

MONROE THIS WEEK

September 5, 2025

★ SEPTEMBER ★

CHILDHOOD CANCER & HYDROCEPHALUS AWARENESS MONTH



This month, I issued a proclamation recognizing September 2025 as **Childhood Cancer Awareness Month**. Cancer remains the leading cause of death by disease among children in the United States, with nearly 15,000 children under the age of 19 diagnosed each year. Childhood cancer affects every community, and it is critical to continue raising awareness, supporting research, and working toward better outcomes for children and families.



In another proclamation, I recognize September 2025 as **Hydrocephalus Awareness Month**. Hydrocephalus is a neurological condition that occurs when excess cerebrospinal fluid builds up in the brain's ventricles, creating dangerous pressure that can be fatal if untreated. It is one of the most common reasons for brain surgery in children, and though it affects people of all ages, there is currently no cure. Awareness is essential to ensuring that those living with hydrocephalus, and their families, have the care, resources, and support they need.

Please join me this month in learning more about and supporting community members living with the effects of childhood cancer and hydrocephalus. Both proclamations can be read in full [online](#).

This week's edition of Monroe This Week features:

- *Lodging Tax Tourism Grant Applications*
- *Wrapping up Summer Events*
- *Lake Tye Beach Closed Sunday for Event*
- *September Business Newsletter*

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

APPLY NOW: 2026 LODGING TAX GRANTS!

Do you have an event or project idea that will bring visitors to Monroe? Lodging Tax Grants help support special events, marketing, and tourism-related programs that showcase what makes our community special. These funds are a great way to boost local events and highlight Monroe as a destination for all. If you have an event or project in mind, consider applying today!



Deadline: Applications are due by Thursday, October 9, 2025 at 5:00 p.m.

How to Apply: Application packets ([fillable](#) and [manual](#) forms) are available on the City's [Lodging Tax Grant webpage](#).

For more details, visit the program webpage or contact the City's [LTAC staff liaison](#).

LAST BIG EVENT WEEKEND!

BELONGING

ALL DAY KidsMarket.com

12:00 pm Welcome with DJ Big Rez

12:05 pm Cass Gleason

12:15 pm Friendship Dance with SVIEC

1:00 pm Maricahi Fiesta Mexicana

2:15 pm Kung Fu Kwoon

3:15 pm Jessica Claybrook-Holtz

3:30 pm Kalamindapam Kuchipudi Dance

4:45 pm Grupo Folklorico Herencias Mexicanas

5:30 pm Giusana Prosser

5:45 pm Closing Dance

SATURDAY SEPTEMBER 6, 2025

Skykomish River Park
413 Sky River Parkway, Monroe

Don't miss all the events happening in Monroe this weekend. There's something for everyone. On Saturday, Sept. 6, [Belonging](#) returns to Sky River Park beginning at 12 p.m. with a schedule packed of exhilarating speakers and performers. New this year, Children Entrepreneurs Market will be joining the event. Also on Saturday is the annual [Swifts Night Out](#) with the Pilchuck Audubon Society, starting at 4:30 p.m. and going until sunset at Frank Wagner Elementary. Bring your family, friends, neighbors, and lawn chairs to enjoy an evening in celebration of the [official bird](#) of the City of Monroe! Food trucks will be available on site.



Then on Sunday, Sept. 7, the annual [Rainbow Color run/walk](#) returns to Sky River Park. The run/walk begins at 9 a.m. from the park and the path will take participants through numerous city streets. Also on Sunday, [R/C Unlimited Apple Cup — Radio Controlled Model Boat Racing](#) returns to Lake Tye. See the article below for more information on this event.

LAKE TYE BEACH AND LAKE CLOSED SUNDAY, SEPT. 7, FOR R/C UNLIMITED APPLE CUP

Did you read about the annual [R/C Unlimited Apple Cup](#) in our recent [MONROE Magazine](#)? This Radio Controlled Model Boat Race held at Lake Tye returns on September 7. The course is set up just off the shore from the boat launch. Spectators are welcome. Come watch the unique sport of model boat racing. It is the largest R/C Model Hydroplane club in the United States and quite possibly the oldest.



Please note: For safety reasons, the beach, swim area and lake will be closed to recreation from 8 a.m. to 6 p.m.

SEPTEMBER BUSINESS NEWSLETTER NOW AVAILABLE

Looking to sharpen your skills or expand your reach? This month's Monroe Business Newsletter rounds up educational workshops, upcoming events,

advertising opportunities, and practical resources for your business. Explore the full issue here: <https://conta.cc/3UYvskg>

Learn:

From sales tax collection and reporting to small-business fundamentals and exporting strategies, you'll find workshops designed to help you start smart and scale with confidence.

Attend:

Join the **Small Business Resource Fair** on **Friday, September 20, 9:00 a.m.–2:30 p.m. at Pierce College** - a one-stop chance to meet advisors, discover financing and technical assistance, and connect with peers.

Promote:

Getting the word out? Reserve space in the **Sky & Sno Adventure Guide** to reach residents and visitors exploring our region. **Ad deadline: September 12.**

Use These Tools:

Dive into the Small Business Guide, current grant opportunities, EvergreenBizLink, and more curated resources that make it easier to launch, operate, and grow in Monroe.

Questions or need additional assistance? Contact Patrick Doherty, Economic Development Coordinator at the City of Monroe.



UPCOMING CITY COUNCIL MEETING SCHEDULE

The next regular City Council Meeting is currently scheduled for Tuesday, September 9, 2025 at 7:00 p.m. The meeting will be located in the Council Chambers at the new City Hall at 806 W Main Street. 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](#).

** Please note that this meeting will be one of the first regular meetings in the City's new City Hall and Council Chambers, and that the audio/video capabilities of the new facility may not be fully operational. For this reason, the City cannot guarantee that streaming and/or remote participation for the meeting will be available. Persons wishing to attend and/or otherwise observe the meeting in its entirety are encouraged to attend in person. We apologize*

for any inconvenience.

Council Agendas/Minutes



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Kevin Hanford



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