



# MONROE THIS WEEK

September 15, 2023

## HISPANIC HERITAGE MONTH

September 15 to October 15

*This week, I issued a [Proclamation](#) recognizing September 15 through October 15 as Hispanic Heritage Month. In 1988, the United States Congress adopted a resolution recognizing September 15 through October 15 as Hispanic Heritage Month, celebrating the culture and traditions of Spanish speaking residents. September 15 is the anniversary of independence for Costa Rica, El Salvador, Guatemala, Honduras, and Nicaragua; September 16 is the anniversary of independence for Mexico; and September 18 is the anniversary of independence for Chile.*



*Our Hispanic community brings a rich cultural heritage representing many countries, ethnicities, and religious traditions that are interwoven into the fabric of America, and has a profound influence on our city and country. I encourage all residents to read the Proclamation to learn more about the rich Hispanic culture, traditions and history, and to celebrate the contributions that have been made to our country and our community by Hispanic Americans.*

*Esta semana, publiqué una [Proclamación](#) reconociendo del 15 de*

septiembre al 15 de octubre como el Mes de la Herencia Hispana. En 1988, el Congreso de los Estados Unidos adoptó una resolución reconociendo el mes de la Herencia Hispana del 15 de septiembre al 15 de octubre, celebrando la cultura y las tradiciones de los residentes de habla hispana. El 15 de septiembre es el aniversario de la independencia de Costa Rica, El Salvador, Guatemala, Honduras y Nicaragua; El 16 de septiembre es el aniversario de la independencia de México; y el 18 de septiembre es t y el 18 de septiembre es el aniversario de la independencia de Chile.

*Nuestra comunidad hispana trae una rica herencia cultural que representa a muchos países, etnias y tradiciones religiosas que están entrelazadas en el tejido de Estados Unidos, y tiene una profunda influencia en nuestra ciudad y país. Animo a todos los residentes a leer la Proclamación para aprender más acerca de la rica cultura, tradiciones e historia hispana, y para celebrar las contribuciones que han hecho a nuestro país y a nuestra comunidad por hispanoamericanos.*

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

- *The Spartan Trifecta event this weekend*
- *The closure of City buildings on Sept. 29*
- *The Trails Master Plan Open House next week*
- *The 3rd Annual Wiggly Walk next Saturday*
- *City board, commissions, and committees*

*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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## **SPARTAN TRIFECTA EVENT TRAFFIC ADVISORY**

The Spartan Trifecta Event is happening this weekend at Sky Meadows Park, just outside Monroe up Tester Road. Thank you for your patience and understanding as this event brings in a lot of visitors which may create some traffic.



The Trifecta Weekend gives racers the ability to complete a Sprint 5K, Super 10K, and Beast 21K in just one weekend and qualify for the 2022 Trifecta World Championship in Sparta, Greece. You can learn more about the event [here](#), and good luck to all!

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# CITY BUILDINGS CLOSED SEPT. 29 FOR NETWORK UPGRADES

As part of the remodel of the [Administrative Wing at the Municipal Campus](#), it is necessary to relocate server equipment out of City Hall. Due to the impacts to our network systems and the complexity of the move, all City buildings will be closed to the public on Friday, Sept. 29. I authorized the closure to provide dedicated time for assigned staff to complete the move. City buildings to be closed include temporary City Hall, the Police Department, and the Public Works/Parks and Recreation Building, which now hosts the Monroe Municipal Court.



Impacts to the public include the inability to visit any of the impacted buildings and the inability to call or email staff in the Police, Public Works, Parks and Recreation, and Municipal Court on Sept. 29. Additionally, the public [Bulk Water Fill Station](#) will be offline. We expect to be fully restored by Monday, Oct. 2.

9-1-1 dispatch services will not be impacted.

Access to the City website, the ability to email departments other than those listed above, and the ability to pay your utility bill or court fee online will be available. Thank for your understanding and patience during this time. This is a vital task as the Municipal Campus Improvement Project progresses.

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## EVENT REMINDER: TRAILS MASTER PLAN OPEN HOUSE

Don't forget to 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.

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## 3RD ANNUAL WIGGLY WALK NEXT WEEKEND

[The Monroe Chamber of Commerce](#) and Beck's Place are proud to present the third annual Wiggly Walk next Saturday, Sept. 23 from 12:00 - 4:00 p.m. at Sky River Park. The event will include pet-friendly vendors, a doggy kissing booth, games, K9 Demonstrations, and

more! Grab your furry friends and walk, wag, shop, and eat through Sky River Park. All well-behaved dogs are welcome.



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## SERVING THE COMMUNITY

At this week's Business Meeting, the City Council confirmed my appointment of 6 members to various City board, commissions, and committees (BCCs). Those included:

- James Reyna to the Economic Development Advisory Board (EDAB) Position 5, with a term ending 12/31/2026
- Councilmember Heather Fulcher to the Lodging Tax Advisory Committee as the Elected Official/Chair with a term ending 6/30/2024
- Doug Hobbs to position 3, and Connie Goss to position 4 of the Lodging Tax Advisory Committee as Tourism Industry members with terms ending 6/30/2024
- Anita Galvan to position 1, and Karan Sidhu to position 2 of the Lodging Tax Advisory Committee as Lodging Business members with a term ending 6/30/2024



The City of Monroe is fortunate to have many residents and business representatives serving on our 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 with us by serving on one of our BCCs. For more about the duties and vacancies, please visit our [website](#). 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](mailto:JWycoff@MonroeWA.gov).

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## UPCOMING CITY COUNCIL MEETING SCHEDULE

The Sept. 19 City Council Study Session Meeting has been CANCELLED. The City Council will next meet in a Regular Business Meeting on Tuesday, September 26. 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 26 agenda, which can be accessed by clicking the button below.

## CITY COUNCIL MEMBERS



Councilmember  
Kevin Hanford



Councilmember  
Ed Davis



Councilmember  
Jason Gamble



Councilmember  
Kirk Scarboro



Councilmember  
Heather Fulcher



Councilmember  
Tami Kinney



Councilmember  
Kyle Fisher

Have a question for your Councilmembers?  
Contact them at [Councilmembers@MonroeWA.gov](mailto:Councilmembers@MonroeWA.gov)



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