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Joining the Chamber is good for your business

The key reason to join the Chamber of Commerce is that it will establish your credibility within the community. Over 64 percent of consumers are more impressed with a company associated with the Chamber of Commerce. You'll be able to create a sense of goodwill with your target audience and they will be more likely to buy from you.

The Monroe Chamber of Commerce has monthly membership lunches on the second Tuesday of each month. After Hours events are hosted by member businesses and offer more networking opportunities.

The Monroe Chamber of Commerce is the premier member-driven business league in the City of Monroe. The Monroe Chamber

works on behalf of local businesses and the community to develop partnerships and support prosperous conditions for business.

The Chamber's mission is to lead the community with the members in mind to ensure their diverse opinions and needs are met, in order to cultivate a culture of trust, long-term community growth and

business development.

The Monroe Chamber is governed by a volunteer board of directors. The Chamber exists to make Monroe a better place to live, work and play and is always striving to create value for the memberships and helping your business grow.

To join the Monroe Chamber of Commerce, visit www.ChooseMonroe.com or call 360-794-5488.

ChooseMonroe.com

The Monroe Chamber of Commerce, www.ChooseMonroe.com, was designed to build connections between residents, visitors and Chamber members.

Each Chamber member can have their own web page to enter and upload content themselves, and also has access to the Members Only area.

Additional tools such as interactive maps and itinerary builders are key features of this communications platform.

Thousands flock to Swift Night Out in September

The Vaux's Swifts are migrating north and will soon arrive in Monroe to roost at the Wagner Performing Arts Center's chimney. Monroe boasts the second largest congregation of these birds in North America, drawing birds by the thousands each evening.

Monroe is very fortunate

to have these wonderful birds come to the city twice every year (spring and fall) and to provide an amazing opportunity to observe an act of nature right in our own neighborhood. Admirers of all ages bring their cameras, binoculars, folding chairs and picnic blankets and spread out on the lawn to watch as

thousands of birds funnel into the chimney without ever colliding. People have come from as far as North Carolina to see this amazing feat.

This year the Monroe Swift Night Out will be on Saturday, Sept. 6 starting at 5 p.m. For more information visit www.pilchuckaudubon.org (date subject to change)

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Many events are held at the Evergreen State Fair Park



The Gary D. Heikel Event Center is a 33,000 square foot building with attached restrooms.

The fun at the Evergreen State Park isn't confined to just the Fair (Aug. 21-26 and Aug. 28-Sept. 1). No, the grounds are used all year round. There are animal shows, both domestic and farm; swap meets, collectibles and special interest shows such as quilt shows, woodcarving shows, hobby shows and craft markets, as well as the popular auto racing at the Evergreen Speedway.

Are YOU planning an event? If so, the Evergreen

State Fair Park can provide a unique venue to host your activity.

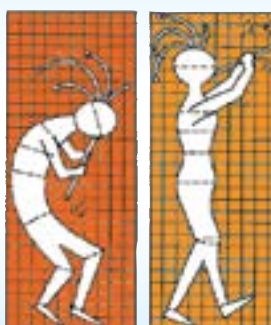
With 194 acres, 14 buildings, top notch equestrian facility, ample parking and RV camping, the Evergreen State Fair Park has something for everyone! The Fair Park is centrally located with easy access from Highway 2 and Interstate 522 with nearby hotels, businesses and restaurants making it very convenient for exhibitors and attendees. Meetings,

conventions, conferences, trade shows, social events, animal shows, equine events – when people gather, the Evergreen State Fair Park is the perfect location!

The Fair Park prides itself on exceptional customer service and welcomes you to check out their facilities!

Want to attend an Event? – Check out their Calendar of Events at www.EvergreenFair.org to find out dates, hours, locations and contact information.

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Monroe Calendar of Events for 2025

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MAY

May 3-4: Seattle Spartan Trifecta, Meadow Wood Equestrian Center www.spartan.com

May 3: Spring Bazaar and Plant Sale at Monroe Community Senior Center, 276 Sky River Parkway, 9am-2pm

May 3: MSD Plant Sale at MHS Greenhouses

May 3: Miracle League at Rotary Field, 9am

May 3-4: Everett Rock & Gem Show, Evergreen State Fair Park

May 3: NW Rabbit Breeders Show at Evergreen State Fair Park, 10am-5pm

May 4: Battle of the Badges at Lake Tye Park Turf Fields, Noon

May 10: Seattle Metro Reptile Expo, Evergreen State Fair Park, 10am

May 14-18: PNW Hunter & Jumper Horse Show, Evergreen State Fair Park

May 17: Miracle League at Rotary Field, 9am

May 17: VFWs Flags for our Fallen 5K at Lake Tye Park, 8:30am-2pm

May 17-18: Monroe Auto Swap Early Ford V-8 Meet at Evergreen State Fair Park

May 23-25: Monster Trucks / Demo Derby at Evergreen Speedway

May 23-26: Black Pine Spa Show at Evergreen State Fair Park

May 24: NW All-Breed Goat Show, The Udder

Fusion NW, Evergreen State Fair Park, 9am www.fiberfusion.net

June 4: Farmers Market at Galaxy Theaters, 1 Galaxy Way, www.choosemonroe.com, 3-7pm

June 5: Sky Valley Indian Education Awards Dinner

June 5-8: Mid-summer Classic Arabian Horse Show, Evergreen State Fair Park

June 12: MHS Grad Parade, 6pm

June 7: Lake Tye Challenge

June 7: Miracle League at Rotary Field, 9am

June 8: Monroe PRIDE at Skykomish River Park, Noon, www.monroequitycommunity.org

June 11: Farmers Market at Galaxy Theaters, 1 Galaxy Way, www.choosemonroe.com, 3-7pm

June 14: Juneteenth Celebration, 330 Sumac Fr, Monroe, 12-4pm,

June 21-22: Artisans Summer Fair, over 50 vendors, Evergreen State Fair Park, 9am-4pm

June 21: Monroe Community Band Concert, Wagner Performing Arts Center, 7pm

June 25: Farmers Market Dog Days at Galaxy Theaters, 1 Galaxy Way, www.choosemonroe.com, 3-7pm

June 25-28: Region 5 Arabian Horse Show, Evergreen State Fair Park

June 26-29: Open Road RV Show at Evergreen State Fair Park

June 28: Tilted Thunder Roller Derby, Evergreen State Fair Park, 5pm www.tiltedthunder.org

June 28-29: Ham Radio Field Day, Lake Tye Park

JULY

July 2: Farmers Market at Galaxy Theaters, 1 Galaxy Way, www.choosemonroe.com, 3-7pm

July 4: USA Birthday Bash & Fireworks at Evergreen Speedway

July 9-12: Regional Sport Horse Show at Evergreen State Fair Park

July 11-13: Black Pine Spa Show at Evergreen State Park

July 12: Great NW Rabbit Show at Evergreen State Fair Park

July 19: Tilted Thunder Roller Derby, Evergreen State Fair Park, 4pm

July 8: SRFR Water Safety Camp, Lake Tye, 10am, SRFR.org

July 9: Farmers Market at Galaxy Theaters, 1 Galaxy Way, www.choosemonroe.com, 3-7pm

July 11: Music in the Park - The Machine (70s Dance Band) at Lake Tye Park, www.choosemonroe.com, 6pm

July 12: Evergreen State Fair Food Drive, West lot

July 12: Shakespeare in the Park at Skykomish River Park, 5pm

July 15-17: WA State Holstein Show, Evergreen State Fair Park

July 16: Farmers Market at Galaxy Theaters, 1 Galaxy Way, www.choosemonroe.com, 3-7pm

July 18: Music in the Park - Jackie & The Holograms (80s pop & rock) at Lake Tye Park, www.choosemonroe.com, 6pm

July 18-20: WA Paint Horse Show, Evergreen State Fair Park

July 19: Tilted Thunder Roller Derby, Evergreen State Fair Park, 5pm www.tiltedthunder.org

July 19-20: WA Mid-Summer Renaissance Faire, Sky Meadows Park, www.washingtonfaire.com

July 19: Lake Tye Science Day, 10am-Noon

July 19: Hawaiian DJ Bingo at Monroe Community Center, 276



R/C Unlimiteds Model Boat Racing will be Sept. 7 on Lake Tye at 8 a.m.

Sky River Parkway at 5pm. www.mcsc.org

July 23: Farmers Market at Galaxy Theaters, 1 Galaxy Way, www.choosemonroe.com, 3-7pm

July 26-27: WA Mid-Summer Renaissance Faire, Sky Meadows Park, www.washingtonfaire.com

July 25: Music in the Park - Hair Nation (80s Rock) at Lake Tye Park, www.choosemonroe.com, 6pm

July 30: Farmers Market at Galaxy Theaters, 1 Galaxy Way, www.choosemonroe.com, 3-7pm

July 30-Aug. 3: C-Fair Charity Horse Show, Evergreen State Fair Park

AUGUST

Aug. 1: Movies Under the Moon - Dispicable Me 4 at Lake Tye Park, dusk

Aug. 2: Lake Tye Triathlon, 8am

Aug. 2-3: WA Mid-Summer Renaissance Faire, Sky Meadows Park, www.washingtonfaire.com

Aug. 5: National Night Out Against Crime at Lake Tye Park, 5:30-8:30pm

Aug. 6: Farmers Market at Galaxy Theaters, 1 Galaxy Way, www.choosemonroe.com, 3-7pm

Aug. 9: Walk to Remember, Sky River Park, 9am-3. www.compassionatefriends.org

Aug. 9-10: WA Mid-

Summer Renaissance Faire, Sky Meadows Park, www.washingtonfaire.com

Aug. 8: Movies Under the Moon - Moana 2 at Lake Tye Park, dusk

Aug. 13: Farmers Market (Kid's Day) at Galaxy Theaters, 1 Galaxy Way, www.choosemonroe.com, 3-7pm

Aug. 16: Kiwanis Golf Classic, 8am, www.kiwanismonroewa.org

Aug. 15: Movies Under the Moon - Mufsa The Lion King at Lake Tye Park, Dusk

Aug. 16-17: WA Mid-Summer Renaissance Faire, Sky Meadows Park, www.washingtonfaire.com

Aug. 20: Farmers Market at Galaxy Theaters, 1 Galaxy Way, www.choosemonroe.com, 3-7pm

Aug. 21-26, Aug. 28-Sept. 1: Evergreen State Fair, www.evergreenfair.org (CLOSED AUG. 27)

Aug. 22: Movies Under the Moon - Captain America Brave New World at Lake Tye Park, Dusk

Aug. 23: Fair Days Parade on Main Street, www.choosemonroe.com, 11am

Aug. 23-24: FairFest 3on3 Tournament at Galaxy Theaters, www.fairfest.org

Aug. 27: Farmers Market at Galaxy Theaters, 1 Galaxy Way, www.choosemonroe.com, 3-7pm

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The Ixtapa Dancers and Dancing Horses are a crowd favorite at the Fair Days Parade. The 2025 Parade will be Saturday, Aug. 23 at 11 a.m. on Main Street.

May 4: Kaci Edelbrock Memorial 5K at Lake Tye Park, 10am, www.bigheartbigsmile.org

May 7-11: Key Classic Morgan Horse Show, Evergreen State Fair Park

May 9-18: Puss 'N Boots - musical by Sky Performing Arts at Wagner Performing Arts Center. www.skyperformingarts.org

May 10-13: Just Between Friends Consignment Sale, Evergreen State Fair Park

May 10: Master Gardener's Plant Sale, Evergreen State Fair Park, 9am, www.snmgf.org

May 10: Miracle League at Rotary Field, 9am

May 10: Community Cleanup, Republic Services at Evergreen Speedway, 8am-2pm

Spectacular 3-Ring Show, 10am-5pm at Evergreen State Fair Park

May 28: Farmers Market at Galaxy Theaters, 1 Galaxy Way, www.choosemonroe.com, 3-7pm

May 22: 35th Annual Heritage Day, Sky Valley Indian Education, Long House at Evergreen State Fair Park

May 24: Traditional Pow Wow, Sky Valley Indian Education, Monroe High School

May 31: Miracle League at Rotary Field, 9am

May 31-June 1: Classic Sportsman Gun & Knife Show at Evergreen State Fair Park

JUNE

June 7-8: Fiber

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SEPTEMBER

Sept. 3: Farmers Market at Galaxy Theaters, 1 Galaxy Way, 3-7pm

Sept. 5: Miracle League Fall Opening Day at Rotary Field

Sept. 6: Swifts Night Out, Wagner Performing Arts Center, 4pm, www/pilchuckaudubonsociety.com

Sept. 6: Belonging-Monroe Celebrates Culture, Sky River Park, 12-6pm

Sept. 7: Color Walk/Run at Sky River Park, 8am

Sept. 7: R/C Unlimiteds Model Boat Racing at Lake Tye, 8am

Sept. 7: R/C Unlimited Apple Cup at Lake Tye Park, 8am-6pm

Sept. 10: Farmers Market at Galaxy Theaters, 1 Galaxy Way, 3-7pm

Sept. 13-14: Seattle Spartan Trifecta, Meadow Wood Equestrian Center www.spartan.com

Sept. 13: Miracle League at Rotary Field, 9am

Sept. 24: Farmers Harvest Market at Galaxy Theatres, 1 Galaxy Way,, 2:30-6:30pm, www.choosemonroe.com

Sept. 27: Miracle League at Rotary Field, 9am

Sept. 26: Spaghetti Dinner Fundraiser, Monroe Senior Center, www.mcsc.org

Sept. 26-28: Evergreen Fall RV Show, Evergreen State Fair Park

Sept. 27: Fall Festival Start, Legacy Farm, thelegacyfarm.org

OCTOBER

Oct. 4: SRFR Fire Prevention Week Open House, Station 31, 12pm

Oct. 17-19: Evergreen Fall Home Show at Evergreen State Fair Park

Oct. 25: Halloween Drag Bingo, Monroe Senior Center, 276 Sky

River Parkway, 5pm, www.mcsc.org

Oct. 31: Downtown Trick or Treat on Main Street, www.choosemonroe.com, 3-6pm

NOVEMBER

Nov. 8: Holiday Bazaar at Monroe Senior Center, 276 Sky River Parkway, 9am-2pm, www.mcsc.org

Nov. 8-9: Oddmall Emporium of the Weird CREEPSMAS, Evergreen State Park

Nov. 21-22: The Great Junk Hunt, Evergreen State Fair Park

Nov. 21: Drive-thru Thanksgiving Dinner at Monroe Senior Center, www.mcsc.org, 5pm

Nov. 29: Small Business Saturday in Downtown Monroe, 11am-4pm, www.choosemonroe.com

Nov. 30: Light Up Monroe at Traveler's Park, choosemonroe.com 4-6:30p.m.

DECEMBER

Dec. 4-7: Holiday Spark at the Evergreen State Fair Park, evergreenfair.org

Dec. 6-21: Old Country Christmas, Legacy Farms

Dec. 7-16: Seven Brides for Seven Brothers by Providence High School Drama at Wagner Performing Arts Center, PCCS.org/Drama

Dec. 13: Monroe Community Band Christmas Concert at Wagner Performing Arts Center, 7pm

Dec. 13-14: Artisans Holiday Fair at Evergreen State Fair Park, 9am-4pm, artisansholidayfair.com

Dec. 19: Drive-thru Christmas Dinner at Monroe Senior center, www.mcsc.org, 5pm

Dec. 19: Take Seventeen Big Band Concert at Wagner Performing Arts Center, 7pm

Welcome to the thrill of the Evergreen Speedway!

Evergreen Speedway is located on the grounds of the Evergreen State Fair Park in Monroe. The covered grandstand can accommodate up to 7,500 spectators, with seating for an additional 5,000 in the uncovered modular grandstands.

The layout of the track is unique in that it incorporates a 5/8-mile paved outer oval, a 3/8-mile paved inner oval, a 1/5-mile paved inner oval, a nationally renowned figure-eight track, and a 3/4-mile road course.

Evergreen Speedway was tabbed the "Super Speedway of the West" by David Pearson on one of his visits to the historic NASCAR track.

Evergreen played host to many NASCAR 500 lap events before California and Nevada built their super speedways.

Today Evergreen Speedway is home to the NASCAR Advance Auto Parts Weekly Series and Formula Drift.

Evergreen Speedway celebrates their 71st year of operation on the Evergreen State Fairgrounds in 2025.

For more information please visit www.EvergreenSpeedway.com, or on Facebook at Evergreen Speedway. Office number: 360-805-6117

Schedule

May 3: TransWest Mobility Services Night
Pro Late Model, Street Stock, Hornets, Stinger 8, Youth Hornets

May 10: Granite Can AM Shootout
Winged Sprint, Legends, Mini Stocks, Super Stocks, F-8, Pro 4 Truck

May 17: Basch Light Night
Pro Late Model, Street

Stock, Mini Stocks, Hornets, Stinger 8

May 23: Friday Monster Trucks

5pm Monster Truck Rides, Show starts at 7pm with Monster Trucks, Mini Bump to Pass, Youth Hornets, Spec Rangers

May 24: Saturday Monster Trucks

4pm Monster Truck Rides, Show starts at 6pm with Monster Trucks, Mini Bump to Pass, Youth Hornets, Spec Rangers

May 25: Sean Peters Memorial Demo Derby

Outlaw F-8s, Super Stock F-8s, Legends, Hornets, NW V8 Bump to Pass, Buses, DEMO DERBY & FIREWORKS!

May 31: DriftCon

Evergreen NW Drift Series Competition #2

June 7: Garage Force Night

PLM Twin Races, Legions Regional, Youth Hornets, Pro 4 Truck, Hornets

June 14: Figure 8 Night

Outlaw F-8s, Super Stock F-8s, Stinger 8, Focus Midgets, Youth Hornets, NW Vintage Modifieds

June 15: Dream Builders Car Show

June 21: Gold Rush Night

Street Stock, Mini Stock, Super Stock F-8, Hornets, Stinger 8

June 28: Mark Gallo-way Shootout

PLM 150 Shootout (5/8), Street Stocks, Mini Stocks, Legends

July 4: USA Birthday Bash-Angel of the Winds

Large Car Demo, Hornets, Stinger 8, Buses, Youth Hornets,



Jon Brennan photo

Mini Bump to Pass, Boats, Mr. Dizzy Stunts, FIREWORKS!

July 5: TBD

July 12: Figure 8 Nationals

Outlaw F-8, Super Stock F-8, Stinger 8, Street Stock, NW Vintage Mods

July 19: Summer Showdown

Super Late Model 200, Mini Stocks, Legends, Pro 4 Trucks



July 26: Greenshield Industrial Night

Outlaw F-8s, Super Stock F-8s, Hornets, Mini Stock, Youth Hornets

July 27: Driftcar Track Takeover

Evergreen NW Drift Series Competition #3

Aug. 2: Granite Cup Winged Sprints

Winged Sprints, Legend Regional, Focus Midget, Can-Am Sprints, Stinger 8

Aug. 8-9: Formula Drift Showdown

Aug. 16: Driver Reunion Night

Pro Late Model, Street Stocks, Hornets, Mini Stock, Super Stock F-8

Aug. 22: Monster Truck Mayhem

Megasauras, Teedoff, Youth Hornets, Stadium Rangers Busses

Aug. 23: Monster Truck Mayhem

Megasauras, Teedoff, Hornets, Mini Bump to Pass, Busses

Aug. 24: Monster Truck Mayhem

Megasauras, Teedoff, Pro 4 Trucks, Vintage Modifieds, Busses

Aug. 30: Seattle 11 Figure 8 Mania at the Fair

Outlaw F-8, Super Stock F-8, Mini Stock, Stinger 8, Street Stock

Aug. 31: DEMO DERBY

Hornets, Youth Hornets, NW Bump to Pass, Boats, Buses, Mini Bump to Pass, DEMO DERBY & FIREWORKS!

Sept. 13: Championship Night #1

Pro Late Model, Street Stock, Stinger 8, Legends, Hornets

Sept. 20: Championship Night #2

Outlaw F-8, Super Stocks F-8, Mini Stock, Vntage Mods, Pro 4 Trucks, Youth Hornets

Oct. 5: Big Ed Ritchie 60 Minutes of FEAR

Outlaw F-8, Super Stock F-8, Stinger 8, Hornet Nationals, Buses, FSCRA, and FIREWORKS!

Schedule Subject to Change. Visit www.Evergreenspeedway.com

Events Subject to change

Monroe is home to many user-friendly parks

The city of Monroe has one of the finest park systems in Snohomish County and has the most acreage of parks and open space of any city in the county. All city parks are open to the public from 8:00 a.m. to dusk.

• **Al Borlin Park (Buck Island): 615 Simons Rd.** ~ Accessible by the foot bridge from Lewis Street

Park or by auto via Simons Road. This is a day use facility with great river fishing, sandy beach for swimming and picnicking, and is criss-crossed with a network of wooded trails totaling 1.2 miles and the park itself is 90 acres.

• **Blueberry Children's Park: 18399 Blueberry Lane** ~ This is a small park with benches, drinking

fountain, picnic tables and playground.

• **Cedar Grove Park: 15554-168th Ave. SE** ~ Amenities include picnic tables, playground and drinking fountain.

• **Currie View Park: 17260-153rd St. SE** ~ The park consists of 4.3 acres with basketball courts, picnic tables, playground and parking lot.

• **Freyland's Neighborhood Park: Van Ave SE & Wales St. SE** ~ This park has basketball courts, picnic tables and playground.

• **Hillcrest Park (The Farm): 14175 Country Crescent Rd. SE** ~ The park has basketball courts, benches, bike rack, picnic shelter, picnic tables, drinking fountain, playground and a parking lot.

• **Lake Tye Park: 14964 Frylands Blvd.** ~ Located in west Monroe on 62 acres, of which Lake Tye covers 42 acres.

BBQs, baseball, basketball, soccer, tennis, skatepark, swimming, fishing, picnic shelter and tables, playground and concession stand.

• **Lewis Street Park: 561 S. Lewis St.** ~ Located on the east side of Lewis Street just north of the Skykomish River Bridge, amenities include picnic shelter, picnic tables, BBQs, benches, playground, river frontage, benches, restrooms and a parking lot.

• **Monroe Board & Blade**



Lake Tye Park includes a non-lifeguarded beach and boat launch,

SkatePark: Located at Lake Tye Park, the skate park features six quarterpipes, three wedges, two funboxes and a host of grinding rails.

• **Park Meadows: 15800 160th Ave. SE**

• **Rainier View Park (Sinclair): 19921 Rainier View Rd. SE** ~ Amenities include picnic tables, BBQs, playground, benches, drinking fountain, bike rack and playground.

• **Ramblewood Tot Lot: 20019 Ramblewood Rd. SE** ~ Amenities include benches, picnic tables and playground.

• **Rotary Field: 372 Sky River Parkway**

• **Skykomish River Park: 413 Sky River Parkway** ~ Located on the west side of Lewis Street Bridge

on the north side of the Skykomish River, this 35-acre park has 4 baseball fields, 3 soccer fields, pickleball courts, jogging trails, picnic shelter, picnic tables, river frontage, playground equipment and a large parking lot. River access for boats and fishing is available at the adjoining Game Dept. boat launch ramp.

• **Stanton Meadows Park: 17701-149th Ave. SE** ~ This 3.5-acre park has a picnic shelter, picnic tables, BBQs, playground and parking lot.

• **Traveler's Park (Veteran's Memorial): 501 E. Main St.** ~ Located on East Main St. where it intersects with Hwy. 2, nice rest area with picnic tables and drinking fountain.

• **Wales Street Park: Wales and Van Street**

• **Wiggly Field: 413 Sky River Parkway** ~ This is an off-leash dog park with benches and parking lot.



The new play equipment at Currie View Park includes features that: encourage multi-generational play; are ADA inclusive and intentionally break down physical and social barriers to play; and advanced climbing challenges and motion activities that appeal to older children. Improvements such as the use of ADA approved rubberized surfacing are also part of the playground design. The overall footprint of the play area is approximately three times larger than the previous play area.



Al Borlin Park park is accessible by this footbridge from Lewis Street Park or by vehicle via Simons Road.



Michael Whitney photo

There are multiple pickleball courts offered at City Parks in Monroe. Pickleball continues to grow in popularity in all age groups.



Jim Scolman photo

The Monroe Historical Society Museum is open Wednesdays and Saturdays from noon to 3 p.m. The Museum is located at 207 E. Main Street and is free to visit, donations requested.

Dream Builders Car Show Sunday, June 15



Photos courtesy of dreambuilderscarshow.com

Trevor Robinson with his 1952 Ford Customline, Best of Show 2024.

The 11th annual Dream Builders Car Show, benefitting Big Brothers and Sisters of Snohomish County, is open to spectators from 9 a.m. to 4 p.m. on Sunday, June 15, but of course you should arrive early because, well...there's SO MUCH to do all day long! This summer event,

held on Father's Day at the Evergreen Speedway in Monroe, is more than just a car show, so strap in and enjoy the ride! So you're at the show, you've seen all of the cars, and your feet are tired. Time to go? NOPE! Take a seat in the grandstands and watch cars rip around the track

in some exciting live racing action! Maybe you'd like to ride along? Yep! You can do that!

If you're 21 years or older, you can head to the Speedway Beer Garden for an ice-cold brew to drink while you walk around the midway and check out the vehicles in the VIP parking area.

Head over to the stage, and enjoy music performed by live bands throughout the day.

Check out Vendors Row, showcasing area businesses and entrepreneurs.

There is plenty for the kids to do, including face painters, a bouncy house, inflatable obstacle course and

slides, Kids Car Show, and one of the biggest highlights of the show, the POWER WHEELS DRAGS! Kids will be able to race their own Power Wheels against each other down the Kid Zone Drag Strip.

And - participation for kids is FREE!

Be sure to purchase raffle tickets for the Prize Raffle and 50/50 Raffle.

And just before the award presentation, make your way up to the grandstands to watch motorcycles and cars/trucks battle it out in the Loudest Engine Contest, followed up by the tire-shredding Burnout Contest!

There will be over 100

awards, with classes for any and every type of vehicle, including multiple classes for various Motorcycles, Exotics, Muscle, Imports, Grocery Getters, Rat Rods, Off-Road, and Semi Trucks...just to name a few. There will even be awards for BOATS!

In just nine years, the Dream Builders Car Show has raised \$670,000 for



Big Brothers and Big Sisters of Snohomish County.

For more information visit www.dreambuilderscarshow.com

Movies Under the Moon in Monroe



Despicable Me 4 will be showing on Friday, August 1.

Monroe Parks and Recreation will host four free movie nights at Lake Tye Park this summer. There will be pre-movie activities for kids at 8 p.m. and movies will begin at dusk (approximately 9 p.m.).

Parkside Bites concessions available.

Lake Tye Park is located at 14964 Fryelands Blvd. In Monroe.

August 1: Despicable Me 4 (PG)

Gru, the supervillain-turned-Anti-Villain

League agent, faces a new foe who's escaped from custody. With Maxime Le Mal out for revenge with his girlfriend Valentina, Gru's entire family's lives are at stake and he is forced to take them all on the run.

August 8: Moana 2 (PG)

"Moana 2" reunites Moana and Maui three years later for an expansive new voyage alongside a crew of unlikely seafarers. After

receiving an unexpected call from her wayfinding ancestors, Moana must journey to the far seas of Oceania and into dangerous, long-lost waters for an adventure unlike anything she's ever faced.

August 15: Mafasa - The Lion King (PG)

Mufasa, a cub lost and alone, meets a sympathetic lion named Taka, the heir to a royal

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Moana 2 will be showing on Friday, August 8.

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Mufasa The Lion King will be showing Friday, August 15



Captain America Brave New World will be showing Friday, August 22.

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bloodline. The chance meeting sets in motion an expansive journey of a group of misfits searching for their destiny.

August 22: Captain America - Brave New World (PG-13)
Sam Wilson, the new Captain America, finds

himself in the middle of an international incident and must discover the motive behind a nefarious global plan.

Why Shop Local?

- 1. Dollars you spend locally provide sales tax revenues to support vital community services.
- 2. A relationship with your local merchant helps them know your preferences and helps them stock what will keep you returning to their business.
- 3. Local merchants are loyal to their community and donate part of your dollars back to local groups and charities.
- 4. Your local purchases support business growth, creating a solid local jobs market.
- 5. When you shop at one local merchant, they in turn support a whole host of other business. Banks, restaurants, and other business cluster around local shops.
- 6. Local shops are more accessible for everyone, especially for those without transport.
- 7. You save time and money by shopping locally. You drive less,
- shopping is centrally located and you'd be surprised how often the retail prices are lower, too.
- 8. You are doing the environment good by cutting out those long drives to larger cities.
- 9. Your purchases help to create a vibrant local business community that will attract new entrepreneurs and skilled workers.

Evergreen State Fair Aug. 21-26 and Aug. 28-Sept. 1



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The Evergreen State Fair 2025 will be August 21-26 and August 28-September 1 (closing on August 27). Come celebrate 116 years of Fair Fun!
This year's theme is "Where the Magic Comes Alive in 2025!"
The Evergreen State Fair is a place for community, a place to celebrate traditions, and make new memories.
At the Evergreen Speedway during the Fair you'll

enjoy Monster Trucks, the thrill of the Demo Derby, the Speed of the Race Cars and FIREWORKS!
Concerts in 2025 will include Wynonna Judd on Aug. 25; Tommy James & The Shondells on Aug. 26; and Stone Temple Pilots on Aug. 29. There will also be a free (with paid fair admission) Boot Scootin' Bash Aug. 28 at 6pm with line dancing lessons, music by DJ Jen and AARON CRAWFORD

in concert!.
Butler Amusement brings delightful fun with the carnival and the midway.
The Fair Food Drive will be Saturday, July 12 from Noon to 5 p.m. at the West (Red) Parking Lot at the Fairgrounds, 14405 179th Ave. SE. Bring 5 cans of food and receive 1 weekday fair gate admission ticket, up to 5 tickets per car.
For more information visit www.evergreenfair.org or call 360-805-6700.

Shuttle Service now offered between Monroe and Duvall

Snoqualmie Valley Transportation (SVT) has announced the restart of its Duvall-Monroe Shuttle.

Starting April 15 the shuttle is available in peak morning and afternoon/evenings times to better enable riders to access the length of the Valley.

The shuttle originates and ends at Brown Ave. NE & NE Richardson in Duvall. Stops in between in Monroe include: Lewis Street Park, N. Kelsey St. & Galaxy Way (Walmart).

From the connecting stops on Hwy. 2, riders can connect to Community Transit routes 270 and

271 to reach all points east and west including stops within walking distance to: Index, Everett, Evergreen State Fairgrounds/ Snohomish County District Court, Monroe/Sky Valley YMCA, and Monroe Community Senior.

Shuttle service for this route will be available weekdays in the mornings with three runs from 6:30 a.m. until 9:46 a.m. and continue in the afternoon/evening with three runs operating between 4:42 p.m. and 7:58 p.m. The suggested donation to ride is \$1.00. All fares are

used to offset the cost of the route. You may give the dollar to your driver or place it in the fare box when you get on the bus.

In 2018, the City of Monroe granted funding to support the Duvall-Monroe Shuttle service. SVT is now supported by grants from the Snoqualmie Indian Tribe, Washington Department of Transportation, and King County Metro and rider donations. Monroe is fortunate to have this service.

The shuttles are wheelchair-lift equipped.

For shuttle schedule and



more information, please visit SVT's website at

<https://svtbus.org/get-a-ride/duvall-monroe-shuttle/> or contact them at 425-888-7001.

Music in the Park Summer 2025 at 7pm

July 11: The Machine (70s, 80s, 90s and 2000s Dance Songs)



When you come and see The Machine, you will only hear DANCEABLE, FUN, PARTY rock and roll, AND you will have a great time. The Machine will be performing July 12 at 7 p.m. at Lake Tye Park. The band covers a

wide variety of the most well-known dance songs from the 70s, 80s, 90s, and 2000s and will squeeze as much variety in their set as possible!

The Machine performs at clubs, casinos, corporate events and is also available

for private functions.

Food Trucks: Ryan's REZ-ipes, Yummy Box, Cheese Pit, and Parkside Bites Concessions

Brewery: Bugu Brewing

July 25: Hair Nation (Best of 80's Rock)



Hair Nation is the Northwest's premier 80's Rock party band, recreating the experience of the mid-80's rock and roll scene with authentic 80's era outfits.

The band loves to pay homage to what the '80'S rock scene was all about — the PARTY! The sights and sounds of Van Halen, Motley Crue, Bon Jovi, Def Leppard, AC/DC, Twisted Sister, Whitesnake, Gun N' Roses, and more!

Hair Nation has traveled far and wide, playing exclusive dates on the east coast, up and

down the west coast, at the Hard Rock Hotel Lake Tahoe, and House of Blues Las Vegas.

Hair Nation's high energy show is designed to entertain and get the audience rock-in'!

Food Trucks: Ryan's REZ-ipes, Cheese Pit, Menchies, and Parkside Bites Concessions
Brewery: Crooked Label Brewing Company

July 18: Jackie & The Holograms (80's Pop & Rock)

Jackie and the Holograms is an 80's pop and rock cover band. Everything is performed LIVE, no tracks.

It has been said that their performances may cause uncontrollable dancing!

Food Trucks: Ryan's REZ-ipes, Split Open & Melt, Yummy Box, and Parkside Bites Concessions

Brewery: Dreadnought Brewing Company

