



MONROE THIS WEEK

May 19, 2023



**CONNECTING
THE WORLD**
THROUGH PUBLIC WORKS

NATIONAL PUBLIC WORKS WEEK

MAY 21-27, 2023

Next week, I will issue a [Proclamation](#) recognizing May 21-23, 2022 as Public Works Week. Marking the 63rd annual celebration, Public Works Week honors our local professionals whose careers focus on infrastructure, facilities, and services that are of vital importance. These civic and private sector engineers, project managers, and their teams help ensure sustainable and resilient communities. “Connecting the World Through Public Works,” the theme for Public Works Week 2023, illustrates how public works connects us all through infrastructure and service, enhancing the quality of life for the communities these professionals serve. Imagine Monroe states who our community aspires to be today and into the future and our Public Works Department personnel are integral to realizing this aspiration, including that we imagine Monroe where “our waterways and environment are healthy and accessible for everyone to enjoy,” where we invest in and advocate for “regional connections”, and where we “strengthen connections... through community-centered infrastructure – creating a safe place for all”. I encourage you to read the full text of the Proclamation, and next week join the [American Public Works Association](#) and our local government agencies in paying tribute to our public works professionals.



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

- The City's new online utility bill payment vendor
- Staying safe as the weather warms up
- Week 3 of Building Safety Month
- The 19th Annual Traditional Pow Wow
- The VFW Flags for Our Fallen 5K tomorrow

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

THE SWITCH IS ON! NEW ONLINE UTILITY BILL PAYMENT VENDOR

The City has switched to a more reliable and compatible online utility payment vendor. Utility customers who have automatic payments or who pay online need to re-enter their payment method information by July 28 to ensure their account continues to be charged properly. Please visit <https://www.monroewa.gov/pay> and keep an eye out for a mailer in your June utility bill for details.



Customers who pay by mail or in-person may want to switch to the convenience of online payment. Our Utility Billing staff are glad to assist you. Contact them at **360-794-7400** or online [here](#).

STAYING SAFE AS THE WEATHER WARMS UP

As temperatures warm, one of the biggest concerns we have is water safety. With all the rain we've had this season, all the rivers are running high, fast, and cold. With warming temps, we know people will want to seek the water but please use extreme caution, wear a life jacket, and keep a close eye on children. For more water safety information, visit Snohomish Regional Fire & Rescue's [website](#).



MAY IS BUILDING SAFETY MONTH - CITY RECOGNIZES IMPORTANCE OF SAFE BUILDINGS

As I mentioned in a recent edition of [Monroe This Week](#), 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's theme is "Prepare Your Community" and focuses on how to protect your home and your community from disaster. Their [website](#) dives into everything from disaster preparedness, hazard mitigation, and how codes protect us against danger.



Earlier this month, 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.

CITY RECOGNIZES 19TH ANNUAL POW WOW

Next week, I will issue a [Proclamation](#) recognizing Skykomish Valley Indian Education's 19th Annual Traditional Pow Wow. [Skykomish Valley Indian Education](#) is a federally funded program, founded by Monroe Public Schools in 1980. Today the program provides academic support, cultural services and a wide range of opportunities for Native American/Alaska Native youth in the Monroe, Snohomish and Sultan School Districts. This year's event will be held at the Monroe High School Commons next Saturday, May 27 from 12:00 p.m. to 9:00 p.m. I encourage you to read the full text of the Proclamation and participate in the 19th Annual Traditional Pow Wow, which will highlight important themes of partnership, awareness, and cooperation.



VFW FLAGS FOR OUR FALLEN 5K EVENT TOMORROW

The 7th annual VFW Flags for Our Fallen 5K and Community Market is tomorrow, 9:00am at Lake Tye Park. New this year, the event is offering a 1K for children eight years and younger. There is also a new community market full of local artisans, craftspeople, local nonprofits, and veteran service organizations. The event will honor our Vietnam Veterans with a resounding, “Welcome home!” Freedom is not free. Come together to support this growing event and visit their [website](#) for more information.



UPCOMING CITY COUNCIL MEETING SCHEDULE

The City Council will next meet in a Regular Business Meeting on Tuesday, May 23. 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 23 agenda, which can be accessed by clicking the button below.

[Council Agendas/Minutes](#)

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