



MONROE THIS WEEK

May 24, 2024

MEMORIAL DAY

Remember And Honor



*In my **proclamation** to recognize the importance of this year's Memorial Day, I encourage us all to remember our U.S. military members who have fallen in service to our country and to honor the legacy that they have left to us in our daily lives. On Monday, May 27, please join City Councilmembers at Lake Tye Park (14964 Fryelands Blvd. SE) at 9 a.m. for the City's wreath laying and join the **Ward Roney Jr. VFW** and its Auxiliary at 10 a.m. at the Monroe International Order of Oddfellows (I.O.O.F.) Cemetery (21714 Old Owen Rd.) for its ceremony.*



Please note that City administrative offices will be closed on Monday, May 27 in observance of Memorial Day.

*Monroe is fortunate to have the **Sky Valley Indian Education Program**, a federally funded program that focuses on academic support and cultural activities for the Monroe, Snohomish, and Sultan School District Consortium. The program serves Native American/Alaska Native students, preschool through high school age and hosts an annual traditional Pow Wow. In my **proclamation**, I encourage community members to attend the Pow Wow, which is scheduled for Saturday, May 25 at Monroe High School Commons (17001 Tester Road). Grand entries will be held at 1 p.m. and 6 p.m. with retiring colors at 9 p.m.*

Thank you for reading this edition of *Monroe This Week*. Please contact me at GThomas@monroewa.gov with what's on your mind about Monroe.

Yours in Service,



Mayor Geoffrey Thomas

ENGAGE WITH US AGAIN ON THE COMPREHENSIVE PLAN UPDATE

Monroe's Comprehensive Plan is a visionary blueprint for the City's future in that it guides decisions in how we plan for and accommodate population and employment growth, housing, transportation, parks and more for a 20-year horizon. Right now, we are at an exciting phase of our [Comprehensive Plan Update](#) in that we are again engaging the community to hear where they think growth should occur and how best to equitably accommodate it.



On June 5, I invite you to attend an informative and interactive workshop to discuss land use priorities for Monroe. The workshop is family-friendly and light refreshments will be provided. The workshop will be held from 6-8 p.m. with a presentation at 6:30 p.m., at the Monroe School District Administration Office & Community Rooms (14692 179th Ave SE).

Also on June 5, an online survey will be launched to gather input on the prioritization of major policy updates, as well as the opportunities to provide input on project maps.

Additionally, the Draft Supplemental Environmental Impact Statement (DSEIS) has been published for public comments. Please visit Monroe2044.com to view the DSEIS document and learn how to submit comments by June 14.

What is also exciting is that this update to our Comprehensive Plan will make our "[Imagine Monroe](#)" vision statement a reality.

DOWNTOWN HANGING BASKETS AND BUCKETS OF THANKS

A special thank you to Monroe Garden

Club for not only a monetary donation, but for volunteering to plant our downtown hanging baskets. We are grateful to Pine Creek Farms and Nursery for supplying the flowers, Republic Services for a monetary donation, Monroe Lowe's for supplying the potting soil, and the Parks and Recreation Department staff for helping with the planting, installation, and maintenance of the baskets. These baskets beautify our downtown for residents, businesses, and visitors alike and I look forward to watching them grow and bloom.



CONSTRUCTION BEGINS ON EXTENDED SIDEWALK ON 179th AVE SE

Construction has begun to [extend the sidewalk along the west side of 179th Avenue SE](#), between 154th Street SE and 157th Place SE. Project elements include sidewalk with accessible ramps, grass planter strip, curb, stormwater collection facilities, and pavement markings that include a bike lane. Once finished, pedestrians can walk from Main Street to 154th Street using sidewalks the entire distance and no longer needing the road shoulder at these sidewalk gap locations. From the positive comments we received on our [Facebook page](#), we're just as excited about this project as you are!



CITY DEPARTMENTS GO TO MARKET

The [Monroe Farmers Market](#) kicks off its fifth season on May 29. A city booth will host staff from various departments throughout the season. Our Police Department

joins the season opening with members of our SWAT Team.

The Market is held on Wednesdays from 3 – 7 p.m. at the Galaxy Theaters.

So, while you're enjoying the goods of local farmers, homesteaders, and artisans - not to mention the kettle corn, scones, and pies - stop by our booth to learn more about city services, programs, events, and resources. We'll be there just about every week.



SAVE THE DATES FOR UPCOMING COMMUNITY EVENTS

Monroe is host to many great events throughout the year. The [Monroe Equity Council](#) is again hosting PRIDE and Juneteeth.

PRIDE returns for the fourth year and will be held on Saturday, June 9, 12 p.m. - 4 p.m. at Sky River Park. Our community comes together to celebrate love, freedom, and belonging. Enjoy a vendor market, food trucks, dancing, singing, performances on the main stage, and games/activities throughout the park.



Keep the celebration going for Juneteenth the following Saturday, June 15, 12 p.m. - 4 p.m. at Sky River Park. Celebrate Freedom Day by enjoying music, games, food, and learning more about this federal holiday.

For more event information, check out our [2024 Events Brochure](#) and look for the summer edition of Choose Monroe, scheduled to reach homes in late June.

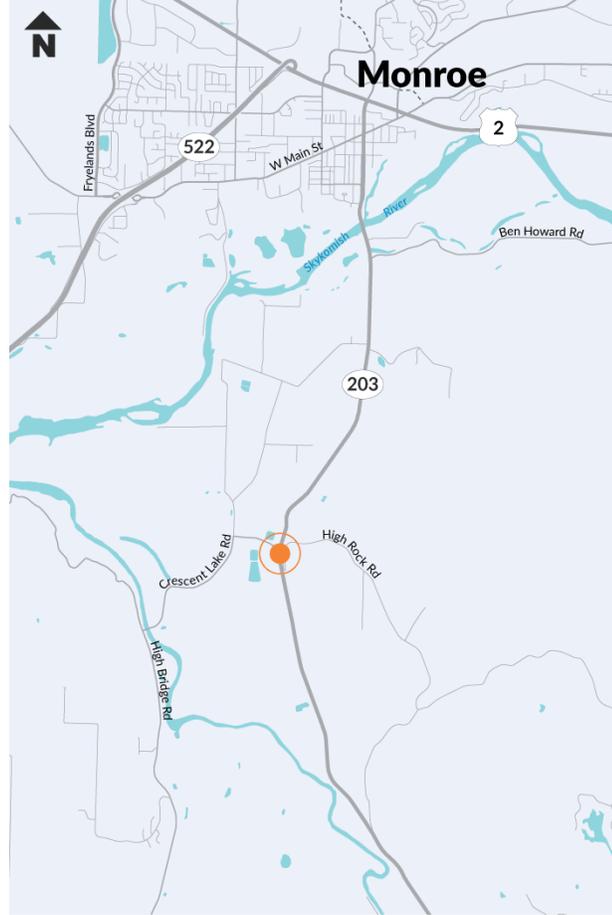
CONSTRUCTION ALERT: WSDOT ROUNDABOUT ON STATE ROUTE 203

Construction will begin as early as May 28 to install a compact roundabout that will improve mobility and safety along SR

203/Duvall-Monroe Road NE, in the High Rock community.

This **intersection improvement project** is funded by the Washington State Department of Transportation (WSDOT). The new roundabout, designed in the shape of an exclamation point, will be built at the intersection of SR 203, High Rock Road, and 203rd Street SE. A four-day, continuous closure of SR 203 over an extended weekend is tentatively scheduled for late June (weather permitting).

[Read WSDOT's news release.](#)



UPCOMING CITY COUNCIL MEETING SCHEDULE

Please note that the May 28 Transportation/Planning, Parks & Recreation, and Public Works Committee and City Council regular business meetings are cancelled. The next City Council meeting is scheduled for June 4, 2024. To view the meeting agenda, click the button below.

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