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<https://monroewa.gov/1330/Online-Permits>

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.

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 Fair Park isn't confined to just the Fair (Aug. 27 - Sept. 1 and Sept. 3-7). 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.

The future of Monroe

Mayor Patsy Cudaback's plans for Monroe include: Revitalizing the North Kelsey area (the city still owns about 11 acres that are for sale), Establishing a future Chamber of Commerce office and Visitor's Information Center (VIC), Creating economic development that cements Monroe as a "basecamp" for adventurers.

The future VIC and Chamber office will be going into the former Union Bank building on Main street near the Post Office. It will include space for pop-up vendors.

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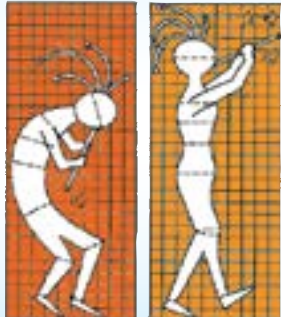
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Monroe Calendar of Events for 2026

MAY

May 2-3: Spartan Super Sprint Race, Meadow Wood Equestrian Center www.spartan.com

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

May 1: MSD Plant Sale at Monroe High Greenhouses

May 2: Miracle League at Rotary Field, 9am

May 2-3: Everett Rock & Gem Show, Evergreen State Fair Park

May 3: Kaci Edelbrock Memorial 5K, Lake Tye Park, 9am. www.bigheartbigsmile.org

May 3: Battle of the Badges at Lake Tye Park

May 23: Mexican Family Festival, Evergreen State Fair Park, 1-10pm

May 23: Traditional Pow Wow, Sky Valley Indian Education, Monroe High School from 12-9pm. Pow Wows at 1pm and 6pm.

May 29-30: Tilted Thunder Roller Derby, Evergreen State Fair Park, 5pm

May 30: Miracle League at Rotary Field, 9am

May 30-31: Classic Sportsman Gun & Knife Show at Evergreen State Fair Park

May 30: Lake Tye Challenge at Lake Tye Park, 5am. www.laketyechallenge.com

Events Subject to change

June 20-21: Classic Sportsman Gun & Knife Show at Evergreen State Fair Park

June 24: Farmers Market Dog Days at Galaxy Theaters, 1 Galaxy Way, www.choosemonroe.com, 3-7pm

June 24-27: Region 5 Arabian Horse Show, Evergreen State Fair Park

June 18-28: Open Road RV Show at Evergreen State Fair Park West Parking Lot

June 27: Tilted Thunder Roller Derby, Evergreen State Fair Park, 5pm www.tiltedthunder.org

June 27-28: Ham Radio Field Day, Lake Tye Park

Park, 10am-12pm. www.monroewa.gov/calendar

July 17-19: WA Paint Horse Show, Evergreen State Fair Park

July 18-19 : WA Mid-Summer Renaissance Faire, Sky Meadows Park, www.washingtonfaire.com

July 22: Farmers Market at Galaxy Theaters, 1 Galaxy Way, www.choosemonroe.com, 3-7pm

July 24-26: Peruvian Horse Championships, Evergreen State Fair Park

July 25-26: WA Mid-Summer Renaissance Faire, Sky Meadows Park, www.washingtonfaire.com

July 24: Music in the Park – The Machine (70s Disco) at Lake Tye Park, www.choosemonroe.com, 6pm

July 25-26: Classic Sportsman Gun & Knife Show at Evergreen State Fair Park

July 29: Farmers Market at Galaxy Theaters, 1 Galaxy Way, www.choosemonroe.com, 3-7pm

July 29-Aug. 2: C-Fair Charity Horse Show, Evergreen State Fair Park

July 31: Music in the Park – Hair Nation (80s Rock) at Lake Tye Park, www.choosemonroe.com, 6pm

July 31-Aug. 2: Tasty Nights Street Food Festival at Evergreen State Fair Park, 2-10pm www.tastynights.com (Online tickets only)

AUGUST

Aug. 1-2: Tasty Nights Street Food Festival at Evergreen State Fair Park, 2-10pm www.tastynights.com (Online tickets only)

Aug. 1: Lake Tye Triathlon, 8am www.laketyetri.com

Aug. 1-2: WA Mid-Summer Renaissance Faire, Sky Meadows Park, www.washingtonfaire.com

Aug. 1-2: C-Fair Charity Horse Show, Evergreen State Fair Park

Aug. 4: National Night Out Against Crime at Lake Tye Park, 5:30-8:30pm



The Monroe Farmers Market is every Wednesday from May 27 through October at the Galaxy Theatre parking lot.

Aug. 5: Farmers Market at Galaxy Theaters, 1 Galaxy Way, www.choosemonroe.com, 3-7pm

Aug. 8-9 : WA Mid-Summer Renaissance Faire, Sky Meadows Park, www.washingtonfaire.com

Aug. 7: Movies Under the Moon – A Minecraft Movie at Lake Tye Park, dusk

Aug. 12: Farmers Market (Kid's Day) at Galaxy Theaters, 1 Galaxy Way, www.choosemonroe.com, 3-7pm

Aug. 14: Movies Under the Moon – Zootopia 2 at Lake Tye Park, Dusk

Aug. 15-16: WA Mid-Summer Renaissance Faire, Sky Meadows Park, www.washingtonfaire.com

Aug. 19: Farmers Market at Galaxy Theaters, 1 Galaxy Way, www.choosemonroe.com, 3-7pm

Aug. 27 - Sept. 1, Sept. 3-7: Evergreen State Fair, www.evergreenfair.org (CLOSED SEPT. 2)

Aug. 21: Movies Under the Moon – Superman at Lake Tye Park, Dusk

Aug. 29: Fair Days Parade & Market on Main Street, www.choosemonroe.com, 11am- 1pm

Aug. 29-30: FairFest 3on3 Tournament at Galaxy Theaters, www.fairfest.org

Aug. 26: Farmers Market at Galaxy Theaters, 1 Galaxy Way, www.choosemonroe.com, 3-7pm

Aug. 28 Movies Under the Moon – How to Train Your Dragon at Lake Tye

Park, Dusk

SEPTEMBER

Sept. 2: Farmers Market at Galaxy Theaters, 1 Galaxy Way, 3-7pm

Sept. 6: Miracle League Fall Opening Day at Rotary Field

Sept. 12 : Swifts Night Out, Wagner Performing Arts Center, 4pm, www.pilchuckaudubonsociety.com

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

Sept. 13: Color Walk/Run at Sky River Park, 9am

Sept. 13: R/C Unlimited Model Boat Racing at Lake Tye, 8am

Sept. 9: Farmers Market at Galaxy Theaters, 1 Galaxy Way, 3-7pm

Sept. 16: Farmers Market at Galaxy Theaters, 1 Galaxy Way, 3-7pm

Sept. 19-20: Spartan North American Championship, Meadow Wood Equestrian Center www.spartan.com

Sept. 12: Miracle League at Rotary Field, 9am

Sept. 23: Farmers Market at Galaxy Theaters, 1 Galaxy Way,, 2:30-6:30pm, www.choosemonroe.com

Sept. 19: Miracle League at Rotary Field, 9am

Sept. 25: Spaghetti Dinner & Silent Auction Fundraiser, Monroe Senior Center, www.mscsc.org

Sept. 26: Miracle League at Rotary Field, 9am

Sept. 25-27: Evergreen Fall RV Show, Evergreen State Fair Park

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The Ixtapa Dancers and Dancing Horses are a crowd favorite at the Fair Days Parade. The 2026 Parade will be Saturday, Aug. 29 at 11 a.m. on Main Street.

Turf Fields, Noon

May 6-10: Key Classic Morgan Horse Show, Evergreen State Fair Park

May 30: Awakening at Wagner Performing Arts Center. www.monroeartsCouncil.org

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

May 9: Miracle League at Rotary Field, 9am

May 9: Community Cleanup, Republic Services at Evergreen Speedway, 8am-12pm

May 9: Seattle Metro Reptile Expo, Evergreen State Fair Park, 10am

May 16: Miracle League at Rotary Field, 9am

May 16: VFWs Flags for our Fallen 5K at Lake Tye Park, 9am, www.monroe5k.com

May 16-17: Monroe Auto Swap Early Ford V-8 Meet at Evergreen State Fair Park

May 24: Demo Derby & Fireworks Show at Evergreen Speedway 6pm

May 22-25: Black Pine Spa Show at Evergreen State Fair Park

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

JUNE

June 6-7: Fiber Fusion NW, Evergreen State Fair Park, 9am www.fiberfusion.net

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

June 6: Miracle League at Rotary Field, 9am

June 6: Flower Crawl, Historic Downtown, 11am-3pm

June 13: Monroe PRIDE at Skykomish River Park, Noon, www.monroeequitycommunity.org

June 10: Farmers Market at Galaxy Theaters, 1 Galaxy Way, www.choosemonroe.com, 3-7pm

June 17: Farmers Market at Galaxy Theaters, 1 Galaxy Way, www.choosemonroe.com, 3-7pm

June 20: Kiwanis Golf Classic at Blue Boy West Golf Course, 8am www.kiwanismonroewa.org

June 20: Monroe Community Band Concert "June-O-Ween", Wagner Performing Arts Center, 7pm

June 20-21: Kaci Edelbrock Memorial Tournament, www.legendsaseballclub.org/ kaci-edelbrock-memorial

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

July 4: USA Birthday Bash/America 250 Festival at Evergreen Speedway

July 8: SRFR Water Safety Camp at Lake Tye Park, 10am-2pm. www.SRFR.org

July 9: Just Between Friends Consignment Sale, Evergreen Fair State Park

July 8-11: Regional Sport Horse Show at Evergreen State Fair Park

July 10-12: Black Pine Spa Show at Evergreen State Park

July 8: Farmers Market at Galaxy Theaters, 1 Galaxy Way, www.choosemonroe.com, 3-7pm

July 10: Music in the Park – BroHamm (Pop / R&B) at Lake Tye Park, www.choosemonroe.com, 6pm

July 11: USA 250th Birthday BINGO at Monroe Community Center, 276 Sky River Parkway at 5pm. www.mscsc.org

July 11: Evergreen State Fair Food Drive, West lot, 11am-3pm

July 14-16: WA State Holstein Show, Evergreen State Fair Park

July 15: Farmers Market at Galaxy Theaters, 1 Galaxy Way, www.choosemonroe.com, 3-7pm

July 17: Music in the Park – Jackie & The Holograms (80s pop & rock) at Lake Tye Park, www.choosemonroe.com, 6pm

July 18: Walk to Remember, Sky River Park, 9am-3. www.compassionatefriends.org

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Events

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Sept. 26-27: Fall Festival start, Weekends through Oct. at Legacy Farm, thelegacyfarm.org
Sept. 30: Farmers Market at Galaxy Theaters, 1 Galaxy Way, 3-7pm

OCTOBER

Oct. 3: SRFR Fire Prevention Week Open House, Station 31, 12pm
Oct. 3: Miracle League at Rotary Field, 9am
Oct. 3-4: Rocktoberfest at Evergreen State Fair Park (Rock & Gem show)
Oct. 7: National Walk & Roll to School Day
Oct. 8-11: Just Between Friends Consignment Sale, Evergreen Fair State Park

Oct. 9: Tilted Thunder Roller Derby, Evergreen State Fair Park, 5pm www.tiltedthunder.org

Oct. 11: Trunk or Treat at Galaxy Theatres

Oct. 17: Haunted Monroe Farmers Market at Galaxy Theatres, 10am-3pm

Oct. 17-18: Classic Sportsman Gun & Knife Show at Evergreen State Fair Park

Oct. 23-25: Evergreen Fall Home Show at Evergreen State Fair Park

Oct. 24: Pug-O-Ween, Evergreen State Fair Park

Oct. 24: Pumpkins in the Pool and Trunk or Treat at Monroe/Sky Valley Family YMCA www.ymca-snoco.org

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

NOVEMBER

Nov. 1: Dia de los Muertos Event at Galaxy Theatres Lobby

Nov. 4: Focus on Farming, Evergreen State Fair Park

Nov. 7: Holiday Bazaar at Monroe Senior Center, 276 Sky River Parkway, 9am-2pm, www.mcsc.org

Nov. 14-15: Oddmall Emporium of the Weird, Evergreen State Park

Nov. 6-7: The Great Junk Hunt, Evergreen State Fair

Park
Nov. 14-15: Classic Sportsman Gun & Knife Show at Evergreen State Fair Park

Nov. 20: Drive-thru Thanksgiving Dinner at Monroe Senior Center, www.mcsc.org, 5pm

Nov. 21: Mistletoe Market, 10am-4pm www.fbcmunroe.org

Nov. 26: Burn the Bird at Monroe/Sky Valley Family YMCA 8-10am www.wmca-snoco.org

Nov. 28: Small Business Saturday in Downtown Monroe, 11am-4pm, www.choosemonroe.com

Nov. 29: Light Up Monroe at Traveler's Park, choosemonroe.com 4-6:30p.m.

DECEMBER

Dec. 3-6: Holiday Spark at the Evergreen State Fair Park, evergreenfair.org

Dec. 4-25: Holiday Tree Decorating Contest at Galaxy Theatres

Dec. 12: Cookies with Santa at Monroe/Sky Valley Family YMCA www.ymca-snoco.org

Dec. 12-13: Santa Photos at Galaxy Theatres

Dec. 5-20: Old Country Christmas, Legacy Farms, thelegacyfarm.org

Dec. 12: Monroe Community Band Christmas Concert at Wagner Performing Arts Center, 7pm

Dec. 12-13: Artisans Holiday Fair at Evergreen State Fair Park, 9am-4pm, artisansholidayfair.com

Dec. 18: Drive-thru Christmas Dinner at Monroe Senior center, www.mcsc.org, 5pm

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

Dec. 19-20: Classic Sportsman Gun & Knife Show at Evergreen State Fair Park

Dec. 31: Take Seventeen Big Band Concert at Wagner Performing Arts Center, 7:30pm

Events Subject to change

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 72nd year of operation on the Evergreen State Fairgrounds in 2026.

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

Schedule

May 2: TransWest Mobility Services Night Pro Late Model, Street Stock, Hornets, Stinger 8, Youth Hornets

May 9: Granite Can AM Shootout Winged Sprint, Legends, Mini Stocks, Super Stocks, F-8, Pro 4 Truck, Dwarfs

May 16: Basch Light Military Appreciation Night Pro Late Model, Street Stock, Legends, Pro 4

Truck, Youth Hornets
June 13: Figure 8 Nationals Outlaw F-8s, Super Stock F-8s, Stinger 8, Focus Midgets, Hornets, FANFEST

June 20: Coastal Community Bank Night Street Stock 50, Super Stock Figure-8, Hornet Nationals, Youth Hornets, Mini Stock, Mini Bump to Pass, Boat Nationals

June 27: Mark Gallo-way Shootout CARS Tour PLM150 Shootout (5/8), Mini Stocks, Legends, Vintage Modified

July 4: USA Birthday Bash-Angel of the Winds Large Car Demo, Pro Late Model, Street Stock, Legends, Pro 4

July 11: Drivers Reunion Night Pro Late Models, Street Stock, Mini Stock, Legends, Super Stock Figure-8

July 18: Driftcar Track Takeover Evergreen NW Drift Series Competition #3

July 25: RevUp Energy Night Outlaw F-8s, Super Stock F-8s, Hornets, Mini Stock, Youth Hornets, Pro Late Models

Aug. 1: Granite Cup Sprint Car Series Winged Sprints, Legend (Regional), Focus Midget, Can-Am Sprints, WMRA

Aug. 8: 60 Minutes of Fear Outlaw Figure-8, Super Stock Figure 8, Hornets, Singer 8, Mini Stock, Youth Hornets, FANFEST

Aug. 28: Monster Truck Mayhem Monster Trucks, Megasauras, Spec Rangers



Hornets, Stinger 8, Buses, Youth Hornets, Mini Bump to Pass, Boats, Mr. Dizzy Stunts, FANFEST & FIREWORKS!

July 11: Drivers Reunion Night Pro Late Models, Street Stock, Mini Stock, Legends, Super Stock Figure-8

July 18: Driftcar Track Takeover Evergreen NW Drift Series Competition #3

July 25: RevUp Energy Night Outlaw F-8s, Super Stock F-8s, Hornets, Mini Stock, Youth Hornets, Pro Late Models

Aug. 1: Granite Cup Sprint Car Series Winged Sprints, Legend (Regional), Focus Midget, Can-Am Sprints, WMRA

Aug. 8: 60 Minutes of Fear Outlaw Figure-8, Super Stock Figure 8, Hornets, Singer 8, Mini Stock, Youth Hornets, FANFEST

Aug. 28: Monster Truck Mayhem Monster Trucks, Megasauras, Spec Rangers

Aug. 29: Monster Truck Mayhem Monster Trucks, Megasauras, Spec Rangers

Aug. 30: Monster Truck Mayhem Monster Trucks, Megasauras

Sept. 5: Nelson Motorsports Night at the Fair Outlaw F-8, Super Stock F-8, Mini Stock, Stinger 8, Street Stock

Sept. 6: DEMO DERBY Hornets, Youth Hornets, NW Bump to Pass, Boats, Buses, Mini Bump to Pass, DEMO DERBY & FIREWORKS!

Sept. 12: NASCAR Championship Night #1 Pro Late Model, Youth Hornets, Pro 4 Trucks, Stinger 8, Legends, Hornets, Super Stocks Figure-8

Sept. 19: NASCAR Championship Night #2 Street Stocks F-8, Mini Stock, Vntage Mods, Stinger 8, Hornets

Sept. 26: Season End Spectacular Mini Bump to Pass, Outlaw, Figure-8 Championships, Stinger 60 Minutes Race, Buses, Hornets, Youth Hornets, FANFEST & FIREWORKS!

Oct. 3: Driftcon After Dark Double 8 Showdown, Drift Games, NW Drift Series Competition #4

Schedule Subject to Change. Visit www.Evergreenspeedway.com

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 Fryland's 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.



Michael Whitney photo

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



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



The 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.

Historical Museum



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.

Tasty Nights is coming to Monroe!



Eventbrite photo

Tasty Nights is a unique experience that brings together the best of food, music, and entertainment.

This traveling national street food festival has become a huge success, with more than 80,000 people visiting the event every year. The festival takes place in the summer months and features over 80 vendors, carnival games, music, beer and wine.

The festival is a celebra-

tion of food, culture, and community. Visitors can indulge in a variety of cuisines from around the world, including Korean BBQ, Mexican street tacos, Lobster noodles, waffle sticks, churros and much more!

There are also carnival games, making it the perfect family-friendly event.

But what makes Tasty Nights truly special is the community it creates. It's a

place where people from all walks of life come together to share in the joy of good food, music, and company. The founders have created a space where everyone is welcome and everyone can feel a sense of belonging.

Tasty Nights will be coming to the Evergreen State Fair Park July 31 through August 2 from 2 p.m. to 10 p.m.

Tickets must be purchased in advance at <https://www.tastynights.com/>

Thousands flock to Swift Night Out in September

A coalition of bird enthusiasts, educators, and City of Monroe leaders established the first Swift Night Out in 2008. The annual event is now commemorated and celebrated as an official civic affair in partnership with the Pilchuck Audubon Society. This is a family-friendly event with vendors, informational tables, kids' entertainment and a Vaux's Swift lecture in the Frank Wagner Auditorium, courtesy of ornithologist Larry Schwitters.

The Vaux's Swifts are migrating north from their winter habitat in Guatemala, over 4,000 miles to the Yukon where they will roost and raise their young. Soon they will arrive in Monroe to roost at the Wagner Performing Arts Center's chimney before

continuing their journey.

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.

So iconic is the Vaux's Swift that the City of Monroe adopted the species as its



Photo courtesy of City of Monroe

Wagner Swifts sculpture by Kevin Edwin Pettelle.

official city bird. There's now a sculpture of Swifts created by artist Kevin Edwin Pettelle on the corner of Lewis Street and Main Street, downtown Monroe.

The Monroe Swift Night Out will be Saturday, Sept. 12 starting at 5 p.m. For more information visit www.pilchuckaudubon.org

Movies Under the Moon in Monroe



A Minecraft Movie will be shown August 7.

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 7: A Minecraft Movie (PG)

Four misfits find themselves struggling with ordinary problems when they are suddenly pulled through a mysterious portal into the Overworld, a bizarre, cubic wonderland that thrives on imagination. To get back home, they'll have to master this world while embarking on a magical quest with an unexpected, expert craftier. Together, their adventure will challenge all five to be bold and to reconnect with the qualities that make each of them uniquely creative—the very skills they need to thrive back

by a thieving ant eater named Sootley, during which Judy discovers a snake scale, hinting at a deeper conspiracy. Their off-the-books investigation spirals into chaos, leading to public disaster and threats from Chief Bogo to split them up.

August 21: Superman (PG-13)

Set within a new DC universe. A few years into his heroics, Superman embarks on a personal quest to understand his Kryptonian heritage and mix it with his upbringing as mild mannered Clark Kent. But things get complicated when ruthless industrialist Lex Luthor frames Superman for an international incident and plans to

put himself on top by bringing Superman down. Now with aid from Lois Lane, Jimmy Olsen and the Justice Gang, Superman must embrace his lineage and fully become the hero we deserve in order to stop Luthor's plot and save the world.

—Blazer346

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Zootopia 2 will be shown August 14.

Movies Under the Moon

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How to Train Your Dragon will be shown Friday, August 28.

August 28: How to Train Your Dragon (PG-13)

Long ago up North on the Island of Berk, the young Viking, Hiccup, wants to join his town's fight against the dragons that continually raid their town. However, his macho father and village leader, Stoik

the Vast, will not allow his small, clumsy, but inventive son to do so. Regardless, Hiccup ventures out into battle and downs a mysterious Night Fury dragon with his invention, but can't bring himself to kill it. Instead, Hiccup and the dragon, whom he dubs Toothless, begin

a friendship that would open up both their worlds as the observant boy learns that his people have misjudged the species. But even as the two each take flight in their own way, they find that they must fight the destructive ignorance plaguing their world.

—Kenneth Chisholm



Superman will be shown Friday, August 21.

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. 27 - Sept. 1 and Sept. 3-7



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The Evergreen State Fair 2026 will be August 21-26 and Aug. 27 - Sept. 1 and Sept. 3 - 7 (closing on Sept. 2). Come celebrate 117 years of Fair Fun!

This year's theme is "Barn in the USA! Celebrating America's 250!"

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 for 2026 had not been released as of press time. Butler Amusement brings delightful fun with the carnival and the midway.

The Fair Food Drive will be Saturday, July 11 from 11 a.m. to 3 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 between Monroe and Duvall

Snoqualmie Valley Transportation's (SVT) Duvall-Monroe 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 stop 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.

The suggested donation to ride is \$1.00. All fares are used to offset the cost of the route.

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 2026 at 7pm

July 24: 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, Avery's Chicken & Waffles, Split Open and Parkside Bites Concessions

Brewery: Three Bulls Brewing

July 31: 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 rockin'!

Food Trucks: Ryan's REZ-ipes and Parkside Bites Concessions

Brewery: Crooked Label Brewing Company

July 10: BROHAMM (R&B, Funk & Soul)

Brohamm delivers a setlist that spans generations—from the silky sounds of Motown and the swagger of Philly Soul, to the punchy rhythms of Earth, Wind & Fire, The Gap Band, and Bruno Mars. Their rich vocal harmonies, tight musicianship, and playful audience interaction make every show a party.

Food Trucks: Ryan's REZ-ipes, Avery's Chicken & Waffles and Parkside Bites Concessions



Brewery: Skookum Brewing

July 17: 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.

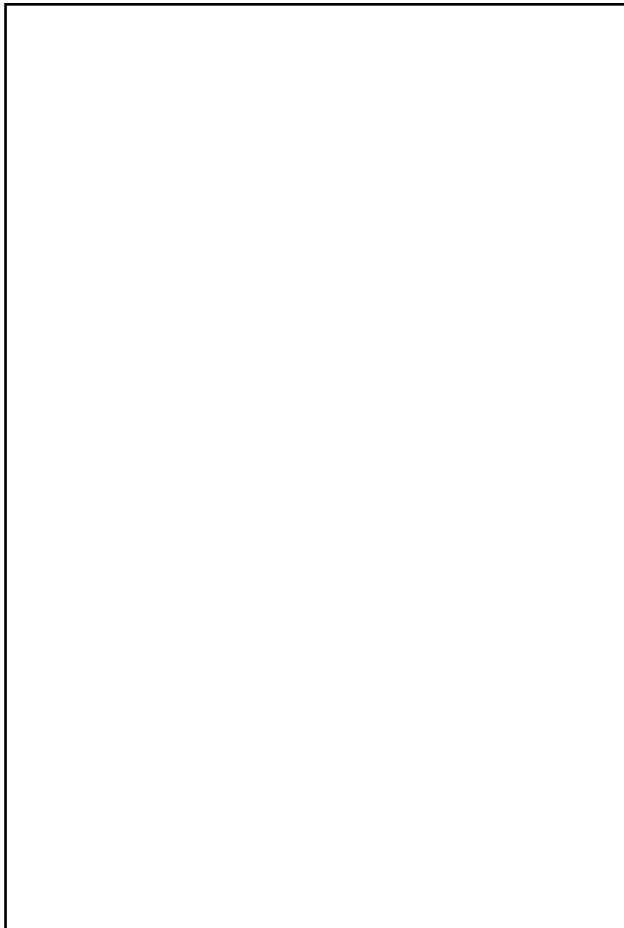
It has been said that their performances may cause uncontrollable dancing!

Food Trucks: Ryan's REZ-ipes, Avery's Chicken & Waffles, and Parkside Bites Concessions

Brewery: Skookum Brewing Company



The 2026 Music in the Park Series at Lake Tye Park in Monroe will be held Fridays July 10-31. There will be Food Trucks, and the Beer & Cocktail Garden begin serving at 6 p.m. Enjoy the music from 7-8:30 p.m. This is FREE family-friendly fun! Bring your lawn chairs, blankets and dancing shoes! Lake Tye Park is located at 14964 Fryelands Blvd. in Monroe. For more information visit www.choosemonroe.com



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