



# MONROE THIS WEEK

September 8, 2023

BACK TO  
SCHOOL



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

- *School zone speed limits*
- *Stormwater filter maintenance*
- *The Belonging event tomorrow*
- *The RBO Color Walk on Sunday*
- *The removal of the old Woods Creek trestle*
- *How you can help out the Sky Valley Food Bank*



*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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**BACK TO SCHOOL, BACK TO SLOWER SPEEDS**

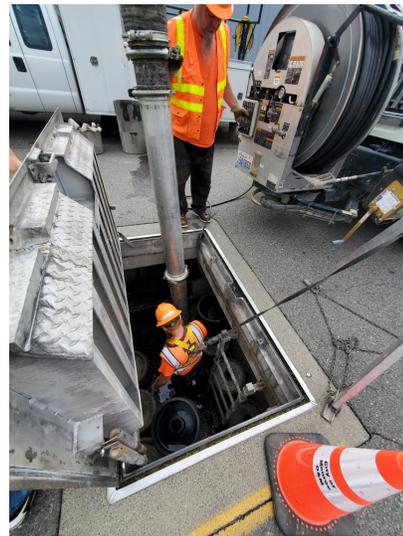
I would like to remind everyone that school is back in session. Effective September 6, 2023, speed limit signs in school zones were posted to 20 mph between 7:30 a.m. – 4:30 p.m., Monday through Friday. Please watch out for children walking and crossing the street. Thank you for your cooperation in observing a slower speed during the school day.



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## STORMWATER FILTER MAINTENANCE

This week, our Public Works field crew is conducting maintenance on stormwater filtration vaults city-wide ahead of the rainy season. The filtration cartridges help filter out sediment, oil, and other chemicals to ensure stormwater runoff is clean when it enters our creeks and rivers. The City was able to purchase over 100 filtration replacement cartridges with grant money from the Department of Ecology; this important work will result in an immediate water quality benefit. Click [here](#) to learn more about the City's Surface Water Management Program. Remember, only rain down the drain!



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## BELONGING EVENT TOMORROW

Head to Skykomish River Park tomorrow from 12:00 p.m. - 6:00 p.m. to celebrate the diverse cultures here in Monroe. Hosted by [Monroe Equity Community](#), Belonging will offer attendees the opportunity to learn more about our different cultures. There will be art, music, education, dance, food, games, and more. It's sure to be an educationally fun day!



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## RBO COLOR WALK ON SUNDAY

Together, Sultan #160 Masonic Lodge and Rainbow Girls are working with the community to support the future education of students in the cities of Sultan and Monroe and the Grand Worthy Advisor's Service Project. Starting at 9:00 a.m., the 6k course will begin at Skykomish River Park, take walkers and runners through various city streets, and then back to the park for music, dance, and color fun. Learn more [here](#).



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## ADOPT A STREAM REMOVES WOODS CREEK TRESTLE

This week, a long-time salmon migration barrier is being removed in Woods Creek! In 1939, a creosote log railroad trestle bridge was installed in Woods Creek and has long since been abandoned. Woody material floating down the creek and other debris upstream continuously collected on the “legs” of the trestle. The build-up material prevents salmon from swimming upstream, especially during low-flow conditions. In addition to the debris barrier, creosote is also known to be toxic to aquatic wildlife. This stretch of Woods Creek is an important spawning and rearing habitat for both Chinook and Steelhead salmon.



Adopt A Stream Foundation has been working for years to fund the work involved in removing the trestle. Their project kicked off this week and will involve several stages of work into 2024, including stream bank and forest restoration and a three-year monitoring plan to evaluate the ecological benefits of the project. To learn more about the work that the Adopt A Stream Foundation is doing or to get involved, click [here](#).

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## HELP OUT THE SKY VALLEY FOOD BANK

Right now your donation to the Sky Valley Food Bank (SVFB) can go further for the kids in our community! A generous donor wants to make sure kids have food when home on the weekends, and is matching every donation up to \$5000 from now through September 15th, supporting the food bank's Weekend Backpack Program. SVFB average filling and delivering 270 backpacks each week to our local school children and each bag can cost



an average \$6.50.

Your donation could provide food bags for:

- \$26 - one child for a month!
- \$162.50 - 25 children for a week!
- \$260 - one child for the school year!
- \$1755 - all 270 children for one week!

Donate [here](#) today and make sure to designate to Weekend Backpacks!

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## UPCOMING CITY COUNCIL MEETING SCHEDULE

The City Council will next meet in a Regular Business Meeting on Tuesday, September 12. 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 September 12 agenda, which can be accessed by clicking the button below.

[Council Agendas/Minutes](#)

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