



# MONROE THIS WEEK

August 9, 2024



*Early this week the Rotary Club of Monroe worked with the Monroe Police Department, Snohomish Regional Fire and Rescue, and the City of Monroe to put on the annual National Night Out Against Crime. Thank you to all who joined me in participating and learning more about crime prevention and public safety in our community.*

*This week's issue of Monroe This Week will feature and provide details on:*

- *Proposition 1: Fact Sheet and FAQs*
- *Monroe Fair Days Parade and Road Closure*
- *Poverty 101 Workshop*
- *Annual Road Maintenance Program Roadwork*
- *August Monthly Business Newsletter*



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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## PROPOSITION 1: FACT SHEET & FREQUENTLY ASKED QUESTIONS

You may be learning more about **Proposition 1** – a levy lid lift to invest in our parks and public safety services – that Monroe voters will consider in the November General Election. We know you have questions about what is being asked for, the impacts to your property taxes, and what Monroe residents would get should Proposition 1 pass or fail.

If approved by a simple majority of Monroe voters, Proposition 1 will set the City's property tax levy rate at \$1.08 per \$1,000 assessed value (AV). The current levy rate is \$0.86/\$1,000 AV. If approved, a little more than \$1 million would be generated per year to permanently support parks maintenance and public safety staff and equipment.

We've created a Fact Sheet (available in **English** and in **Spanish**) and **Frequently Asked Questions** and encourage you to read them carefully.

If your neighborhood, business, or community group would like to schedule a presentation about Proposition 1, please email [cityclerk@monroewa.gov](mailto:cityclerk@monroewa.gov) or call City Hall at 360-794-7400.

## PROPOSITION

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## PARKS & PUBLIC SAFETY LEVY



## 86th ANNUAL MONROE FAIR DAYS PARADE RETURNS

It's almost fair time here in Monroe. On Saturday, August 24 from 11am to 1pm, over 10,000 spectators will line Main Street to watch over 100 floats and performances at our beloved Fair Days Parade. From the Seafair Pirates to the Monroe High School Marching Band & Cheerleaders, Racecars from Evergreen Speedway to Equestrian teams, there is something for everyone. This year's Fair Theme is Bright Lights, Summer Nights!



Please be advised this event does include multiple road closures. Main Street will be closed from 8am to 2pm. **Please see a full list of roads affected by the closure here.**

## POVERTY 101 WORKSHOP

**POVERTY 101**  #WeAreMonroeWA

PRESENTED BY EVERETT GOSPEL MISSION

Join us for this interactive learning experience as we:

- Understand the history, barriers, and challenges involved in poverty
- Evaluate our perceptions of people experiencing poverty
- Consider ways to connect with others
- Discover how to be a part of meaningful and effective change

CLASS COST: **FREE** (REGISTRATION REQUIRED)



**07 SEPTEMBER 2024**

 **MONROE COMMUNITY SENIOR CENTER**  
276 SKY RIVER PKWY, MONROE, WA 98272

 **9 AM – 1:30 PM**  
LUNCH PROVIDED

**REGISTER HERE:** 

In Monroe, everyone feels at home, and everyone feels they belong.

City of Monroe Human Services staff are excited to share our upcoming educational workshop, **Poverty 101**, with all of you. This class will be held on **Saturday, September 7th, 2024** from 9 am-1:30 pm at the Monroe Community Senior Center. Presented in collaboration with Everett Gospel Mission (EGM), Poverty 101 offers a series of engaging activities and discussions designed to deepen participants' comprehension of poverty dynamics and their impact on individuals and communities. While EGM is a faith-based organization, this class is secular and inclusive of all faith backgrounds.

Learning objectives of this class are to:

1. Enhance self-awareness regarding perceptions of poverty.
2. Describe how economic, political, and social structures contribute to the development and persistence of poverty.
3. Acquire insights into effective communication and relationship-building strategies, fostering healthier interactions between individuals from diverse socioeconomic backgrounds.

This class is open to all, and **attendance is free but space is limited, so registration is required if you would like to join.** Lunch will be provided.

Please register at: **Poverty 101**.

## ROAD MAINTENANCE PROGRAM: FRYELAND BLVD.



The City of Monroe's Annual Road Maintenance Program will continue to perform road work along northbound Fryelands Blvd. from Aug. 12 – 23 between 146 St. and Tye St. Traffic will be impacted with delays, and Fryelands Blvd. traffic will be moved onto the southbound lanes only.

Thank you for your patience as we work to maintain our streets.

## MONTHLY BUSINESS NEWSLETTER

Each month our Economic Development Office publishes the Monroe Business Newsletter about our efforts and regional and state initiatives to recruit, retain and expand businesses in the City of Monroe. Each edition is shared with more than 3,300+ subscribers. To receive "Monroe Business," via email, sign up **here**.

The July edition of “Monroe Business” was just published and features:

- Small Business Webinar Series
- Temporary Sign Permit Information
- New Loan Programs
- Northwest Access Fund
- Small Business Grants, Energy Rebates, and Contracting Opportunities
- Resources for Black-Owned Businesses
- Guide for Dealing with Retail Crime and Safety
- And more...

Read more at: <https://conta.cc/3ApZICM>



## 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 \(@MonroeWA\)](#).

[Council Agendas/Minutes](#)

## CITY COUNCIL MEMBERS



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Councilmember  
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Councilmember  
Kirk Scarboro



Councilmember  
Heather Fulcher



Councilmember  
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Councilmember  
Kyle Fisher

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



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