



MONROE THIS WEEK

October 20, 2023



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

- *The Monroe Transportation Benefit District*
- *The upcoming Nov. 7 General Election*
- *Tire pressure monitoring*
- *Volunteers needed at the Sky Valley Food Bank*
- *A summary of the October 17 City Council Meeting*



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

THE MONROE TRANSPORTATION BENEFIT DISTRICT

Did you know that for every \$10 spent in Monroe, two cents of sales tax go to funding transportation improvements? Since the sales tax was first approved by Monroe voters in 2014, more than \$8.1 million has been invested in roadway rehabilitation and reconstruction (e.g.

paving, chip sealing, crack sealing) and sidewalk repair and installation to meet federal accessibility standards. Additionally, the sales tax supports pothole repair, city-wide striping and pavement markings, and a pavement management tool that tracks road conditions.



Monroe's Transportation Benefit District (TBD), a separate taxing district allowed per State law, collects the voter-approved sales tax to enhance the City's Transportation Improvement Program. Details can be found [here](#).

UPCOMING NOV.7 GENERAL ELECTION

The Nov. 7 General Election is a little more than 2 weeks away. Snohomish County mailed its Voter Pamphlets this week on Oct. 19.



To familiarize yourself with what is on the ballot, we encourage you to visit the County's Election Office [website](#). You'll see that the City of Monroe's Proposition 1 seeks registered voters in the City to vote on renewing the 0.2 percent sales tax to fund transportation improvements in the City as mentioned above.

DON'T WAIT TO INFLATE

With colder weather comes lower tire pressure. Low tire air creates tire wear and tire particles that release chemicals that are toxic to salmon. We all love the Skykomish River – a salmon bearing waterway – so let's do this small act that will make a big difference!



You can check the tire pressure in your car by doing the following:

- Locate the ideal tire pressure on the driver side door sticker or in the vehicle maintenance book.
- Fill with air at a local air station while checking to see if the air is at the proper pressure.

You can learn more about how cities, counties and organizations are committed to protecting the Puget Sound [here](#).

VOLUNTEERS NEEDED: SKY VALLEY FOOD BANK

The Sky Valley Food Bank is currently looking for volunteers. Their needs are:

- A bilingual (Spanish & Russian/Ukrainian) volunteer willing to help each week during their distribution times. Tues. from 2:15 p.m. - 5:15 p.m., and Thurs. from 8:45 a.m. - 11:15 a.m.
- A team of two who would like to pack weekend school food bags each Wed. morning from 9:00 a.m. - 12:00 p.m.



These two positions are reoccurring each week. If you are interested, please email Jen@svfoodbank.org

OCTOBER 17 CITY COUNCIL MEETING SUMMARY

The City Council met in a Study Session/Business Meeting on Tuesday, Oct. 17. The following items were discussed and acted upon during the meeting:



Public Hearing:

- 2023-2024 Budget Revenue Sources and Mayor's Proposed 2023-2024 Mid-Biennial Budget Adjustment

Consent Agenda – Items considered routine and approved by one vote:

- Council meeting minutes for 10/10/2023
- Authorization to execute Task II of Consultant Agreement with KBA Inc. authorizing Construction Management services for the Civic Campus Renovation Project, M2022-010; in an amount not to exceed \$1,557,559.

New Business – reviewed, discussed and approved the following new items:

- Jakeh Roberts, Ben Swanson, and John Lande, provided a presentation of the draft 2024-2029 Capital Facilities Plan (CFP) including the regulatory framework, recent plan updates, and project overview

Mayor/Administrative Reports:

- Ben Warthan, Acting City Administrator, reminded Council of the upcoming joint meeting regarding the Comprehensive Plan regulatory overview and board, commission, committee recognition social which are both on Oct. 30
- I reported on a recent meeting and said that a local news outlet will be conducting interviews about the scholarship bed program

Staff Reports:

- Economic Development

UPCOMING CITY COUNCIL MEETING SCHEDULE

The City Council will next meet in a Regular Business Meeting on Tuesday, October 24. 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 24 agenda, which can be accessed by clicking the button below.

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