

MONROE THIS WEEK

April 18, 2025



Next week, I will issue a **proclamation** declaring April 22 as Earth Day and April 25 as Arbor Day. Our **Imagine Monroe Vision Statement** guides us to create "a lively center surrounded by nature" where "our parks, waterways, and environment are healthy and accessible for everyone to enjoy." I recognize the importance of urban forests in improving air and water quality, providing vegetative buffers, protecting habitat for wildlife, and generally enhancing the quality of life for our community. You can join me in recognizing these two days during the City's **Arbor Day and Earth Day Celebration** on April 25 at Lake Tye Park. You can read more about the event in the article below.



In another **proclamation**, I will recognize April 23 as Administrative Professionals Day to honor the professionals within our city organization and all other organizations who manage many of the day-to-day operations. Please join me in thanking the administrative professionals in your organization for their accomplishments and contributions.

Thank you for reading Monroe This Week. In this edition you'll read about:

- *Police Department award recipients*
- *Annual Community Egg Hunt and Arbor/Earth Day celebrations*
- *"Hope on the Horizon" health and wellness event*
- *Snohomish County Senior Farmers' Market Nutrition Program*

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

CONGRATULATIONS TO POLICE DEPARTMENT AWARD RECIPIENTS



I recently had the honor of joining Chief Jolley at the Police Department's annual recognition awards ceremony. This event is a true testament to the perseverance of those in the police department who not only uphold the laws but also the department's core values of professionalism, dedication, and excellence. Those who receive awards do so through the recognition by their coworkers.

Please join me in congratulating:

- Police Officers J. Squires (pictured above) and J. Patton (pictured right), Chief's Award
- Police Officer T. Cangialosi, Officer of the Year
- Administrative Assistant M. Orcutt, Employee of the Year
- Police Officer B. Pettit, Distinguished Service Award
- Police Officers S. Van Eaton and J. Squires and Detective A. Troxell, Community Service Awards
- Police and Fire Chaplain Hanford, Recognition Award
- Police Officers B. Hearne, W. Larsen, J. Patton, G. Escalante, Detective N. Erdman, Administrative Assistant R. Acree and Deputy Chief Irving, Team Award



- Investigations Assistant M. Sandoval, 20 Year Service Badge
- Police Officers N. Michel, J. Squires, B. Pettit, M. Schuermeyer, G. Winfrey, T. Cangialosi, K. Fisher, W. Larsen, and Investigations Assistant M. Sandoval, Evidence Technician A. Prohn, and community member J. Reyna, Letter of Recognition

Follow Monroe Police Department ([@MonroeWAPolice](#)) on Facebook to learn more about these outstanding personnel and their efforts that keep Monroe safe.

CALENDAR CUE: COMMUNITY EGG HUNT; AND ARBOR/EARTH DAY EVENTS

Get your baskets ready! Tomorrow, April 19, the City hosts the 28th [Annual Community Egg Hunt](#) at Lake Tye Park.

Pre-event activities organized by local organizations and businesses begin at 9 a.m., and the hunt begins at 10 a.m.



Ages 10 and under are welcome to hunt. The fields are organized by age group and will hunt one at a time. Please listen to the DJ to announce when your field can begin the hunt and remember to bring your own basket. Be sure to open your eggs at the park as there are 10 prize winners in each field and one grand prize winner. A fifth field is available for kids with cognitive and/or physical disabilities who may need adult help.



I'd like to give a special thank you to our premier sponsors for the event: Monroe Walmart who donating the prizes and grand prizes for 44 winning participants as well as EvergreenHealth Monroe and the Rotary Club of Monroe who are funding the majority of the 25,000 eggs we need for the event. I also thank our other community partners who are

dedicated to making the Community Egg Hunt even more accessible and fun for children of all abilities: our DJ - Big Dog's, Monroe Fred Meyer, Galaxy Theatre, Park Place Community Church, Republic Services, and VFW Post 7511. Additionally, behind the scenes, students of Monroe High School's Key Club assisted this year in helping to sort the eggs. This event is truly a community effort.

Then, next Friday, April 25 I am honored to host the city's [Arbor Day & Earth Day Celebration](#) at 1 p.m. at Lake Tye Park. The planting will take place just

West of the Monroe Board & Blade Park parking lot. Students of Kelly Harper's 4th grade class from Frylands Elementary School will assist in the planting of a Red Sunset Maple, donated by Monroe Garden Club. I am honored to have celebrated Arbor Day by planting a tree at Lake Tye with Frylands Elementary for the past several years.

"HOPE ON THE HORIZON" HEALTH & WELLNESS EVENT

Monroe School District and the Monroe Community Coalition for Healthy Youth and Families are partnering with our Human Services staff to host an event called *"Hope on the Horizon: Weathering the Storm Together."*

This event is designed to provide parents, guardians, and community members with valuable tools and resources to support the well-being of the youth in our community. It will take place at Monroe High School on Tues., May 6, from 5 to 8 p.m. and will include a light dinner, community resource fair, and a keynote speaker. Childcare will also be provided for students enrolled in the Monroe School District.

Whether you're looking for strategies to navigate challenges or seeking guidance on how to foster a healthy and supportive environment for young people, this event will offer insights and practical solutions. We hope you will join us as we come together to support the youth of Monroe and make our community a place where everyone feels at home and everyone feels they belong.

You're Invited to:

HOPE ON THE HORIZON

Join us for this free community event, featuring a keynote speaker who will address the challenges of parenting in today's technology-driven world. After the presentation, stay for a community resource fair where you can learn about local health & wellness services and support available to families.

Keynote Speaker



Tessa Stuckey, M.A.
Licensed Professional Counselor
Author, Mom, Speaker
tessastuckey.com

Tuesday, May 6th, 2025

5:00-8:00 p.m.

Monroe High School
17001 Tester Rd, Monroe, WA 98272

Light dinner provided

Activities provided for Monroe School District students

What to expect:



The first 200 families to arrive will receive a free copy of Tessa's book: "For the Sake of our Youth"

Evening Agenda:

5:00 Doors open

5:15-5:50 Light Dinner & Community Resource Fair

6:00-7:00 Keynote Speaker

7:00-8:00 Community Resource Fair & Book Signing

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APPLY BY MAY 5 FOR SENIOR FARMERS MARKET NUTRITION PROGRAM



Looking for a way to add fresh fruits and vegetables to your diet? The popular **Senior Farmers Market Nutrition Program** (SFMNP) returns to Snohomish County for summer 2025 providing:

- Benefits to lower-income older adults to purchase locally grown fruits, vegetables, honey, and herbs; and
- Support for local farming by increasing the use of farmers markets, roadside stands, and community supported agriculture.

SFMNP provides low-income seniors with resources in the form of fresh, nutritious, unprepared, locally grown fruits, vegetables, and herbs from local participating farmers' markets and farm stands. SFMNP makes it easier to add fresh fruits and vegetables to your diet, increase health and well-being, and support local farmers and community-supported agriculture programs.

All applications must be received by 4 p.m. on May 5, 2025 and are accepted online and by mail. To learn more about eligibility requirements and to apply, please visit: www.snohomishcountywa.gov/1002/Nutrition-Programs.

UPCOMING CITY COUNCIL MEETING SCHEDULE

The next City Council Meeting is currently scheduled for Tues., April 22, 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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