



MONROE MONTHLY

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What's happened, happening, and will happen in the wonderful City of Monroe.

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See calendar on page 2 for upcoming meetings/workshops and city events.

Mayor: Paul Canter
City Council Members:

- Harry Myers — Council President
- Jeanni Cuthbertson
- Cindy Canter
- Floyd Billings
- Frank Thayer
- Chad Howard
- Vacant (Student Councilor)

Planning Commission Members:

- Kathy Smith – Chair
- Tim Eastridge
- Dan Sheets — Vice Chair
- David Mills
- Fred Cuthbertson
- Linda Fredricks
- Cary Thayer

City Administrator:
Rick Hohnbaum

Public Works Team:
Terry Koroush
Vacant
Brandy Logan (janitorial)

Finance Officer:
Tracy Jensen

Administrative Office Assistant:
Jackie Coronado

Community Development Coordinator:
Taylor Evans

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Webpage - <http://ci.monroe.or.us>

**The City Offers Free Notary
Public Services to Residents of
Monroe**

Art in the Park at City Hall



The council chambers at City Hall has been recently decorated with art from the young artists from the Art in the Park program. These artists created artwork on canvas depicting local churches. Please feel free to stop by during normal business hours if you would like to view this artwork.

Pacific Power Update

With the new subdivision going in off of Orchard Street, Pacific Power will be updating some of their power poles on Commercial Street and upgrading their system from a 1-phase power supply to a 3-Phase power supply. This upgrade will increase reliability in town and spread out loading on the system as well as provide for future growth past the new subdivision.

Save The Date



Saturday, April 27, 2019

**Vino, Vintage & Victory Festival
Monroe, Oregon**

Festival sponsored by:



Where to Bring Leaves and Grass Clippings in Monroe?



The Sharing Gardens can use your leaves and grass-clippings.

Who is the Sharing Gardens?

We are a non-profit organization that grows, and donates fruits and vegetables to local Food Pantries. Your leaves and grass help build our compost-piles.

Please bring bagged leaves and grass to:

664 Orchard St., Monroe (bright yellow house behind the big, white Methodist Church) and **leave the bags** in a pile under the big, hickory tree at the back of the church parking lot.

Please no animal waste, trash or sticks/branches, no holly or roses (too sharp), or walnut leaves (they can kill plants). Just leaves and grass.

We have plenty of previously-used lawn/leaf bags to share. They are available in a trash-can underneath the hickory tree. Please take what you can use.

Please don't fill bags too full and tie them lightly (so we can re-use them).

We would prefer that you bring the filled bags to the Sharing Gardens but if you have more bags than you can bring in your own vehicle, please save up enough bags to make it worth our trip to come get them. **Place them on the curb, up-side-down** (so no rain gets in) and give us a call for pick-up.

Questions?

Call Chris and Llyn from 8:30 to noon or 2:00 to 5:00 at 541-847-8797

shareinjoy@gmail.com

www.TheSharingGardens.blogspot.com

November 2018

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Scheduled Events

All meetings are **open to the public** and are held in the City Hall Council Chambers unless otherwise noted on the website.

November 2018

Nov 5	6:00 pm	Planning Commission
Nov 6		Election Day—ballot drop off at the Library
Nov 8	5:00pm	Promotion Advisory Group
Nov 9	4:00pm	Public Works & Safety
Nov 12		City Hall Closed
Nov 13	6:00pm	S. Benton Recreation Alliance
Nov 14	5:00pm	Organization Advisory Grp.
Nov 15	5:00pm	Economic Advisory Group
Nov 17	9:30 am	Strategic Doings Workshop (at the Library)
Nov 20	4:30pm	Ordinance Committee
Nov 21	4:30 pm	Design Advisory Group
Nov 21	5:30pm	Vision & Revitalization
Nov 22		City Hall Closed
Nov 23		City Hall Closed
Nov 26	6:00pm	City Council
Nov 28	3:00pm	Municipal Court

For the most up-to-date event information, visit the city's website: ci.monroe.or.us

Important Contact Information

Non-Emergency Law Enforcement—Junction City Police Department—541-998-1245—in the event of an emergency call 911

Monroe Fire Department non-emergency line—541-847-6166—in the event of an emergency call 911

Burn Advisory Number 541-847-6166

City Hall—541-847-5175

Building Permits—Benton County Community Development Department 541-766-6819

Electrical Services—Pacific Power—1-888-221-7070

Telephone and Internet Services—Monroe Telephone 541-847-5135

Monroe Cemetery—541-847-8297

Monroe Community Library—541-847-5174

Monroe Museum—541-847-7226

Monroe Health Clinic – 541-847-5143

Solid Waste—Republic Services—541-754-0444

To report a streetlight out—call Pacific Power at 1-888-221-7070 or you can report it online at <https://www.pacificpower.net/ed/streetlights/raso.html>

To report a hazard or sign broken on Territorial, or HWY 99 or Orchard Street please contact ODOT directly at 541-757-4211, for Orchard St and Ash St call Benton County Public Works at 541-766-6821. For all other streets please contact City Hall at 541-847-5175.

meeting

October 22 City Council Meeting Recap

There was a public hearing for a land use action request for the vacation of the alley (120 feet) between 5th and 6th, Kelly and Main. .

There was a formal request to waive Legion Hall rental fees. The renter will be using the Hall to prepare meals for the homeless on Thanksgiving Day.

Republic Service has provided options to the City and the costs for those services.

Resolution 18-23 Authorizing the cancellation of former finance software contract and signature of the Mayor based upon the acquisition and update of the new professional finance software and utility program was approved.

A discussion of the council on the South Benton Nutrition Program Agreement current revision.

Copies of the meeting agenda and council packet can be viewed at City Hall during normal business hours or on our website ci.monroe.or.us.

Monroe Tomorrow

A discussion of Monroe's future and the framework for an updated Comprehensive Plan.

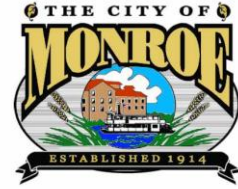
Our Vision –

Our vibrant, rural town is a welcoming and inclusive community celebrating its agrarian heritage, natural environment, neighborly culture, and local economy.

Our Aspirations –

- **Locational Advantage** - We aspire to be a community maximizing the benefits of our location; nestled in the heart of the Willamette Valley, surrounded by a growing artisanal agriculture industry, just east of prime recreational parklands, a short distance from two major universities and employment centers, fronting an accessible and beautiful river, and well connected by highways, trails, and bike paths to other great places.
- **Governance** - We aspire to have our local governments, community organizations, and businesses collaborating to ensure our institutions best support all community members; our emergency services protect us all from harm; and our systems of governance cooperate on planning, strategy, and action.
- **Housing** - We aspire to provide a wide range of economically, socially, and environmentally sustainable housing for all who value our community's wonderful quality of life and make Monroe home.
- **Business Community** - We aspire to have a thriving business community with retail, agricultural, and service businesses catering to the needs and desires of our residents and attracting visitors. Monroe supports small businesses, home-based businesses, and creative entrepreneurs.
- **Riverside District** - We aspire to have a vibrancy and vitality within the Riverside District enhancing it as an asset and source of pride for the whole community, as well as a significant attraction for visitors. This district will take advantage of visual and physical access to the Long Tom River, traffic on the highway, proximity to larger cities, and the needs and desires of the Monroe community.
- **Ecosystems** – We aspire to foster a healthy environment that sustains our neighborhoods and wildlife. Our city recognizes the intrinsic value of nature and sustaining the ecosystem services of Monroe's air, water, and land.
- **Infrastructure** – We aspire to build, maintain, and upgrade our transportation, parks, water, sewer, stormwater, and public safety systems to ensure residents receive high quality, reliable essential services.
- **Quality of Life** - We aspire to have our quality of life nourished by our city's strong economic, organizational, cultural, and transportation connections throughout the southern Willamette Valley. Our combination of physical and cultural advantages exemplify why Monroe is a wonderful place to settle down, raise a family, or start a business.

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Press Release

For Immediate Release

City of Monroe Hosting Strategic Doings Workshop November 17th

Monroe, Oregon (October 12, 2018): The City of Monroe will be hosting the Strategic Doings Workshop on Saturday, November 17th at 10 am as the next phase of the work to be done in partnership with the RARE AmeriCorps program and *Oregon/By Design*. It will be held at the conference room at the Monroe Community Library. **Everyone is welcome to attend.** Refreshments will be provided starting at 9:30 am.

The next phase of interpreting the outcomes of the Design Skills Workshop will be the Strategic Doing Workshop. The intermediate phase between workshops is crucial to developing the actionable, implementable strategies. During this interim, preparatory phase, clear goals and objectives need to be stated and organized. Resources for supporting, implementing, operating, and maintaining these initiatives will need to be sorted out. The plan for measuring the effectiveness of the strategies needs to be created. And the methodology for continuing citizen engagement needs to be identified.

It's expected that funding, resource, and personnel gaps will be identified. But rather than stifling implementation and the eventual operations and ongoing support for the initiatives, it should stimulate more inclusion of Monroe's citizens, friends and supporters. This will lead to a stronger, vibrant, and more resilient community.

Key Findings from the Designs Skills Workshop

The five groups, assisted by AFO facilitators, will create numerous design initiatives revolving around five key (5) themes.

- Masterplan- establish overall goals, objectives, strategies, phasing, schedule & budgets

- Dam/Drop Structure- leverage previous efforts, key link to City's vision for the Park
- Connection to region- Monroe as the focus for regional diversity, brings together people, funding, and energy through strategic partnerships
- Connections to Community- transforms through multi-modal connections, linking institutions, neighborhoods, and new opportunities for a livable community
- Business development- build on public/private partnerships to transform the riverfront into a vital, active, year-round, destination for neighbors, visitors, and tourism

Our goal for this workshop will be to split into work groups and start making action plans and start creating deadlines, so be prepared to roll up your sleeves and we will start getting to work on three of the five key themes: Riverside District, Connections to Community/Region and Business Development. We hope to see you there!

****Lunch will be provided!**