MONROE THIS WEEK

August 16, 2024

Thank you all for keeping up with City news and happenings by reading Monroe This Week. In this week's edition:

- *National Night Out Thank You*
- *Community Human Services Advisory Board Vacancy*
- *Evergreen State Fair Traffic Impacts*
- *Proposition 1 Key Facts*
- *Upcoming Events*

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

NATIONAL NIGHT OUT: THANK YOU

I wanted to again extend a thank you to all the community members, staff, and organizations who came together last week on August 6 to participate in National Night Out Against Crime. In 2023, Monroe's National Night Out had approximately 3,300 attendees. I am happy to share that this year over 4,000 visitors attended the event making it the largest turnout at National Night Out since 2020.

Thank you to all who participated to learn more about crime prevention and public safety in our community. I extend my appreciation to Monroe Rotary, the Monroe Police Department, Snohomish Regional Fire and Rescue, City Staff and our Community for making the event such a success.

JOIN OUR COMMUNITY HUMAN SERVICES ADVISORY BOARD

The City is currently accepting applications to fill one mid-term vacancy on our Community Human Services Advisory Board (CHSAB). CHSAB advises the Mayor and City Council on programs and policies to persons experiencing homelessness, at risk of becoming homeless, living in poverty, adversely affected by crisis, and those in marginalized communities. The seven-member board is comprised of community members who live, work, or serve in the Monroe community and have been appointed to their positions by the Mayor and Council. The CHSAB meets on the first Wednesday of each month from 6 to 8 p.m. If you would like more information or are interested in applying, **please visit the CHSAB webpage**.

EVERGREEN STATE FAIR BRINGS GREAT FUN (AND TRAFFIC IMPACTS)

The **Evergreen State Fair** officially begins Thurs., Aug. 22. With 11 days and nights of fun and excitement ahead, traffic impacts are also coming. Please be patient if you're driving to, from, or near the fairgrounds during the Fair. Our Police Department will be directing traffic and conducting emphasis patrol in the area. We ask that you:

• Plan your route in advance
• Consider alternate routes to avoid State Route 2
• Give extra time in your travels
• Follow officers' directions
• Do not drive distracted or follow cars too closely

If you plan to attend the Fair, let Community Transit do the driving. Check out their bus schedules at **CommunityTransit.org** and use the **"Plan My Trip"** tool. Bus drop-off is at the Red Gate.

We're just as excited about the Fair as you may be. Check the Fair's website (**https://www.evergreenfair.org/**) and Facebook **(@EvergreenStateFair**) for more information.

KEY FACTS ABOUT PROPOSITION 1: PARKS & PUBLIC SAFETY

In the November 2024 general election, City of Monroe voters will consider **Proposition 1** to support investment in parks maintenance and public safety services. Below are some quick facts about **Proposition 1**:

• *Addresses community priorities for quality parks, recreation, and public safety.*

• *Placed on Nov. 5, 2024, General Election ballot.*

• *Exempts qualifying low-income seniors, disabled veterans, and others with disabilities.*

• *Requires simple majority vote of City of Monroe voters.*

• *Sets Monroe's property tax levy rate at $1.08/$1,000 Assessed Value (AV).*

• *Increases current levy rate by $0.22/$1,000 (AV).*

• *Costs average Monroe homeowner approximately $10.84 more a month paid to the City.*

• *Provides a little more than $1 million/year to permanently support parks maintenance staffing and equipment and address current demands and permanently fund a second Community Services Officer and one public safety position in the Police Department.*

Please reach out to staff at**cityclerk@monroewa.gov**, share your thoughts

at a **City Council meeting**, visit the **Proposition 1 webpage**, and follow the City on Facebook **(@MonroeWAGov)** to stay informed.

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PARKS & PUBLIC SAFETY LEVY

UPCOMING EVENTS

I'd like to welcome Storybook Theater for their first time to Monroe. They will be showing A Little Mermaid at 11 a.m. and 1 p.m. August 17, at Sky River Park. This is a free, live musical for ages 3-10 with each showing running about 55 minutes. **Click here for more information**.

September 7 will be another busy event day for the City of Monroe with a variety of different activities. Please mark your calendars on September 7 for the following events:

• R/C Unlimiteds Model Boat Racing will return to Lake Tye to race in the Apple Cup from 8am to 6pm. This is a great event to watch from the banks of the lake and enjoy the sport of model boat racing.

• The annual Swift Night Out will be welcomed back to Frank Wagner Elementary School. This free event runs from 4:30 p.m. until dusk and will include children's activities, vendor booths, and a presentation.

• 'Belonging' will take place from 12 to 6 p.m. at Sky River Park. 'Belonging' showcases art, music, education, dance, food and games. This is an opportunity to come together to celebrate the cultures represented in Monroe.

UPCOMING CITY COUNCIL MEETING SCHEDULE

The next City Council Meeting is scheduled for Tuesday, August 20, 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

Councilmember
Kevin Hanford

Councilmember
Jacob Walker

Councilmember
Jason Gamble

Councilmember
Kirk Scarboro

Councilmember
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Have a question for your Councilmembers?
Contact them at **Councilmembers@MonroeWA.gov**