



# MONROE THIS WEEK

June 7, 2024



*This weekend will be event“full” in Monroe, as will the approaching summer. First, I’d like to congratulate the Monroe High School Graduating Class of 2024! As tradition goes, the Senior Car Parade, sponsored by the Monroe Rotary Club, will travel along Main Street this evening from 6:00 - 7:30 p.m., from Fryelands Elementary to Frank Wagner Elementary. We wish the graduates all the best in their future endeavors.*



*Saturday kicks off the **Lake Tye Challenge**, a new ultramarathon, that we’re excited is being held at Lake Tye. Come to the Park and cheer on the runners! The first start time is 5 a.m. for the 12-hour race. The second start time is 11 a.m. for the six-hour race and the third start time is 2 p.m. for the three-hour race. Best of luck to all the participants and congratulations (in advance) to the winners!*

*The weekend wraps up on Sunday with the fourth **annual Pride event** at **Sky River Park** from 12 - 4 p.m. Eat, drink, and shop your way through the Park while celebrating our LGBTQ community through music and live*

performances.

We are two weeks away from officially becoming summer, and I encourage you to enjoy the warmer days ahead at many events and activities in and around Monroe. We appreciate you choosing Monroe for your summer fun. View our **2024 Events Brochure** and sign up to receive event information published by the Monroe Chamber of Commerce from its **“Choose Monroe” website**. (The Choose Monroe campaign is funded in part by the City’s lodging tax funds.)

Thank you for catching up on city news in Monroe This Week Please contact me at **GThomas@monroewa.gov** with what’s on your mind about Monroe.

Yours in Service,



Mayor Geoffrey Thomas

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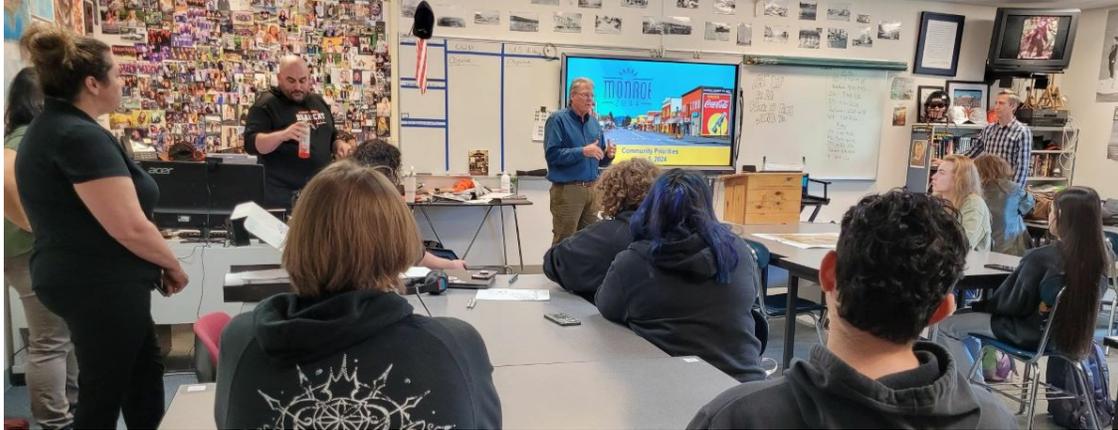
## **MORE PUBLIC INVOLVEMENT OPPORTUNITIES ON COMPREHENSIVE PLAN UPDATE**

Thank you to the Monroe High School senior civic and government students and community members who participated in “Monroe 2044” activities on June 5. City staff shared proposed goals and policies for our **Comprehensive Plan Update**, engaged participants in a unique land use game, and accepted comments on the Draft Supplemental Environmental Impact Statement (EIS).



Public involvement opportunities continue for you to give input into Monroe’s future land use, housing, economic development, infrastructure investment and transportation services. You are encouraged to take a **survey** by June 30 where you rate the importance of these goals and objectives. Additionally, we hope that you submit comments on the **Draft Supplemental EIS** by June 14 4:30 p.m. Visit **Monroe2044.com** to access the survey and DSEIS document.

Comments received on the Draft Supplemental EIS and at our engagement events will be considered in developing a Final Supplemental EIS anticipated to be published in the fall. The **Planning Commission** continues its work in considering proposed changes to chapters of the Comprehensive Plan. Giving public comments at the Commission meetings is another opportunity for input.



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## NEW COMMUNICATION BOARDS IN CITY PARKS

This past Friday I attended the Communication Board Ribbon Cutting Ceremony at Lake Tye Park. Elected officials and members of the Monroe Kiwanis Club gathered to celebrate the installation of the City's first communication board. A communication board (see photo) is a board with symbols or pictures that is used to facilitate communication for children with limited expressive language ability. Funding for the communication boards was generously provided by the Monroe Kiwanis Club. This is one of three communication boards purchased with help from Kiwanis. The other two boards will be installed this summer at Sky River Park and Blueberry Children's Park. The Monroe Rotary Club has also committed funding to purchasing communication boards for other park sites. Our goal is to have a board at all playground areas in our parks. Thank you to all in our community for your generous support of this initiative!



## LIFE JACKET LOANERS AT LAKE TYE

We are pleased to have a new Life Jacket Loaner Cabinet at **Lake Tye**. Everyone should wear a properly fitted life jacket while in the water. Infant, youth, and adult life jackets are available on loan at no charge. When you are finished using the life jacket, we ask that you return it to the cabinet.



Life jacket loaner stations/cabinets are located at many marinas, launch sites, and State parks. The goal is to increase the use of life jackets and educate boaters about the importance of wearing a properly fitted life jacket. Life jacket loaner cabinets are open Memorial Day (May) through Labor Day (September).

If you can't find a loaner cabinet where you're headed, stop by Snohomish Regional Fire & Rescue (SRFR) **Station 31 on Village Court** in Monroe to borrow a jacket. The State parks boating program partners with the Washington Drowning Prevention Network and local agencies to coordinate the life jackets. The Lake Tye Loaner Cabinet is made possible by a partnership between the City of Monroe **Parks and Recreation Department**, **SRFR** and **Snohomish County Safe Kids**.

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## MONTHLY BUSINESS NEWSLETTER PUBLISHED

Each month, our Economic Development Office publishes an e-newsletter dedicated to information and resources for Monroe businesses. The **June edition is out** and features information about federal contracting opportunities, a learning opportunity for small and disadvantaged businesses, information about energy assistance grants, free training and loan offered by the Small Business Administration, upcoming events, and more. To subscribe to Monroe Business, go to our **"Sign Up For" webpage**.



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## FIREWORKS FYIs

It's hard to believe June is here and it feels like July 4 is fast approaching. We join our public safety partners in encouraging you to celebrate Independence Day safely and reminds Monroe residents to please keep the following in mind:



- The sale of consumer fireworks (e.g., Roman candles, rockets, sparklers, firecrackers) is allowed within city limits from July 1 through July 4 from 9 a.m. to 11 p.m.
- The discharge of consumer fireworks is allowed within city limits on July 4 from 9 a.m. to midnight.
- The discharge of fireworks on city property, including parks, parking lots and sidewalks, is against the law. Discharging fireworks on school-owned property and county, state, and federal parkland is also illegal.
- Call 9-1-1 to report a fire caused by fireworks, injury from fireworks or the illegal making of fireworks.

Call Snohomish 911's non-emergency line at 425-407-3999 to report the illegal discharge, discharge outside the allowed hours, and lighting fireworks in a banned area.

In the coming weeks, more information about fireworks rules and safety will be shared on the [City's Facebook](#), [webpage](#), and this publication.

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## SUMMER NUTRITION PROGRAM, LOANABLE COMPUTERS AND UTILITY ASSISTANCE

The Monroe community is fortunate to have human services programs to assist those in need. Three programs we'd like to share with you include:

1. **SUN Bucks** is a new grocery benefit available through the federal nutrition program (EBT). Families with eligible school-aged children can get \$120 per child to buy groceries during the summer. Families can receive SUN Bucks on top of other benefits like SNAP and WIC, and children can continue to enjoy free **SUN Meals** from local meal sites or with **SUN Meals To-Go**.
2. The **Sno-Isle Libraries** offers a loanable laptop program and hotspot wi-fi connection to unserved and underserved communities. A library card is required but you can check out a laptop for up to three weeks.
3. **Snohomish County's Energy Assistance Program** is accepting applications for all types of utility assistance including support for all fuel types, grants, repairs, and air conditioners. You can apply online, over the phone, or in-person at the County Campus in Everett.



Visit our [Human Services Program webpage](#) for more resources or download our [Community Resource and Support Guide](#)

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## UPCOMING CITY COUNCIL MEETING SCHEDULE

The next City Council meeting is scheduled for June 11, 2024. To view the

meeting agenda, click the button below. City Council meetings are re-broadcasted on the [City's YouTube Channel \(@MonroeWA\)](#).

Council Agendas/Minutes

## CITY COUNCIL MEMBERS



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



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