



MONROE THIS WEEK

August 23, 2024



This weekend the City of Monroe and Chamber of Commerce will be kicking off the start of the Evergreen State Fair with the Fair Days Parade. I invite everyone to join me with friends, family, and neighbors for this important community celebration.

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Thank you all for keeping up 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.

Yours in Service,

Mayor Geoffrey Thomas

CITY HOSTS JOINT AGENCY TOUR OF SR 522

Monroe officials and leaders have long been involved in the plan to complete safety and habitat improvements to State Route 522 (SR522) – particularly the Paradise Road interchange and a three-mile stretch between Maltby and the Snohomish River. On Aug. 20, I was joined by city officials, representatives from the Washington State Department of Transportation, state legislative representatives, and staff from Snohomish Regional Fire and Rescue and Monroe School District to tour the highway and discuss the collective desire to “finish 522.”



We discussed our concerns about traffic safety and congestion, highway widening, interchange improvements and upgrading fish passage culverts. While we recognize there is currently no funding for construction for **WSDOTs planned improvements**, it is important to Monroe to keep these tours and conversations going. We are grateful to Senator Marko Lias (21st District), Representative Sam Low (39th District) and Representative Keith Goehner (12th District) for their attendance.

FAIR DAYS PARADE SAT. AUG. 24



This Saturday, August 24 at 11 a.m. head to Main Street to watch over 100 floats and performances at our 86th Annual 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 8 a.m. to 2 p.m. **Please see a full list of roads affected by the closure here.**

BLUEBERRY CHILDREN'S PARK RIBBON CUTTING, AUG. 28

Join me for the ribbon cutting ceremony at Blueberry Children's Park (18399 Blueberry Lane) on Wednesday, August 28 at 5 p.m. The new play equipment includes features that: encourage multi-generational play; are ADA inclusive and intentionally break down physical and social barriers to play; a playful theme that enhances the visual appeal of the park; and advanced climbing challenges and motion activities that appeal to older children who seek a more adventurous play experience.

Surfacing improvements such as the use of ADA approved rubberized surfacing are also part of the playground design. The overall footprint of the play area is approximately 50% larger than the previous play area at the park. The project was funded by Monroe City Council-approved capital improvement funds as well as a \$100,000 Snohomish County capital funding grant award. Mark your calendar and come check out the new park Wednesday.



VOLUNTEERS PAINT ROTARY FIELD WALL

I extend my thanks to the volunteers who came together last weekend to participate in the restoration of the Rotary Field Wall. On Aug. 17, Legends 15U baseball team, consisting of 14 volunteers, spend nearly 6 hours repainting the wall at Rotary Field. Prior to this, the Rotary Field Wall had not been painted in over 10 years and was in desperate need. I am extremely grateful for their hard work and Rotary Field is looking refreshed!



CONNECT WITH CITY STAFF AT COMMUNITY EVENTS



On Aug. 28, city will be on hand at the **School District's Resource Fair** with information to help you get ready for the new school year, including community resources for housing, basic needs, and medical/mental health. The **Resource Fair** will be held on Wed., Aug. 28, 4-6 p.m. at Park Place Middle School.

Through the rest of the **Monroe Farmers Market** season, connect with our staff from various departments and learn about:

- Natural yard care techniques from our Environmental Services Program staff.
- Opportunities to serve on a volunteer advisory board from our City Clerk's Office.
- How and why our Police Department uses drones.
- Road improvement projects from the Public Works Department.

The **Market** happens on Wednesdays, 3-7 p.m., Galaxy Theater parking lot. The season ends Sept. 25.

UPCOMING CITY COUNCIL MEETING SCHEDULE

The next City Council Meeting is scheduled for Tuesday, August 27, 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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