

MONROE THIS WEEK

August 29, 2025

HAPPY
**LABOR
- DAY -**
SEPTEMBER 1, 2025



Monday, September 1, 2025 we observe Labor Day in the City of Monroe. First established as a federal holiday in 1894, Labor Day serves as a time to recognize the dedication of the American worker and the labor movement that continues to strengthen our communities. This Labor Day, I encourage all of us to reflect on the contributions of workers whose efforts sustain our families, our city, and our country. Please join me in giving thanks for the labor that forms the foundation for our communities and our nation.



Please note, that City administrative offices will be closed Monday, September 1, 2025 in recognition of Labor Day.

This week's edition of Monroe This Week features:

- Thank you for for the Fair Days Parade
- Monroe's Transportation Benefit District
- RBO Color Walk/Run
- WA Emergency Preparedness Guide

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

THANK YOU FOR A WONDERFUL FAIR DAYS PARADE

What an incredible day in Monroe! Thank you to everyone who came out to celebrate this year's Fair Days Parade. From the vibrant floats and lively performances to the cheers along Main Street, it was a true reflection of our community spirit.



The Fair Days Parade has been a part of Monroe's history since 1937, eventually evolving into an event that both highlights Monroe's character and celebrates the beginning of the Evergreen State Fair. Each year, this celebration connects us to our past while showcasing the energy and creativity of our community today.



Thank you to everyone who organized or participated in the festivities and for your patience with the temporary road closures that helped make the parade safe and enjoyable for all. I am grateful to get to share this tradition with you all.



FRESH STREET IMPROVEMENTS ACROSS MONROE

You may have noticed new lane striping and paint on Monroe's streets this summer—part of the City's Annual Road Maintenance



Program, funded by the [Transportation Benefit District \(TBD\)](#).

The Monroe TBD was created by the City Council in 2012 to support vital transportation upgrades across our community. These investments include roadway paving, new sidewalk construction, and curb ramp upgrades to meet ADA accessibility standards.

Since 2016, the TBD has helped fund the paving of more than 2.5 million square feet of roadway—that's enough asphalt to cover 44 football fields!

To learn more about how Monroe's TBD is keeping our

streets safe and well-maintained, visit [our website](#).

JOIN THE FUN AT THE RBO COLOR RUN/WALK

There's still time to register for the RBO Color Walk/Run on Sunday, September 7, at 9:00 a.m. at Sky River Park (413 Sky River Pkwy, Monroe). Hosted by Sultan-Monroe Lodge #160, this fun and colorful event supports the future education of students in Monroe and Sultan.

The course is a 6k (3.73-mile) loop beginning at Sky River Park. Participants will head along the Skykomish River, wind through the trails of Al Borlin Park, pass through historic downtown Monroe, and return to Sky River Park for music, dancing, and, of course, more color!



Registration is open through Saturday, September 6, at 9:00 a.m. Participants who register by August 31 will receive a guaranteed t-shirt, along with glasses and a color packet.

Don't miss out on this bright and energetic community event! More info and registration details can be found [here](#).

BE PREPARED: WASHINGTON EMERGENCY PREPAREDNESS GUIDE



Emergencies can happen at any time—from severe storms and wildfires to earthquakes and power outages. Being prepared helps keep you, your family, and your neighbors safe.

The Washington [Emergency Preparedness Guide](#) is a free resource created by the Washington Military [Emergency Management Division](#) to help Washingtonians get ready before disaster strikes. The guide includes:

- Practical steps for creating an emergency plan
- Supply lists for at-home and “go-bag” kits
- Tips for staying connected with loved ones during an emergency
- Guidance for preparing children, pets, and individuals with special needs

You can view and download the guide [online here](#). I encourage you to take a few minutes to review the guide with your household and make a plan.

UPCOMING CITY COUNCIL MEETING SCHEDULE

Please be advised that City Council will be in recess for the month of August 2025. If a special meeting is required, it will be noticed in accordance with state law. The next regular City Council Meeting is currently scheduled for Tuesday, September 9, 2025 at 7:00 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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