



# MONROE THIS WEEK

September 27, 2024



*Autumn is officially upon us. I hope everyone had a great summer with friends and family and are ready for fall festivities.*

*Thank you for reading Monroe This Week which features:*

- *Monroe 2044 Comprehensive Plan*
- *Dickinson Street Construction Update*
- *Lodging Tax Grant Applications*
- *Key General Election Dates*
- *Disaster Preparedness Tip*



*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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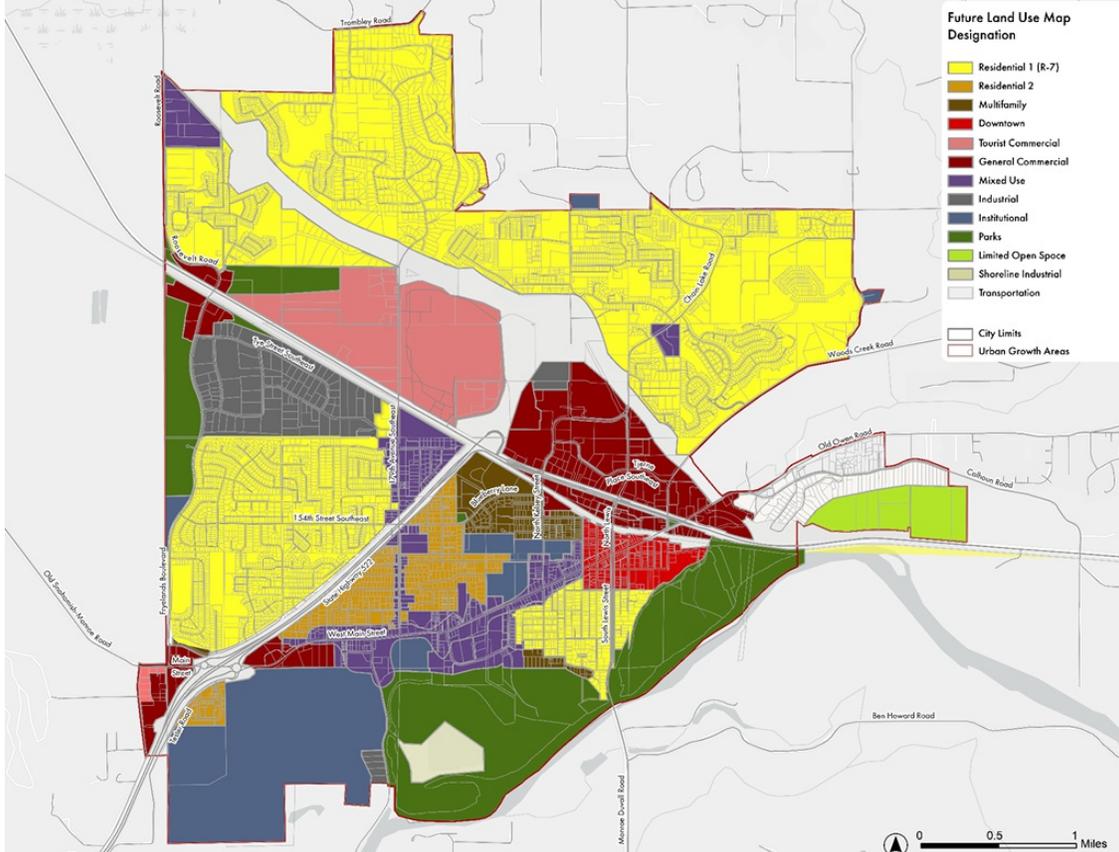
## **DRAFT MONROE 2044 COMPREHENSIVE PLAN**

The City is beginning the final review and adoption process for the Draft Monroe 2044 Comprehensive Plan. This document guides our local policy, planning, and capital investments over a 20-year horizon. **Imagine Monroe** is the overreaching vision for this draft plan, ensuring that we continue to build a place where everyone feels at home, and everyone feels they belong.

This draft plan was prepared by city staff with community input and is consistent with the Washington State Growth Management Act (GMA), Puget Sound Regional Council's Vision 2050, and the Snohomish Countywide Planning Policies. Plan chapters are broken into the following topic areas: land use, transportation, economic development, housing, parks, capital facilities (such as water and sewer systems), utilities (electric, telecommunications, etc.), and the natural environment.

We value the input we've received on this vital document. If you'd like give comment on the final draft, please attend the Planning Commission's public hearing on September 30, 2024, at 7 p.m. in the Snohomish Regional Fire and Rescue Station #31 meeting room, located at 163 Village Court, Monroe, WA 98272. You can access the meeting agenda [\*\*here\*\*](#).

To learn more about this project, review the draft Monroe 2044 Comprehensive Plan chapters and appendices, and find the remaining schedule, please visit the city's project website at [\*\*https://www.monroe2044.com/\*\*](https://www.monroe2044.com/)



## DICKINSON STREET CONSTRUCTION UPDATE

The construction along Dickinson Street has been completed. This project involved replacing the existing water mainline, installing a new infiltrating stormwater system, providing sewer access to all residents on the street, 3,712 square yards of new asphalt roadway, and a new sidewalk on the east side of the street. Thank you for your patience and understanding as the city works to ensure quality utility service and infrastructure development.



## LODGING TAX GRANT APPLICATIONS NOW OPEN

Are you planning a special event in Monroe next year that will attract visitors to Monroe? Consider applying for Lodging Tax funding to support marketing and hosting your event.

To be considered for funding, the grant request must be used for one of the following activities:

- *Tourism marketing.*
- *Marketing and operations of special events and festivals designed to attract tourists.*
- *Operations of tourism-related facilities owned or operated by nonprofit organizations as defined by the IRC 501(c)(3) or 501(c)(6). Proof of nonprofit status will be required.*

Applications must be received no later than 4:30 p.m. on Wednesday, October 9, 2024. Priority consideration will be given to applications that feature events scheduled from November through April, and that promote off-season tourism.

For more information and application materials, please visit our [‘Lodging Tax Advisory Committee’ webpage](#). Alternatively, you can access a fillable form of the application [here](#).



## KEY GENERAL ELECTION DATES



According to the [Snohomish County Auditor's Office](#), voter pamphlets will be mailed Oct. 17, voter registration and updates must be made by Oct. 28 either by mail or online, and the last day to register to vote in-person and submit your

ballot is Nov. 5 at 8 p.m., election day. You are encouraged to [learn what's on the ballot](#) and read the [2024 General Election Voter's Pamphlet](#). If you have specific questions about voter registration, please contact:

- Washington Secretary of State's Office: 1-800-448-4881 Monday-Friday

between 8 a.m. and 5 p.m. or email [elections@sos.wa.gov](mailto:elections@sos.wa.gov)

• Snohomish County Auditor's Office: 425-388-3444 Monday-Friday between 9 a.m. and 5 p.m. or email [elections@snoco.org](mailto:elections@snoco.org)

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## DISASTER PREPAREDNESS TIP: MAKE A FAMILY COMMUNICATION PLAN

You've heard it before, "It's not a matter of if, but a matter of when" a disaster will happen. A severe winter storm, earthquake, and flooding are potential disasters for Monroe. And when the disaster hits, it's likely your family will not be in the same place.

How will you communicate? What's your evacuation plan? How will you know if your family members are safe?

An emergency communications plan is the perfect tool to help your family stay safe and in touch during a disaster. Download resources [here](#) and create (and practice) your plan.



Ready. ✓

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## UPCOMING CITY COUNCIL MEETING SCHEDULE

The next City Council Meeting is scheduled for Tuesday, October 1, 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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