



MONROE THIS WEEK

February 3, 2023



I hope that you enjoy this week's edition featuring details on Coffee With Your Chiefs next week, the Monroe Police Department's Annual Awards Ceremony, how ARP funds are supporting local families, an update on the 2024 - 2044 Comprehensive Plan, and a grant opportunity through the Snohomish County Arts Commission.

I'm always interested in hearing from you. Please reach out to me at GThomas@MonroeWA.gov with your thoughts and ideas.

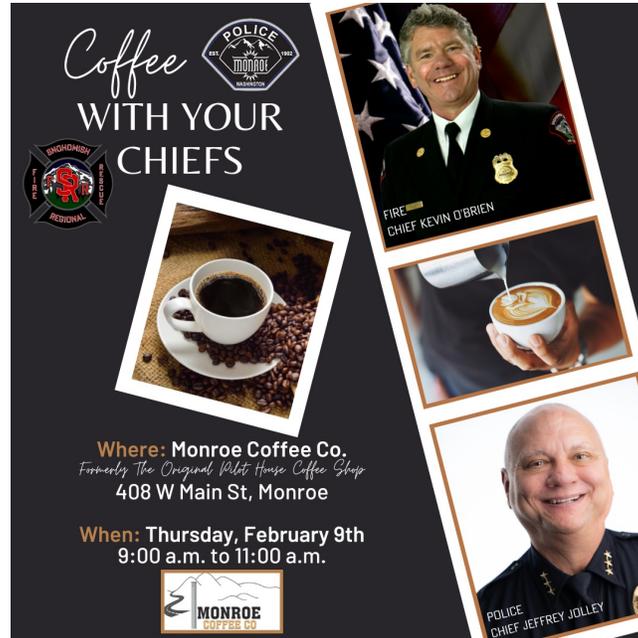


Yours in Service,

Mayor Geoffrey Thomas

COFFEE WITH YOUR CHIEFS FEB. 9

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 Thursday, Feb. 9, between 9:00 and 11:00 a.m. The Chiefs will be at Monroe Coffee Co., formerly Original Pilothouse Coffee, at 408 W. Main Street. They would love the opportunity connect with individuals in our community, to hear your perspectives, and to share what they're doing to serve you.



MONROE PD ANNUAL AWARDS CEREMONY

The [Monroe Police Department](#) recently hosted their 2022 Awards Ceremony, recognizing the exceptional service performed by their employees. Evidence Technician Allison Prohn was selected as Employee of the year, and Officer Javier Patton was selected as Officer of the year. Letters of Commendation and Recognition were awarded to several staff members as well. I am appreciative of the work our police employees do on a daily basis, and thank them for their commitment to serving our Monroe community.



ARP FUNDS SUPPORT LOCAL FAMILIES & ADA ACCOMMODATIONS

In recent editions of *Monroe This Week*, I've shared information about the American Rescue Plan (ARP) Act funding, and how the City is partnering with local organizations to respond to needs in the community created by the COVID-19 pandemic. I would now like to highlight Adkinson Estates Adult Family Home, an organization that was awarded nearly \$35,000 to complete pathway and patio improvements for their residents.



Jessica Adkinson Claybrook recently shared the positive impacts residents of the home are enjoying. The sidewalk paths are now accessible per the Americans with Disabilities Act (ADA) and a level patio area is now a special outdoor gathering place. The expanded and renovated patio offers quiet respite including enjoying nature, gardening, and pet therapy experiences. The Adkinson family created the home in 2020 as Jessica's mother, Melonie Adkinson Claybrook, and grandmother needed care. Jessica was working in the industry, so it was a natural fit for three-generations of family. Adkinson Estates is committed to providing high quality care for those who excel in a more intimate care setting like Melonie.

Thank you, Jessica and Adkinson Estates, for applying for and utilizing these funds to improve the quality of life for your senior Monroe residents. I will continue to share stories of how ARP funds are impacting our community in future issues of *Monroe This Week*.

2024 - 2044 COMPREHENSIVE PLAN UPDATE

On Tuesday, Jan. 31, the City Council met in a Special Meeting with the Planning Commission to receive an update on the 2024 - 2044 Comprehensive Plan.



Planning Manager Kate Tourtellot gave a presentation to review the history of Comprehensive Planning in Monroe, and how the planning framework in Washington, Growth Management Act (GMA) requirements, Puget Sound Regional Council (PSRC) Vision 2050, and Snohomish County planning policies affect Monroe's Comprehensive Plan. Kate reviewed the timeline for regional and local Comprehensive Plan updates, the major items for this update cycle, the specific elements that will be updated, and the various consultants that the City is working with on this update. Lastly, Kate highlighted projects that were started or completed in 2022, introduced the webpage that will be dedicated to the Comprehensive Plan Update, reviewed the update process and schedule, and answered questions from Council.

CALLING ALL ARTISTS: GRANT OPPORTUNITY

Snohomish County Arts Commission is offering a grant opportunity for Snohomish County Artists

with a project that falls into one of three categories: Arts Learning and Teaching, Cultural Enrichment and Performance Arts, and Fellowships. Approximately \$36,000 is available in the 2023 Art Grant fund. Public agencies and 501(c)(3) non-profit organizations can apply directly or as apply as fiscal sponsors for individual project awards. The grant process is competitive and offers up to \$2,000 in reimbursements to projects that can be completed within the 2023 calendar year. Applications are due 11:59 p.m. on Mar. 3. To learn more and to apply, click [here](#).



UPCOMING CITY COUNCIL MEETING SCHEDULE

The City Council will next meet in a Regular Business Meeting Feb. 7. 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 Feb. 7 agenda, which can be accessed by clicking the button below.

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