



MONROE THIS WEEK

October 13, 2023



The 2023 - 2024 Revenue Sources and my recommended Mid-Biennial Budget Adjustment is now available to view on our website. Click [here](#) to view the document. I hope you all enjoy this week's edition of Monroe This Week which features details on:

- An upcoming road closure
- Two important surveys
- The Police Station Facility Assessment
- An informational video on the TBD
- The publishing of the new Sky & Sno Adventure Guide
- The return of the Chamber's Downtown Trick or Treat event



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,

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read "G. Thomas". The signature is fluid and cursive.

Mayor Geoffrey Thomas

N.LEWIS STREET CLOSURE FOR RAILROAD REPAIR

Starting on Monday, Oct. 16 at 7:00 a.m., N. Lewis Street will be closed at the railroad crossing on U.S. Route 2 (Hwy 203) so that Burlington Northern-Santa Fe Railway (BNSF) can remove crossing materials and replace them with new ones. N. Lewis Street is expected to be open by 5:00 p.m. on Tuesday, Oct. 17.



Thank you for following the established detours and flaggers' instructions near the closure area. We recommend planning your trip in advance.

INPUT NEEDED ON TWO IMPORTANT SURVEYS

The City is conducting two important studies and needs your participation as we examine solutions for effective and efficient traffic calming and parking in the Downtown. With our city's growth, it's crucial to ensure Downtown can efficiently accommodate parking for all residents and visitors. It's also important that residents advocate for safety on their neighborhood roads for all users and work with the City to establish ways to address their concerns.



Traffic Calming Policy Survey: This survey explores your experiences and priorities to address speeding, cut-through traffic, parking, and safety.

Downtown Parking Survey: This survey seeks your experiences and concerns about parking in downtown.

Please take the time to complete both surveys by Friday, Nov. 3, as community responses will help to inform us of our next steps in addressing these two issues. For more information, contact Derek Hann, Monroe Public Works Department at dhann@monroewa.gov or **360-863-4531**.

POLICE STATION FACILITY ASSESSMENT

On Oct. 10, the Monroe City Council approved a contract with Mackenzie, Inc. for a Police Station Facility Assessment, a crucial step in Phase III of the **Municipal Campus Improvement Plan**. This assessment, focused on the Police Department's operational needs and future requirements, aims to address deficiencies in the current police station facilities. Mackenzie, Inc. will evaluate the existing police station at 818 West Main



Street, proposing upgrades to meet modern standards and community demands. The assessment will also explore the possibility of relocating the station, considering factors like cost and citywide response times.

INFORMATIONAL VIDEO ON MONROE TBD

On the Nov. 7 General Election ballot, Monroe voters will consider Proposition 1, which, if approved, renews a 0.2% sales tax to fund transportation improvements in the city. The original proposition was approved in 2014 and expires in 2024.



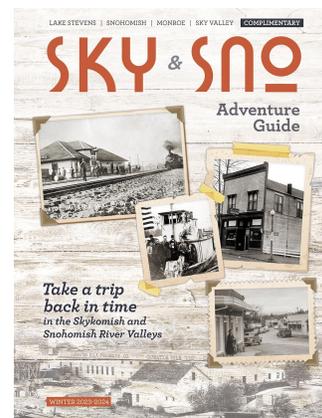
In this [video](#), Finance Director Becky Hasart and Public Works Department Director Jakeh Roberts explain Monroe's Transportation Benefit District (TBD) and how funding is collected and used.

TBD funding is vital to our transportation system and fills a financial gap between the need for improvements and available resources. If it does not pass, adjustments will be made to current transportation projects and programs.

The TBD renewal is not a property tax, nor does it increase the sales tax. If approved, it would be collected for another ten years, beginning in January 2025. The TBD sales tax generates approximately \$1.4 million to \$1.5 million each year for transportation improvements. Learn more about the TBD and Proposition No. 1 [here](#).

FALL/WINTER SKY & SNO ADVENTURE GUIDE OUT NOW

The Skykomish and Snohomish River Valley's visitor guide for fall/winter is out. In this issue, readers are taken on an adventure back in time and introduced to the history of the region. Learn about the different eras of Lake Stevens, read about the ghosts of Snohomish and the buildings they still call home, meet the founding members of Monroe's community, and see forms of transportation evolve in the Upper Sky Valley. Readers will be introduced to restaurants that have stood the test of time and for a fun twist, the best dive bars in our area.



Pick up your copy at a Certified Folder location, visitor centers, restaurants and businesses across our region, or read [online](#).

DOWNTOWN TRICK OR TREAT EVENT RETURNS

The Monroe Chamber of Commerce is proud to present their annual Downtown Trick or Treat event on Tuesday, Oct. 31 from 3:00 p.m. - 5:00 p.m! This event is intended to allow the little ones in our community the opportunity to safely and responsibly trick or treat. Bring your ghosts and ghouls, and enjoy a spook-tacular Halloween Party filled with music, treats, and fun!



UPCOMING CITY COUNCIL MEETING SCHEDULE

The City Council will next meet in a Regular Study Session Meeting on Tuesday, October 17. 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 17 agenda, which can be accessed by clicking the button below.

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