

MONROE THIS WEEK

September 12, 2025



Next week, I will issue a proclamation recognizing September 15 to October 15, 2025, as **National Hispanic Heritage Month** in the City of Monroe. First established by Congress in 1988, this month honors the culture, traditions, and contributions of Hispanic and Latino communities whose roots span Spain, Portugal, Mexico, Central and South America, the Caribbean, and the United States itself. Here in Monroe, nearly one in five residents identify as Hispanic or Latino, and their rich heritage continues to shape our community, strengthening the vision of Imagine Monroe—a safe and welcoming place where everyone feels at home and belongs. This year’s national theme, “Collective Heritage: Honoring the Past, Inspiring the Future,” reminds us of the power of shared traditions, stories, and histories to inspire an inclusive future for all.



In other city news, I am pleased to announce that on Monday, Sept. 22 City Hall will reopen at the [Municipal Campus](#) site located at 806 W. Main Street. [Monroe Municipal Court](#) will reopen in its new space in October and continues services at its temporary location at 769 Village Way.

City Hall staff are transitioning from the temporary location back to the Campus. Temporary City Hall closes starting on Friday, Sept. 19. See more details in the next article.

[City Council meetings](#) are now being held at the Campus with [advisory board](#) meetings to resume in October. Please attend a meeting and get engaged with your city leaders.

This week's edition of Monroe This Week features:

- City Hall Reopening
- Board, Commission, Committee Applications
- Spartan Pan American Championship
- Reduced Speed Limits on Main Street during School Year

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

NEW CITY HALL REOPENS ON SEPT. 22

We look forward to reopening the renovated City Hall on Monday, Sept. 22 at 8 a.m. at the [Municipal Campus site](#) (806 W. Main Street). The lobby entrance to the [Police Department](#) will also reopen. We appreciate the community's patience during construction.

The remodel and expansion of City Hall, including the City Council Chambers, and [Monroe Municipal Court](#), address life-safety and accessibility deficiencies, repair and replace aging building systems, improve



customer experience, and better align department coordination.



The [Finance Department's Utility Billing Division](#) will be available at the temporary City Hall (14841 179th Ave SE, Suite 320) through Thursday, Sept. 18 (until 5 p.m.) to assist with in-person transactions to open or close a utility account or utility bill payments. The temporary location closes Friday, Sept. 19.

Download an [“At-A-Glance” directory](#) for key phone numbers and email addresses to City departments and services.

We're hosting an Open House on Halloween during the hours of the Downtown Trick-or-Treat event (3-6 p.m.), so be sure to stop in for some great city information and tasty treats!

To learn more about the Municipal Campus Improvement Project, visit the [project webpage](#).

APPLY TO SERVE ON A CITY BOARD OR COMMITTEE!

The City of Monroe is fortunate to have community members serve on its boards, commissions, and committees. These volunteers contribute their time, perspectives, and respective expertise to help provide recommendations to me and the City Council on emerging policy topics affecting our City. With a number of terms expiring at the end of this year, I encourage you to learn more about our various Boards and Commissions and consider applying.

There are current [vacancies](#) or upcoming term expirations on the following advisory boards:

- Planning Commission
- Community Human Services Advisory Board
- Economic Development Advisory Board
- Park Board
- Ethics Board
- LEOFF-1
- Salary Commission
- Lodging Tax Advisory Committee*

You can find detailed information on our [Boards, Commissions, and Committees online](#). If interested, please submit an [application](#) to our [City Clerk by September 30, 2025](#).

** Applications to serve on the Lodging Tax Advisory Committee are due Monday, September 15, 2025.*

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SPARTAN PAN AMERICAN CHAMPTIONSHIP THIS WEEKEND - TRAFFIC ADVISORY

The [Spartan Pan American Championship](#) returns to Monroe this Saturday and Sunday (Sept. 13-14). The event takes place at Meadow Wood Equestrian Center, just outside city limits. The championship will bring together the best Age Group and Elite athletes from across the Americas to compete for the ultimate title. The race will feature the Beast, a challenging 21K course that will test strength, endurance, and determination.



Traffic Advisory: Please be advised this event brings in 5,000 - 6,000 visitors a day and traffic may be elevated near the entrance to the location at 177th Ave SE.

REMINDER: REDUCED SPEED LIMITS ON WEST MAIN DURING SCHOOL YEAR

Welcome back to school!

Please remember that during the school year, the speed limits on West Main Street between 177th Avenue and Madison Street will be reduced from 25 MPH to 20 MPH, Monday through Friday, between the hours



of 7:00 a.m. and 4:00 p.m. Reduce your speeds and help keep our kids safe.

I wish all students an enjoyable and productive start to the school year!

UPCOMING CITY COUNCIL MEETING SCHEDULE

The next City Council Meeting is currently scheduled for Tuesday, September 16, 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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