



MONROE THIS WEEK

August 4, 2023



Next week I will issue a [Proclamation](#) recognizing August 7 as Purple Heart Day. This day is in honor of military personnel who have been injured or lost their lives in action. Our community is thankful for our military service members and their families.



In December of 2021, the City Council and I joined together to declare the City of Monroe as a "Purple Heart City", and committed to honoring them not just in our words and hearts, but also in our actions. We are excited to celebrate Purple Heart Day again this year.

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

- Road closures and traffic advisories for tomorrow
- Movies Under the Moon tonight
- The City's new Stray Carts Program
- The relocation of Executive and Administration staff

- *An Open House for the Trails Master Plan*
- *The Railroad Community Survey*

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

ROAD CLOSURE/TRAFFIC ADVISORY FOR TOMORROW

I would like to wish all the athletes the very best of luck for tomorrow annual Lake Tye Triathlon. The event will host an Olympic Triathlon, Aquabike, and a Sprint Triathlon. If you are interested in watching the race, head to the park for the first race at 8:00 a.m.



Please be advised there will be the following road closures from 6:00 a.m. to 1:00 p.m:

Old Snohomish Monroe Road: from Treosti Road to Frylands Blvd.

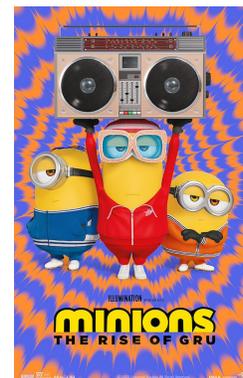
Frylands Blvd.: North Bound from Currie Road SE to Tye Street

Frylands Blvd.: South Bound from Tye Street to Main Street.

Sky Meadows park off of Tester Road will also be hosting the first weekend of the [Washington Midsummer Renaissance Faire](#). There will be a large number of visitors traveling through Monroe for the event, let's give them a warm welcome. I thank you for your patience through this busy weekend.

MOVIES UNDER THE MOON STARTS TONIGHT

Head to Lake Tye Park this evening for the first Movies Under the Moon. Wild Style Gym will be hosting the pre-movie activity which will begin at 8:00 p.m. The movie which is Minions: The Rise of Gru will begin at dusk. Parkside Bites Concessions will be open for all your movie snack wants. Grab your blanket, purchase some popcorn, and enjoy the show!



CITY INTRODUCES STRAY CARTS PROGRAM

Stranded shopping carts can be seen left abandoned near businesses, sidewalks, and throughout Monroe. Missing and stolen carts cost businesses revenue – from the loss of their private property to paying for retrieval services to find and return carts. To help address this issue, the City is joining with several retailers and encouraging people to report stray carts to the appropriate retailer to retrieve their property.



If you come upon an abandoned cart, please contact the appropriate retailer who will retrieve the cart. Local retailers' carts are labeled with the store's name, typically on the handle or on the side of the cart. If you choose to call the City, the City will not pick up carts on private property. However, to help our local retailers, it is best if you call them directly. The City will be distributing brochures to local businesses with the same information soon. Calling in abandoned carts to local retail stores helps all Monroe businesses thrive. Let us all help support our local businesses and help keep our community clean!

Participating Retailer	Phone
Coastal	(360) 282-4255
Fred Meyer	(360) 805-8100
Goodwill	(360) 794-6834
Grocery Outlet	(360) 794-4519
Lowe's	(360) 365-4060
Safeway	(360) 794-9292
Walmart	(360) 365-4033

It may occur that people experiencing housing and mental health challenges use a shopping cart for storing personal items, protection, or other purposes. If you observe someone in need, please contact the City's Human Services Coordinator at **360-913-4817**. For more information or if you have questions about the City's Stray Cart Program, visit the program's [website](#) or contact zhumphreys@monrowa.gov.

EXECUTIVE/ADMINISTRATION STAFF MOVE TO TEMPORARY CITY HALL

City departments continue to transition to the temporary City Hall located at 14841 179th Ave SE, Suite 320. This week the Executive and Administration staff joined the Community Development, Human Resources, and Information Technology staff. The Mayor and City Council Office, City Administrator, City Clerk's Office, and Human Services staff are now set up.



Many City staff members continue to work a hybrid schedule as space was

very limited at the current Municipal Campus and even more so at the temporary location. Staff are available via email or phone. Check our [staff directory](#) should you need to reach someone.

The Finance Department is scheduled to be at the temporary City Hall by Wednesday Aug. 9. Monroe Municipal Court will be closed Aug. 16 - 18 to prepare for its move to the Public Works/Parks & Recreation Building located at 769 Village Way. Court services resume Monday Aug. 21.

Many City services are available online. Check our [website](#) for details. Thank you for your patience during this transition of staff.

SAVE THE DATE: TRAILS MASTER PLAN OPEN HOUSE

Join us for an Open House with our Parks and Recreation Department to discuss the Trails Master Plan. This is a family-friendly event, pizza and refreshments will be provided.



Date/Time: Thur. Sep. 21 from 6:00-8:00 p.m.
Location: Park Place Middle School Commons
- 1408 W Main St. Monroe, WA 98272

Visit the [project website](#) to learn more about upcoming surveys and events.

PARTICIPATE IN THE RAILROAD COMMUNITY SURVEY

The City wants to know how you think the railroad affects our city. The important answers you give will help the City get funding for improvements at the railroad crossings in Monroe. Your responses will show the City where the problems are and how we can address community concerns, make commutes easier, access essential services, grow the economy, and protect the environment. Thank you for taking part and helping us make our city more connected and lively.



[Railroad Community Survey](#)
[Encuesta de la Comunidad Ferroviaria](#)

UPCOMING CITY COUNCIL MEETING SCHEDULE

The City Council will next meet in a Regular Business Meeting on Tuesday, August 8. The meeting will be held in a hybrid format; members of the public may participate in Monroe City Council meetings either in-person at our [temporary location](#) or remotely via the Zoom remote meeting platform. Participation information will be posted with the August 8 agenda, which can be accessed by clicking the button below.

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