



# MONROE THIS WEEK

August 18, 2023



I am issuing a **Proclamation** recognizing the twelve days between August 24 and September 4, 2023 as Monroe Fair Days. The first agricultural display in Snohomish County was held in 1874, making the Evergreen State Fair one of the oldest in Washington. The Fair began in downtown Monroe in 1908 at the former Independent Order of Odd Fellows Hall and Grounds on North Lewis Street, moved to its current location in 1945, and has become the largest county fair in the Pacific Northwest. The Fair draws approximately 340,000 visitors annually from all over Washington and the Pacific Northwest and bringing \$3 million in revenues to Snohomish County.



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

- Road closures next week
- New temporary lobby hours at the Monroe Police Department
- The completion of Phase II of the City's branding project
- Swifts Night Out tomorrow
- The local recognition of International Overdose Awareness Day

Please reach out to me with what may be on your mind about and for Monroe. I can be contacted at [GThomas@MonroeWA.gov](mailto:GThomas@MonroeWA.gov).

*Yours in Service,*



*Mayor Geoffrey Thomas*

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## ROAD CLOSURE NOTICE: MONROE FAIR DAYS PARADE

There will be a complete road closure of West Main Street from 179th Ave SE to N. Blakeley Street from 8:00 a.m. – 2:00 p.m. on Aug. 26 for the [Monroe Fair Days Parade](#). For more details on the event and road closures, including additional roads affected, click [here](#).

Save the date and head to Monroe to help us kick off the 2023 Evergreen State Fair! The event will feature Monroe cheerleaders and dancers, cars from Evergreen Speedway, the Seafair Pirates, horses of Ixtapa Monroe, floats, equestrian teams, and more.



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## MONROE PD LOBBY HOURS TEMPORARILY ADJUSTED

[The Monroe Police Department](#) lobby hours have been temporarily adjusted to 9:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m. from Monday to Friday. This change enables administrative personnel to undergo cross-training and meet the department's daily operational requirements.



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## CITY OF MONROE BRANDING PHASE II COMPLETE

The City is continuing to work on our branding project. At the August 8 City Council Meeting, our consultants JayRay presented and described the City's 3 Ps that have evolved from the surveys and focus groups during phases I & II. Now that phase II is complete, JayRay will

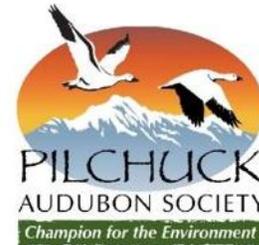
begin to develop the graphics, logo, and color schemes for us. We anticipate this next phase should be complete around the end of October. You can view the 3 P's and JayRay's presentation [here](#).



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## SWIFTS NIGHT OUT TOMORROW

Celebrate the magnificent migration of Monroe's official bird, the Vaux's Swift. [Pilchuck Audubon Society](#) is excited to be hosting the annual [Swifts Night Out event](#) tomorrow evening. From 4:00 p.m. until dusk, nature lovers, community groups, families, and anyone with an interest in the spectacular can enjoy an evening on the lawn to watch the Vaux's Swifts descend into their evening chimney roost at the school. While waiting for the Swifts to appear around sunset, there will be children's activities, vendor booths, a food truck, and a presentation available in the Wagner Center Auditorium. This free community event will take place at 639 West Main Street.



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## CITY RECOGNIZES INTERNATIONAL OVERDOSE AWARENESS DAY

I am also issuing a [Proclamation](#) recognizing August 31, 2023 as [International Overdose Awareness Day](#). A global event held on August 31 each year, International Overdose Awareness Day aims to raise awareness of overdose and reduce the stigma of substance-related death. It also acknowledges the grief felt by families and friends who have been impacted by this disease. Thousands of people each year, from all walks of life, die from overdose. International Overdose Awareness Day provides an opportunity for Monroe residents to stand beside those who have lost loved ones to an overdose, and to support those who have a substance abuse disorder and are diligently working toward recovery. I encourage everyone to read the full text of the proclamation and help to cultivate a culture of caring and enhanced engagement around addiction; and eliminate the stigma associated with addiction.



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## UPCOMING CITY COUNCIL MEETING SCHEDULE

The City Council will next meet in a Regular Business Meeting on Tuesday,

August 22. 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 22 agenda, which can be accessed by clicking the button below.

[Council Agendas/Minutes](#)

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