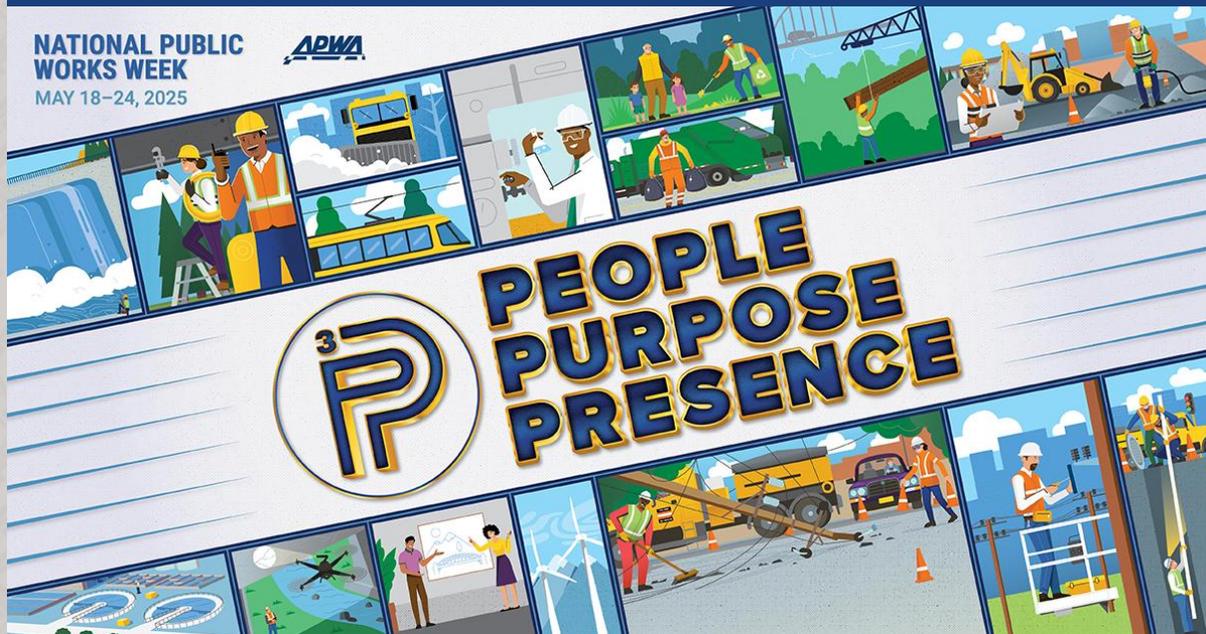


MONROE THIS WEEK

May 16, 2025



Next week is National Public Works Week and I am issuing a **proclamation** to recognize public works professionals everywhere, and especially in our own community. The dedicated Monroe Public Works staff are integral to realizing that we Imagine Monroe where “our waterways and environment are healthy and accessible for everyone to enjoy,” where we invest in and advocate for “regional connections”, and where we “strengthen connections... through community-centered infrastructure – creating a safe place for all”. I encourage Monroe’s residents and employers to learn more about the infrastructure that our public works employees build and maintain to support our community and to recognize the substantial contributions they make to protecting our health, safety, and quality of life.



This edition of Monroe this Week features:

- National Public Works Week Proclamation
- Flags for our Fallen Memorial 5k Run and Walk
- Currie View Park Ribbon Cutting Ceremony
- U.S. Flag Retirement Program
- WANTED: Photos of Past Mayors
- Twenty First Annual Pow Wow

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

FLAGS FOR OUR FALLEN MEMORIAL 5K

The VFW Post 7511 and its Auxiliary ninth annual Flags for our Fallen 5K run/walk is happening this Saturday, May 17 at 9 a.m. at Lake Tye Park. If you didn't pre-register that's ok, you can register on the day of the event on-site starting at 7:30 a.m.

This meaningful event is dedicated to honoring our fallen heroes while bringing the community together. Whether you run, walk, or cheer, this is a great way to show your support and kick off the weekend with purpose!

Learn more and register at Monroe5k.com.



Flags for our Fallen
MEMORIAL 5K ★★★★★★
RUN AND WALK

Register Now at Monroe5K.com
All proceeds benefit local Veterans

Lake Tye Park, 14964 Fryelands Blvd
Monroe, WA 98272

May 17, 2025 09:00 a.m.

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Auxiliary

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7511
Flags for our Fallen

Photo of participants: A group of people, including a young girl in a floral dress and a man in a blue shirt, walking on a paved path during the event.

CURRIE VIEW PARK RIBBON CUTTING CEREMONY

In March 2024, we asked for input on proposed concepts for new playground structures at Currie View Park. The Park and Recreation Department is pleased to announce that construction is nearing completion and a Ribbon Cutting Ceremony is scheduled for Friday, May 23 at 1 p.m.

Currie View Park is a 4.3-acre neighborhood park located at 17260 153rd Street, within the Currie View neighborhood. The new playground equipment includes features that:

- Encourage multi-generational play
- Are ADA inclusive and intentionally break down physical and social barriers to play
- Add a playful theme that enhances the visual appeal of the park
- Offer advanced climbing challenges and motion activities that appeal to older children who seek a more adventurous play experience



Thank you to the Monroe community for your input and support on this project. I hope you will join me on Friday, May 23 to celebrate the re-opening of Currie View Park.

POLICE DEPARTMENT ACCEPTS U.S. FLAGS FOR PROPER RETIREMENT



Monroe Police Department



With Memorial Day, Flag Day, and Independence Day soon to be celebrated and commemorated, our Police Department would like to extend the opportunity for anyone to bring in a United States (U.S.) flag that is soiled,

torn, worn and otherwise not able to be displayed to the Department for proper disposal. Flags should be delivered in a square or triangle fold. The Police Department will deliver the flags to our local area Veterans of Foreign War and/or American Legion. The flags will then be given to local Cub Scouts, Boy Scouts, and other local area programs to be destroyed in a dignified manner.

Flags may be brought to Monroe Municipal Court's temporary location at 769 Village Way, Mon.- Fri., 8 a.m. to 5 p.m. Once [construction is complete at the Municipal Campus](#), flags needing to be retired will again be accepted at the Police Department.

The display of the U.S. flag is regulated by the [United States Flag Code](#) which states that:

- The U.S. flag should be displayed every day of the year, except on days of inclement weather unless an all-weather flag is displayed, on or near the main administration building of every public institution.
- It is custom to fly the U.S. flag only during daylight hours, but it may be flown permanently if properly illuminated at night.
- The U.S. flag should fly in the highest position of honor, and no flag may be flown higher.
- The U.S. flag should be hoisted briskly and lowered ceremoniously.
(Source: [MRSC](#))

If you have any questions regarding the U.S. Flag Retirement Program or flag etiquette in general, contact Monroe Police Officer Shaun Van Eaton at svaneaton@monroewa.gov.

WANTED: PHOTOS OF PAST MAYORS

Monroe has been served by 25 mayors since its incorporation as a city in 1902. To honor their leadership, we're putting together a visual timeline of all Monroe mayors. But...a few portraits are missing from our collection and we need your help to track them down! Do you have an old photo album? Know someone who's a Monroe history buff? Heard a story from your grandparents? Send us photos, information or leads!

We are **missing** portraits of Mayors **Benjamin L. Monck (1907-1908)** and **Reed I. Case (1928)**.

We are also seeking better photos of the following mayors:

- Nicholas P. Heintz (1903-1904, 1914-1918)
- William J. Williams (1905-1906)
- John A. Vanasdlen (1911-1913)
- Harry T. Bennett (1941-1948)
- Robert H. Follis (1958-1961)
- Irvin Faussett (1962-1964)

We're working with the Monroe Historical Society on this project and would appreciate hearing from anyone who might have these photos or know who does. Please contact our City Clerk's Office at 360-794-7400 or cityclerk@monroewa.gov by Friday, June 6.



MONROE MAYOR MYSTERY HUNT



NICHOLAS P. HEINTZ
1903-1904, 1914-1918



WILLIAM J. WILLIAMS
1905-1906



JOHN A. VANASDLEN
1911-1913



JOHN J. CRETNEY
1929-1933



HARRY T. BENNETT
1941-1948



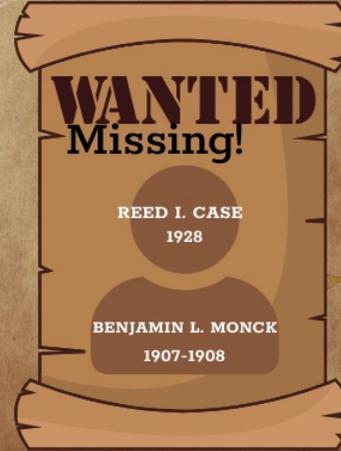
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TWENTY FIRST ANNUAL POW WOW

I am issuing a [proclamation](#) recognizing the Twenty First Annual Pow Wow and encourage the residents and businesses in Monroe to participate in this unique ceremony. The event will be held at Monroe High School Commons, 17001 Tester Road on Saturday, May 24 from 12:00 p.m. to 9:00 p.m.

The Monroe, Snohomish, and Sultan School District Consortium, Skykomish Valley Indian Education Program and supporting nonprofit parent organization are sponsoring this ceremony. The Program is a federally funded program that focuses on academic support and cultural activities and serves Native American/Alaska Native students, preschool through high school age, in Monroe, Snohomish, and Sultan school districts.



Everyone Welcome! Free dinner is provided and vendors will be there with a variety of cultural art. The grand entries are at 1:00 p.m. and 6:00 p.m. with retiring colors at 9:00 p.m.

UPCOMING CITY COUNCIL MEETING SCHEDULE

The next City Council Meeting is currently scheduled for Tues., May 20, 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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