

# Monroe Monthly

September 2021 Edition

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## MONROE TO HOST STATE REPRESENTATIVE

The City of Monroe has invited representatives from our federal and state legislators' offices and other state agencies to visit our city and tour our water facilities, in hopes that they will be able to help us secure funding that will allow us to revitalize our water services. Monroe's residents, schools, businesses and the city's future all depend on the availability of clean water.

We invite you to join us at the Monroe City Park at 12 Noon on Wednesday, September 8th for a listening session with Representative Anna Scharf! *Social distancing and masking will be observed regardless of vaccination status. Spanish translation will be available.*



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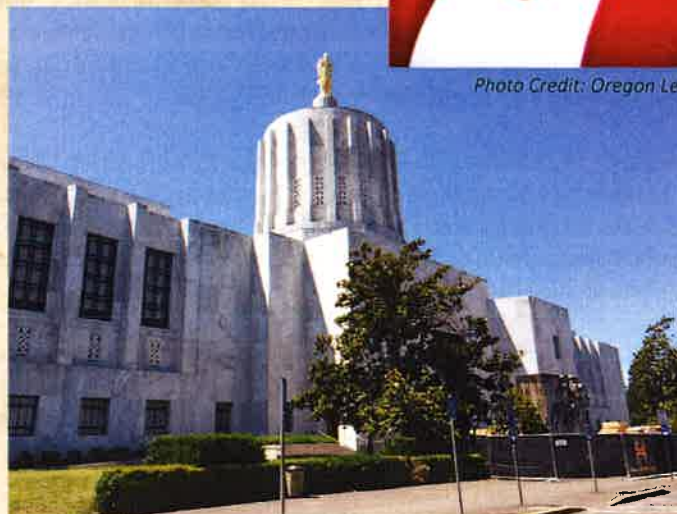


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## MONROE CITY PARK REOPENING CELEBRATION UPDATE:

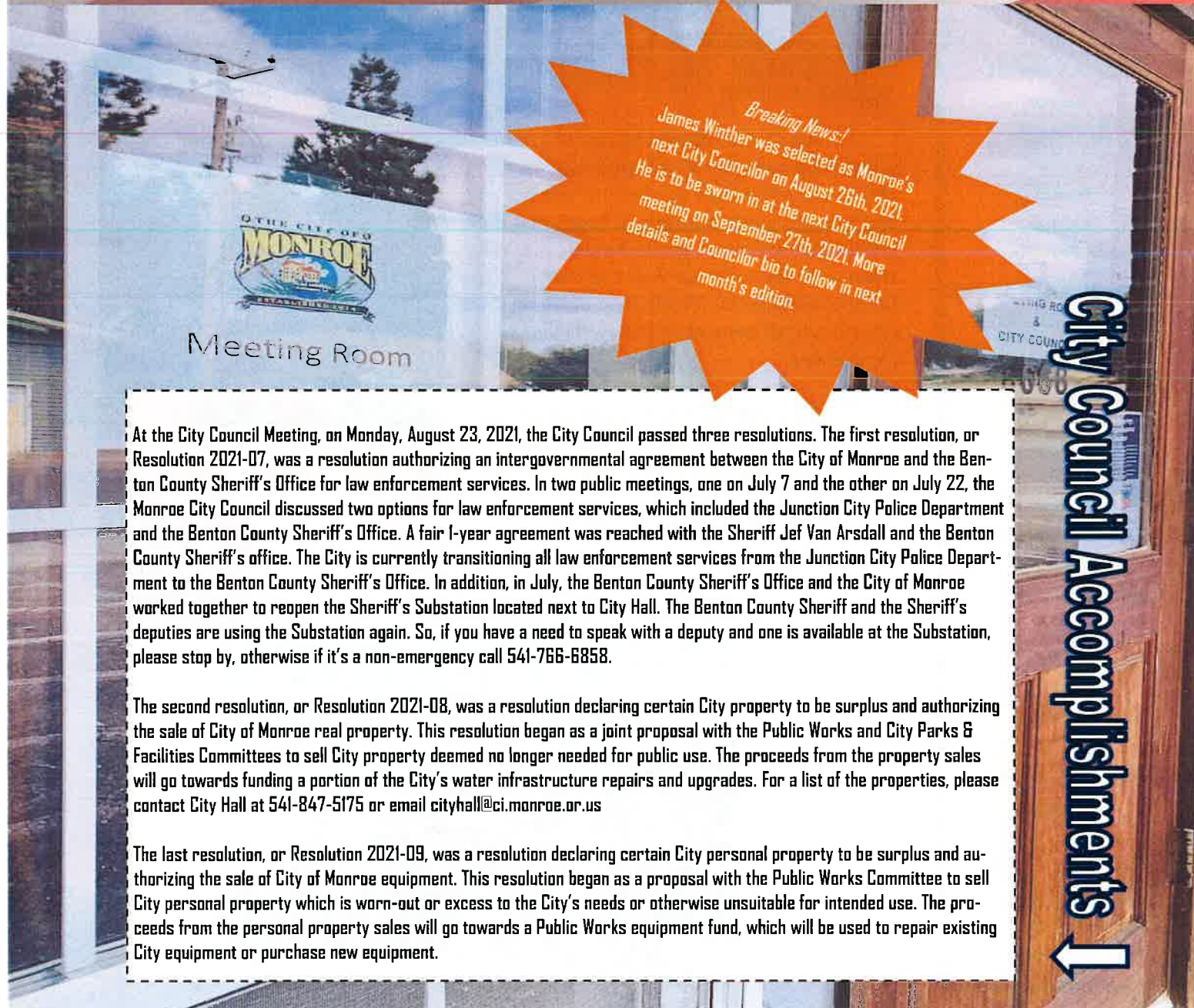
The City of Monroe Staff and Mayor are still planning to hold a Park Reopening Celebration at Monroe's City Park on Saturday, September 11, 2021 (from 12 Noon to 6 p.m.), however COVID-19 mandate changes have limited the amount and scale of activities we can have, and masks will be required if a 6ft distance can't be maintained. Our Fire Department, Benton County Sheriff's Office and a Eugene PD K9 Unit will be present with displays and demonstrations along with a couple food trucks and cold drinks provided by the City. *\*The Cops vs. Firefighters Kickball game, live music, face-painting and dunk tank are among activities that have been canceled. Celebration subject to change or be canceled at the last minute if COVID-19 mandates become more strict.\**

We still plan on having a moment of silence and prayer for the 20th anniversary of September 11, 2001, along with a Mayor's Proclamation in Tribute, as well as the ribbon cutting ceremony for the "reopening" of the new park structure (covered picnic area and public restrooms) with the Tri-County Chamber of Commerce, Mayor Dan Sheets and City Councilors.

**\*\*More details to come and available via City of Monroe's Facebook and Instagram accounts.\*\***



*Please contact Jenny at City Hall or Councilor Nicole Knott if you are interested in helping out. We need volunteers!!!*



*Breaking News!*  
James Winther was selected as Monroe's next City Councilor on August 23th, 2021. He is to be sworn in at the next City Council meeting on September 27th, 2021. More details and Councilor bio to follow in next month's edition.

**City Council Accomplishments** ↓

At the City Council Meeting, on Monday, August 23, 2021, the City Council passed three resolutions. The first resolution, or Resolution 2021-07, was a resolution authorizing an intergovernmental agreement between the City of Monroe and the Benton County Sheriff's Office for law enforcement services. In two public meetings, one on July 7 and the other on July 22, the Monroe City Council discussed two options for law enforcement services, which included the Junction City Police Department and the Benton County Sheriff's Office. A fair 1-year agreement was reached with the Sheriff Jef Van Arsdall and the Benton County Sheriff's office. The City is currently transitioning all law enforcement services from the Junction City Police Department to the Benton County Sheriff's Office. In addition, in July, the Benton County Sheriff's Office and the City of Monroe worked together to reopen the Sheriff's Substation located next to City Hall. The Benton County Sheriff and the Sheriff's deputies are using the Substation again. So, if you have a need to speak with a deputy and one is available at the Substation, please stop by, otherwise if it's a non-emergency call 541-766-6858.

The second resolution, or Resolution 2021-08, was a resolution declaring certain City property to be surplus and authorizing the sale of City of Monroe real property. This resolution began as a joint proposal with the Public Works and City Parks & Facilities Committees to sell City property deemed no longer needed for public use. The proceeds from the property sales will go towards funding a portion of the City's water infrastructure repairs and upgrades. For a list of the properties, please contact City Hall at 541-847-5175 or email [cityhall@ci.monroe.or.us](mailto:cityhall@ci.monroe.or.us)

The last resolution, or Resolution 2021-09, was a resolution declaring certain City personal property to be surplus and authorizing the sale of City of Monroe equipment. This resolution began as a proposal with the Public Works Committee to sell City personal property which is worn-out or excess to the City's needs or otherwise unsuitable for intended use. The proceeds from the personal property sales will go towards a Public Works equipment fund, which will be used to repair existing City equipment or purchase new equipment.



## September 2021

Hello once again from the Monroe Community Library! We hope you are all well as we move into the first month of fall. School is getting started and with the colder months on the horizon we would like to once again invite you to get a library card. In fact, September is the month that the American Library Association has designated as Library Card Sign-Up Month! You can sign-up on our library's website for a free card here:

[Get a Library Card – Corvallis-Benton County Public Library \(cbcpubliclibrary.net\)](http://cbcpubliclibrary.net)

Once you have a library card, the possibilities are endless! We really do have the best library! Remember that the Monroe Community Library is a branch of the Corvallis-Benton County Public Library which means that your card is good at all the other branch libraries in Benton County. You can also use our library's online e-resources with your card including free full access to numerous newspapers, magazines, and other databases. There is even a Homework Help section! One of our more popular databases is at home access to Ancestry.com using their Library Edition.

We now offer delivery service of library materials within our library district! Anyone who has a library card qualifies for this program. Deliveries are limited to the library's service district, which includes most of Benton County. Please click this link if you are interested in choosing this option:

[Home Delivery Service – Corvallis-Benton County Public Library \(cbcpubliclibrary.net\)](http://cbcpubliclibrary.net)

Recently we had our first Outdoor Family Storytime here at the Monroe Library! Storytime and libraries just go together and that includes all the sweet interactions that we can have with our "littles" as we read to them each week. During the past year and a half, we have missed these special times tremendously. As long as weather permits, we will have our weekly Storytime on Mondays at 10:30 AM outside on the patio. Please join us for stories, songs and rhymes for all ages.

Our library hours will be changing slightly starting on September 1<sup>st</sup> to accommodate staff lunchtimes. Here are our new hours:

Monday: 10:30 AM – 4:30 PM (closing for lunch between 1:00-1:30)

Tuesday: 1:00 PM -7:00 PM

Wednesday: 1:00 PM -7:00 PM

Thursday: 10:30 AM – 4:30 PM (closing for lunch between 1:00-1:30)

Saturday: 12:00 PM – 3:00 PM

*Like my Storytime song goes,  
"Now it's time to say goodbye, we'll see you later" – at the library!*

*-Lori and Petra*

# Monroe Block Party

Brought to you by the Old Mill Center  
Monroe Relief Nursery



We invite you to join us for a family-friendly community engagement event in collaboration with Old Mill Center's Monroe Relief Nursery. Promote your products, provide a kid-friendly activity, and be part of a fun family event!

**Date:** Sunday, September 19  
**Time:** 9:00 am to 1:00 pm  
**Place:** Monroe Community Library

## Event Highlights:

This event will showcase a wide variety of local businesses and community-centered organizations, and will be laid out similar to an outdoors farmer's market. There will be entertainment, food trucks, a storytime, raffles and giveaways, and activities for kids and families to enjoy together!

## Benefits of Participating:

- Showcase your products and services to local families
- Opportunity to inspire new customers
- Expand your reach through Old Mill Center's marketing/promotion
- Engage with and show support for a great community organization

## Be Part of the Monroe Block Party!

- Each partner will have a 10' x 10' space, with a table provided. Bringing your own tent is encouraged.
- We ask each partner to offer a kid-friendly activity, such as a game or craft. Old Mill Center will support you in choosing an activity!

## **Thank you to our wonderful partners:**

**City of Monroe**  
**Monroe Community Library**  
**Benton Community Foundation**

Want to join this fantastic group of supporters?  
Contact us today!

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