



MONROE THIS WEEK

April 21, 2023

EARTH DAY!

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

- *Reconstruction on Powell Street*
- *The Arbor Day and Earth Day Celebration*
- *The annual Monroe Spring Cleanup*
- *Code changes coming this summer*
- *The addition of a new bus stop*
- *Investments in transportation improvements*



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

CONSTRUCTION HEADS UP: POWELL STREET

As of this past Monday, Powell Street between South Kelsey and South Sams will be closed while the City reconstructs the road/sidewalks and upgrades the water and sewer utilities. The project is expected to be completed in mid-June. During this time, detour signs will be in place to assist drivers around the closure. For more information on this project, please visit the project page on our [website](#).

Thank you for your patience while we deliver this important project.



ARBOR DAY & EARTH DAY CELEBRATION

Join me at Lake Tye Park for an Arbor Day and Earth Day Celebration next Friday, April 28 at 1:15 p.m. to recognize the importance of preserving our natural resources. Students of two 5th grade classes from Fryelands Elementary School will assist in the ceremonial planting of a Willow tree donated by the [Monroe Garden Club](#). This native tree will help with bank erosion, provide a shady habitat for fish, and support pollination. We look forward to watching it grow for many years to come.



THE MONROE SPRING CLEANUP EVENT RETURNS

Republic Services will be hosting their annual Spring Cleanup event on Saturday, May 13 at the Evergreen Speedway from 8:00 a.m. to 12:00 p.m. The event is open to all Republic Services' customers living within Monroe city limits. Flyers for the event began being mailed out last week; Republic Services is requesting that customers bring the flyer to the event as proof of residency. Please visit our [website](#) for details regarding acceptable materials and more event information.



BIG CODE CHANGES COMING THIS SUMMER

Are you thinking about making improvements to your property such as decks, ADU's, storage buildings, replacing windows or even residing your home? The Washington State Building Code Council is rolling out big changes this summer, and the City of Monroe's Community Development Department suggests all residents submit a complete permit application before July 1 to be vested under today's building codes if possible. Doing so will help you save time and money. Stay tuned for more information to highlight some of the big differences with these new state required codes.



ATTENTION COMMUNITY TRANSIT RIDERS

We're excited to announce that the City of Monroe Public Works crews have begun installing a new bus stop near the intersection of North Kelsey St and North St. The new stop location replaces the previous one on North Kelsey St that was within close proximity to the railroad crossing. Once City crews are done with excavating and repouring concrete, Community Transit will be installing a bus stop shelter for riders.



INVESTMENTS IN TRANSPORTATION IMPROVEMENTS

Monroe's Transportation Benefit District (TBD) has made it possible to invest more than \$8.1 million in Monroe's street system since voters approved the program in 2014. This program is aimed at preserving, rehabilitating, and reconstructing the roads that residents and visitors use every day. It is funded through a 0.2% local sales tax. Between 2016 and 2021, more than 14 (centerline) miles of roadway have been paved and close to 200 curb ramps have been upgraded to meet accessibility standards. [Learn](#)



[more](#) about how Monroe's TBD is funded and what transportation improvements are planned.

UPCOMING CITY COUNCIL MEETING SCHEDULE

The City Council will next meet in a Regular Business Meeting on Tuesday, April 25. 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 25 agenda, which can be accessed by clicking the button below.

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