



MONROE THIS WEEK

March 3, 2023



At the February 28, 2023 City Council Regular Business Meeting, I issued a [Proclamation](#) recognizing the month of March as [Women's History Month](#), and March 8 as [International Women's Day](#). In 1987 Congress designated the month of March as Women's History Month, to honor women's contributions through history. International Women's Day is dedicated to the global celebration of women's achievements, the recognition of biases against women, and a call for action for equality, equity, inclusion, and justice for women everywhere. Here in Monroe, women serve in our community in many



places including in businesses, nonprofits, and government, and I am thankful for the contributions of each of the women working for the City of Monroe, including the following women in leadership roles: Councilmember Tami Kinney, Councilmember Heather Fulcher, Judge Jessica Ness, City Administrator Deborah Knight, Finance Director Becky Hasart, Court Administrator Pam Haley, and City Clerk Jodi Wycoff. I encourage all residents to read the full text of the Proclamation, and I call upon everyone to listen to women's voices, to genuinely honor the inherent value of every woman, and to take actions to remove inequities, unjust rules, and cultural

norms that limit women from realizing the blessings of liberty in all its forms as men can.

This week's edition of *Monroe This Week* features details on:

- *Vegetation maintenance*
- *The Oath of Office Ceremony for a new Monroe Detective*
- *Upcoming restoration events by Sound Salmon Solutions*
- *A grant for businesses impacted by natural disasters*
- *How ARP funds are supporting local caregivers*
- *An opportunity for students to get involved with the Monroe Historical Society*

Please reach out to me with what may be on your mind about and for Monroe. I can be contacted at GThomas@MonroeWA.gov.

Yours in Service,

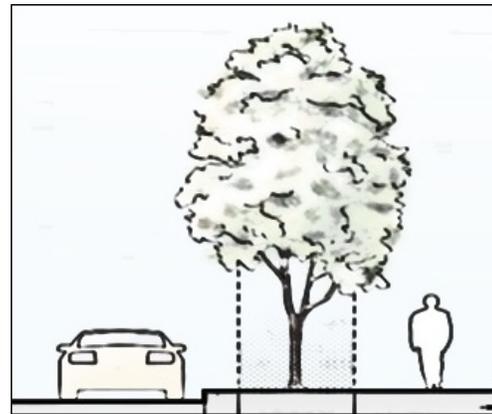


Mayor Geoffrey Thomas

REMINDER: VEGETATION MAINTENANCE

Overgrown vegetation can create line-of-sight hazards for drivers and bicyclists, and it can obstruct pedestrians from moving throughout the city on sidewalks and trails.

When vegetation obstructs streets and sidewalks, Monroe Municipal Code Chapter 6.04 requires the property owner to cut the vegetation in a manner that allows drivers, bicyclists, and pedestrians on sidewalks and trails to move through the city without obstruction.



Please review your right-of-way frontage and do your part to trim back any obstructions to meet the City standards:

- 14' clear over the street
- 5' wide clear sidewalks
- 8' clear over sidewalks

Thank you for helping to keep our community safe!

WELCOME TO THE TEAM DETECTIVE TROXELL

Exciting news! Detective Amy Troxell has officially joined the team at the [Monroe](#)

Police Department. With 15 years of local law enforcement experience, including time as a Detective, she brings a wealth of expertise to our Criminal Investigations team. At this week's City Council Meeting we had the honor of witnessing her Oath of Office Ceremony, officiated by Judge Jessica Ness.



In addition to her work as a Detective, Detective Troxell is also assigned to the North Sound Metro SWAT Hostage Negotiations Team. She has a bachelors degree in sociology and enjoys spending time with her family, camping, cooking, and all things Disney.

We couldn't be happier to have Detective Troxell as part of our team and we look forward to seeing her continue to excel in her role. Please join us in welcoming Detective Troxell to our department.

UPCOMING RESTORATION EVENT IN MONROE

Get your hands dirty by planting native trees and shrubs for salmon! On March 18 Sound Salmon Solutions will be digging into a new restoration site near Monroe where they will be planting trees and shrubs to restore riparian habitat along the lower Skykomish River. Then on March 25, they will be placing protective tubes to ensure those trees have a chance to grow without getting chomped by the deer and elk who frequent this area. Both events will take place from 10:00 a.m. - 2:00 p.m. and everyone is welcome! By helping to plant and protect these native plants, you will be directly contributing to salmon recovery by restoring vital spawning grounds. With these trees in place, we will be preventing erosion, providing shade, and hiding places for juvenile salmon. These actions maintain the cold, clean, and clear water pacific salmon need to thrive.



To register for the event, please use the following links: [March 18](#) and [March 25](#), or visit Sound Salmon's website [here](#).

RESOURCES FOR LOCAL BUSINESSES IMPACTED BY NATURAL DISASTERS

The [Washington State Department of Commerce](#) in partnership with [Economic Alliance Snohomish County](#) has launched the [Statewide Small Business Disaster Relief Grant](#), providing funding for damages caused by disasters from October 2021 to

present, including the Bolt Creek Fire

A total of \$9.7 million is available. Eligible disasters include natural ones such as floods, earthquakes, wildfires or comparable; and human-caused such as major utility disruptions resulting in property damage or prolonged outages. The deadline to apply is March 31, 2023.



Washington State
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Commerce

Eligibility requirements:

- Annual gross receipts of \$5 million or less
- A reduction in business income or activity as a result of a natural or comparable human-caused disaster
- State business license, proof of address, W-9, 2019, 2020, and 2021 tax returns, and documentation of receipts provided as back up part of reimbursement requests

Eligible reimbursement:

- Payroll
- Utilities and rent
- Marketing and advertising
- Building improvements or repairs
- Replacing damaged inventory and equipment
- Other operational and business expenses related to qualifying disaster

Under the “ADO Information” section, enter “Economic Alliance Snohomish County” as the ADO Name. Enter the following information under the “ADO Representative Contact Info” section: Wendy Poischbeg, WendyP@EconomicAllianceSC.org and **425-248-4225**. Fill out the rest of the form with your information.

Those who have applied for NW Washington Disaster Grant are also eligible to apply for this new statewide grant. However, you cannot double dip on funding, meaning you cannot receive funding for damages that have already been awarded funds. Email Wendy Poischbeg if you have questions about this program.

ARP FUNDS SUPPORT MONROE'S CAREGIVERS

In recent editions of *Monroe this Week*, I've shared how the City of Monroe has partnered with local organizations to help Monroe residents recover from the impacts of the COVID-19 pandemic using American Rescue Plan (ARP) Act funds. ARP funds have gone to support programs and community needs of all shapes and sizes. This week, I want to highlight how ARP funds were awarded to, and used by, the

[**Monroe Community Senior Center**](#) (MCSC) to support essential staff and caregivers. MCSC was awarded \$7,000 in ARP funds to provide supplemental hazard pay to essential staff who were impacted by the



pandemic. This award supported some of the people on the front lines who have an undeniable impact on our community.

I appreciate seeing ARP funds being used to support our essential workers and MCSC staff who were burdened by the obstacles and uncertainties of the pandemic. I am glad that I can call special attention to these valuable members of our community. Thank you MCSC staff for serving our community and investing in our senior Monroe residents.

OPPORTUNITY FOR STUDENTS: MONROE HISTORICAL SOCIETY

[The Monroe Historical Society](#) would like to strengthen connections with students and Monroe residents this year. The board invites one interested high school student to serve as an ambassador or representative to the organization, similar to the position created for the Monroe School Board. They will be reaching out to find interested students and look forward to learning more about the needs and interests of our younger community members. They also encourage volunteer participation as docents at their museum on Saturdays, at their events, and at monthly board meetings. To connect with the historical society, please call **360-217-7223** or email info@monroehistoricalsociety.org.



UPCOMING CITY COUNCIL MEETING SCHEDULE

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

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