



# MONROE THIS WEEK

July 26, 2024



*Thank you for keeping up to date with city news and happenings. This edition of Monroe This Week will include details on:*

- *Parks & Public Safety Levy on the November Ballot*
- *Commute Trip Reduction Survey*
- *Storybook Theater in Monroe*
- *Municipal Campus Remodel Update*
- *Solicitors in Neighborhoods*
- *Deputy Police Chief Spotlight*

*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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## PARKS & PUBLIC SAFETY LEVY ON NOVEMBER BALLOT



**At its July 23 meeting**, the City Council unanimously approved the resolution to place Proposition 1, Parks & Public Safety Levy Lid Lift, on the ballot in the November general election. If approved by a simple majority of Monroe voters, Proposition 1 would allow the City to set its levy rate to \$1.08 per \$1,000 of assessed value (AV), providing permanent funding to invest in parks maintenance and public safety services.

Monroe residents and businesses place high value on quality parks and recreation and community safety. The Council's decision to move forward with a ballot measure was in support of these community priorities. As you consider Proposition 1, please learn more about this decision, the impacts should Proposition 1 pass or fail, and the effect on your property taxes should the levy be approved by Monroe voters.

Proposition 1 seeks an additional \$0.22 per \$1,000 of assessed value (AV) and would provide an annual revenue of slightly more than \$1 million to address a longstanding deficiency in parks maintenance staff levels and convert a temporary Community Services Officer (CSO) position in the Police Department to permanent and hire a public safety position. The \$1.08/\$1,000 AV levy rate would equate to about \$10.84 per month for an average

homeowner in Monroe based on Snohomish County's average property value of \$591,000 in Monroe.

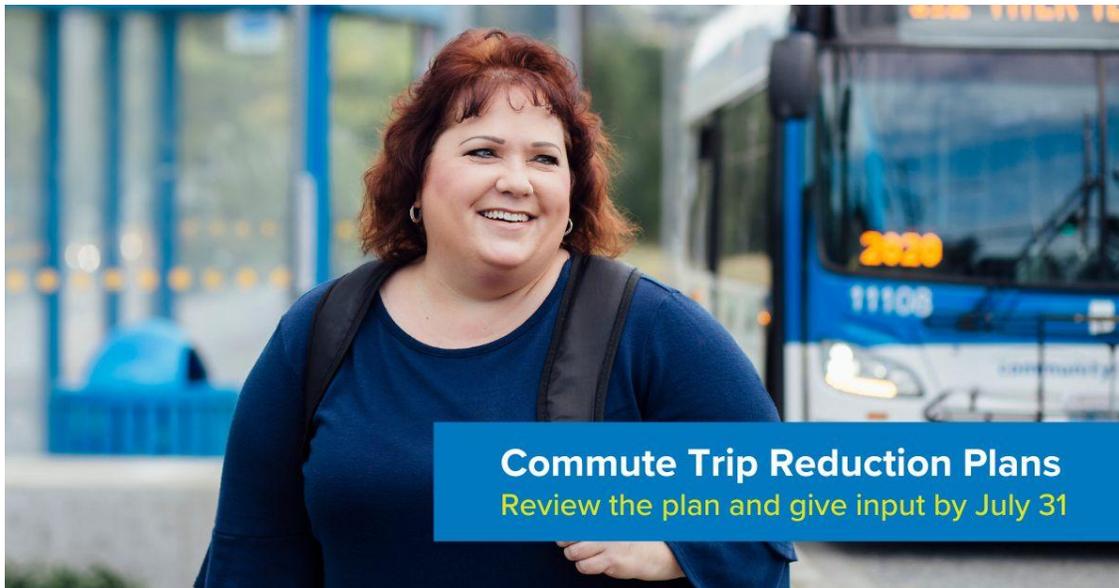
If you are interested in serving on the Pro or Con Committee to draft a statement in the voter's pamphlet about Proposition 1, please contact our City Clerk's Office by Aug. 5 at 4:00 p.m. (Email and phone are listed below). To learn more about these committees, [view this flyer](#).

In the coming weeks, more detailed information will be made available through this newsletter, our website, and social media. Please attend the National Night Out event at Lake Tye Park on Aug. 6 and speak with city staff about Proposition 1. Please visit the [Proposition 1 informational webpage](#) we've created and email [cityclerk@monroewa.gov](mailto:cityclerk@monroewa.gov) or call 360-794-7400 should you have specific questions.

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## COMMUTE TRIP REDUCTION SURVEY - COMPLETE BY JULY 31

If you commute to work in Monroe, we would appreciate your feedback on our amended Commute Trip Reduction (CTR) Plan. Several Snohomish County cities are joining Community Transit in updating our CTR plans. These Plans include strategies to reduce traffic congestion, air pollution, and fuel consumption by encouraging alternative transportation options for commuters (other than driving alone.) Please take a look at our draft 2025-2029 CTR Plan and take a quick questionnaire at <https://ctgo.org/ctrplans> by Wed., July 31.



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## STORYBOOK THEATER COMES TO MONROE

We are excited to welcome StoryBook Theater to Sky River Park on Saturday, August 17 at 11:00 a.m. and 1:00 p.m. This is a free, live musical for ages 3-10. Based on familiar fairy tales, each show has catchy songs, a life lesson, and a happy ending. This performance will be on A Little Mermaid and will run approximately 55 minutes. Grab a chair or

blanket and head to the park for some family fun.



## UPDATE: MUNICIPAL CAMPUS REMODEL

In recent weeks, exterior walls have been built forming City Hall in the Administrative Wing of the Municipal Campus (photo to right) and the exterior entrance wall to Monroe Municipal Court, connecting it the Police Department in the Justice Wing (photo below). The Police Department lobby remains closed as construction activities completing the Court's entrance area continue.



Improvements to the west entrance of the Campus include new curb and sidewalk, with the parking lot being paved soon.

The Municipal Campus includes City Hall, Monroe Municipal Court, Police Department and the Public Works/Parks Operations Building. For project background information, visit the [\*\*Municipal Campus Improvement webpage\*\*](#).



## SOLICITORS IN NEIGHBORHOODS



In recent weeks, the Monroe Police Department has received a number of notifications and concerns regarding solicitors in neighborhoods. As a reminder, please see below a summary of the rules surrounding solicitation in Monroe:

### **All peddlers, solicitors, and transient merchants**

must first register with the City Clerk's office before conducting any business. This registration includes providing information about their identity, the nature of their business, and a list of all individuals involved. A valid registration certificate must be carried at all times during their activities.

Solicitors are prohibited from operating between 9 pm and 8 am unless a prior appointment has been arranged. Additionally, if your residence has a "No Solicitors" or similar sign displayed, solicitors should respect this and refrain from approaching your home. For those conducting business in public spaces, please note that they do not have exclusive rights to any location and should avoid congested areas to prevent public inconvenience.

Remember, these regulations are in place to protect the community and maintain a pleasant environment for everyone. Violations can result in fines and other penalties. More information on the regulations for solicitors can be found in **Monroe Municipal Code 5.08**. If you are concerned about a solicitor in a neighborhood, please call 911.

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## MONROE DEPUTY POLICE CHIEF HIGHLIGHTED IN BEHIND THE BADGE FOUNDATION NEWSLETTER

Join me in congratulating Deputy Chief Ryan Irving from the Monroe Police Department for his recent spotlight in the Behind the Badge Foundation (BtBF) July 2024 newsletter. In 2022, Deputy Chief Irving joined BtBF's Line of Duty Death Response Team committing himself to helping serve families and agencies impacted by line-of-duty death. His journey with the BtBF underscores his commitment to honoring fallen officers and supporting their families during their toughest times. His leadership, attention to detail, humility and empathy have made him a vital asset to both the City's Police department and the BtBF. Congratulations to Deputy Chief Irving for this well-deserved recognition and for his continued exemplary service to our community.



## UPCOMING CITY COUNCIL MEETING SCHEDULE

The next City Council Meeting is scheduled for Tuesday, July 30, 2024. To view the meeting agenda, click the button below. City Council meetings are re-broadcasted on the [City's YouTube Channel \(@MonroeWA\)](#).

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