



MONROE MONTHLY

MARCH 2019 EDITION



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.

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- Lonnie Koroush
- Brian Greene
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- Kathy Smith – Chair
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Taylor Evans

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The City offers free Notary Services to residents of Monroe.



Planning Commission Receives Help From Portland State University

On January 15th, 2019, the City received confirmation from the Portland State University Master's of Urban and Regional Planning Program, that our request for assistance on updating our Comprehensive Plan was accepted. Six masters students will help write the Housing Needs Analysis and Economic Needs Analysis portion of the plan. This will also serve as part of the student's final thesis to graduate. With their help, the Planning Commission is looking at having the Comprehensive Plan finalized by July 2019. The students will also be helping the City do more community engagement and to get more voices of the Monroe community involved in city matters. If you see them around town please introduce yourself! We are so excited to have them!

DEQ Approves Our Total Maximum Daily Load Report

The Total Maximum Daily Load Report (TMDL) is a requirement by the Oregon



Department of Environmental Quality (DEQ) that all cities with a major water source such as streams and rivers do a 5—Year Implementation Plan. This plan states what the City is dedicated on doing to protect the environment and water quality within the City. Taylor Evans has been working closely with the Oregon DEQ to get Monroe caught up on our 5 year plan. On February 8th, Ms. Evans received a phone call from DEQ stating that our plan was approved, the first city in the region to have their plan approved. The next steps are to have the City Council review and approve the plan. This is scheduled to be completed on March 18th during a special City Council meeting.



Native Fish in the Long Tom River



Mary Palmer, a science teacher at Monroe High School, will be setting out with each of her six science classes over the next few weeks to conduct fish sampling on the Long Tom River. She has invited the community to come and join the students at the River. The goal of the project is to provide high school students and other interested community members with an opportunity to explore the river in

their own backyard, learn more about the fish species that inhabit the river, and also provide more data for fisheries and scientists on the species richness and timing of species presence in the lower Long Tom.

March 2019

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February 25, 2019 City Council Meeting Recap

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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.

March 2019

Mar 4	6:00 pm	Planning Commission Work Session
Mar 5	6:00 pm	Council Work Session
Mar 7	4:00pm	Strategic Doings—Kiosk Grp.
Mar 13	5:00 pm	Public Works & Safety Committee Meeting
Mar 18	6:00 pm	TDML Special Council Meeting <i>at the Library</i>
Mar 18	6:30 pm	Council Goal Setting Session <i>at the Library</i>
Mar 18	7:00 pm	Planning Commission Work Session
Mar 19	6:00pm	S. Benton Recreation Alliance
Mar 20	4:30 pm	MRVC Festival Planning
Mar 25	6:00 pm	City Council Meeting
Mar 27	3:00 pm	Municipal Court

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

A public hearing was held regarding the cash offer received from a private party to purchase the gas station property. During the public hearing a second offer was received at a higher amount and the council agreed to sell the property to the highest offer.

Resolution 2019-01 A Resolution adopting the 5 year Total Maximum Daily Load Action Plan for the Oregon Department of Environmental Quality and a staff presentation on this action was postponed until March 18th during a special council meeting.

Resolution 2019-02 A Resolution to sell the Gas Station property located at 125 S. 5th St was approved.

Resolution 2019-03 A Resolution adopting a process for the swearing in and organizing of the City Council after the general election was approved.

A wage compensation increase for our full time Public Works Employee was approved.

A follow up was given for the Main Street Project and a recommendation from the Public Works and Safety Committee was considered and more information from staff and the committee is needed before a final decision on the project is made.

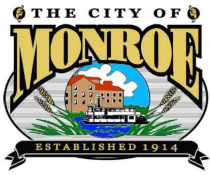
The City Council attended a training session with the city attorney at the beginning of the month; a follow up discussion was held regarding the information presented at the training session and how to structure the committees going forward. One option presented at the training session was to do away with the small committees and have a council work session each month to discuss the city needs and projects happening within the city. The council scheduled their first work session for March 5th. This will be a time for the council to discuss more of what they learned at the training and what these work sessions would look like going forward.

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.

Big Projects Means Big Collaboration

The City is working with the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers and the Long Tom Watershed Council to invest in a ecosystem restoration project along the Long Tom River. This collaboration will allow the City and the citizens in Monroe a voice in what happens to our portion of the watershed. See attachment for more information!





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The City of Monroe and Monroe's Vision & Revitalization Committee (MVRC) invite you to attend the inaugural **Vino, Vintage & Victory! Festival** on Saturday, April 27th 2019 from 1pm to 7pm in beautiful Monroe.

Monroe's **Vino, Vintage & Victory! Festival** is the premier event for visitors seeking to see, taste, and experience the bounty of the Southern Willamette Valley. Visitors come together for a day of sipping wines and brews, perusing unique and vintage goods, as well as celebrating Monroe's heritage, environment, and culture. The 2019 **Vino, Vintage & Victory! Festival** will be the first iteration of what will become an annual event in Monroe.

This festival will feature local favorite wineries from in and around Monroe and the Southern Willamette Valley, food, fun, art and live music.

General admission to the *Vino Vintage & Victory! Festival* is free. Wristbands will be provided for wine tastings in the Big Event Tent with proper photo ID, 21 and over only for wine tasting.

The festival will feature:

- 10 local wineries
- 5 food trucks
- 20 handmade local vendors
- 2 music bands
- 1 brand new brew pub
- 1 art gallery
- 1 historic trolley tour
- Kids and family friendly activities at the Library

Monroe's
Vino
VINTAGE &
VICTORY!

1-7 PM AMERICAN LEGION HALL
605 MAIN ST MONROE

SIP. SNACK. SHOP. CELEBRATE.

Downtown Monroe, Oregon
SATURDAY APRIL 27, 2019

1ST ANNUAL

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VINO VINTAGE & VICTORY
FESTIVAL

LOCAL WINERIES & BREWERIES
HANDCRAFTED & VINTAGE GOODS
TROLLEY TOURS
LIVE MUSIC
DELICIOUS FOOD
KIDS WELCOME

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THE CITY OF MONROE IS RECRUITING FOR A PART-TIME PUBLIC WORKS UTILITY WORKER

PUBLIC WORKS UTILITY WORKER

GENERAL STATEMENT OF DUTIES:

Performs manual, semi-skilled and skilled tasks in the maintenance of city parks, storm drains, streets, buildings and grounds. Will be the primary building cleaning maintenance staff for all City owned buildings and properties. May serve as support and backup for public works technician. REQUIRES Customer Service Training and Experience.

DISTINGUISHING FEATURES OF THE CLASSIFICATION:

This is a part-time, regular position with the major duties primarily to work with full-time Public Works Technician, clean and maintain City owned facilities with seasonal increase of hours for the mowing and maintenance of City parks. In addition, coverage for the Public Works Technician when they are off work or out of town for professional development events will be expected. Work hours will average 20 hours a week for 8 months of the year and 30 hours a week for four months a year. This employee is responsible for maintenance tasks for city utilities, buildings, park grounds and facilities, works as a member of a crew on street, water and sewer projects; will work independently on selected jobs.

Probation is for 6 months.

Starting Wage Based upon Experience (\$12 to \$15 hourly)

THE POSITION IS OPENED UNTIL FILLED AND IS READY FOR IMMEDIATE START

THIS POSITION is an excellent one for a person who is interested in a long-time permanent position serving the public. Future compensation will be based upon qualifications, training, certification and increase of skills and knowledge to support all areas of public works operations for the City of Monroe. If you have a commitment to serve, to work outdoors, to improving city owned facilities, parks and recreational opportunities for the community, learn about water and wastewater treatment, providing safe streets and addressing storm water drainage challenges, we would like to meet you. Full job description and applications are available on the City's website. www.ci.monroe.or.us

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Press Release

For Immediate Release

City of Monroe Investing in Ecosystem Restoration Project with U.S. Army Corps of Engineers and Long Tom Watershed Council

Monroe, Oregon (January 17, 2019): The City of Monroe has been awarded a Continuing Authorities Program (CAP) 1135 project to investigate ecosystem restoration on the Long Tom River at Monroe. Under the authority provided by Section 1135 of the Water Resources Development Act of 1986, the Corps may plan, design and build modifications to existing Corps projects, or areas degraded by Corps projects, to restore aquatic habitats for fish and wildlife. Projects conducted in the Southern Willamette Valley have included wetland restoration, wildlife habitat restoration, anadromous fish passage, and river restoration, sometimes with associated benefits such as walking paths and recreation access. Projects must be in the public interest and cost effective for the ecosystem benefit gained and are limited to \$10 million in Federal cost.

On August 8th, 2016, the City of Monroe requested the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers (USACE) to initiate a study under Section 1135 of the Water Resources Development Act to determine the feasibility of modifications to improve the environment along the Long Tom River at Monroe while maintaining flood risk reduction. This project has been awarded funding for the Feasibility stage, one of only a few new projects starts in the nation this year.

In the Feasibility phase the Corps assesses the project's potential and arranges cost-share with the local sponsor and partner. Based on the results, the City of Monroe and partners could potentially move on to the Construction phase of the project.

There is an opportunity to continue the flood-risk-reduction mission and also meet the Corps' stewardship mission to better provide essential habitat native fish need for migration, spawning and rearing. There is an additional related opportunity to improve the habitat and recreation functions of the adjacent City Park and riverfront. New options for river channel design and many sample projects will provide alternatives that the partners will evaluate in 2019 and 2020. The City's water supply will not be negatively impacted.

The Long Tom River and its floodplain have been significantly altered from Fern Ridge Reservoir to the Long Tom confluence with the Willamette River, as part of the USACE Willamette Valley Project. This was done with a principle goal of reducing flooding of riverside properties. The construction of Fern Ridge Dam in 1941 was by itself not enough to reduce flooding sufficiently, so the Long Tom River from the dam downstream to its confluence with the Willamette River was straightened and its banks armored. Three run-of-river grade control structures were installed in the channel to further stabilize it. While these structures have many names, such as “check dams”, they do not actually store water and are virtually under water in high winter flows. The overall project has had negative effects on fish and wildlife habitat and water quality in the Long Tom River. The straightening of the River reduced its length by 13 miles, reducing the amount of riverine habitat available to fish and other aquatic species. The disconnected channel segments left after the straightening often have poor water quality in the summer. The three grade control structures all act as fish passage barriers for important native fish species such as juvenile spring Chinook salmon, coastal cutthroat trout, and Pacific lamprey.

At Monroe, examples of these issues are present on and adjacent to City-owned properties. The most downstream of the three grade control structures — which blocks juvenile spring Chinook salmon from making their way higher into the Long Tom Watershed in their search for winter refugia — is located in the heart of Monroe. On the east bank of the River, on City-owned property, there are historic channel segments that are disconnected from the river and turn into warm, stagnant, ponds in the summer that offer very little habitat or aesthetic value.

The Long Tom Watershed Council (LTWC) has been collaborating with USACE and City of Monroe for many years and will be a formal partner to this project at Monroe. LTWC has over 20 years of experience in successfully implementing watershed improvement projects with private and public partners. LTWC is able to bring grant funds to the community, fundraise, collect and utilize scientific information, engage citizens in learning, and build working relationships to complete shared projects.

Other examples of CAP and 1135 projects include Delta Ponds ecosystem restoration, Fern Ridge marsh restoration, and Amazon Creek/West Eugene Wetlands restoration.

The first public engagement opportunities: Currently LTWC is partnering with Monroe High School students and Oregon Department of Fish and Wildlife to sample native fish use of the river around Monroe. Citizens interested in volunteering to assist may contact Rob Hoshaw at 541-338-7055.

If you have questions regarding the Ecosystem Restoration Project or the work being done with the Riverside, please contact our Community Development Coordinator, Taylor Evans, at taylor.evans@ci.monroe.or.us or call at 541-847-5175.