



MONROE THIS WEEK

April 28, 2023

ASIAN AMERICAN PACIFIC ISLANDER HERITAGE MONTH

This week, I issued a [Proclamation](#) recognizing the month of May as Asian American and Pacific Islander Heritage Month. Asian American and Pacific Islander Heritage Month has been observed in the United States since 1978. Approximately 50 ethnic groups, speaking over 100 languages with over 1,000 dialects, make up the Asian and Pacific Islander community. It is crucial that We The People remember that Americans' history and America's experience would not have been realized but for the contributions of people from all different races, cultures, genders, religions, economic classes, and lived experiences. We are a better people and a better community as a result of the lived experiences that residents and fellow Americans of Asian and Pacific Islander ancestry share with our diverse nation.



I invite you to read the text of the [Proclamation](#), and I call upon everyone to:

- Listen to voices of Americans of Asian and Pacific Islander ancestry*
- Honor the legacy and memory of their ancestors, who contributed to the communities we live in today and connected our country from sea to shining sea*
- Love our neighbors by working to and realizing liberty and justice for all people*

I also issued proclamations recognizing April 25 as [Administrative Professionals Day](#) and April 30 through May 6 as [Municipal Clerks Week](#). I

am so thankful for the hard work of our staff here at the City and encourage all residents to read the full text of the proclamations.

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

- Kid's Fishing Day on Sunday
- The City's recruitment efforts for seasonal positions
- A TBD Board Special Meeting on May 2
- An upcoming community meeting
- A summary of the April 25 City Council Business Meeting

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

EVENT REMINDER: KIDS FISHING DAY THIS SUNDAY

Sunday is shaping up to be a perfect day for the Kid's Fishing Day event at Lake Tye. Kid's fishing for ages 12 and under will begin at 8:00 a.m. with adults beginning at 1:00 p.m. All kids under 12 must be accompanied by an adult. There will be 4 prize fish released for the kids at 8:00 a.m. Supplies will be provided if you aren't able to bring your own and a fish washing table will be on-site.

New this year, no line! Fishing will be available from any part of the lake.



CITY RECRUITING FOR SEASONAL POSITIONS

The City is recruiting for seasonal positions in our [Public Works Department](#). These positions may last for up to 4 months, and the pay rate is \$20 - \$25 per hour, depending on experience. 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.

La Ciudad de Monroe desea contratar personal para varios puestos de trabajo de temporada en el Departamento de Obras Públicas (Public Works). La duración de los contratos de los puestos de trabajo podría ser de hasta cuatro 4 meses. El pago por hora es de US \$20-25 dependiendo del nivel de experiencia. Las funciones típicas para los puestos de trabajo en el Departamento de Obras Públicas, 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.

TBD BOARD SPECIAL MEETING SET FOR MAY 2

A special meeting of the Monroe Transportation Benefit District (TBD) Board is scheduled for Tuesday, May 2 at 7:00 p.m. The Board will receive public comment and discuss the 2022 TBD Fiscal and Operations Annual Report, selection of its 2023-2025 Chair, and minutes from its last meeting. The agenda packet and information on the hybrid meeting format will be [available online](#) by the end of day on Friday, April 28.



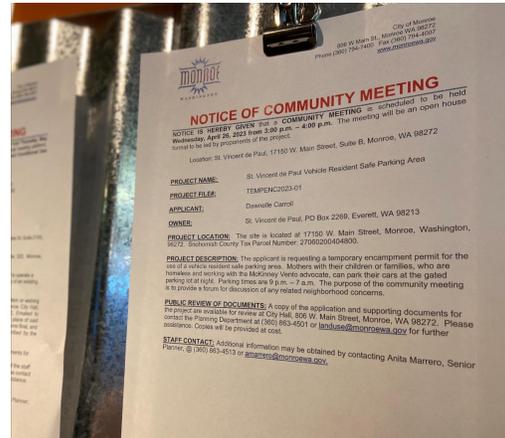
Monroe's TBD program funds street preservation, rehabilitation, and reconstruction. The program is funded through a 0.2% local sales tax. The 0.2% sales tax generates 2 cents of revenue for the TBD for every 10 dollars spent in the City of Monroe. This program receives approximately \$1.4 million per year from sales generated within Monroe city limits.

Last year, TBD funds supported the paving of North Madison Street and Woods Creek Road (pictured). This year it will support the [reconstruction of Powell Street](#) and the [annual overlay program](#).

The TBD program also funds re-striping and repainting of pavement markings, pothole repair, crack sealing and management of the pavement condition online dashboard. [Learn more](#) about how sales taxes support road improvements in Monroe.

NOTICE OF COMMUNITY MEETING: VEHICLE RESIDENT SAFE PARKING AREA

A community meeting has been scheduled for Thursday, May 11, 2023 from 5:00 to 6:00 p.m. regarding the application from St. Vincent de Paul for a Vehicle Resident Safe Parking Area as regulated by [Monroe Municipal Code Chapter 22.90](#). The meeting will be an open house format, held at St. Vincent de Paul, 17150 W. Main Street, Suite B, Monroe, WA 98272.



The applicant is requesting a permit to operate and manage a vehicle resident safe parking area. Mothers with their children or families, who are homeless and working with the McKinney Vento advocate, can park their cars at the gated parking lot at night. Parking times are 9:00 p.m. – 7:00 a.m. The proposal is for a maximum of four (4) cars at one time. The purpose of the community meeting is to provide a forum for discussion of any related neighborhood concerns. This is the first time the City has received an application for any type of temporary encampment since codes were adopted in 2021 to regulate them.

As many questions arise, the City is developing a Frequently Asked Question (FAQ) flyer that will be posted to the City's webpage under the St. Vincent de Paul project [here](#), and made available at the meeting.

We appreciate your concerns and questions regarding the application and encourage you to formally submit them to the City by contacting Anita Marrero, Community Development Department, at AMarrero@MonroeWA.gov or **360-863-4513**. Please reference project number: TEMPENC2023-01. Comments on the City's Facebook site do not constitute a public comment for the formal record.

APRIL 25 CITY COUNCIL MEETING SUMMARY

The City Council met in a Regular Business Meeting on Tuesday, April 25. The following items were discussed and acted upon during the meeting:

Consent Agenda – Items considered routine and approved by one vote:

- City Council Meeting Minutes for April 11, 2023
- Accounts Payable/ACH payments through April 25, 2023
- Authorization to sign Contract No. 2023-055, Interlocal Lease Agreement with SNO911 for Managed Laptop Program Services
- Authorize myself to sign the appraisal agreement with Newmark Valuation
- Authorization to sign and execute Contract No. 2022-072-01 - Amendment No. 1 to Agreement for Services with City of Sultan and Volunteers of America for an East County Mental Health Clinician



New Business – reviewed, discussed, and approved the following new items:

- Resolution 2023-002 amending the Monroe City Council Rules of Procedure

Mayor/Administrative Reports:

- City Administrator Deborah Knight reported:
 - There will be a Community Meeting hosted by Saint Vincent de Paul regarding their Safe Parking Program
 - The new wayfinding signs are almost done being fabricated and showed pictures
- I reported on:
 - Funding allocations that are in the final State budget including funding for construction of the Therapeutic Court and SR522, and encouraged Council to reach out to local legislators to thank them for their support of the funding requests
 - Staff is working with residents concerned about unhoused individuals and provided an update on recent and upcoming meetings and events

Staff Reports:

- Public Works
- Police
- Economic Development
- Finance
- City Clerk
- HR/IT
- Community Development

UPCOMING CITY COUNCIL MEETING SCHEDULE

The May 2 City Council Study Session Meeting is CANCELLED. The City Council will next meet in a Regular Business Meeting on Tuesday, May 9. 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 May 9 agenda, which can be accessed by clicking the button below.

CITY COUNCIL MEMBERS



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Kevin Hanford



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Councilmember
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Councilmember
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Councilmember
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Have a question for your Councilmembers?
Contact them at Councilmembers@MonroeWA.gov



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