



# MONROE THIS WEEK

September 22, 2023



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

- *Coffee with a Cop tomorrow*
- *The 3rd Annual Wiggly Walk tomorrow*
- *The Monroe Harvest Market next week*
- *The closure of City buildings next Friday*
- *A Request for Proposal (RFP) for Human Services*
- *The upcoming TBD tax renewal*
- *A scam alert from the Police Department*



*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,*

A handwritten signature in blue ink, which appears to read "G. Thomas".

Mayor Geoffrey Thomas

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## COFFEE WITH A COP TOMORROW

Join the [Monroe Police Department](#) for Coffee with a Cop at Vinaccio Coffee! Swing by tomorrow from 9:00 - 10:30 a.m. to connect, share your thoughts, and discover more about the work they do here in Monroe. They look forward to seeing you there!



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## EVENT REMINDER: WIGGLY WALK TOMORROW

[The Monroe Chamber of Commerce](#) and Beck's Place are proud to present the third annual Wiggly Walk tomorrow 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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## SAVE THE DATE: MONROE HARVEST MARKET WED.

Save the date for the Monroe Harvest Market on Sept. 27 from 2:00 - 6:00 p.m. Over 60 vendors will be bringing seasonal fresh produce, and baked goods. The event will also include food trucks, a photo booth, face painting and more! Don't miss your chance to pick up some of the best, local products and fresh produce our city has to offer.



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## CITY BUILDINGS CLOSED NEXT FRIDAY 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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## HUMAN SERVICES REQUEST FOR PROPOSAL (RFP)

The City of Monroe has budgeted \$300,000 in General Fund revenues in the 2023 - 2024 biennial budget to support human service programs serving Monroe residents. Awards for human services funding will be considered through the Request for Proposal (RFP)

process.

The 2023/2024 projects must address underserved human services needs in the category of providing housing with wraparound services.



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SUBMISSION DEADLINE: Monday, October 16, 2023, 5:00 p.m.

If you have questions regarding your application, please contact Human Services Coordinator Rachel Adams at [RAdams@monroewa.gov](mailto:RAdams@monroewa.gov)

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## UPCOMING TBD TAX RENEWAL

The Monroe Transportation Benefit District (TBD) is asking voters to renew its sales tax collection on the November 7, 2023 election. The TBD is a separate taxing district that collects 0.2% sales taxes (2 cents for every \$10 spent) to fund transportation improvements within the City of Monroe.



The current TBD sales tax expires at the end of 2024. The renewal, which does not increase the sales tax, would run for an additional ten years, starting in January 2025. The TBD sales tax generates approximately \$1.4 million to \$1.5 million each year for transportation improvements:

- Between 2016 and 2022, more than 34 centerline miles of roadway have been paved;
- Between 2016 and 2022, close to 200 curb ramps have been upgraded to accessibility standards;
- Since 2014, approximately \$8.1 million has been invested in road improvements, annual paving, accessibility curb ramps, etc.;
- Powell Street reconstruction was completed in 2023.

The TBD renewal is not a property tax but a sales tax renewal. The current 9.4% sales tax rate in the City of Monroe would not change. As a sales tax and not a property tax, everyone-residents, employees, visitors-who shop in Monroe contributes funding for Monroe's streets and sidewalks.

For more information about Monroe's Transportation Benefit District, go to [monroewa.gov](http://monroewa.gov) or contact Becky Hasart, Finance Director for the City of Monroe and the TBD, at **360-863-4518** or [bhasart@monroewa.gov](mailto:bhasart@monroewa.gov).

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## BE AWARE OF SCAMS

Last week, someone received a fake call from the Monroe Police Department's number, threatening arrest. Scammers

use phone number spoofing to appear legit. If you're unsure about a call, contact the organization or law enforcement independently to verify – don't trust the caller's information alone.



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## UPCOMING CITY COUNCIL MEETING SCHEDULE

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.

[Council Agendas/Minutes](#)

## CITY COUNCIL MEMBERS



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Contact them at [Councilmembers@MonroeWA.gov](mailto:Councilmembers@MonroeWA.gov)



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