



MONROE THIS WEEK

June 23, 2023

PARK
& RECREATION
MONTH



Next week, I will issue a [Proclamation](#) recognizing the month of July as Parks and Recreation Month in the City of Monroe. Parks and recreation programs are an integral part of communities throughout the country, including here in Monroe. These programs are a vital component of our community's quality of life and in building and maintaining a healthy and active community. July was selected as Parks and Recreation Month by the National Recreation and Park Association, and the City of Monroe wants to show our appreciation for our parks and recreation professionals and showcase their selfless work. Let's celebrate these professionals who make this happen all year long. I encourage Monroe residents, businesses and visitors to read the full text of the Proclamation, and to seek out parks facilities and recreation programs in our community.



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

- *Paying your utility bill online*
- *Board, commission, and committee vacancies*
- *Shakespeare in the Park next month*
- *The first annual Lake Tye Science Day*
- *The Monroe Police Department's Car Seat Safety Program*
- *Fireworks tips from Snohomish Regional Fire & Rescue*
- *How ARP funds are supporting mental health*

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

IMPORTANT UPDATE: ONLINE UTILITY BILL PAYMENTS

If you are a current Autopay or Quick Pay utility customer, please remember to re-enter your payment method by July 28. We switched online payment vendors last month and resaving credit card and bank account information will ensure proper future payments.



Paying your utility bill online is easy and convenient. Learn more at monroewa.gov/pay and contact staff at **360-794-7400** or through our [website](#) should you have any questions or need assistance.

BRING YOUR TALENTS TO THE CITY: ADVISORY BOARD VACANCIES

The City of Monroe is fortunate to have many residents and business representatives serving on our various boards, commissions and committees. These groups advise myself and the Council on issues important to the community such as land use, economic development, park planning and development, tourism, human services, and police recruitment. There is even a Salary Commission that sets the Mayor's and Council's salaries.



We'd love for you to share your talents (and time) with us by serving on one of the following:

- Lodging Tax Advisory Committee (per [RCW 67.28.1817](#): membership is reviewed annually, and membership eligibility applies). There is one vacancy to be filled by a member who represents a business required to collect lodging taxes (i.e., hotels and motels).
- Salary Commission, meets as needed, to set the salaries of the Mayor and Councilmembers. There is one vacancy with new term ending Dec. 2025.
- Ethics Board is a board that investigates, conducts hearings, and renders advisory opinions concerning accusations against city officials of violations of ethics or conflicts of interest. It also reviews and recommends periodic updates to the city's ethics Policy and its applicability. There are currently five vacancies: 2 mid-term vacancies

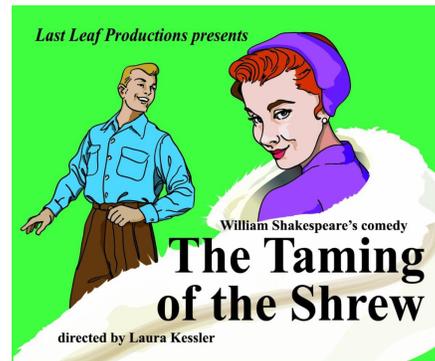
ending Dec. 2023; 2 mid-term vacancies ending Dec. 2025; and 1 mid-term ending Dec. 2024.

- Civil Service Commission assures that police officers are recruited through open competition, are hired and promoted on the basis of merit, and are demoted, suspended, or discharged for cause. It oversees civil service examinations and certifies eligibility lists. There is currently one vacancy with a term ending

Please consider serving your city in these important roles. For more about the duties, please visit our [Boards, Commissions, and Committees page](#). You can apply directly [here](#). For best results and to avoid technical errors, download the document, fill it out, and email it to JWycoff@MonroeWA.gov.

SHAKESPEARE IN THE PARK RETURNS NEXT MONTH

Shakespeare in the Park is returning to Sky River Park July 9 at 5:00 p.m. This year, [Last Leaf Productions](#) will be performing William Shakespeare's comedy *The Taming of the Shrew*. This free, community event is an amazing opportunity to experience a professional theater program right here in our own city.



FIRST ANNUAL LAKE TYE SCIENCE DAY

Join the City of Monroe and [Snohomish Conservation District](#) Saturday, July 29 for science demonstrations, hands-on activities, and games! Happening from 10:00 a.m. - 12:00 p.m. at Lake Tye Park, you can learn about the many wonderful ways we can protect our streams, lakes, and salmon. Light snacks will be provided so you can refuel between activities. People of all ages are invited to attend, but the event will be most exciting to families with children in kindergarten through 5th grade. Bathrooms will be available, and everyone is encouraged to park near the playground and tennis courts.



KEEPING THE KIDDOS SAFE THIS SUMMER

Are you planning long car rides with your kids this summer? Remember to prioritize car seat safety! The [Monroe Police Department](#) has certified Car Seat Technicians who can assist you. They can ensure that your car seat is correctly installed and that your child is snug and securely fastened.

To schedule a car seat safety check, simply give the Police Department a call at **(360) 794-6300**.

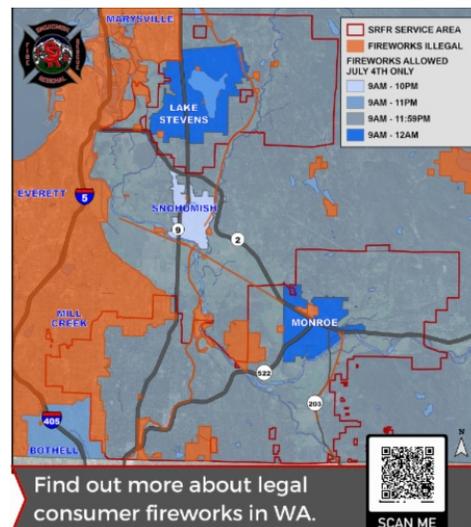


FOURTH OF JULY MESSAGE FROM SRFR

As 4th of July celebrations approach, [Snohomish Regional Fire & Rescue](#) (SRFR) wants to remind citizens of the laws and regulations within our district. The discharge areas in parts of unincorporated Snohomish County are the same as last year.

Within the cities of Monroe and Lake Stevens, the discharge of fireworks is only allowed on July 4th from 9:00 a.m. to midnight.

For the safest viewing of fireworks, SRFR recommends attending a public fireworks show. If your family wants to enjoy a small fireworks display at home, SRFR recommends using the types of fireworks you can buy at a local fireworks stand, and they advise that ignition should only be conducted by adults using protective eyewear. Additionally, never pickup a firework "dud", and remember to be a good neighbor. Clean up your fireworks debris after your celebration, and be aware of veterans and pets in your neighborhood that may be affected by loud noises. Have a safe and happy Fourth of July celebration!



ARP FUNDS SUPPORT MENTAL HEALTH

In this week's edition of *Monroe This Week*, I would like to call attention to how American Rescue Plan (ARP) Act funds have gone to help

the [EvergreenHealth Monroe Foundation](#). The Foundation was awarded \$15,900.00 to help cover the salary of a social worker to complete mental health evaluations at EvergreenHealth Monroe. This individual now performs



approximately 2 - 4 mental health assessments in the emergency department each day, Monday through Friday. They perform intake assessments for safe discharge and evaluation of social determinants of health on all patients admitted to medical and surgical telemetry units as inpatients or as requested for observation and emergency department ambulatory care patients. For involuntarily held patients for Snohomish County that are admitted to EHM, they perform daily mental health assessments, a requirement of single-bed certification. It is wonderful to see how EvergreenHealth Monroe is making a positive impact on our community and is able to help people who are in need.

UPCOMING CITY COUNCIL MEETING SCHEDULE

The City Council will next meet in a Regular Business Meeting on Tuesday, June 27. 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 June 27 agenda, which can be accessed by clicking the button below.

[Council Agendas/Minutes](#)

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