrew Hoffman gave a presentation on the District’s work related to Cultural Competency, Diversity, Equity, and Inclusion.
- Ragina Gray, Environmental Health Director with Snohomish County Health District, gave a presentation reviewing community data and trends, outreach and education, and goals and priorities.
- Economic Development Specialist James Palmer presented the 2021 Economic Development Annual Report.

Discussion Items:

- Interim City Engineer Scott Peterson gave a presentation regarding the request for North Blakeley Street parking restrictions, including results from a survey of adjacent property owners. After discussion, there was Council consensus to pause on this particular request and conduct a larger scale review of parking throughout the downtown area.

UPCOMING CITY COUNCIL MEETING SCHEDULE

The City Council will meet in a Regular Business Meeting on Tuesday, April 26, 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 26 agenda, which can be accessed by clicking the button below.

Council Agendas/Minutes

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