



# MONROE THIS WEEK

April 7, 2023

## Scottish American Heritage Month

Today I issued a [Proclamation](#) recognizing the month of April as Scottish American Heritage Month. This was first recognized in 1998 by the United States and April 6 was proclaimed as National Tartan Day by President George W. Bush, which is a day to celebrate the signing of the Declaration of Arbroath which asserted the independence of the Scottish kingdom in 1320. Approximately 30 million U.S. residents claim Scottish or Scottish-Irish heritage 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 Scottish 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 Scottish ancestry and learn about the rich Scottish heritage and traditions that originate with Scottish Americans.



I hope you all enjoy this week's edition of Monroe This Week which features details on:

- *Lake Tye trail closures*
- *A community workshop for the 2044 Monroe Comprehensive Plan*
- *The Community Egg Hunt tomorrow*
- *Collaboration for a safer Monroe*
- *The publication of the 2023 Events Brochure*
- *An open house for the Blueberry Children's Park playground renovation*
- *A volunteer opportunity to help save our salmon*

*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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## **CLOSURE: LAKE TYE TRAIL 4/10 TO 4/28**

The sidewalk along Fryelands Blvd, the trail, and the junction will be closed from 7:00 a.m. - 4:00 p.m. April 10 through April 28 due to construction of frontage and trail improvements. Please bear with us through this process of improving and making the trail safer for pedestrians and vehicles. The trail will be re-opened every day after construction has finished for the day, with the temporary gravel surface guiding pedestrians through the work zone. If you have any questions regarding this construction please contact Tyler Glenn, City of Monroe Construction Inspector at **(360) 863 - 4596** or [TGlenn@MonroeWA.gov](mailto:TGlenn@MonroeWA.gov).

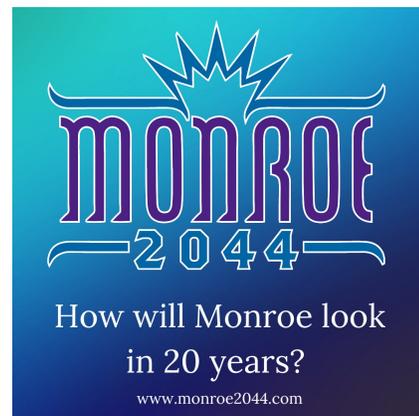
La acera a lo largo de Fryelands Blvd, el sendero, y el cruce se cerrará de 7:00 a.m. a 4:00 p.m. del 10 al 28 de abril debido a la construcción de mejoras en la fachada y mejoras en el sendero. Por favor, tenga paciencia con nosotros a través de este proceso de mejorar y hacer que el sendero sea más seguro para peatones y vehículos. El sendero se reabrirá todos los días después de que la construcción haya terminado por el día, con la superficie de grava temporal guiando a los peatones a través de la zona de trabajo. Si tiene alguna pregunta sobre esta construcción, comuníquese con Tyler Glenn, Inspector de Ciudad de Monroe **(360) 863 - 4596** o [TGlenn@MonroeWA.gov](mailto:TGlenn@MonroeWA.gov).



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## MONROE 2044 COMP PLAN COMMUNITY WORKSHOP

Now that we have a community vision for Monroe, how can we achieve it? Building on our outreach for *Imagine Monroe*, we want to hear more from the community. How can we best accommodate future jobs and population growth? How can our parks and transportation systems support that growth? We are starting an important update to Monroe's Comprehensive Plan and want to hear your ideas on what kind of city Monroe will be in 20 years.



Please engage with us by attending a kickoff event for “Monroe 2044: Comprehensive Plan Update” on Thursday, April 13 from 6:00 - 8:00 p.m. at Park Place Middle School. Doors open at 5:30, and refreshments will be provided. This is a family friendly event, everyone is welcome!

More details about the event and plan update can be found [here](#).

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## MONROE COMMUNITY EGG HUNT TOMORROW

Join me tomorrow, 9:00 a.m. for the Monroe Community Egg Hunt at Lake Tye Park. Local businesses and organizations will host booths with fun activities and the hunt begins at 10:00 a.m. I'd like to thank the following community sponsors and donors for helping to make this event possible for 2023; Fred Meyer, Walmart, [Rotary Club of Monroe](#), [Park Place Community Church](#), Monroe Police Officers Association, Natural Factors,



I'd also like to give a special thanks to the local business and organizations that came together to help prepare the eggs for the event, as this is no easy feat. They include: Rotary Club of Monroe, [Brookdale Monroe](#), [Sky Valley Food Bank](#), Monroe/Sky Valley Family YMCA, [Monroe Community Senior Center](#), and [Monroe Boys & Girls Club](#). With their combined help, we are able to re-use previous year's eggs and cut down on waste.

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## COLLABORATING FOR A SAFER MONROE

On Wednesday, leaders from our business and local government community came together at Galaxy Theatres Monroe for an important discussion on public safety. They talked about what they can expect from the [Monroe Police Department](#) when responding to scenes of violence and how they can work together to improve the department's collective response.



The event was organized by Sergeant Hatch and aimed to strengthen the relationship between the department and the community it serves. They were pleased to see such a positive turnout for this event, and believe that the information shared will be extremely valuable to those who attended. The Police Department would like to thank all the attendees and Galaxy Theatres Monroe for hosting the discussion.

If you, your business, or your organization is interested in learning more, please contact Sergeant Barry Hatch at **(360) 863-4570** or by email at [BHatch@MonroeWA.gov](mailto:BHatch@MonroeWA.gov). Let's continue to work together to keep our community safe.

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## MONROE EVENTS BROCHURE OUT NOW

The City of Monroe's 2023 Events Brochure published this week. If you are a Monroe resident, you should have received a copy in the mail. Copies are also available at the Monroe Visitor Center, local events, the Lake Tye information station, and other locations throughout the city. Mark your calendars for a packed summer full of fun!

View a copy online at <https://bit.ly/40H1ySA>.



## BLUEBERRY CHILDREN'S PARK PLAYGROUND RENOVATION OPEN HOUSE

The City of Monroe [Parks Department](#) &

**Parks Board** are hosting an open house on Thursday, April 20 at 7:00 pm in the Council Chambers (806 West Main Street, Monroe, WA). Please join as the department displays playground options for the update to Blueberry Children's Park. Attendees will vote on their favorite option.



Upon completion of the stormwater retention project within the park by the Public Works Department, the Parks Department will be completing playground improvements to Blueberry Children's Park. Funding for this project is supported by the City's CIP Funds and a Snohomish County Grant. This project is tentatively scheduled to start by the end of Summer 2023.

For those unable to attend in person, the meeting will be live on Zoom: Meeting ID: 724 099 9919 / Passcode: 2022

Questions? Please contact Makenna Ohlsen, Parks Admin Assistant at [MOhlsen@MonroeWA.gov](mailto:MOhlsen@MonroeWA.gov) or **360-863-4559**.

El Departamento de Parques y la Junta de Parques de la ciudad de Monroe harán una presentación abierta al público el jueves 20 de abril a las 7:00 p.m. en las Salas del Ayuntamiento (806 West Main Street, Monroe, WA). Lo invitamos a la muestra de las opciones para la mejora del área de juego del Blueberry Children's Park. Los asistentes votarán por su opción preferida.

Una vez que el Departamento de Obras Públicas termine el proyecto de retención de agua pluvial dentro del parque, el Departamento de Parques hará mejoras en el área de juego del Blueberry Children's Park. Este proyecto es financiado por los fondos CIP (Capital Improvement Program) de la ciudad y un subsidio del condado de Snohomish. Se prevé que el proyecto empiece a fines del verano de 2023.

Para aquellos que no puedan asistir en persona, la reunión se transmitirá en vivo por Zoom:

ID de la reunión: 724 099 9919 / Contraseña: 2022

¿Tiene alguna pregunta? Comuníquese con Makenna Ohlsen, Secretaría de la Administración de Parques a [MOhlsen@MonroeWA.gov](mailto:MOhlsen@MonroeWA.gov) o **360-863-4559**

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## **PLANT TREES TO SAVE SALMON**

**Sound Salmon Solutions** is looking for volunteers to join them tomorrow for a day of planting trees along the Lower Skykomish River.

Riparian restoration is an important step in protecting water quality and vital natural habitat. Once these trees reach maturity, they will provide shade and filtration to stormwater runoff, helping to keep the water cold, clean,

and clear for salmon. Volunteers ages 5+ with parent/guardian are encouraged join.

Click [here](#) to register for the event. The event will take place from 10:00 a.m. - 2:00 p.m. east of Monroe, near the Reptile Zoo. Directions to the site will be given at registration.



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## UPCOMING CITY COUNCIL MEETING SCHEDULE

The City Council will next meet in a Regular Business Meeting on Tuesday, April 11. 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 April 11 agenda, which can be accessed by clicking the button below.

[Council Agendas/Minutes](#)

## CITY COUNCIL MEMBERS



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



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