

MONROE THIS WEEK

May 30, 2025



In my [proclamation](#) to recognize June as PRIDE Month, I encourage residents, business owners, employers, and visitors to learn more about LGBTQ+ Americans, to take steps to be more inclusive in accepting and supporting our LGBTQ+ neighbors, and to take part in [Monroe PRIDE](#) on Sunday, June 8, 2025 from 12-6pm at Sky River Park. This event brings the community together to celebrate love, freedom, and belonging. Activities feature a vendor market, multiple food trucks, dancing, singing, and performances on the main stage. There will be games and activities all over the park. Friendly leashed dogs welcome.



June also marks the start of summer - bringing sunshine, fun, and a full calendar of community events perfect for making lasting memories. I invite you to join your neighbors at these events and enjoy the season by exploring our beautiful trails and parks with friends and family.

This edition of Monroe this Week features:

- *Input wanted on Future Downtown Festival Lot*
- *The return of the Lake Tye Challenge on June 7*
- *Monroe Container Gardening Workshop*
- *FYI: Door-to-Door Selling*
- *Mayor, Council Tour Municipal Campus Project*
- *Community Academy Graduation*

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

INPUT WANTED ON FUTURE DOWNTOWN FESTIVAL LOT



**DOWNTOWN
MONROE
FESTIVAL
LOT**

*Share
your
vision*

City of 
MONROE
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In December 2023, the City completed the purchase of two adjacent properties in downtown encompassing approximately one half-acre to serve as a potential future site for the festival lot. The adopted [2008 Downtown Master Plan](#) highlights the City's goal of developing a 'festival lot' near downtown as a "flexible space" that would help activate downtown and provide a space for special events.

We are turning to the community for input on four preliminary concepts (listed below) that will help me and the City Council develop a long-term vision for a Festival Lot.

- Option 1: Renovate existing building

- Option 2: Event plaza & renovate existing building
- Option 3: Festival lot & new retail/visitor center
- Option 4: Large town square & new visitor center

As a kickoff to our public engagement, please stop by the City's booth at the [Monroe Farmers Market](#) on Wed., June 4, from 3 to 6 p.m. (Galaxy Theater parking lot) to view the four conceptual designs and share your thoughts. We will again be at the Farmer's Market on June 18, from 3 to 6 p.m. Additionally, you are invited to attend our open houses planned for June 12 at 6 p.m. and June 18 at 12 p.m. to be held at the former Union Bank building, 171 West Main Street.

If you can't participate in these engagement events, we hope that you'll complete our online questionnaire set to launch on June 4. Look for details on our City Facebook page ([@MonroeWAGov](#)), [website](#), and our [June Business newsletter](#).

Community input is valuable and on behalf of the City Council, we thank you for helping to shape the future of downtown Monroe.

LAKE TYE CHALLENGE RETURNS JUNE 7

Calling all avid runners! The Lake Tye Challenge returns on Saturday, June 7. This is a 12-hour, 6-hour, and 3-hour ultramarathon at Lake Tye. Participants can choose any one of the timed races and run as many laps as possible within that timeframe. Learn more and register [here](#).

All profits generated from this event go to the Wild Sky Community Trails Association Association. Last year the event raised and donated \$2,700. If you don't plan to participate that's ok, bystanders are welcome to support and cheer the runners on.



Lake Tye Challenge
Registration at www.LakeTyeChallenge.com

HAMMER NUTRITION

El Paraiso Mexican Grill

WildSkyCommunityTrails

DREADNOUGHT Brewing
EST 2010

Saturday June 7, 2025 **Lake Tye Park, Monroe, WA**
12 Hour, 6 Hour, and 3 Hour Runs

The banner features a scenic sunset over a lake with reeds in the foreground. It includes logos for Hammer Nutrition, El Paraiso Mexican Grill, Wild Sky Community Trails, and Dreadnought Brewing. The event details are listed at the bottom in large, bold yellow text.

MONROE CONTAINER GARDENING WORKSHOP

Join us at the Monroe Community Senior Center on June 18 from 6 - 8 p.m. for a fun-filled evening learning how to make your own container garden! Learn how to cultivate edible plants in small containers that are perfect for people who don't have room for traditional garden beds. You'll leave the event knowing how to plan, plant, harvest, and care for your new garden. Gloves will be provided to use during the workshop, and you will leave with your very own container planted with vegetable starts! This is an all-ages event, so please bring the whole family! For more information about the workshop or to register for the event, please visit: <https://bit.ly/44FPt57>



FREE

MONROE CONTAINER GARDENING WORKSHOP COME PLANT WITH US!

ALL-AGES EVENT - BRING THE WHOLE FAMILY!

Join us for a fun evening of container gardening! Learn how to plan, plant, and care for your own mini garden. All materials provided: planter, gloves, soil, and plants.

Contact Dani at ddewar@snohomishcd.org or (425) 870-0995 for more information.

**WEDNESDAY,
JUNE 18
6 PM - 7:30 PM
MONROE SENIOR CENTER
276 SKY RIVER PKWY
MONROE, WA 98272**

CALLING ALL MONROE RESIDENTS!
PLEASE REGISTER HERE:
snocd.org/monroegardeningworkshop



**PEDDLER/SOLICITOR
REGISTRATION REQUIRED
BEFORE YOU GO
DOOR-TO-DOOR**



360-794-7400
MonroeWA.gov

Recently our Police Department encountered a door-to-door salesperson who had not obtained the required registration from the City to conduct peddling/soliciting activities. City code requires that anyone conducting such activities must obtain an approved registration prior to selling door-to-door.

Peddlers sell and deliver items door-to-door; solicitors take orders or share business information and may deliver door-to-door. Peddlers/solicitors who are registered with the City cannot conduct their business between 9 p.m. and 8 a.m., unless by appointment. They must carry the City registration and respect "No Soliciting" signs, as it's a violation not doing either of these. Peddlers/solicitors may not enter private property unless invited by the owner or agent. Government officials on duty and activities by charitable, religious, non-profit, or political organizations are exempt from registering.

If you encounter a peddler or solicitor at your home or business, you may ask to see their registration prior to choosing to engage with them or not. If you wish to report someone who is not registered, please submit the report via [Monroe Listens](#).

MAYOR, COUNCIL TOUR MUNICIPAL CAMPUS PROJECT

I recently hosted a tour of the Municipal Campus with Council Members (pictured left to right) Walker, Fulcher, Gamble, Beaumont [middle], Mayor Thomas, Hanford, and Fisher to see how much progress has been made to

remodel City Hall and to create a dedicated space for Monroe Municipal Court.

The vision of the [Municipal Campus Improvement Project](#) is to create a place of belonging, provide better access to campus, and support service delivery to our community and customers. It's exciting to see this vision become reality as we toured the building. The City Council and I are pleased of the financial planning that went into this project as it is funded within our existing budget and does not involve a property tax increase.

City services have occupied the campus currently located on West Main Street since 1977. The buildings have not had significant upgrades in over 30 years, which presented life-safety and accessibility deficiencies. With the remodel, building system improvements include fire protection and seismic upgrades, energy efficiency, and network upgrades. City Hall interior improvements to enhance the customer experience and accessibility include new Council Chambers, a secure customer service window, foyer, and counter areas. Outside improvements include increased parking, native landscaping, and pathways connecting pedestrians to West Main Street. Monroe Municipal Court will be located between City Hall and Police Station.

Substantial construction is expected to be completed in the immediate months and City staff will begin to transition from temporary locations back to the main campus. The official reopening date will be shared in Monroe This Week, on the City's [website](#) and on our City ([@MonroeWAGov](#)) and Police Department ([@MonroeWAPolice](#)) Facebook pages.



COMMUNITY ACADEMY GRADUATION

Congratulations to our most recent Community Academy class graduates! This program is always a highlight for the Police Department. Commander Paul Ryan states *"We enjoy opening our doors and offering an inside look at*

how policing is conducted in Monroe and beyond."

Highlights this year included SWAT Night, Defensive Tactics, K9 demonstrations, Investigations and Evidence, Drones, and of course, our favorite... Mock Scene Night.

So many staff from across the Police Department help make this program a success, with a special nod to Community Service Officer Macy Haverly and Program Coordinator, Sergeant Barry Hatch.

To the graduates...well done! You are to be commended for your dedication to the program and showing up each week. Please keep in touch.

If you are interested in participating in the next class, reach out to the Police Community Service Officers at CSO@monroewa.gov.



UPCOMING CITY COUNCIL MEETING SCHEDULE

The next City Council Meeting is currently scheduled for Tues., June 10, 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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