



Monroe BUSINESS

City of Monroe, Washington
Economic Development Newsletter

MAY 2023

FOCUS ON HISTORIC DOWNTOWN MONROE



ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT ADVISORY BOARD (EDAB) TOURS DOWNTOWN MONROE PROMENADE

On Thursday, May 25th, the Economic Development Advisory Board (EDAB) conducted a walking tour and assessment of the downtown Monroe Promenade. A recent uptick in commercial vacancies along Main Street led the EDAB to investigate the potential causes and look at ways they could assist the downtown business community and property



CELEBRATE DOWNTOWN MONROE

The City of Monroe and the Monroe Chamber of Commerce invite the community to celebrate the KICKOFF TO SUMMER with a block party! Over 40 Vendors, live music, performances, entertainment and specials!

**Downtown Monroe
from 3-7pm
Friday June 23, 2023**

FREE to attend, family friendly fun!

The Chamber invites those interested in setting up a booth and participating in the block party to fill out the application which is open now!

[Historic Downtown Monroe Block Party Registration](#)

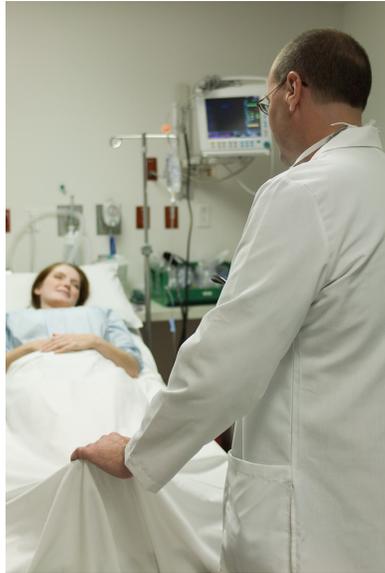
owners.

Community input is being sought. What's your impression of the Historic Downtown? What do you want to see Historic Downtown Monroe become in 5, 10 years? Let us hear from you. Send us your comments:

[Historic Downtown Monroe Comments](#)

Help support the historic heart of Monroe and come out to celebrate the arrival of summer.

This event made possible in part assistance from American Rescue Plan Act Funds provided by the City of Monroe.



Executive Somers Announces \$8 Million for Five Projects That Increase Behavioral Health Capacity

Funded Projects Will Allow a Minimum of 440 New Individuals to be Served Each Year; Increased Capacity Could Serve Thousands
Funded Projects Focus On Increasing Treatment Services for Youth and Families

SNOHOMISH COUNTY, Wash., May 22, 2023 – Executive Dave Somers today announced that Snohomish County is awarding \$8 million to five capital projects that increase behavioral health and substance use disorder treatment capacity. These projects will serve at least 440 new individuals each year, with the capacity to serve thousands, and the majority of projects focus on increasing treatment services for youth and families. These awards are funded through the County's federal American Rescue Plan Act (ARPA) allocation. To learn more go to [Snohomish County Increases Behavioral Health Center Capacity](#)



MegaBus Connect US 2 Corridor

Information Courtesy of SnoTrac – Snohomish County Transportation Coalition

A new Megabus route will connect Seattle to Leavenworth (& back), and will have stops in Everett, Monroe, and Skykomish.

There are two east-bound and two west-bound trips each day. Seattle-to-Leavenworth trips start at 8:30 and 9:15 a.m., and both return trips leave at 1 p.m. For those travelling from Skykomish to Monroe, departure times are 1:40 & 2 p.m., and cost \$23-\$26.

The Megabus route is operated by Northwest Stagelines, which has provided a similar service for many years. For schedules, locations of stops and to book tickets go to [Northwest Stagelines](#)



Snohomish County Awards \$5,000 in Pandemic Recovery Grants to Monroe Arts Council

Snohomish County facilitated the Arts and Culture Recovery grant application, with up to \$1.6 million available, to provide relief to arts and culture organizations, businesses, and other entities adversely impacted by the COVID-19 pandemic, so they can continue activities that support public benefit as well as enhance community engagement through mid-to-large events and festivals held in Snohomish County. The Monroe Arts Council was one of the selected recipients with a grant of \$5,000. The Monroe Arts Council was formed in 2003 with the mission of stimulating the growth of the visual, literary and performing arts, to enhance the community through art in public places and to preserve the historic legacy of Monroe. For more information click [Monroe Arts Council's performances and events.](#)



THE SWITCH IS ON! NEW ONLINE UTILITY BILL PAYMENT VENDOR

The City has switched to a more reliable and compatible online utility payment vendor. Utility customers who have automatic payments or who pay online need to re-enter their payment method information by July 28 to ensure their account continues to be charged properly. Please visit [Monroe Utility Autopay Setup](#) and keep an eye out for a mailer in your June utility bill for details. Customers who pay by mail or in-person may want to switch to the convenience of online payment. Our Utility Billing staff are glad to assist you. Contact them at

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**SNOHOMISH
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PORTAL INFO
SESSION**

June 28 • 10:00
AM - 11:30 AM

Virtual Meeting

Cost: FREE

Register Here!



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Contractors and vendors that want to do business with Snohomish County should be registered on the county supplier database, Procurement. This session focuses on how to register and use the database. You will learn how to: - Register in Procurement - Pick commodity codes - Locate categories after registration - Submit your registration Snohomish County Procurement staff will share tips on navigating the site as well.

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Navigation tips how to find:

- Available Bid Opportunities
- Bid Documents
- Award Status & Information
 - Past and current award information
 - Bid tabulations
- Past Competitions
- Market Research Tools

UPCOMING CITY COUNCIL MEETING SCHEDULE

City Council meetings are held in a hybrid format; members of the public may participate in Monroe City Council meetings either in-person at City Hall or remotely via the Zoom remote meeting platform. Participation information is posted on the city's website which can be accessed by clicking the button below.

MAYOR



Geoffrey Thomas

Have a question for Mayor Thomas?
Contact him at GThomas@MonroeWA.gov

CITY COUNCIL MEMBERS



Councilmember
Kevin Hanford



Councilmember
Ed Davis



Councilmember
Jason Gamble



Councilmember
Kirk Scarboro



Councilmember
Heather Fulcher



Councilmember
Tami Kinney



Councilmember
Kyle Fisher

Have a question for your Councilmembers?
Contact them at Councilmembers@MonroeWA.gov



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