



MONROE THIS WEEK

January 6, 2023

HAPPY
new year
2023

Reflecting on 2022, I am thankful. I am thankful for our residents, employers, and non-profit groups. I am thankful for our City Councilmembers, appointed officials, and volunteers. I am thankful for people representing us in Everett, Olympia, and the District of Columbia. And I am very thankful for our City's staff, without whom we would not be nearly as successful as a City as we are today. Thank you to all who share their compassion, talents, and discernment in serving one another in our community. Together we strive to be a community that is a safe place where everyone is at home and everyone belongs. As we turn over the calendar to this new year of 2023, I wish all residents of Monroe a happy, healthy, and prosperous New Year!



This first edition of Monroe This Week features details on the last week of the City's branding survey, the Winter Dog Park opening next week, how the City is supporting alternative response teams, Snohomish Regional Fire and Rescue's upcoming Scout Day, and how to stay safe with Smart 911.

I'm always interested in hearing from you. Please share your thoughts on what you like about Monroe This Week and what information you'd like me to share. I can be reached at GThomas@MonroeWA.gov.

Yours in Service,

Mayor Geoffrey Thomas

GRANT SUPPORTS MENTAL HEALTH & SUBSTANCE ABUSE ASSISTANCE

The City of Monroe was selected as one of fourteen applicants statewide to receive funding to support alternative response team programs. The City in collaboration with the City of Sultan, [Volunteers of America Western Washington](#) (VOA) and [The EvergreenHealth Recovery Center](#) was pleased to received a \$200,000 grant to sustain the cities' investment in alternative response services.



As a part of this collaboration, VOA will launch a mobile mental health program out of the Sky Valley Resource Center located in Sultan. This will be a resource for first responders to assist individuals experiencing acute mental or behavioral health crisis that require the immediate co-response of first responder team intervention with social service resources. Currently, calling for a Snohomish County mental health, Designated Crisis Responder (DCR) involves long wait times to support first responders working with an individual in crisis. The goal is to reduce this wait time and get people experiencing an acute mental health crisis the help they need immediately.

A portion of the grant will go to help people with substance use disorders access quality treatment programs. As I've mentioned in recent editions of [Monroe This Week](#), the EvergreenHealth Recovery Center has been piloting a program using City funding through the American Rescue Plan that allows uninsured Sky Valley community members to receive high-quality care as part of a scholarship bed program. This program provides crucial detox and residential treatment for uninsured or under-insured community members who would otherwise be unable to access services. For more information about these services and the grant award from the Association of Washington Cities, click [here](#) or contact Rachel Adams, Human Services Coordinator, at RAdams@monroewa.gov or **360-863-4610**.

NEW OFF-LEASH WINTER DOG PARK OPENING JAN. 9

I am excited to announce the opening of a Winter Dog Park! The park is located at the Evergreen State Fair Park in the covered Judging Arena #606 and will be open dawn to dusk from January 9 - February 28. Park in the yellow parking lot off Cascade View Drive and walk your leashed dog to the arena across from the Event Center. Please keep your pet on a leash outside the dog park and remember to pick up after them. More information can be found [here](#). This is a pilot project between the Evergreen State Fair Park and the City that we are both doggone excited about!



SURVEY ENDS JAN. 13: WHAT'S MONROE'S HEART AND SOUL?

Thank you to all who have shared their words that best describe the heart and soul of Monroe in our branding survey. We want to hear from more residents and businesses by Friday, January 13 at 5:00 p.m. Please scan the QR code or click [this link](#) to the survey. Your feedback is both valuable and critical, which will lead to the updating of our logo, tagline, and brand to realize the City's new vision statement – Imagine Monroe.



SCOUT GROUPS GET READY FOR SCOUT DAY, FEB. 18

Calling all scout groups! [Snohomish Regional Fire & Rescue \(SRFR\)](#) will host a Scout Day at Station 81 in Lake Stevens on Saturday, February 18 from 11:00 a.m. - 1:00 p.m. This will be one of three countywide scout open houses offered in 2023. There will be about 11 booths, tailored to meet the requirements of various scout patches. Come meet your SRFR firefighters, and representatives from SNO911, Gibby Home Fire, and Red Cross, as they cover topics like water safety, firefighter careers, basic first aid, disaster preparedness, wildland fire, home escape planning, and knot tying. Register [here](#) today.



HELP FIRST RESPONDERS; SUBSCRIBE TO SMART 911

This new year, consider signing up for Smart911, a free service that can make a big difference should you ever experience a fire, medical, or police emergency. When you sign up, you can provide important information that can help emergency responders, such as medical



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conditions, caretaker information for seniors and elderly individuals, and the address associated with your cell phone. You can even provide a photo and description of your child in case of an emergency. This vital information will help first responders in your time of need. Rest assured that your information is secure, confidential, and only shared with first responders when you call 9-1-1. Learn more and sign up online [here](#).

UPCOMING CITY COUNCIL MEETING SCHEDULE

The City Council will next meet in a Business Meeting on Tuesday, January 10. The meeting will be held in a hybrid format; members of the public may participate in Monroe City Council meetings either in-person at City Hall or remotely via the Zoom remote meeting platform. Participation information will be posted with the January 10 agenda, which can be accessed by clicking the button below.

[Council Agendas/Minutes](#)

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