



# MONROE THIS WEEK

March 10, 2023

## Irish American Heritage Month

At the March 7, 2023 City Council Study Session Meeting, I issued a [Proclamation](#) recognizing the month of March as Irish American Heritage Month. This was first recognized in 1991 with a Presidential Proclamation, calling upon the people of the United States to a month-long celebration of the contributions that Irish immigrants have made to the U.S. Many Irish immigrants came to North America to escape discrimination, inequities, poverty, and famine and seek new opportunities with the largest number of Irish immigrants arriving in the United States in the 1840s. Over 10% of Monroe's population identify as having Irish ancestry, and they have made and continue to make America a better place and Americans better people. I acknowledge, celebrate, and am thankful for the profound and significant contributions of Americans with Irish ancestry. I encourage all residents to read the full text of the Proclamation, and I call upon each of us to celebrate our residents of Irish ancestry, learn about the difficult truths of the history and experiences of Irish Americans, and commit to taking actions to oppose similar discrimination, injustices, and inequities that continue to be experienced by human beings today.



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

- Multiple seasonal and internship opportunities at the City

- The search for feedback from community-based organizations
- National Sleep Awareness Week starting on March 12
- Arts and Culture Recovery Grants from Snohomish County
- SFRF's international accreditation

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

Yours in Service,



Mayor Geoffrey Thomas

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## CITY RECRUITING FOR MULTIPLE INTERNSHIP & SEASONAL POSITIONS

Looking to learn how local government works while gaining valuable experience as a student? The City of Monroe is excited to have multiple internship positions now open in various departments including but not limited to the Police, City Clerk, and Information Technology Departments. The selected candidates for these paid positions will provide diverse administrative support of moderate complexity to their assigned department. The positions are expected to last 8 to 12 weeks, with a flexible start date in May or June. Enrollment in college courses required.



The City is also recruiting for seasonal positions in the **Public Works** and **Parks** Departments. These positions may last for up to 5 months, and the pay rate is \$20 - \$25 per hour, depending on experience. Typical duties for Parks positions include maintaining grounds and facilities to include mowing, raking, weeding, and janitorial duties. For Public Works positions, typical duties include mowing, painting, traffic control, and providing support for utility maintenance activities. Applicants must be at least 18 years of age. These positions require the use of City vehicles; individuals must possess a valid Washington State driver's license and have an acceptable driving record.

If you or anyone you know may be interested, please visit our **[Employment Opportunities page](#)** for more information, to review the required job qualifications, and to apply.

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La Ciudad de Monroe desea contratar personal para varios puestos de trabajo de temporada en el Departamento de Obras Públicas (Public Works) y en el Departamento de Parques (Parks). La duración de los contratos de

los puestos de trabajo podría ser de hasta cinco 5 meses. El pago por hora es de US\$18-20 dependiendo del nivel de experiencia. Las funciones típicas para los puestos de trabajo en el Departamento de Parques incluyen: el mantenimiento de los terrenos e instalaciones, incluyendo cortar el pasto, rastrillar, desherbar y realizar servicios de limpieza. Para los puestos de trabajo en el Departamento de Obras Públicas, las funciones típicas incluyen: cortar el pasto, pintar, controlar el tráfico y proporcionar apoyo para las actividades del mantenimiento de los servicios públicos. Requisitos mínimos: Debe tener por lo menos 18 años de edad. Estos puestos de trabajo requieren el uso de vehículos del municipio. Los candidatos deberán poseer una licencia válida de conducir del Estado de Washington y tener un expediente de conducción aceptable.

Para obtener más información y para presentar una solicitud de trabajo, por favor visite [el sitio web](#) de la Ciudad

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## FEEDBACK WANTED: COMMUNITY-BASED ORGANIZATIONS

The Community Development Department is looking to partner with Community-Based Organizations (CBOs) to provide guidance with the middle housing grant program.



CBOs have a primary mission of improving a community's social health, well-being, and overall functioning. CBOs may include a locally established entity, representative of a community (or significant segments of a community), which provides educational or other related basic human services. We are looking for organizations representing those with lived experience and who have been disparately impacted by planning and zoning policies and practices. The CBO will receive a stipend up to \$2,000.

If you are a CBO interested in partnering with the City or want to find out more information on the middle housing grant, please contact Anita Marrero, Senior Planner at **(360) 863-4513** or [AMarrero@MonroeWA.gov](mailto:AMarrero@MonroeWA.gov).

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## COMING UP: NATIONAL SLEEP AWARENESS WEEK

Did you know that next week is National Sleep Awareness Week? As part of their commitment to promoting healthy sleep habits, the [Monroe Police Department](#) has partnered with 'Cribs for Kids', a non-profit organization dedicated to providing safe sleep environments for infants. Anyone in our community in need of a crib can come to the police department to request one and learn more about the program.



By providing safe sleep environments for infants, we hope to reduce the risk

of sleep-related infant deaths and promote healthy sleep habits for our community's youngest members. Please do not hesitate to reach out to us for more information about 'Cribs for Kids' or to request a crib. Let's work together to ensure a good night's sleep for everyone in Monroe!

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## **SNOHOMISH CO. ANNOUNCES ARTS & CULTURE RECOVERY GRANTS**

Snohomish County Executive Dave Somers announced that the County is accepting applications for its Arts and Culture Recovery Grants. Approximately \$1.6 million in federal American Rescue Plan (ARP) Act funds are available for arts and culture organizations financially impacted by the pandemic.



There are two focus areas within the County's Arts and Culture Recovery Grants. Nonprofit Recovery Grants will award eligible organizations with a minimum pandemic revenue loss of \$2,000 up to \$30,000. A total of \$1 million will be awarded for this grant. Festivals and Events Recovery Grants will award events characterized as having an operating budget over \$100,000 and a pandemic revenue loss of at least \$2,000 with up to \$60,000. A total of \$600,000 will be awarded for this grant.

Interested organizations can access the grant [here](#), and the County will accept applications through 4:00 p.m. on April 14, 2023.

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## **SRFR BECOMES INTERNATIONALLY ACCREDITED**

Last week at the Center for Public Excellence Conference, [Snohomish Regional Fire & Rescue](#) (SRFR) became Washington State's newest Internationally Accredited fire district through the Commission on Fire Accreditation International.

The accreditation process involves an intensive evaluation of the agency and compares it to national standards. Accreditation is a commitment to a continuous improvement to service and to the community, and it never ends. There are currently eight accredited fire agencies in Washington State.

"Snohomish Regional Fire & Rescue is honored to achieve accreditation status by the Commission of Fire Accreditation International," Fire Chief Kevin O'Brien said. "We thank our supportive community and every member of the SRFR team, as all contributed to the success of this achievement. That being said, we are not resting on our laurels and will always seek continuous improvement in how we can best take care of people." I am thankful for the services and protection they provide our community.

SRFR is also currently hiring for multiple positions including Data Analyst, AP/AR Specialist, and Admin Assistant. For more information, please visit their [Employment Opportunities page](#).



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## UPCOMING CITY COUNCIL MEETING SCHEDULE

The City Council will next meet in a Regular Business Meeting on March 14. 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 14 agenda, which can be accessed by clicking the button below.

[Council Agendas/Minutes](#)

## CITY COUNCIL MEMBERS



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Kevin Hanford



Councilmember  
Ed Davis



Councilmember  
Jason Gamble



Councilmember  
Kirk Scarboro



Councilmember  
Heather Fulcher



Councilmember  
Tami Kinney



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Kyle Fisher

Have a question for your Councilmembers?  
Contact them at [Councilmembers@MonroeWA.gov](mailto:Councilmembers@MonroeWA.gov)



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