

The Annual

# MONROE Business Guide

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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 of Commerce, visit [www.ChooseMonroe.com](http://www.ChooseMonroe.com) and offer more networking opportunities. ChooseMonroe.com or call 360-794-5488. To join the Monroe Chamber

### ChooseMonroe.com

The Monroe Chamber of Commerce, [www.ChooseMonroe.com](http://www.ChooseMonroe.com), was re-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 the new communications platform.



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# Monroe Parks and Recreation Calendar of Events 2017

**May 6:** Mom & Son Carnival, Boys & Girls Club, 5-7:30pm

**May 13:** City of Monroe's Spring Clean-Up at MHS, 9am-1pm

**May 27:** Flags For Our Fallen 5k at Lake Tye Park, 10am

**June 3:** Daddy & Daughter Dance, Boys & Girls Club, 5-7:30pm

**June 3:** Relay For Life at MHS

**June 10:** Touch A Truck at Monroe Christian School, 10am-4pm [www.mcstouchatruck.com](http://www.mcstouchatruck.com)

**June 10:** Unlimited NW Model Boat Races at Lake Tye, 9am-4pm

**June 10-11:** Legends Baseball Tournament at Sky River & Lake Tye, 7am-7pm

**June 17:** Farm to Table

Farmer's Market at Lake Tye, 9am-1pm

**June 17:** NW Epilepsy Foundation Fun Run/Walk at Sky River, 10am

**June 17-18:** Legends

Baseball Tournament at Sky River & Lake Tye, 7am-7pm

**June 24:** Tri-Monroe Triathlon at Lake Tye Park, 7am

**June 26-July 1:** Sky Valley

Little League Tournament at Sky River Park

**June 28:** Farm to Table Farmer's Market at Lake Tye Park, 3-7pm

**June 24:** Emergency Ham Radio Field Day at Lake Tye Park, 7am-7am

**July 5:** Farm to Table Farmer's Market at Lake Tye Park, 3-7pm

**July 7:** Music in the Park, Aaron Crawford at Lake Tye Park, 7pm

**July 8:** Unlimited NW Model Boat Races at Lake Tye Park, 9am-4pm

**July 9:** Shakespeare in the Park, "Comedy of Errors" behind Wagner Performing

Arts Center, [www.lastleaf99.org](http://www.lastleaf99.org)

**July 12:** Farm to Table Farmer's Market at Lake Tye Park, 3-7pm

**July 12-16:** NWW Wakesurf Open at Lake Tye Park, 8am-6pm

**July 14:** Music in the Park, Rumba Kings, Lake Tye Park, 7pm

**July 15:** Farm to Table Farmer's Market at Lake Tye, 9am-1pm

**July 16:** Last Leaf Productions Shakespeare in the Park "Henry IV" behind Wagner performing Arts Center, 5pm [www.lastleaf99.org](http://www.lastleaf99.org)

**July 19:** Farm to Table Farmer's Market at Lake Tye Park, 3pm-7pm

**July 21:** Music in the Park, Nate Botsford, Lake Tye Park, 7pm

**July 22-23:** Legends Baseball Tournament at Sky River & Lake Tye 7am-7pm

**July 26:** Farm to Table Farmer's Market at Lake Tye Park 3-7pm

**July 28:** Music in the Park, Massy Ferguson, Lake Tye Park, 7pm

**Aug 1:** National Night Out Against Crime at Lake Tye Park 6-8pm



Unlimited Northwest Model Boat Races will be at Lake Tye June 10 and July 8.

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# Monroe Parks and Recreation Calendar of Events 2017

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**Aug 2:** Farm to Table Farmer's Market at Lake Tye Park 3-7pm

**Aug 4:** Movies Under The Moon - Lego Batman Movie at Lake Tye Park 8pm

**Aug 5:** Lake Tye Triathlon at Lake Tye Park 8am

**Aug 9:** Farm to Table Farmer's Market at Lake Tye Park 3-7pm

**Aug 11:** Movies Under The Moon - Sing at Lake Tye Park 8pm

**Aug 16:** Farm to Table Farmer's Market at Lake Tye

**Aug. 18:** Movies Under the Moon - The Jungle Book at Lake Tye Park

**Aug. 19:** Farm to Table Farmer's Market at Lake Tye, 9am-1pm

**Aug. 23:** Farm to Table Farmer's Market at Lake Tye Park, 3-7pm

**Aug. 25:** Movies Under the Moon - Rogue One at Lake Tye Park

**Aug.26:** Fair Days Parade on Main St. 11am

**Aug. 30:** Farm to Table Farmer's Market at Lake Tye Park, 3-7pm

**Sept. 6:** Farm to Table Farmer's Market at Lake Tye Park, 3-7pm

**Sept.9:** Monroe Swift Watch at Frank Wagner 4pm

**Sept. 10:** 12k for K-12 Fun Run at Sky River Park

**Sept. 16:** Police vs. Fire Flag Football Game at MHS, Noon

**Sept. 16:** Farm to Table Farmer's Market at Lake Tye, 9am-1pm

**Oct.7:** Farm to Table Farmer's Market at Lake Tye, 9am-1pm

**Oct. 28:** YMCA Fall Classic Fun Run/Walk on Main St. 9am

**Oct. 31:** Trick or Treating in Downtown

**Oct. 31:** Trunk or Treat on Lewis St.

**Nov. 26:** Tree Lighting Ceremony on Main St. [www.choosemonroe.com](http://www.choosemonroe.com)

**Jan. 28, 2018:** Jayme Biendl Memorial Run at Sky River Park 9am

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# Thousands flock to Swift Night Out

The Vaux's Swifts are migrating north and will soon arrive in Monroe to roost at the Wagner Center (formerly Frank Wagner Elementary School) 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 migrating 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 been known to come from as far as North Carolina to see this amazing feat.

The Monroe Swift Watch committee and the Monroe Swift Night Out committee enlist volunteers to monitor the numbers of Vaux's Swifts that enter the chimney each night during the two migrations and to help at Monroe Swift Night on Sept. 9.

This year at the Monroe

Swift Night Out There will be a Spaghetti Feed, Hot Dogs and Apple Crisp available starting at 5 p.m. Volunteers are needed to count the swifts as they enter the chimney, monitor the daytime comings and goings of the swifts and help answer questions at Swift Night Out. Volunteers are also sought to help with the Monroe Swifts website and possibly, the chimney cameras and temperature monitors.

For more information visit [www.monroeswifts.org](http://www.monroeswifts.org)



Doug Ramsay photo



Monroe Mayor Geoffrey Thomas (left) checks out a sculpture titled "Wagner Swifts" during a dedication ceremony at the intersection of Main and Lewis Streets on Jan. 7, 2017. The metal sculpture was designed by artist Kevin Pettelle.



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## Music in the Park

The Monroe Chamber of Commerce, in partnership with the City of Monroe Parks and Recreation Department, are proud to announce the complete lineup of summer concerts set to take stage at Lake Tye Park this Summer. The concert series kicks off on Friday, July 7 and runs for a total of four Friday nights in July.

The series of four concerts will feature an array of musical acts from Country, Latin, Indie Rock and Americana. The Chamber will also be hosting a Beer Garden featuring Local Liquid Arts and local food truck fare at each concert.

Any business looking for an opportunity to get involved with the community while promoting their business by sponsoring a great local event should contact The Chamber immediately for more information on sponsor packages and benefits. This year there is a tiered sponsorship system to allow more local businesses to get involved in these community events. Sponsorships give you access to the thousands of people that the Monroe Chamber of Commerce and City of Monroe Parks and Recreation serve



Aaron Crawford

throughout the summer and the year.

### 2017 SUMMER CONCERT SCHEDULE

**July 7: Aaron Crawford** ~ Crawford has a sound that blends his original influences, from church music to Johnny Cash, all the way to U2. [www.crawfordaaronmusic.com](http://www.crawfordaaronmusic.com)

**July 14: Rumba Kings** ~ The Rumba Kings are known to be one of the best music bands on the West Coast. Their style of Mediterranean driven

music is full of passion and energy and makes you want to dance! [www.therumbakings.net](http://www.therumbakings.net)

**July 21: Nate Botsford** ~ Botsford calls upon his influences of Johnny Cash, Bob Dylan, Van Morrison and his big-band pianist grandfather while crafting his music. [www.natebotsford.com](http://www.natebotsford.com)

**July 28: Massy Ferguson** ~ The Massy Ferguson Band's music is steeped in the classic American of the Uncle Tulepo, the Jayhawks and The Backsiders. The sound is Americana but leans more toward rock than country. [www.massyfergusonband.com](http://www.massyfergusonband.com)

All concerts are free and open to the public and begin at 7 p.m. All events are subject to change. In case of poor weather or for more information please call 360-794-5488.



photo by Rich Zollner

The Massy Ferguson Band



## Fair Days Parade and Market

Monroe's favorite summertime tradition will once again kick off the Fair as the 80th Annual Fair Day's Parade returns to march down the streets of Monroe on Saturday, August 26 at 11 a.m. To the delight and amusement of hundreds of families, residents and guests, more than 80 groups of local businesses, organizations, associations and groups will make their way down Main Street from 178th Ave SE to Lewis Street showing off their pride and enthusiasm for their community!

The Monroe Chamber of Commerce and the parade committee are busy working behind the scenes to plan this year's Parade and are so pleased to announce their partnership once again with Poppy Seed Productions and the return of the ever-popular Fair Days Market! The Market will open at 9 a.m. at Frank Wagner Performing Arts Center, 639 W. Main Street. The Market will close shortly after

the parade to allow residents and visitors plenty of time to get their Fair time in!

All those interested in sponsoring the Fair Day's Parade should turn in their completed Parade Sponsorship Application by July 14.

Those interested in participating in the Fair Day's Parade need to get their Participant Form and signed waivers of liability along with the appropriate entry fee to The Monroe Chamber of Commerce no later than August 11.

Market participants need to get their vendor applications from [www.poppyseedproductions.org](http://www.poppyseedproductions.org) and submit their letter of interest as soon as possible. Spaces are limited and the first round of approvals will be sent out May 1.

For more information contact Shelley Nyhammer at the Monroe Chamber of Commerce, (360) 794-5488, or email [office@monroewachamber.org](mailto:office@monroewachamber.org).



## Monroe 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.

• **Blueberry Children's Park:** 18399 Blueberry Lane

• **Cedar Grove Park:** 15554-168th Ave. SE

• **Currie View Park:** 17260-153rd St. SE

• **Freyland's Neighborhood Park:** Van Ave SE & Wales St. SE

• **Hillcrest Park (The Farm):** 14175 Country Crescent Rd. SE

• **Lake Tye Park:** 14964 Fryelands Blvd.

• **Lewis Street Park:** 561 S. Lewis St. ~ Located on the east side of Lewis Street just north of the Skykomish River Bridge.

• **Monroe Skate Park:** Located at Lake Tye Park.

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

• **Rainier View Park (Sinclair):** 19921 Rainier View Rd. SE

• **Ramblewood Tot Lot:** 20019 Ramblewood Rd. SE

• **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.

• **Stanton Meadows Park:** 17701-149th Ave. SE

• **Traveler's Park (Veteran's Memorial):** 501 E. Main St. ~ Located on East Main St. where it intersects with Hwy. 2

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

• **Wiggly Field:** 413 Sky River Parkway

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