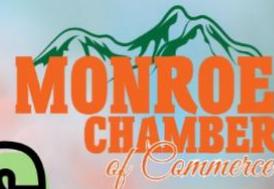




MONROE THIS WEEK

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FAIR DAYS PARADE & MARKET

MAIN STREET - DOWNTOWN MONROE. AUGUST 27 2022

Thank you for reading Monroe This Week.

This week's edition includes details on tomorrow's Monroe Fair Days Parade, recent Proclamations recognizing important calendar occurrences, the Monroe Police Department's upcoming Citizen's Academy, Monroe School District school supply lists, the completion of repaving on Woods Creek Road, and a summary of the August 23 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

MONROE FAIR DAYS PARADE TOMORROW

The Monroe Fair Days Parade returns tomorrow! After a two-year hiatus, the theme this year is "The Show Must Go On". The festivities will kickoff at 11:00 a.m., featuring appearances and performances from the Monroe High School Cheerleaders, the drift and drag cars from Evergreen Speedway, the Seafair Pirates, Horses of IXTAPA Monroe, multiple princesses, the Boys and Girls Club, various equestrian teams, and many more! The parade route will follow West Main Street. There will also be a Fair Days Market from 9:00 a.m. to 1:00 p.m. at the Wagner Performing Arts Center.



West Main Street will be closed from 179th Ave SE to Lewis Street between 9:00 a.m. and 1:00 p.m. There will be detour signage and alternate routes set up to help guide motorists around the closure during that time. Thank you in advance for your patience and understanding as our community celebrates its favorite summertime event.



PROCLAMATIONS RECOGNIZE IMPORTANT DATES

This week I issued proclamations recognizing some important upcoming calendar occurrences. I encourage you to read the full text of each of the Proclamations described below.

I issued a [Proclamation](#) recognizing the twelve days between August 25 and September 5, 2022 as Monroe Fair Days. The first agricultural display in Snohomish County was held in 1874, making the Evergreen State Fair one of the oldest in Washington. The Fair began in downtown Monroe in 1908 at the former Independent Order of Odd Fellows Hall and Grounds on North Lewis Street, moved to its current location in 1945, and has become the largest county fair in the Pacific Northwest. The Fair draws approximately 340,000 visitors annually from all over Washington and the Pacific Northwest and bringing \$3 million in revenues to Snohomish County.



I also issued a [Proclamation](#) recognizing August 31, 2022 as [International Overdose Awareness Day](#). A global event held on August 31 each year, International Overdose Awareness Day aims to raise awareness of overdose and reduce the stigma of drug-related death. It also acknowledges the grief felt by families and friends remembering

those who have died or had a permanent injury as a result of drug overdose. Thousands of people each year, from all walks of life, die from drug overdose. International Overdose Awareness Day is intended to help empower communities to take meaningful action to combat the problem. Its aim is to raise awareness about overdose, while highlighting the fact that overdose death is preventable. It is important to recognize this critical day, which encourages recovery from addiction and educates the public about this epidemic.



**INTERNATIONAL OVERDOSE
AWARENESS DAY**

Additionally, I issued a **Proclamation** recognizing September 2022 as **Suicide Prevention Awareness Month**. Suicidal thoughts, much like mental health conditions, can affect anyone regardless of age, gender or background. This month is intended to shift public perception, spread hope and share vital information to



people affected by suicide. After years of advocacy and preparation, 988 is now available nationwide as the new number to contact for mental health, substance use and suicide crises - a simple, easy-to-remember way for people to get help. If you are concerned about suicide and don't know what to do, call 988 or the National Suicide Prevention Lifeline at 1-800-273-8255.

MONROE POLICE DEPARTMENT HOSTING UPCOMING CITIZENS ACADEMY

The Monroe Police Department is hosting a Citizen's Academy this Fall, beginning on September 14. Citizen's Academy meets one night a week for ten weeks and on one Saturday. It is held on Wednesday evenings, from 6:30 p.m. – 9:30 p.m. Informational and hands on instruction includes time with a K9 Team, SWAT, Crime Scene Investigation, Drones, and Detectives. Attendees also spend time at the firearms training range, emergency vehicle driving course and are scheduled for a ride-along with a police officer. There is no fee for attending Citizen's Academy, however, space is limited. If you are interested in attending, please contact Community Service Officer Gaby Escalante at (360) 863-4594 or by email at GEscalante@MonroeWA.gov.



SCHOOL SUPPLIES LISTS NOW AVAILABLE

It's still early, but the first day of school will be here before you know it! If you would like to get an early start on school supply shopping, many of the Monroe

School District's schools suggested supply lists are now live on their website. Below are links to the suggested supplies lists published thus far:



- [Chain Lake Elementary](#)
- [Frank Wagner Elementary](#)
- [Fryelands Elementary](#)
- [Hidden River Middle](#)
- [Maltby Elementary](#)
- [Monroe High School](#)
- [Park Place Middle](#)
- [Salem Woods Elementary](#)

WOODS CREEK ROAD PAVING COMPLETED

On Wednesday, August 24, the City completed a repaving of Woods Creek Road between US-2 and Tjerne Place/Oaks Street. The City appreciates the patience displayed by our community residents while the City completed this important road construction project.

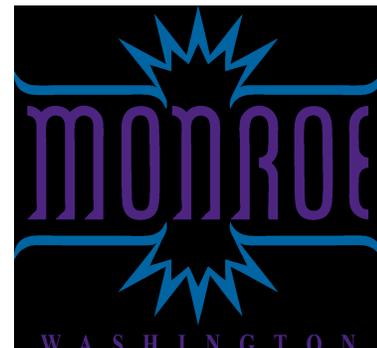


AUGUST 23 CITY COUNCIL MEETING SUMMARY

The City Council met in a Regular Business Meeting on Tuesday, August 23. The following items were discussed and acted upon:

Announcements/Presentations:

- City Council members joined me in recognizing Bridgette Tuttle for her years of service on the City Council and on many boards, commissions, and committees.



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

- City Council Meeting Minutes for August 9 and August 16, 2022
- Accounts Payable/ACH payments through August 17, 2022
- Consultant Agreement with KBA, Inc. for US 2 Non-motorized Shared Path Construction Management Services

- Acceptance of a 2022-2023 Records Grant from and approval of the related agreement with the Washington State Archives Local Records Grant Program
- Adoption of Ordinance No. 022/2022, amending the salary schedule for Fiscal Year 2022 in order to accurately reflect the intended wage scale of the Engineering Services Manager Position.
- Adoption of Ordinance No. 023/2022, amending Monroe Municipal Code (MMC) Chapter 13.34, implementing the National Pollutant Discharge Elimination System Phase II
- Authorize submittal of Snohomish County Lodging Tax Advisory Committee (LTAC) Grant Applications

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

- Consultant Agreement with JayRay Branding, Advertising, and Strategic Communications for comprehensive City brand update
- American Rescue Plan Act (ARP) second round final award as recommended by the City's ARP review committee

Mayor/Administrative Reports:

- City Administrator Deborah Knight reported that:
 - Economic Alliance Summer Networking Event is on August 25 from 4:00 - 7:00 p.m. at Hidden Meadows
 - Announced that the Clerk/Records department was awarded a \$46,797 grant to digitize community development records
 - Reminded Council that the Fair Days Parade is on Saturday and thanked the Parks & Recreation, Police, and Public Works Departments for supporting the parade
 - Reminded Council that City offices closed September 5th and the September 6th Council meetings are cancelled in observance of Labor Day
- I reported on emails recently received regarding issues in downtown, and thanked staff for their assistance in addressing the issues. I also asked Council to review an email received recently about speeding on a residential street.

Staff Reports:

- Community Development
- Finance
- Human Resources/Information Technology
- Police
- Public Works

UPCOMING CITY COUNCIL MEETING SCHEDULE

There will be no City Council meeting next week as it is a Fifth Tuesday, and the September 6, 2022 Regular Study Session Meeting is CANCELLED in observance of Labor Day.

The City Council will next meet in a Regular Business Meeting on Tuesday, September 13, 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 September 13 agenda, which can be accessed by clicking the button below.

[Council Agendas/Minutes](#)

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