



# MONROE THIS WEEK

August 2, 2024



*In 2021 the Ward Roney Jr Veterans of Foreign Wars Post 7511, which represents and advocates for veterans in the community of Monroe, requested the City of Monroe to declare itself a “Purple Heart City.” The City Council and I did so to honor and remember those wounded and who have lost their lives in action and in service to our country. I have again issued **a proclamation** this past week, declaring Aug. 7 as Purple Heart Day in the City of Monroe and ask that you join me in remembering and honoring recipients of the Purple Heart Award in our words, hearts, and actions.*



*The Purple Heart Award was created in 1932 and was given to U.S. Army personnel; in 1942 the award was expanded to all branches of the military. It is the oldest military decoration in present use and was initially created as the Badge of Military Merit by General George Washington in 1782.*

*This edition of Monroe This Week will include details on:*

- *Pro/Con Committee Members Wanted for Proposition No. 1*

- National Night Out
- Movies Under The Moon
- Annual USA Triathlon
- BBQ Recycling Tips

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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## PRO/CON COMMITTEE MEMBERS WANTED FOR PROPOSITION 1

As part of the ballot measure process, Washington State law requires cities to seek residents to be appointed to serve on either the pro or con committee for a ballot measure. With Monroe's **Proposition 1, Parks & Public Safety Levy Lid Lift**, in the November general election, members are wanted for both committees. Contact our City Clerk's Office by Monday Aug. 5 at 4 p.m. at 360-794-7400 or [cityclerk@monroewa.gov](mailto:cityclerk@monroewa.gov) if you are interested in either committee. Download an **informational flyer** to learn more about serving as a Pro or Con Committee member.

Both committees work independently of the City to prepare a written statement advocating either approval or rejection of the ballot measure to appear in the Snohomish County Voter's Pamphlet. The committees will also have an opportunity to prepare and submit a rebuttal in response to the statement prepared by the opposition. The Pro/Con Statements will be due to Snohomish County Elections by 5 p.m. on August 16, 2024. Rebuttal statements are due by 5 p.m. on August 21, 2024.

Each committee is limited to three individuals, though an unlimited number of people can assist in the preparation of each statement. Only the three committee members' names will be included with the statement. Each Committee must designate a chair who is the primary contact for the Snohomish County Elections Office (Auditor's Office).

The Monroe community has consistently expressed that quality parks and recreation activities and community safety are high priorities and in response, **Proposition 1, Parks and Public Safety Services Levy Lid Lift** has been placed in the November 2024 general election. Proposition 1 addresses longstanding parks maintenance staffing deficiencies and supports police community safety services. If approved, the property tax levy rate would be set at \$1.08 per \$1,000 of assessed value (AV), which is a \$0.22/\$1,000 AV increase from the current levy rate. On average, a Monroe homeowner would pay about \$10.84 more a month in property taxes to the City if Proposition 1

passes.



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## NATIONAL NIGHT OUT AGAINST CRIME ANNUAL EVENT

Save the date for National Night Out Against Crime, Tuesday, Aug. 6 from 5:30-8:30 p.m. at Lake Tye Park. Rotary Club of Monroe is joining forces with Monroe Police Department, Snohomish Regional Fire and Rescue, and the City of Monroe to bring our community a free, fun, educational event about public safety and crime prevention. The event will include about 80 vendor booths, bouncy houses, a scavenger hunt, obstacle courses, free food and more! It's a night in Monroe you won't want to miss.



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## MOVIES UNDER THE MOON - FRIDAYS IN AUGUST

Grab your friends and family and come to Monroe's free Movies Under the Moon event at Lake Tye Park. This evening's showing is Super Mario Bros Movie (2023, PG, 92 min.) with live, pre-show music performed by Tarnished Brass. A free kids' activity sponsored by Monroe Lacrosse Club will begin at 8 p.m. The park's



concession stand Parkside Bites will be open for drinks, food and snacks prior to the movie which will begin at dusk (Approximately 15 min. after official sunset time). Bring a chair or blanket for a free night of fun at Lake Tye Park.

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## ANNUAL USA TRIATHLON - AUGUST 3

The Lake Tye Triathlon is returning Aug. 3 for the 15th Annual USA Triathlon Sanctioned race. Distances include Sprint, Olympic and Youth and the event also includes a Duathlon and Aquabike. For more event information visit <https://laketyetri.com>.



**ROAD CLOSURE:** There will be full road closure of Fryelands Blvd. North Bound from Currie Road SE to Tye Street and South Bound from Tye Street to Main Street. The closure will be in effect from 6 a.m. until 1 p.m. on Aug. 3.

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## BBQ RECYCLING TIPS



How about making your summer BBQ more sustainable when it comes to recycling? Republic Services encourages you to use compostable products like forks and plates and to recycle aluminum cans, glass jars, and plastic. Check out more great tips in [their flyer](#). You'll feel great after a good meal knowing you've put some sustainability into your summer BBQ.

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## UPCOMING CITY COUNCIL MEETING SCHEDULE

The next City Council Meeting is scheduled for Tuesday, August 13, 2024. To view the meeting agenda, click the button below. City Council meetings are re-broadcasted on the [City's YouTube Channel \(@MonroeWA\)](#).

## CITY COUNCIL MEMBERS



Councilmember  
Kevin Hanford



Councilmember  
Jacob Walker



Councilmember  
Jason Gamble



Councilmember  
Kirk Scarboro



Councilmember  
Heather Fulcher



Councilmember  
Tami Beaumont



Councilmember  
Kyle Fisher

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

