



# MONROE THIS WEEK

March 22, 2024



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

- *Reminder for property owner's overgrown vegetation*
- *New Parks & Recreation Quarterly Newsletter*
- *Online Community Resource and Support Guide*
- *March 30 Monroe Historical Society Annual Meeting*
- *Survey on future of the Evergreen State Fair Park*



*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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## REMINDER: PROPERTY OWNER'S RESPONSIBILITY FOR OVERGROWN VEGETATION

With all that is in bloom right now, there may be potential for overgrown vegetation that becomes a sight-distance hazard or obstruction. While trees and vegetation provide many benefits, maintenance ensures they stay healthy, drivers have unobstructed sight lines, and people walking and bicycling can safely use roadways and sidewalks. Also, properly maintaining vegetation allows for trucks, including emergency and city vehicles, and equipment to provide services to homes and businesses.



Monroe property owners are required to maintain vegetation from overgrowing into the street, onto a public sidewalk, or onto a city-maintained trail. Specifically, [Monroe Municipal Code \(MMC\) 6.04](#) states the following are prohibited:

- All noxious weeds, a weed being defined as any plant that grows out of place, and other rank growth of vegetation upon public or private property (MMC 6.04.030.E)
- All vegetation, signs, or other obstructions, which prevent persons from obtaining a clear view of traffic when approaching an intersection or pedestrian crosswalk (MMC 6.04.050.C).
- All limbs of trees which project over a public sidewalk less than eight feet above the surface thereof or less than fourteen feet above the surface of a public street (MMC 6.04.050.D).

We know you appreciate having clear lines of sight when driving, walking, or bicycling. So do we. Thank you for being a responsible property by safely maintaining vegetation adjacent to your property line. If your neighbor needs to give attention to their property, give a friendly ask of them. And if you notice overgrown vegetation that requires the City's attention, please call our Public Works Department at 360-794-6100 or submit a request through [Monroe Listens](#).

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## PARKS & RECREATION LAUNCHES NEW QUARTERLY NEWSLETTER

The City of Monroe's parks are a great gathering place for our community and are always busy with activities for all. The Parks & Recreation Department is launching a quarterly newsletter to keep our community up-to-date with news, events, volunteer opportunities,

upcoming projects and more, all happening within our parks. Plus, fun facts you may not have known.

**Sign up here** to receive the first newsletter on April 1. The quarterly Parks & Recreation newsletter will publish on the first of January, April, July, and October each year.



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Parks & Recreation Quarterly Newsletter

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## AVAILABLE ONLINE: COMMUNITY RESOURCE AND SUPPORT GUIDE

Monroe's **Human Services programs** ensure a safe place for all, where everyone feels at home and that they belong. In collaboration with local partners, the City supports programs and offers connections to services to help the community's most vulnerable youth, adults, and families. Assistance with housing, utilities, food, treatment programs, medical and childcare, and social/emotional wellness may be available for those who qualify. We've created an online



"**Community Resource and Support Guide**" that lists our local partners dedicated to serving Monroe residents. If you or someone you know could use this resource guide, please share it. For further assistance, please contact Rachel Adams, Human Services Coordinator at 360-863-4160 or [radams@monroewa.gov](mailto:radams@monroewa.gov).

## MONROE HISTORICAL SOCIETY ANNUAL MEETING & SPRING PROGRAM

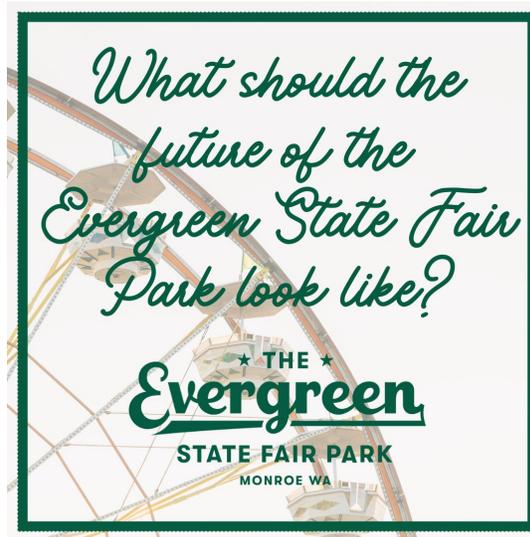
The public and society members are invited to attend the Monroe Historical Society Annual Meeting and Spring Program on Saturday, March 30 at 3:15 p.m. at the Monroe Library on Village Way. Our program will delve into historic local resorts with a slideshow and commentary by local historian Dexter Taylor. "I was surprised by the wealth of information and photos out there on local resorts," he noted, "including some that I didn't even know existed."



Attendees will also learn about Monroe athlete Lee Orr's connection to the

## SHARE YOUR THOUGHTS ON THE FUTURE OF THE EVERGREEN STATE FAIR PARK!

The Evergreen State Fair Park collaborates with its partners to sustain, maintain, and innovate for the purpose of creating an inclusive and accessible space for Snohomish County's residents and visitors. Since 1949, the 193-acre Fair Park has been home to the Evergreen State Fair which attracts hundreds of thousands of visitors each year. Several permanent facilities including the Gary D. Weikel Events Center, the Evergreen Speedway, the Evergreen Equestrian Park, two RV campgrounds and other exhibition spaces are used year-round for horse shows, trade shows, swap meets, auto races and more.



As they look toward the future, the Fair Park will strive to create a space that allows people to connect with community and is a resource for education and support when needed.

The County is working with a consultant team to update the Fair Park's Master Plan from 2014 to incorporate recent updates to the mission/vision and current County planning priorities. The Preferred Plan Update will set the stage for funding and implementation of site improvements and business planning in the short term (2024-2034) and the long term (20+ years). [Take this 10-minute survey and share your vision!](#) Survey Expires March 24.

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## UPCOMING CITY COUNCIL MEETING SCHEDULE

The City Council will next meet in a Regular Business Meeting on Tuesday, March 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](#) (Monroe School District Administration Building, 14692 179th Ave SE) or remotely via the Zoom remote meeting platform. Participation information will be posted with the March 26 agenda, which can be accessed by clicking the button below.

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