



# MONROE THIS WEEK

May 3, 2024



## ASIAN AMERICAN & PACIFIC ISLANDER HERITAGE MONTH

Recently I issued a [Proclamation](#) recognizing the month of May as Asian American and Pacific Islander Heritage Month. Asian American and Pacific Islander Heritage Month has been observed in the United States since 1978. Approximately 50 ethnic groups, speaking over 100 languages with over 1,000 dialects, make up the Asian and Pacific Islander community. It is crucial that We The People remember that Americans' history and America's experience would not have been realized but for the contributions of people from all different races, cultures, genders, religions, economic classes, and lived experiences. We are a better people and a better community as a result of the lived experiences that residents and fellow Americans of Asian and Pacific Islander ancestry share with our diverse nation.



I invite you to read the text of the [Proclamation](#), and I call upon everyone to:

- Listen to voices of Americans of Asian and Pacific Islander ancestry
- Honor the legacy and memory of their ancestors, who contributed to the communities we live in today and connected our country from sea to shining sea
- Love our neighbors by working to and realizing liberty and justice for all people

I also issued a [Proclamation](#) recognizing May 5 through 11 as [Professional Municipal Clerks Week](#). I am so thankful for the hard work of our staff here

at the City and encourage all residents to read the full text of the proclamations.

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

- The local recognition of Building Safety Month
- The Battle of the Badges softball game this weekend
- The 5th Annual Kaci Edelbrock Memorial 5K on Sunday
- The 2024 Spring Cleanup Event on May 11
- The publication of the Monroe Business Newsletter

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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## CITY RECOGNIZES MAY AS BUILDING SAFETY MONTH

Here in Monroe, we recognize that our growth and strength depends on the safety and economic value of our homes, buildings, and infrastructure. These buildings serve our residents, both in everyday life and in times of natural disaster, and our confidence in the structural integrity of these buildings that make up our community is achieved through the great work and devotion of diligent professionals. The City of Monroe is especially appreciative of our building and planning staff members, who have maintained a high level of customer service and commitment to public safety throughout the last few years.



The theme of Building Safety Month 2024 is "Mission Possible". The International Code Council (ICC) has designated each week of May as a different building safety theme to help raise awareness. This week, they're highlighting "Understanding the Mission" which discusses the importance of building safety and the history of the month.

This week I issued a [Proclamation](#) recognizing the month of May as Building Safety Month. I encourage you to read the full text of the Proclamation and check out the [ICC's resources](#) for the week.

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## BATTLE OF THE BADGES THIS WEEKEND

Don't forget to save the date for the 2024 Battle of the Badges happening on Sunday, May 5 at 12:00 p.m. at Lake Tye Park. Come out this weekend and cheer the Monroe Police Department on as they support [Big Heart Big Smile Foundation](#) and their incredible work. Plus, watch them compete for their third title against their friendly competitor, [Snohomish Regional Fire & Rescue](#). Hope to see you there!



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## 5TH ANNUAL KACI EDELBROCK MEMORIAL 5K SUNDAY

Also don't forget to join the Big Heart Big Smile Foundation for the annual Kaci 5K on Sunday at Lake Tye Park. The goal of this event is to bring the community together, be outside, and run in memory of Kaci. Everyone is invited. Proceeds from the event fund the Kaci Edelbrock Memorial scholarship at Monroe High School and our other programs throughout the community. Learn more about the event [here](#).



Make it a day and stay for Battle of the Badges which will kick off at noon. The [Monroe Police Department](#) is teaming up with [Snohomish Regional Fire & Rescue](#) to help support the Big Heart Big Smile organization.

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## 2024 SPRING CLEANUP EVENT ON MAY 11

Republic Services' Annual Community Cleanup Event will take place on Saturday, May 11 from 8:00 a.m. - 12:00 p.m. at the Monroe Speedway in the north grandstand lot. This event is free to Republic Services' residential customers within city-limits. Mailers containing details on the event are being sent out and should be brought along as proof of residency. The following types of materials are accepted:



- Regular household trash (must be bagged)
- Furniture
- Scrap metal

For more information related to solid waste and recycling collections services, please visit our [website](#).

The May edition of the monthly Monroe Business Newsletter is out and this issue features details on small business grants and assistance, free trainings and seminars, public bid opportunities, Main Street America podcasts, Chamber events, and more. Check it out [here!](#)



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## UPCOMING CITY COUNCIL MEETING SCHEDULE

The May 7 City Council Study Session Meeting has been CANCELLED. The City Council will next meet in a Regular Business Meeting on Tuesday, May 14. 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 May 14 agenda, which can be accessed by clicking the button below.

[Council Agendas/Minutes](#)

## CITY COUNCIL MEMBERS



Councilmember  
Kevin Hanford



Councilmember  
Jacob Walker



Councilmember  
Jason Gamble



Councilmember  
Kirk Scarboro



Councilmember  
Heather Fulcher



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Tami Beaumont



Councilmember  
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Have a question for your Councilmembers?  
Contact them at [Councilmembers@MonroeWA.gov](mailto:Councilmembers@MonroeWA.gov)



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