



# MONROE THIS WEEK

July 19, 2024



*As we approach mid-summer, I extend an invitation for you to take time for yourselves and enjoy the array of parks and city events throughout Monroe. Information on upcoming events can be found in this newsletter. This edition of Monroe This Week will include details on:*

- *Council Member Walker's Certificate in Municipal Leadership*
- *Pickleball Ribbon Cutting*
- *Upcoming Events*
- *Temporary Signs 101*
- *Summer Grocery Benefit Program*



*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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## **CITY COUNCIL MEMBER JACOB WALKER EARNS CERTIFICATE IN MUNICIPAL LEADERSHIP**

I would like to extend a warm congratulations to Council Member Jacob Walker for earning his Certificate of Municipal Leadership from the Association of Washington Cities (AWC). This certificate represents a continued commitment from Council Member Walker to broadening his knowledge of municipal leadership and serving our community. In achieving this certificate, Council Member Walker completed over 30 hours of credits, partaking in trainings covering five core areas:



- Roles, responsibilities, and legal requirements
- Public sector resource management
- Community planning and development
- Effective local leadership
- Diversity, equity, inclusion, and belonging

Thank you, Council Member Walker, for your hard work in completing this program. And thank you for your dedication to supporting our community.

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## **PICKLEBALL RIBBON CUTTING JULY 23**



Join me for the ribbon cutting ceremony at Sky River Park (413 Sky River Pkwy) on Tuesday July 23 at 4 p.m. for the brand new pickleball-only courts. Our community requested more pickleball courts and I'm happy to announce they are opening. These courts will be open to the public on a first come, first serve basis and will include a permanent net.

More improvements include the resurfacing

of the Lake Tye tennis courts, expected to begin Monday, July 22 and be completed by the end of July.

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## UPCOMING EVENTS - WALK TO REMEMBER, RENAISSANCE FAIRE, AND WAKEBOARD NATIONAL CHAMPIONSHIPS

The Washington Midsummer Renaissance Faire starts this weekend and takes place over the next five weekends. The event is located at Sky Meadows Park off Tester Road (18601 Sky Meadows Lane, Snohomish). Every weekend has a specific theme, making each a unique experience. Each weekend will also bring in roughly 10,000 visitors through Monroe and to our lodgings and businesses. For more information, visit [www.washingtonfaire.com](http://www.washingtonfaire.com).



The Nautique Wakesurf Series and the Nautique WWA Wakeboard National Championships are here. The event will begin set up on Tuesday, July 23 and start competitions Thursday, July 25. Riders will be on the water from roughly 9 a.m.-5 p.m. Thursday through Sunday. Please be advised, this event includes a full road closure of Fryelands Blvd. between 146th Street SE and Tye Street: Tuesday, July 23 at 8 a.m. through Monday, July 29 at 8 a.m. A detour will be provided. Grab your friends, kids, and/or family and head to the lake for this free event.

The Compassionate Friends of Snohomish County is joining with dozens of Chapters and thousands of bereaved across the country in a “Walk to Remember” on Saturday, July 20, 9 a.m. at Sky River Park. This event honors and remembers children, brothers, sisters, grandchildren, and other family members who have died.

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## TEMPORARY SIGNS 101

We know that temporary signs such as an a-board advertising a real estate open house, a stake sign marketing a landscape business, a banner announcing a sale or a campaign sign, are a vital way to convey information. We also know that people who live, work, and visit here appreciate the visual aesthetics of Monroe, including sidewalks and public right-of-way free of sign clutter.

But did you know that the City allows temporary signs if they are permitted and that there is no fee for the permit? The **City’s sign code** regulates the size, number, duration, and location of temporary signs. A temporary sign, as the name implies, is intended to be on display for a limited time.

Temporary signs cannot be affixed to utility poles, placed on a sidewalk or in public right-of-way or be illuminated.

Community members and businesses in Monroe using temporary signs are required to have them permitted. Permitting provides for a small decal to be applied to the sign noting its approval and duration to be on display.

Please visit our [Temporary Sign webpage](#) to learn more and contact our Community Development Department at 360-863-4501 or [landuse@monroewa.gov](mailto:landuse@monroewa.gov).

A graphic with a blue background and a green footer. On the left, there is a black utility pole with a yellow sign that says "LOST DOG CALL 555-5555" and a white sign that says "NOW OPEN!". The Monroe Washington logo is in the top left. The text "Temporary Sign Permit Info" is written in large white letters on the right. The website "www.monroewa.gov" is written in blue on the green footer.

**Temporary Sign Permit Info**

[www.monroewa.gov](http://www.monroewa.gov)

## SUMMER GROCERY BENEFIT PROGRAM



Washington State has launched its **Summer EBT “SUN Bucks” program**, providing \$120 in grocery benefits to eligible residents. Children may be automatically enrolled if they are:

- *Aged 8-18 and a member of a household that receives Supplemental Nutrition Assistance Program, the state-funded Food Assistance Program, Temporary Assistance for Needy Families or State-Funded Assistance, or*
- *Enrolled at a school that offers the National School Lunch Program (NSLP) or School Breakfast Program (SBP), qualify for free or reduced-price meals at school and are living in a household that meets **Income Eligibility Guidelines** to qualify for free or reduced-price meals.*

Parents of children who are not automatically enrolled in SUN Bucks may submit a SUN Bucks application. To qualify for SUN Bucks via application, children must be:

- *Enrolled at a school that offers the NSLP or SBP, and*

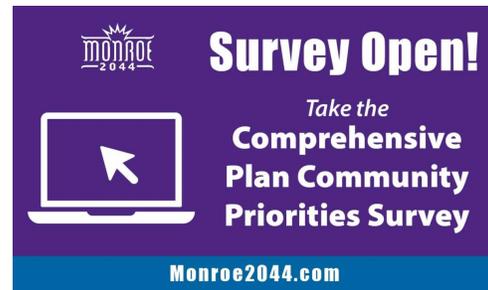
- *Living in a household that meets NSLP Income Eligibility Guidelines to qualify for free or reduced-price meals*

If you have eligibility and application questions, please contact the SUN Bucks Customer Service Contact Center at 1-833-543-3230 between the hours of 8 a.m. and 5 p.m., Monday through Friday. For more information visit **SUN Programs: USDA's Summer Nutrition Programs for Kids | Food and Nutrition Service**

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## COMPREHENSIVE PLAN ONLINE SURVEY CLOSES JULY 31

Our Community Priorities Survey closes Wednesday, July 31. If you haven't already, please share your thoughts on proposed land use, housing, economic development, infrastructure, and transportation services goals at **<https://monroe2044.consider.it>**.



Thanks to everyone who has participated in the process to update our Comprehensive Plan. To learn more, visit **[Monroe2044.com](https://monroe2044.com)**.

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## UPCOMING CITY COUNCIL MEETING SCHEDULE

The next City Council Business Meeting is scheduled for Tuesday, July 23, 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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