



MONROE THIS WEEK

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Thank you for reading Monroe This Week.

This week's edition includes details on local recognition of LGBTQ+ PRIDE Month, vacancies on the City's Lodging Tax Advisory Board, the Monroe Equity Council's upcoming Juneteenth celebration, the success of the first two weeks of the Monroe Farmers Market, local Memorial Day recognitions, and the Sky Valley Food Bank's search for volunteers.



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 RECOGNIZES LGBTQ+ PRIDE MONTH

In honor of the 1969 Stonewall Riots in Manhattan, each June Americans come together to recognize LGBTQ+ PRIDE

Month. During PRIDE Month, communities across the country celebrate the contributions of LGBTQ+ identifying people and recognize those individuals who fight to secure equality. As I mentioned in last week's edition of *Monroe This Week*, I recently issued a [Proclamation](#) recognizing LGBTQ+ PRIDE Month, which I invite you to read in full.



Monroe's second annual PRIDE event returns June 12 from 12:00 - 4:00 p.m. at Sky River Park, hosted by the [Monroe Equity Council](#). Enjoy entertainment, food, vendors, speakers, and more. Last year over 700 people came together to celebrate and honor the LGBTQ+ community. Save the date, and come together in the celebration of who you are.

LODGING TAX ADVISORY COMMITTEE VACANCIES

The City of Monroe has four vacancies on the Lodging Tax Advisory Committee: two (2) members who represent businesses required to collect lodging taxes (i.e., hotels and motels), and two (2) members who represent activities authorized to be funded by lodging taxes (i.e., businesses, government, and non-profit agencies which promote tourism).



Applications are due today, at 4:30 pm. Please visit the City's [Boards and Commission Vacancies page](#) for further information and to apply. For more information, contact Management Analyst Rich Huebner at RHuebner@MonroeWA.gov

JUNETEENTH CELEBRATION SET FOR SKY RIVER PARK

On Saturday, June 18, the [Monroe Equity Council](#) will be celebrating Juneteenth from 12:00 - 4:00 p.m. at Sky River Park. There will be food, education, and a small vendor presence. Please contact the organization at juneteenth@monroequitycouncil.org if you are interested in being a vendor (food or commerce), main stage demonstration / entertainment (e.g. dance, spoken word, sing, etc.), or having an educational booth on Black culture.

Juneteenth was declared a federal holiday in 2021. While Juneteenth has been celebrated since 1865 and was declared a state holiday in Texas in 1980 (Emancipation Day), many Americans are still unfamiliar with its history. I invite you to learn more about Juneteenth and the contributions Black Americans have made and continue to make to our country.

CELEBRATE

Juneteenth

Sat Jun 18th

12 - 4 pm



FARMERS MARKET OFF TO A ROUSING START

Opening day of the [Monroe Farmers Market](#) had 93 vendors, a record-breaking vendor count in the last 4 years! Over 2,500 people went to the market to enjoy fresh produce, 6 food trucks, and live music.



The Farmers Market is excited to now accept EBT/SNAP and WIC for low-income families, and was able to distribute over \$1,000 to local farmers within their first two weeks. The SNAP program allows those who use EBT to double their dollars up to \$40 a day for fresh produce. Visitors and vendors came from all over Snohomish County, and even as far away as Alaska and Texas to visit Monroe.

The market has over 70 vendors weekly, and is located at Galaxy Theatres every Wednesday from 3:00 - 7:00 p.m. Come for food trucks, fresh produce and meat or dairy, live music and even a petting zoo! The market ends September 7, but save the date for the Harvest Market September 28.

LOCAL MEMORIAL DAY RECOGNITIONS

On Monday, the [Ward Roney Jr. VFW Post 7511](#) honored our fallen Comrades during a beautiful Memorial Day ceremony at the Monroe IOOF Cemetery. They thank all who came out, including Congresswoman Suzan DelBene who spoke at the event, the Snohomish Marine Corps JROTC, and their bugler for the morning, Bill. I thank Councilmember Kevin Hanford for laying a wreath at the Veteran's Memorial Monument at Lake Tye Park that morning.



FOOD BANK LOOKING FOR VOLUNTEERS

Summer is just around the corner, and the [Sky Valley Food Bank](#) needs some extra help. Are you available Tuesday afternoons from 3:30 - 6:00 p.m? What about a Tuesday or Thursday morning from 9:00 - 11:30 a.m? The food bank has a lot of opportunities for you to help serve the community.

Please reach out to Jen Reasoner by calling **360-794-7959** or emailing Jen@svfoodbank.org.



UPCOMING CITY COUNCIL MEETING SCHEDULE

THE JUNE 7, 2022 CITY COUNCIL STUDY SESSION MEETING IS CANCELLED. The City Council will next meet in a Regular Business Meeting on Tuesday, June 14, 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 June 14 agenda, which can be accessed by clicking the button below.

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