

# MONROE THIS WEEK

May 2, 2025



*Last week I issued a proclamation recognizing May 2025 as Asian American and Pacific Islander Heritage Month. Recognized since 1978, this month highlights a community consisting of more than 50 ethnic groups speaking over 100 languages and 1,000 different dialects in the United States. I call upon everyone to join me in learning more about the history, culture, and legacy of Asian Americans and Pacific Islanders as well as the profound contributions they have provided to our country and our very own community – helping us actualize [Imagine Monroe](#) by creating a safe place for all, where everyone feels at home and everyone feels they belong. You can read my full proclamation [online here](#).*



*In another proclamation, I recognized the week of May 4 – 10 as Professional Municipal Clerks Week. The Office of the Municipal Clerk is a vital part of local governments throughout the world and exists as one of the earliest types of public servants. Today, Municipal Clerks provide a professional link between residents, local governing bodies, and other governing agencies to ensure provisions of timely service to our community. I am thankful for the dedicated work of our staff at the City of Monroe who provide this crucial governing function. To read more on the proclamation and see a list of a few*

individuals at the city who are vital to the functions of the Municipal Clerk, follow the [link here](#).

I hope you enjoy this week's edition of Monroe This Week which features details on:

- *Building Safety Month*
- *Monroe Magazine*
- *Monroe High School Service Event*
- *Fraud Prevention Presentation May 20*

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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## MAY IS BUILDING SAFETY MONTH; MAYOR TO ISSUE PROCLAMATION

May is designated as [Building Safety Month](#) and is a national awareness campaign to help educate individuals, families, and businesses on what it takes to create safe and sustainable structures, reinforce the need for the adoption of modern, regularly-updated building codes and highlight the well-trained professionals who work year-round to ensure our safety.



The City of Monroe fully supports Building Safety Month and encourages homeowners, business owners, building designers, engineers, tradespeople, and contractors to be good stewards of construction and fire codes when planning, building, and maintaining structures. At the May 13 City Council meeting, I will issue a proclamation recognizing Building Safety Month.

This year's Building Safety Month theme is "Game On!" and we'll be sharing some "offense and defense" building safety tips this month on the City's Facebook page ([@MonroeWaGov](#)). Should you have a construction project,

please visit our [Building Division webpage](#) for code and permit information or contact our Monroe Permit Center at 360-863-4501 or [building@monroewa.gov](mailto:building@monroewa.gov) for assistance.

## MONROE MAGAZINE PUBLISHES NEXT WEEK



I am excited to announce that the re-launched *MONROE Magazine* - previously known as the *Choose Monroe Magazine* - will be hitting mailboxes next week. This issue includes a variety of topics such as free community performances, savor & sip options, experiences unique to Monroe, a day with your dog, and more. There will even be some fun trivia to test your knowledge of Monroe. I look forward to sharing this issue with everyone and highlighting more of the businesses, services, and members within our community.

If you would like additional copies of the *MONROE*

*Magazine*, they can be found throughout the city at locations including the Visitor Center/Monroe Chamber of Commerce, Monroe Library, Sky Valley Family YMCA, Evergreen Hospital, and City Hall starting late next week. A copy of the magazine will also be made available online.

## SENIOR SHOUTOUT: MONROE HIGH SCHOOL SENIOR SERVICE DAY EVENT

We would like to extend a huge thank you to the seniors and staff from Monroe High School who came out to help the City's Environmental Services Program and the Snohomish Conservation District with a restoration event last Saturday in celebration of Earth Day. These amazing volunteers



dedicated their Saturday to planting native species, removing invasive teasle plants, mulching, and hand watering at the restoration site adjacent to Monroe Rotary Field.

This ongoing project is aimed at providing better biodiversity in an important upland habitat corridor next to the Skykomish River. Species planted like nootka rose and red-flowering currant, will promote the presence of hummingbirds, butterflies, and many pollinator species. This work not only benefits wildlife but beautifies our parks and outdoor spaces for the Monroe community to enjoy. If you are interested in getting involved in upcoming restoration or environmental stewardship events, please email us at [pwenvironmental@monroewa.gov](mailto:pwenvironmental@monroewa.gov).

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## **FRAUD PREVENTION PRESENTATION; MAY 20**

Older adults are often targets for scams. Police Officer Schuermeyer has been presenting fraud prevention information to local senior communities. Please join him on Tues., May 20, 1 p.m., at the Monroe Community Senior Center (MCSC) to learn how to protect yourself and your money. The presentation is free but an RSVP is appreciated by calling MCSC at 360-794-6359.



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## **UPCOMING CITY COUNCIL MEETING SCHEDULE**

The next City Council Meeting is currently scheduled for Tues., May 13, 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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