



# MONROE THIS WEEK

June 21, 2024



*This Saturday, the Monroe Chamber of Commerce will be putting on the annual **Downtown Summer Block Party** on Main Street. Join the community for this eventful street fair featuring live music, food, vendors, and other activities. The event will run from 3 to 7 p.m.*

*This week's edition of Monroe This Week will include details on:*

- *Municipal Campus Remodel Update*
- *Community Priorities Online Survey*
- *Fireworks in Monroe*
- *Friday Building Inspections Resume*
- *SR203 Closure Extended*
- *Downtown Monroe Summer Block Party*



*Thank you for keeping up to date with city news and happenings. 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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## UPDATE: MUNICIPAL CAMPUS REMODEL

With under-slab utilities installed, concrete floor poured, and steel columns assembled, the remodels of City Hall and Municipal Court are beginning to take shape. In the coming months, exterior walls, beams, and the roof will be built.

The City's contractor, Bayley Construction, continues to meet construction milestones and expects external construction to be substantially completed by the end of this year. Then interior construction activities such as finishes, fixtures, and equipment can begin. Additionally, improvements to the parking lot and landscaping on the west side of City Hall are anticipated to be complete before the end of the year. Construction schedules are subject to change and often do.

Due to construction adjacent to the Police Department, the lobby will temporarily close Monday, June 24. Visit the [Police Department webpage](#) to find services that are available online.

The Municipal Campus includes City Hall, Municipal Court, Police Department and the Public Works/Parks Operations Building. A Campus Master Plan, approved in 2008, identified projects aimed at improving public access to services, reducing environmental impacts, improving security and emergency response access, and acquiring and improving campus buildings for public works and parks operations.

Monroe's population has increased in recent years and city infrastructure, such as roads and facilities, need to meet increased demand for city services. To better provide customer service to the community and among staff, City Hall and Monroe Municipal Court are being remodeled to improve public access to and within the building, enhance city service coordination among departments, and replace and repair building systems for energy efficiency.

An evaluation of operations and space in the Administrative Wing concluded remodeling would be less expensive than purchasing land to build a new campus. In March 2023, the City Council authorized construction funding – estimated at \$17 million - through issuance of general obligation bonds – known as councilmanic bonds. These bonds will be paid within existing revenue over the next 35 years and are not an increase in property taxes. Visit the [Municipal Campus Improvement Project webpage](#) for more information.



## COMPREHENSIVE PLAN UPDATE: COMMUNITY PRIORITIES ONLINE SURVEY

As we continue with our Comprehensive Plan Update and build on the community's input we have received to-date, we would like to hear from more community members about what is important for Monroe to accommodate its future housing and employment growth. Please take the Community Priorities Survey [here](#) by June 30.

Please reflect your thoughts on:

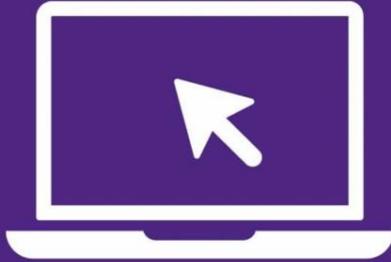
- Whether our Guiding Principles align with our **Imagine Monroe Vision Statement**,
- Whether our proposed land use goals achieve balance between future development, environmental protection and government transparency,
- Whether our draft economic development aims to create thriving commercial centers and be an outdoor and adventure destination are important to you,
- How we can best provide transportation services that serve all ages and abilities.

Be sure to add your specific comments to the Land Use Alternative Map.

Please share your insights and see what others are saying about proposed updates to our Comprehensive Plan for land use, housing, economic development, infrastructure investment and transportation services. For more information regarding the Comprehensive Plan Update, visit



# Survey Open!



Take the  
**Comprehensive  
Plan Community  
Priorities Survey**

[Monroe2044.com](http://Monroe2044.com)

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## FIREWORKS IN MONROE; WHAT YOU NEED TO KNOW

If you are planning July 4 celebrations that involve consumer fireworks (Roman candles, sparklers, firecrackers), please remember:

- You can buy fireworks July 1-4 from 9 a.m. to 11 p.m.
- You can discharge consumer fireworks on July 4 from 9 a.m. to midnight.
- Call 9-1-1 to report a fire or serious injury caused by fireworks.
- Call 425-407-3999 to report non-emergencies such as the discharge of fireworks outside the restricted time or in a banned area.



View this [informational flyer](#) for safety tips or visit our [Fireworks webpage](#) for more information.

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## FRIDAY BUILDING INSPECTIONS RESUME JULY 12

With the City's **building division** fully staffed, starting July 12, the department will return to conducting building inspections on Fridays. You can request building inspections online at [this link](#) or by calling 360-863-4545, option 1 and leaving a detailed message. Please note requests must be submitted by 4 pm on the business



day before the requested inspection. Staff will do their best to address requests in a timely manner.

## SATURDAY, MONROE SUMMER BLOCK PARTY

Join us tomorrow, June 22, from 3 p.m. to 7 p.m. on West Main Street for the annual Downtown Monroe Summer Block Party hosted by the **Monroe Chamber of Commerce**. Indulge in a variety of foods, dance to live music, explore unique items at vendor booths, try your hand at axe throwing, and witness the magic of unicorns. The Block Party has fun and activities for all ages.

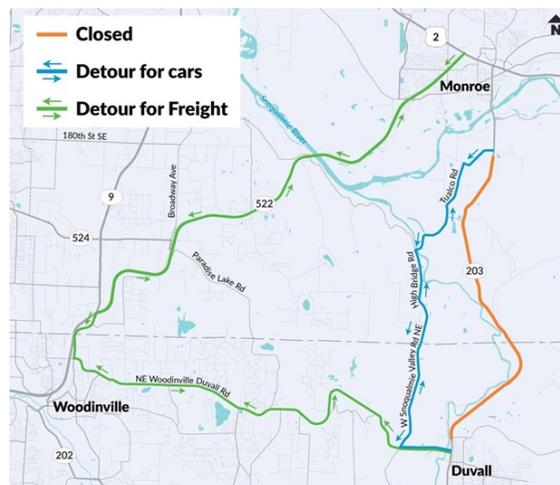
Road Closure Notice: West Main Street will be closed just after W. Fremont Street to S. Lewis Street from 11 a.m. to 8 p.m. A detour will be provided.



## SR203 ROAD CLOSURE EXTENDED, JUNE 21-26

Please be advised SR 203 will close between Monroe and Duvall from 8 p.m. Friday, June 21, through 4 a.m. on Wednesday, June 26, while the Washington State Department of Transportation (WSDOT) constructs a new roundabout on SR203 at the intersection with High Rock Road and 203rd Street SE.

During the closure, only local traffic will be allowed south of Tualco Road (milepost 22) on the Monroe side, and north of NE Woodinville Duvall Road (milepost 15) on the Duvall side. All other traffic must use one of two signed detours. Plan for extra travel time if you are headed this way.



After the closure, there will be a noticeable change in the way you use this route. WSDOT is building a compact roundabout to improve safety, to make it easier for travelers to get in and out of High Rock Rd/203rd St SE, and to make it easier for large trucks to navigate.

For more information, check out the [project page](#).

# UPCOMING CITY COUNCIL MEETING SCHEDULE

The next City Council Business Meeting is scheduled for Tuesday, June 25, 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](#)

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Have a question for your Councilmembers?  
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