



MONROE THIS WEEK

May 5, 2023



The City of Monroe thanks Senator Brad Hawkins, Representative Mike Steele, Representative Keith Goehner, Representative Sam Low, Senator Marko Liias, and Senator John Lovick for their efforts to develop and pass a transportation budget that supports improvements on SR 522.



The final transportation budget includes \$33.6 million in funding for the widening of SR 522, an essential project for our region's growth and development. The City is grateful for the dedication and hard work of our state legislators in ensuring that the design and right-of-way acquisition for this project is fully funded and completed by the end of the 2025-2027 biennium. Thank you for your commitment to serving our communities. For more information regarding the finishing of SR 522 visit the #Finish522 [website](#) or the WSDOT [project page](#).

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

- *Events at Lake Tye this Sunday*
- *Washington State Candidate Filing Week*
- *The 7th Annual Flags for Our Fallen 5K Run/Walk*
- *The local recognition of Building Safety Month*
- *2023 building code updates*
- *The 2022 Economic Development Annual Report*

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

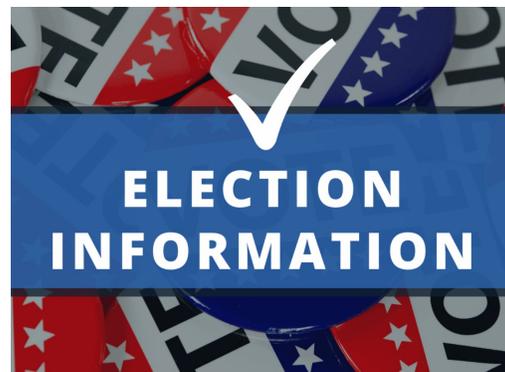
SUNDAY EVENTS AT LAKE TYE

Sunday is a happening day at Lake Tye Park. [Big Heart Big Smile Foundation](#)'s Kaci Edelbrock Memorial 5k kicks off at 10:00 a.m., with pre-event festivities beginning at 9:00 a.m. Day of registration will be available to anyone still wanting to participate. Then, the Battle of the Badges will be directly after at 12:00 p.m. on the synthetic turf field. Come witness [Snohomish Regional Fire & Rescue](#) battle the [Monroe Police Department](#) on the field in a charity softball game. Then stick around after the game to meet our City's first responders.



WASHINGTON STATE FILING WEEK MAY 15 - 19

Washington State's Candidate Filing Week will take place May 15 - 19, 2023 for anyone who is interested in running for office. Snohomish County Department of Election's [website](#) includes all the information needed to become a candidate from choosing an open office, filing for office, declaring your candidacy, and more. You must complete your filing by 4 p.m. on Friday, May 19 if filing online (preferred method).



SAVE THE DATE: FLAGS FOR OUR FALLEN 5K RUN/WALK

[Ward Roney Jr. Veterans of Foreign Wars Post 7511](#) and its Auxiliary will be hosting the seventh annual [Flags for Our Fallen 5k Run/Walk](#) and Kids 1k event on May 20 at Lake Tye Park. Come together to remember and honor the lives of the brave men and women who made the ultimate sacrifice for our country. You can participate live or virtually. Register and learn more [here](#).



CITY RECOGNIZES MAY AS BUILDING SAFETY MONTH

Here in Monroe, we recognize that our growth and strength depends on the safety and economic value of our homes, buildings, and infrastructure. These buildings serve our residents, both in everyday life and in times of natural disaster, and our confidence in the structural integrity of these buildings that make up our community is achieved through the great work and devotion of diligent professionals. The City of Monroe is especially appreciative of our building and planning staff members, who have maintained a high level of customer service and commitment to public safety throughout the last few years.



The theme of Building Safety Month 2023 is “It Starts with You”. The International Code Council (ICC) has designated each week of May as a different building safety theme to help raise awareness. This week, they're highlighting "Building Safety Starts at Home" and how building safety impacts our everyday life as family members, friends and individuals at home. Their [website](#) dives into everything from fire safety tips and home maintenance best practices, to how to be more sustainable to ensure a cleaner and greener tomorrow.

This week I issued a [Proclamation](#) recognizing the month of May as Building Safety Month. I encourage you to read the full text of the Proclamation and check out the ICC's resources for the week.

2023 BUILDING CODE UPDATES

As I've mentioned in a previous edition of *Monroe This Week*, starting July 1, 2023, any building or construction project in Washington State that is not already approved and exempt from certain regulations will need to meet new building codes. One of these codes is called the Wildland-Urban Interface (WUI) code, which requires



certain fire protection standards for buildings that are located in areas close to wildlands or areas with flammable plant life that could cause wildfires. The WUI code also includes regulations for building materials and design features that help protect against fires caused by embers. A map produced by DNR can help determine if a project needs to comply with the WUI code.

2022 ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT ANNUAL REPORT

How strong is Monroe's workforce? What is the most common type of business in the city? What challenges have businesses faced and will face in the next few years? You'll find the answers in the newly published (and redesigned) annual Economic Development Report.

The 2022 Report looks back at last year and provides a snapshot of the economic development conditions in Monroe. The report includes demographic information and analysis of economic indicators as well as the results of the annual Monroe Business Survey. View the report [here](#).



UPCOMING CITY COUNCIL MEETING SCHEDULE

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.

[Council Agendas/Minutes](#)

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