



# MONROE THIS WEEK

March 21, 2025



*Yesterday, March 20, marked the official start of the spring season. We are beginning to see buds and blooms. Spring signals an active time in Monroe with community, sports, and market events. We'll soon be publishing our Special Events brochure and encourage you to mark your calendars to enjoy so many great happenings in Monroe.*

*This edition of Monroe This Week features:*

- *Park Board vacancies*
- *Public Hearing: Code amendments for conversion of commercial space to residential use*
- *Snotrac transportation needs survey*
- *Downtown Flower Crawl April 12*



*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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## PARK BOARD VACANCIES; APPLICATIONS DUE MARCH 28



We have a great park system and offer a wide range of recreation activities. If you have a passion for parks and recreation, please apply to the City's [Park Board](#).

The Park Board reviews comprehensive park

and recreation plans and advises the Mayor and City Council on improvements to parkland, facilities, and programs throughout Monroe. Serving on the Park Board provides an opportunity to share your unique insights and experiences to make Monroe an even better place to live, work, and visit.

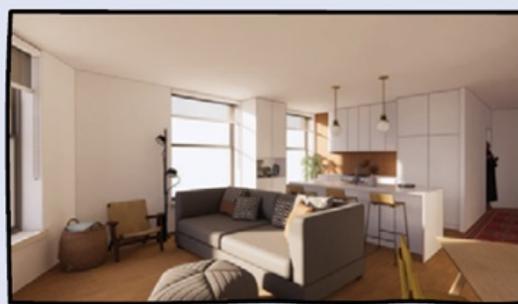
You can find an [application online](#) and submit it to our City Clerk's Office at [cityclerk@monroewa.gov](mailto:cityclerk@monroewa.gov). Applications are due by 5 p.m. on March 28, 2025.

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## MARCH 24 PUBLIC HEARING: PROPOSED CODE AMENDMENTS - COMMERCIAL BUILDING CONVERSION TO RESIDENTIAL USE



Existing Typical Office Floor  
(VIEW LOOKING N)



New Proposed Residential Conversion  
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Photo Credit: Trinity Real Estate Public47 Architects, FSI MEP Engineers, Coughlin Porter Lundeen Structural Engineers, submitted to Seattle OPCD

We are updating our municipal code to comply with the new state law (Engrossed Senate House Bill) [HB 1042](#) titled "Use of Existing Buildings for Residential Purposes." HB 1042 is intended to encourage the interior development of existing commercial or mixed-use buildings into residential development and to encourage the redevelopment of existing residential buildings at a higher density.

The requirements of HB 1042 apply to all buildings that are at least three years old in mixed-use or commercial land use districts that allow multifamily housing. The proposed amendments would allow for increased residential density and limit zoning or land use requirements for the converted buildings as required by HB 1042.

The Planning Commission will hold a public hearing for these proposed code amendments on Monday March 24 at 7 p.m. at SRF Station 31 located at 163 Village Court. [Meeting materials will be posted online](#) by the end of today.

For further details, visit the City's [Code Amendment webpage](#). Any questions can be directed to Leigh Anne Barr, Associate Planner at [labarr@monroewa.gov](mailto:labarr@monroewa.gov) or at 360-863-4511.

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## SNOHOMISH COUNTY TRANSPORTATION COALITION SEEKS COMMUNITY INPUT

The [Snohomish County Transportation Coalition](#) (Snotrac) is seeking community perspectives for their Skykomish Valley Transportation Action Plan.



This survey will help Snotrac better understand the transportation needs of people residing within the US2 Corridor from Snohomish to Skykomish, especially people with disabilities. The survey can be found online in both [English](#) and [Spanish](#). Survey submissions are due by the end of April.

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# DOWNTOWN FLOWER CRAWL APRIL 12; TICKETS AVAILABLE ONLINE



Take a leisurely stroll down Main Street this spring and experience the inaugural Downtown Monroe Flower Crawl! This unique event invites participants to visit a selection of local businesses, collecting a beautiful floral item at each stop. By the end of the crawl, you'll have gathered a full spring bouquet—a perfect way to welcome the season!

Whether you're exploring with friends, family, or neighbors, this is a wonderful opportunity to enjoy the fresh air, support local businesses, and celebrate community spirit.

Organized by the Downtown Monroe Merchants group, the Flower Crawl is set for Saturday, April 12, 2025, from 11 a.m. to 3 p.m. Don't miss out—[tickets are available now online!](https://monroeflowercrawl.eventbee.com)

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## UPCOMING CITY COUNCIL MEETING SCHEDULE

The next City Council Meeting is currently scheduled for Tues., March 25, 2025 at 7 p.m. To view the meeting agenda, click the button below. City Council meetings are re-broadcasted on the [City's YouTube Channel \(@MonroeWA\)](#). To learn how to provide public comment to the Mayor and City Council, click [here](#).

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