



MONROE THIS WEEK

April 12, 2024



On Tuesday, April 9, I delivered the State of the City Address to the Monroe Chamber of Commerce. A copy of the slide presentation can be found on the City's website [here](#).



In the address, I provided updates on Imagine Monroe and how the City is working to ensure that in Monroe, everyone feels at home, and everyone feels they belong. Other highlights of the address include how the City is supporting locally owned businesses, creating strong and safe community connections, the implementation of council adopted recommendations, the efforts to partner with county, state, and federal agencies, private development, and more.

I thank our City staff for all the work they do to support our community, our Council, and me. Without their dedication, passion, and work, we would not be as strong, connected, and successful as we are today.

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

details on:

- *Recycling tips*
- *The 5th Annual Kaci Edelbrock Memorial 5K*
- *Seasonal positions available with the City*
- *A free recycling event during Earth Week*
- *A summary of the April 9 City Council meeting*

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

"DOWN TO EARTH" RECYCLING TIPS

In celebration of Earth Day on April 22, we offer you some “down to earth” recycling tips that are good any day of the year. There are several “Do’s” and “Don’ts” when it comes to recycling. Here are some universal tips that will help your service provider with their recycling efforts:



- **Cans/Glass/Plastic:** Empty, rinse, and dry cans, glass and plastic bottles and containers before placing them into the recycle cart. Republic Services allows for the labels and lids to stay on. Waste Management requires that lids be removed prior to recycling.
- **Plastic:** To determine what plastics can be recycled, use their shape - bottles, jars, jugs and tubs not the “chasing arrows” icon.
- **Cardboard:** Separate cardboard from non-recyclable packaging materials like bubble wrap. Do not recycle wet or soiled cardboard.
- **Paper:** Recycle only clean and dry paper. Never recycle food or liquid-soiled paper.
- **All recyclables:** Place only loose and clean recyclables in the appropriate container (do not bag them.)

It’s important to remember that non-recyclable materials placed for recycling require labor to manual remove it, increasing the cost of recycling.

The majority of Monroe households and businesses are serviced by [Republic Services](#). The annexed area of Woodlands is serviced by [Waste Management](#) through 2033. For specific questions regarding recycling, please contact:

- Republic Services at **425-778-0188** (residential customer), **425-778-6508** (commercial customer) or visit RecyclingSimplified.com.

- Waste Management at [800-592-9995](tel:800-592-9995) or visit the [Recycle Right webpage](#).

More information about garbage and recycling services in Monroe can be found on the City's [website](#).

5TH ANNUAL KACI EDELBROCK MEMORIAL 5K

Save the date and join the Big Heart Big Smile Foundation for the annual Kaci 5K on Sunday, May 5 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.

JOIN OUR TEAM: SEASONAL POSITIONS AVAILABLE

Looking for a seasonal gig? Look no further! The City's Parks and Recreation and Public Works Departments are hiring for various positions that can last up to 4 months. Earn a competitive hourly rate ranging from \$22 to \$26, depending on your experience.



Typical duties for Parks positions include maintaining grounds and facilities to include mowing, raking, weeding, and janitorial duties. For Public Works positions, typical duties include mowing, painting, traffic control, and providing support for utility maintenance activities. Applicants must be at least 18 years of age. These positions require the use of City vehicles; individuals must possess a valid Washington State driver's license and have an acceptable driving record. Interested? Visit the City's [website](#) for more details and to apply. Take the first step towards a rewarding seasonal opportunity

La Ciudad de Monroe desea contratar personal para varios puestos de trabajo de temporada en el Departamento de Obras Públicas (Public Works) y en el Departamento de Parques (Parks). La duración de los contratos de los puestos de trabajo podría ser de hasta cuatro meses. El pago por hora es de US\$22-26 dependiendo del nivel de experiencia. Las funciones típicas para los puestos de trabajo en el Departamento de Parques incluyen: el mantenimiento de los terrenos e instalaciones, incluyendo cortar el pasto, rastrillar, desherbar y realizar servicios de limpieza. Para los puestos de trabajo en el Departamento de Obras Públicas, las funciones típicas incluyen: cortar el pasto, pintar, controlar el tráfico y proporcionar apoyo para las actividades del mantenimiento de los servicios públicos. Requisitos mínimos:

Debe tener por lo menos 18 años de edad. Estos puestos de trabajo requieren el uso de vehículos del municipio. Los candidatos deberán poseer una licencia válida de conducir del Estado de Washington y tener un expediente de conducción aceptable. Para obtener más información y para presentar una solicitud de trabajo, por favor visite [el sitio web](#) de la Ciudad.

FREE EARTH WEEK RECYCLING EVENT

The Snohomish County Office of Energy & Sustainability

is hosting a FREE Earth Week event for the public on Saturday, April 27 from 10:00 a.m. to 2:00 p.m. at the Evergreen State Fair Park. Bring hard-to-recycle items to this event to be recycled or properly disposed of for free. Items accepted include Styrofoam, electronics, household batteries, fluorescent lightbulbs, and metal including appliances like washing machines, stoves, or BBQs. A full list of items accepted is available [here](#).

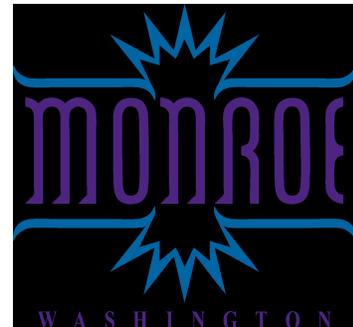


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Once you drop your recyclables off, park your car and wonder around the many tables to learn more about programs and initiatives across county government and beyond that are doing their part to improve climate resiliency. More information can be found on their website [here](#).

APRIL 9 CITY COUNCIL MEETING SUMMARY

The City Council met in a Regular Business Meeting on Tuesday, April 9. The following items were discussed and acted upon during the meeting:



Consent Agenda – Items considered routine and approved by one vote:

- March 2024 payroll claims
- Accounts Payable claims through April 3, 2024
- City Council meeting minutes of March 26, 2024 and April 2, 2024
- Review and accept the Planning Commission, Parks Board, Economic Development Advisory Board, and Community Human Services Advisory Board, 2024 work plans
- Accept the project with Marshbank Construction for the 177th Ave Sewer Replacement Project Contract Number 2023-072, and begin the 45-Day Lien Period; and authorize release of retainage bond upon filing of Notice of Completion and receipt of State of Washington releases.6.10 Approve Purchase for the Diesel Generator and Automatic Transfer Switch for the 179th Ave Sewer Lift Station from Cummins through the Purchasing Cooperative Sourcewell in the amount of \$116,078.87
- Authorize the Mayor to sign the Local Agency Consultant Agreement with ExelTech Consulting, Inc. authorizing Construction Management services for the 179th Avenue Sidewalk Project, M2021-0037; in an amount not to exceed \$153,338
- Award the 179th Avenue Sidewalk Project construction contract in the amount of \$581,197.00 to Colacurcio Brothers, Inc. Authorize the Mayor to sign the construction contract thereto; expressly authorize minor changes to

the contract as deemed necessary and appropriate; and expressly authorize a contingency amount of twenty percent per Section 5 of the Procurement Policies & Procedures

- Authorize the Mayor to sign a purchase order quote for Currie Park playground equipment including installation, utilizing King County Directors Association: BID #22-315, through Northwest Playground Equipment in an amount of \$669,536.98

Staff Reports:

- Human Services
- Parks

Mayor/City Administrator Reports:

- City Administrator Deborah Knight reminded Council of upcoming meetings
- I reported on the State of the City speech I gave at the Chamber luncheon

UPCOMING CITY COUNCIL MEETING SCHEDULE

The City Council will next meet in a Regular Study Session Meeting on Tuesday, April 16. 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 16 agenda, which can be accessed by clicking the button below.

[Council Agendas/Minutes](#)

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