



MONROE THIS WEEK

April 26, 2024



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

- *An award won by our Building Department*
- *Officer Dale's graduation from academy*
- *The 8th annual Flags for our Fallen 5K*
- *This year's Battle of the Badges*
- *Drug Take Back Day tomorrow*
- *Recent community events*
- *Exciting things at the Sky Valley Food Bank*



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

CITY OF MONROE BUILDING DEPARTMENT RECEIVES DISTINGUISHED AWARD

Our **Building Department** has received the WABO Jurisdictional Outreach Award for 2023. They were recognized for all of their hard work in creating handouts used by many jurisdictions across the state for new code requirements and forming a group of local city building officials. This group includes building officials from Gold Bar, Sultan, Duvall, Monroe, Snohomish, Lake Stevens, Stanwood and possibly soon to be Snohomish County. They meet once a month and focus on issues that they all see in their communities. This allows them to be consistent across the region for the same builders, providing reliable interpretations and similar plan requirements. This award is an incredible honor and was presented to the City of Lake Stevens, the City of Stanwood and our building official Stacy Criswell at the Annual Awards Ceremony in Leavenworth on April 18.



CONGRATULATIONS OFFICER DALE!

On Tuesday, I joined Chief Jolley, Deputy Chief Irving, and Commander Ryan, at the Basic Law Enforcement Academy to celebrate the graduation of our newest Police Officer, Zahili Dale. Officer Dale will soon commence her post-academy training at the **Monroe Police Department**, where she'll be partnered with senior patrol officers. If you happen to encounter Officer Dale while she's on duty, don't hesitate to greet her with a friendly 'hello'. We're incredibly fortunate to have her as a valuable member of our Monroe Police Department team.



SAVE THE DATE: 8TH ANNUAL FLAGS FOR OUR FALLEN 5K

The Ward Roney Jr. VFW Post 7511 and its Auxiliary are excited to announce the eighth annual Flags for our Fallen 5K run or walk. This Memorial Day-themed event aims to build community, support veterans, and honor those who made the ultimate sacrifice for our country. The event starts at 8:30 a.m. on May 18, with a short ceremony followed by a 5K walk/run around Lake Tye, that begins promptly at 9:00 a.m.



All funds raised help support the Ward Roney Jr. VFW Post 7511's work to help local veterans in need and positively impact the Monroe community. [Register here today!](#)

WHO WILL WIN THE BATTLE OF THE BADGES

Also, 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 next 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!



PROPERLY DISPOSE UNNEEDED MEDICATION

DEA Drug Take back Day will be taking place tomorrow at Walmart in Monroe from 10:00 a.m. to 2:00 p.m. It's important to remember that unused or expired prescription medications can pose a public safety risk. Proper disposal of these unneeded drugs not only helps save lives

but also protects the environment and our community. Please note that certain items will be accepted for disposal, while others will not be. It's always best to check beforehand.



Accepted -

- Tablets
- Capsules
- Patches
- Other forms of prescription drugs

Not accepted -

- Illicit substances like marijuana or methamphetamine
- Intra-venous solutions, injectables, inhalers, syringes, chemotherapy meds
- Vaping devices with non-removable batteries, and medical waste (blood-borne pathogen risks)
- Illegal drugs, mercury thermometers, oxygen containers, pressurized canisters
- Pharmaceutical waste (sharps/needles) - Visit safeneedledisposal.org for disposal locations

For any questions regarding this event or what is or isn't accepted, please contact Community Service Officer Haverly at mhaverly@monroewa.gov. To learn more, visit: www.DEATakeBack.com

FOSTERING COMMUNITY CONNECTIONS

The Monroe Police Department has had a blast taking part in so many local events lately. If you missed them at Coffee with a Cop on Wednesday, don't worry, they're already planning for their next opportunity. A big thank you to Starbucks at 18629 US 2 for inviting the department, and to everyone who allowed them to serve you up a fresh cup. Chief Jolley and others enjoyed learning the ins and outs while serving and connecting with our community.



On Saturday, many City staff members participated in the 25th Anniversary of Miracle League Baseball at Monroe Rotary Field. Our employees love being a part of this event every year and cherish the time they get to spend with our wonderful residents! Thank you staff, and thank you community members for fostering [*Imagine Monroe*](#), a place where everyone feels at home and everyone feels they belong.



BIG THINGS HAPPENING AT THE FOOD BANK

Earlier this week, the [**Sky Valley Food Bank**](#) (SVFB) had the pleasure of hosting a group of 7th & 8th grade National Junior Honor Society from Sultan. The group washed their fleet of vehicles, helped sort over 1,000 pounds of food, and bagged 300 pounds of bulk onions. They even brought over 500

pounds of food with them to help stock the shelves. What an amazing contribution!

Also this week, the food bank kicked off their Senior Shopping Day! Each Monday from 11:30 a.m. - 12:45 p.m., SVFB is reserving a shopping time just for seniors 65 and older, and customers with disabilities that need a little extra time to shop the shelves. SVFB is thankful for new and previous volunteers for their time as they couldn't open an extra day without them. If you are 65 and older and would like to shop on Mondays, click [here](#) to make an appointment.



UPCOMING CITY COUNCIL MEETING SCHEDULE

The City Council will next meet in a Special Workshop Meeting on Tuesday, April 30. 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 April 30 agenda, which can be accessed by clicking the button below.

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