



MONROE THIS WEEK

June 28, 2024



In a proclamation, I will recognize July 4, 2024 as Independence Day. Nearly 248 years ago the Declaration of Independence was ratified by representatives from the thirteen original states proclaiming to the world the core principles and values upon which our nation was to be founded and sustained. Since the Declaration of Independence, our nation has continued to work toward realizing these core values and principles. This Fourth of July, please get together with one another – with friends, family, and neighbors – to celebrate Independence Day. Please read my message contained in this newsletter for tips on how to have a safe Fourth of July. Please note that City administrative offices will be closed in observance of July 4 and due to the holiday, Monroe This Week will not be published July 5. Be safe and have a happy Independence Day!



In another proclamation earlier this week, I recognized the month of July 2024 as Parks and Recreation Month. Our parks and recreation programs are

*an integral part of Monroe and are vitally important to maintaining high quality of life and environmental well-being in our community. Monroe's vision statement, *Imagine Monroe*, aspires that the city will continue to be a "lively center surrounded by nature" where "our parks, waterways, and environment are healthy and accessible for all to enjoy." Let us celebrate the parks and recreation professionals who help cultivate this crucial part of Monroe's character. I encourage Monroe residents, businesses, and visitors to seek out the city's park facilities and enjoy recreational events.*

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

- *Fourth of July Safety Tips*
- *Upcoming Projects for the annual Pavement Program*
- *Lake Tye Science Day*
- *Nautique WWA Wakeboard & Wakesurf National Championships*
- *New Choose Monroe Issue and Survey*
- *Veterans Art Council Call for Artists*
- *Service Alert for Republic Services Customers*

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.

Yours in Service,



Mayor Geoffrey Thomas

TIPS FOR A SAFE JULY 4

Your Independence Day celebration may involve fireworks. I can't stress enough the importance of being safe when handling them and understanding the impacts they have on property, neighbors, and pets.

A few reminders:

- The discharge of fireworks is allowed from 9 a.m. to midnight on July 4.
- The discharge of fireworks in city parks is prohibited (year-round)
- The synthetic turf fields at Lake Tye Park will be locked promptly at 5 p.m. on July 4 and re-opened on July 5.
- Never allow children to play with or light fireworks.
- Never point or throw fireworks at another person.
- Never ignite fireworks in a container.
- Never place a part of your body directly over a firework or hold a firework in your hand when lighting.
- Keep pets indoors, close curtains or blinds, and turn on the TV or radio to provide some distraction.
- Clean up all debris from spent fireworks.

Additional safety tips can be found at <https://bit.ly/monroefireworks> and in the June edition of the **Choose Monroe Magazine**.

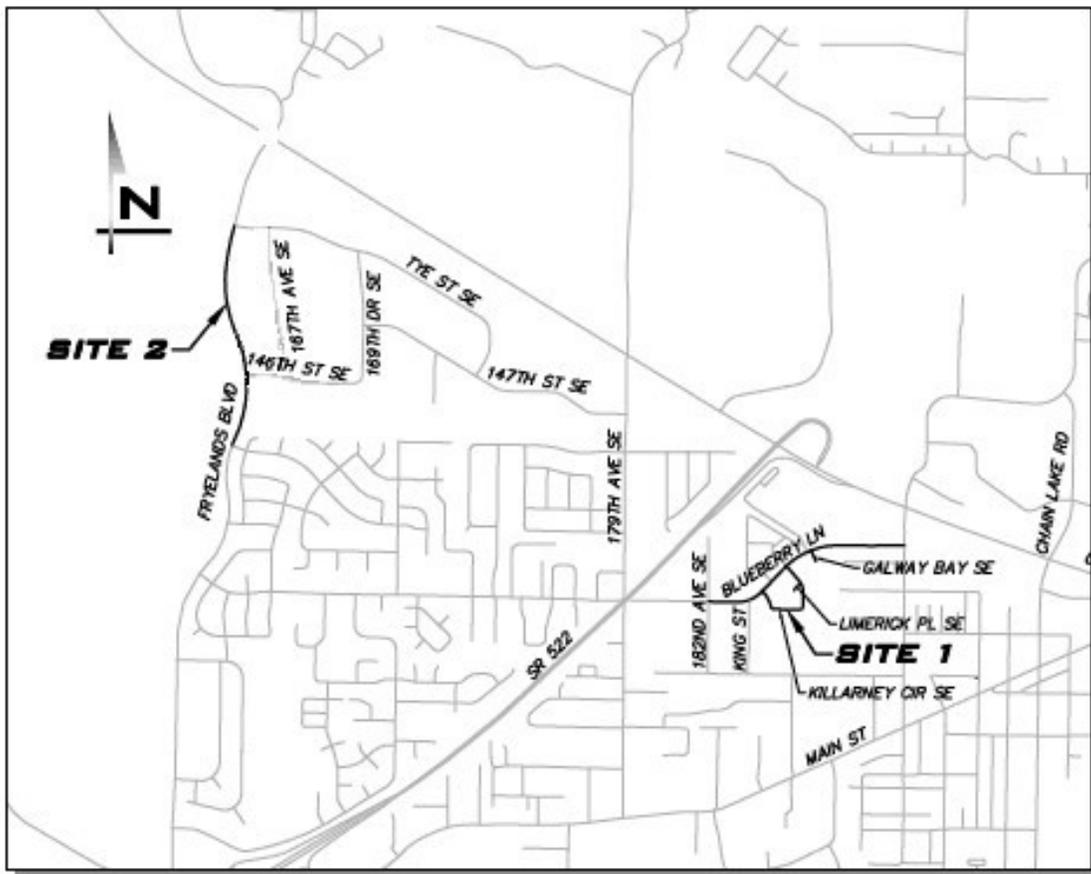
Please review the following information regarding contacting the Monroe Police Department.

- Call 9-1-1 to report fire or injury caused by fireworks or the illegal making of fireworks.
- Call 425-407-3999 (non-emergency) to report illegal or nuisance fireworks where there is no immediate threat to life or property, no active fire, or no active injury.
- Call 360-794-6300 to report a lost or found animal.



Annual Pavement Program: Upcoming Projects

The City of Monroe operates an annual pavement program to maintain our roadways and update nearby sidewalk ramps to current federal standards. This year, street projects include Frylands Blvd and Blueberry Ln with construction scheduled to begin July 1 at both locations. Frylands Blvd will be reduced to 25 MPH and one lane of travel from August 5 to August 30. The intersection at Wales St and Frylands Blvd will be closed to east and west traffic from August 5 to August 7. Additionally, Blueberry Ln will be closed with local access only from July 8 to August 2. Thank you for your understanding and patience while we work to improve our community.



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LAKE TYE SCIENCE DAY JULY 20

Save the date for our second annual Lake Tye Science Day hosted by the City and the Snohomish Conservation district. Join us on Saturday, July 20 from 10am-12pm for science demonstrations, hands-on activities, and games about the many wonderful ways we can protect our streams, lakes, and salmon. Light snacks will be provided so you can refuel between activities. People of all ages are invited to attend, but the event will be most exciting for families with children in kindergarten through fifth grade. Bathrooms will be available! Park near the playground and tennis courts. We hope to see you there!

LAKE TYE SCIENCE DAY

Pre-K - 5th grade | July 20, 2024 | 10 AM-12 PM
14964 Fryelands Blvd, Monroe, WA 98272 - Next to the playground

Join us for educational fun about the environment!

Our local lakes help us cool off in the summer, let's make sure they stay healthy!

Take part in...

- science demonstrations
- hands-on activities
- games about the many ways we help keep our water clean!

LEARN MORE AND REGISTER AT
<https://tinyurl.com/5n8snrta>

When: Saturday, July 20, 10 a.m. to 12 p.m.

Where: 14964 Fryelands Blvd, Monroe, WA 98272

NAUTIQUE WWA WAKEBOARD & WAKESURF CHAMPIONSHIPS RETURN

Save the date. I'm thrilled to announce the return of this exciting event to Lake Tye July 25-28 beginning at 9am daily. This event will bring world-class athletes to Monroe this summer. The championships are hosted by **The World Wake Association** and includes competitors of all ages and skill levels. Both events are free to the public. Grab a blanket, pick up some food from the restaurants adjacent to the lake, snag a spot in the grass, and watch competitors from all over the country give it their all.



Read more about the event in our recent **Sky & Sno Adventure Guide article**.

NEW CHOOSE MONROE ISSUE AND SURVEY



The June issue of Choose Monroe is arriving in mailboxes this week! This issue highlights new additions to our parks including pickleball courts, outdoor dining options, new businesses, rainy-day activities such as the city's first escape room experience, and more! If you did not receive the publication, copies are available at the Visitor Center, Monroe Library, YMCA, Boys & Girls Club and various businesses around town or **read online here**.

In 2025, Choose Monroe will be transitioning to a once yearly publication which will publish in April. We value your opinion and want your feedback about topics to cover in future publications. Please take the time to share your thoughts here **<https://bit.ly/4ayBE7M>** so we may improve our City's publication for future years.

VETERANS ART COUNCIL CALL FOR ARTISTS

The Ward Roney Jr. VFW Post 7511 Veterans Art Council (VAC) has issued its second Call for Artists to populate their art gallery located at 125 E. Main St. #101 in the heart of downtown Monroe. Both two-dimensional and three-

dimensional artworks are eligible including, paintings, photographs, drawings, sculptures, glass, ceramics, leatherwork, metalwork, fabric, and woodworking.

While there is no specific theme, the VAC vision calls for artwork that is reflective of Monroe's and Sky Valley's rich history, and/or art that demonstrates a connection to veterans and military service. Selected artists will agree to have their artwork displayed for six months. Once a piece of art is sold, the artist will agree to donate a portion of the proceeds to Post 7511 to help further its mission of service to veterans and the community.



For more information or to apply, please follow the link to the [VAC Call for Artists Application and Intake Form](#).

SERVICE ALERT FOR REPUBLIC SERVICE CUSTOMERS: NO SERVICE ON JULY 4

Due to the July 4th holiday next Thursday, the Snohomish County Transfer Station will be closed. This means that Republic Services customers who receive garbage pickup on Thursdays will have their collections picked up on Friday. And customers that typically receive garbage pick-up on Fridays will have their collections picked up on Saturday. Normal collection days will resume the following week.



Republic Services: No collection on July 4th

For more information, visit Republic Services' website for Monroe at <https://www.republicservices.com/municipality/monroe-wa> or call 425-778-0188 (Residential customers) or 425-778-6508 (Commercial customers)

NOTE: Waste Management customers are not affected by this holiday service alert.

UPCOMING CITY COUNCIL MEETING SCHEDULE

The next City Council Business Meeting is scheduled for Tuesday, July 9, 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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