



MONROE THIS WEEK

October 6, 2023



We appreciate your understanding over the lack of an edition last week due to the City's server move. I hope you all enjoy this week's edition of Monroe This Week which features details on:

- *The return of the winter dog park*
- *Serving on a City board or commission*
- *How to help keep our storm drains clean*
- *The Trails Master Plan Questionnaire*
- *The Safe Routes to School Program*
- *The upcoming TBD tax renewal*
- *Community Development's new interactive map*
- *An award received by our WWTP*
- *The Police Department's free wheel lock giveaway*



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

WINTER DOG PARK RETURNS MONDAY

Last year, the City of Monroe and the Evergreen State Fair Park partnered together to launch a winter dog park as a pilot project. After receiving positive feedback and seeing the need, we are happy to announce the Fair Park Off Leash Dog Park is launching for a full season starting on Monday.



Dog owners and their pups will be able to get out of the weather to play at this covered off-leash dog park. The park is located in the judging arena and will be open Oct. 9, 2023 – Feb. 29, 2024 from dawn to dusk excluding these dates: Nov. 17-19 & 23-24, Dec. 23-25 & 31, Jan. 1 & 15, and Feb. 19. For more information including where to park and how to get to the location visit the [website](#).



SERVE ON A CITY BOARD OR COMMISSION

The City is now actively recruiting for a commissioner to serve on the Civil Service Commission.

The purpose of the Civil Service Commission is to assure that police officers are recruited through open

competition, are hired and promoted on the basis of merit, and are demoted, suspended, or discharged for cause. It oversees civil service examinations and certifies eligibility lists.



We are also actively recruiting for a member to serve on the LEOFF 1 Disability Board.

The purpose of the LEOFF-1 Board is to authorize the of payment for LEOFF 1 member health benefit claims.

For more information on the duties of each board or commission, please visit our [Boards, Commissions, and Committees](#) page. To apply, please visit our Boards, Commissions, and Committees [vacancies](#) page.

KEEPING OUR STORM DRAINS CLEAN

As we move into the fall season and the rains come, we all should be reminded of the potential for flooding. Raking leaves and clearing debris away from storm drains prevents them from becoming clogged and causing flooding. It also helps prevent surface water pollution as all materials that make it into the storm drain ultimately end up in our creeks, rivers, and lakes. Your help is greatly appreciated!



TRAILS MASTER PLAN QUESTIONNAIRE

Please provide your input on the Trails Master Plan through this [online questionnaire](#)! The City would like to know the reasons you walk or bike, what trails you use, what problems there are with current trails, and where you would like new trails. The questionnaire should take five to ten minutes and will be open until Oct. 29, 2023. If you'd like to complete the survey in multiple sessions, you can return using the same browser and the responses you've already entered will remain.



**CITY OF MONROE
TRAILS MASTER PLAN**

**ONLINE SURVEY
NOW AVAILABLE**

BUILDING SAFE ROUTES TO SCHOOL

Your copy should address 3 key questions: Who am I writing for? (Audience) Why should they care? (Benefit) What do I want them to do here? (Call-to-Action)

Create a great offer by adding words like "free" "personalized" "complimentary" or "customized." A sense of urgency often helps readers take an action, so think about inserting phrases like "for a limited time only" or



The Mayor, MSD Superintendent and staff, Monroe Police Department, and Snohomish Regional Fire and Rescue all had a blast walking students to school on Wednesday to celebrate National Walk to School Day!

Calling on all parents and students who are in the Monroe School District! The City of Monroe and Monroe School District have partnered together to create a Safe Routes to School Survey.

Safe Routes to School is a funding program by the Washington State Department of Transportation. The purpose of the Safe Routes to School Program is to improve safety and mobility for children enabling and encouraging them to walk and bike to school. Funding from this program is for projects within two miles of primary, middle, and high schools (K-12).

Your feedback on this survey is essential. If awarded these funds, the City will be able to improve the safety, walkability, and bike-ability of local neighborhoods within city limits. Click [here](#) to learn more about the program. You can take the survey [here](#) (survey closes 11/8/23).

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 or contact Becky Hasart, Finance Director for the City of Monroe and the TBD, at **360-863-4518** or bhasart@monroewa.gov.

INTERACTIVE DEVELOPMENT MAP IS LIVE

The City of Monroe is making it easier for the public to keep informed about land use development projects submitted to the Community Development Department. Thanks to a n [interactive map](#) available on the City of Monroe Community Development webpage, users can effortlessly access and explore the details of ongoing land use and large-scale commercial construction projects. With this interactive map, users can easily access project information, visit dedicated project webpages to learn more, or contact the Project Planner for questions.



This new map system is designed to make it simple for the public to stay in the know about what's happening in Monroe.

WWTP RECEIVES OUTSTANDING PERFORMANCE AWARD

Every year, the Washington Department of Ecology honors some of the state's wastewater treatment plants (WWTP) with the agency's Outstanding Performance Award for achieving excellent compliance with their water quality permits. The City of Monroe's WWTP has again received this award for their operations in 2022. To determine the awardees, Ecology evaluates wastewater treatment plants on permit conditions such as regularly meeting numeric effluent limits, conducting monitoring, and reporting data as required. We deeply appreciate the work of these staff members!



MPD FREE WHEEL LOCK GIVEAWAY

The Monroe Police Department is promoting stolen vehicle awareness with their FREE Wheel Lock Giveaway! Help them protect our community from car theft by picking one up today – remember, it's one wheel lock per person. Don't be an easy target for thieves – secure your wheels and keep your car safe! For more information about auto theft awareness and prevention, visit our partners at the Washington Auto Theft Prevention Authority.



UPCOMING CITY COUNCIL MEETING SCHEDULE

The City Council will next meet in a Regular Business Meeting on Tuesday, October 10. 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 October 10 agenda, which can be accessed by clicking the button below.

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