



# MONROE THIS WEEK

May 31, 2024

# PRIDE MONTH

Monroe's [Comprehensive Plan Vision Statement](#) envisions, among many aspirations, that our community is a safe place for all, where everyone feels at home, and everyone feels they belong. In my [Proclamation](#) to recognize June as PRIDE Month, I encourage residents, business owners, employers, and visitors to learn more about LGBTQ+ Americans, to take steps to be more inclusive in accepting and supporting our LGBTQ+ neighbors, and to take part in Monroe PRIDE on June 9,



2024.

*While the LGBTQ+ Rights Movement has achieved progress, there is more work to be done. I encourage others to realize equality for every person; for all human beings are born free and equal in dignity and rights, and they should live without fear of prejudice, discrimination, and violence. Monroe's PRIDE event hosted by the [Monroe Equity Community](#) is an opportunity to learn about, commemorate, and celebrate LGBTQ+ Americans in our Monroe community.*

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

*Yours in Service,*



*Mayor Geoffrey Thomas*

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## **MONROE POLICE DEPARTMENT WELCOMES OFFICER ESCALANTE**

I joined Police Chief Jolley and Police Commander Ryan at the recent graduation ceremony of Gabriela “Gaby” Escalante from the Basic Law Enforcement Academy. We are pleased to welcome her back to complete her post-academy training. Gaby previously served as our Community Service Officer. Please join me, the City Council, and the Police Department in extending a warm welcome to Officer Escalante.

The Basic Law Enforcement Academy is a state-mandated training for all city and county entry-level peace officers in Washington state. Many of our police recruits have completed the academy and now serve the Monroe community in various police ranks and roles. Our Police Department is currently hiring entry level and experienced (lateral) officer positions. Visit the [Police Department Recruitment page](#) to learn more about the application process.

(Photo: Pictured left to right – Commander Ryan, Officer Escalante, Chief Jolley, Mayor Thomas)



## TEMPORARY CLOSURE OF POLICE DEPARTMENT LOBBY

Due to the construction of the **Municipal Campus Improvement Project**, the **Police Department** lobby will be closed beginning mid-June 2024.

Construction activities to build the entrance to the Monroe Municipal Court are too closely located to the entrance of the Police Department customer lobby. For safety reasons, the lobby will be closed to in-person customers for up to two months. If you're looking to get fingerprinted, claim property, apply for a concealed pistol license or drop-off unwanted prescription medicines, please view **this informational flyer**.



In the coming weeks, slabs will be poured on the project site, which is a great milestone. We hope to take full advantage of the summer weather in building the structure walls and improving the parking lot.

Thanks for your understanding about the impact the construction has had on the Municipal Campus. City Hall staff are available to assist you at our temporary location (14841 179<sup>th</sup> Ave. SE, Suite 320) and many City services are available online.

For background information on the improvements to City Hall, including the

## COMPREHENSIVE PLAN UPDATE: OPEN HOUSE & ONLINE SURVEY

Being engaged with our Comprehensive Plan Update is an important opportunity for the community. Public comments on the [Draft Supplemental Environmental Impact Statement for the City's Comprehensive Plan](#) are being accepted through June 14 (by 4:30 p.m.). The Community Development Department is hosting an Open House/Community Meeting on Wednesday, June 5 at 6:00 p.m., at the Monroe School District Administrative Office and Community Center, 14692 179th Ave SE, Monroe, WA 98272, to accept input on land use priorities and answer questions. Other ways to provide comment include:



- **Online:** <https://comment-tracker.esassoc.com/monroe/index.html>
- **Email:** [PlanUpdate@monroewa.gov](mailto:PlanUpdate@monroewa.gov)
- **Mail:** City of Monroe, Community Development Department, 14841 179<sup>th</sup> Avenue SE, Suite 320, Monroe, WA 98272

For more about the City's update to its Comprehensive Plan, visit [Monroe2044.com](http://Monroe2044.com).

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## REMINDER: JUNE 5 UNPERMITTED TEMPORARY SIGN CLEAN UP

On June 5, City staff will be conducting a large-scale collection of unpermitted temporary signs within city limits. Temporary signs, such as banners, a-board/a-frame and stake signs, that are past their permitted display time or were never permitted by the City will be removed.



Temporary signs require a permit from the City. There is no fee. Please contact the Community Development Department at 360-863-4501 or email [landuse@monroewa.gov](mailto:landuse@monroewa.gov) to obtain a valid permit. Once approved, the City will provide you with an "expiration date" label that is to be applied to the sign. The [permit application](#) can be downloaded from the City's website.

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## QUICK CLIP: WHAT'S THE CATCH WITH CATCH

## BASINS?

There are over 3,400 catch basins in the City of Monroe. Catch basins collect stormwater runoff and filter it before the water enters a system of pipes that carry the water to rivers and creeks. Learn why it's important for the City and property owners to keep storm drains clear of debris and watch "[What's the Catch with Catch Basins?](#)"



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## WORKSHOP OFFERS VALUABLE INSIGHTS INTO POVERTY

The City's [Human Services Program](#) is partnering with the Everett Gospel Mission to present "Poverty 101," a workshop that raises awareness about the barriers and challenges involved with poverty. The workshop is scheduled for Saturday, Sept. 7, 9:00 a.m. to 1:30 p.m. and will be held at the Monroe Community Senior Center, 276 Sky River Parkway in Monroe. Lunch will be provided. Attendance is free. Seats are limited so register today at [Poverty 101 \(constantcontactpages.com\)](#)



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## UPCOMING CITY COUNCIL MEETING SCHEDULE

The next City Council meeting is scheduled for June 4, 2024. To view the meeting agenda, click the button below. City Council meetings are re-broadcasted on the [City's YouTube Channel \(@MonroeWA\)](#).

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