



MONROE THIS WEEK

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Hello and Happy New Year! Thank you for reading Monroe This Week. Learn what is happening and has happened during the week. Please contact me with any and all feedback regarding the articles below. I can be reached at gthomas@monroewa.gov.

Yours in Service,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "G. Thomas".

Mayor Geoffrey Thomas

UPCOMING HPAC MEETING

The next Homeless Policy Advisory Committee (HPAC) meeting is Thursday, January 16 at 6pm in the Monroe Coordination Center located on the City Hall Campus. This meeting is open to the public, we'd like to gather input from the community and let you know what HPAC has been doing.

WHAT DOES THE FUTURE LOOK LIKE?

The Monroe City Council and I would like to hear your thoughts on what the future looks like for Monroe. The 2020 budget includes funding to launch a collaborative visioning effort with residents, business owners, and community partners to identify core community values that will guide future planning efforts in the city. We want to hear from people outside of the normal channels of communication, facilitating an inclusive, city-wide conversation. The goal is to reach people in the community that don't normally engage in city facilitated activities. The city envisions Vision 2050 will:

- Help the City of Monroe articulate what it wants to be in the future, and how the city can position itself to achieve its future potential while still retaining its unique qualities.
- Encourage engagement and spark the interest and excitement of residents, business owners, partners, visitors, city leaders, and staff in the future potential of the city.
- Generate new ideas and discussion about the built environment, sustainability, sense of place, and the city's overall identity.
- Facilitate the revision of the city's Vision, Values, and Mission.
- Foster a sense of cohesion around the city's strategic direction.
- Transform the conceptual goals of the visioning process into realistic, achievable targets.
- Support periodic review and adjustment to reflect progress towards goals.

Stay tuned for more information in the coming weeks on how you can share your thoughts and dreams for Monroe's future.

ARRIVALIST DATA FOR MONROE

The city council approved entering into an agreement with Snohomish County to have back-end access to the Arrivalist data. Arrivalist creates "geofences" around points of interest and then tracks movement via cellphones between locations. This data will help us identify what is bringing visitors to Monroe and where they are visiting.

View the latest report provided by Snohomish County [here](#).

CITY AWARDED \$50,000 GRANT FROM COMMERCE

In October 2019, the City of Monroe applied for a Department of Commerce grant funded through E2SHB 1923, which provided \$5 million to increase residential building capacity in Washington communities to address affordable housing. Of the list of eligible activities, as defined in the bill, the City chose to adopt a

housing action plan with a total funding request of \$50,000. Monroe is one of 52 communities who were awarded a grant in 2019. Acceptance of the grant will be brought before council at the next city council meeting.

Community Development staff will be working on the housing action plan starting in 2020, to be completed by June 30, 2021. Public involvement will be key in this process. Stay tuned for more information on how you can be involved.

The City hopes that the housing action plan will stimulate a variety of housing developments for all income levels, preserve existing affordable housing, and improve the overall quality of life in the City. Addressing the affordable housing crisis is a top priority for the City and the goal is to create an inclusionary community through quality development and collaboration.

MONROE VFW POST 7511 AND IT'S AUXILIARY PANCAKE BREAKFAST

Monroe VFW Post 7511 and its Auxiliary invite you to ring in the New Year with a delicious pancake feast! This fundraising breakfast takes place from 8-11 am this upcoming Saturday, January 11, at the Rock Church in Monroe.

Veterans eat for free at this event, which raises funds to support the VFW's mission of helping veterans and serving the community. The menu features freshly-prepared buttermilk pancakes, pork link-style sausage, scrambled eggs, orange juice, coffee and tea. A suggested donation of \$6 for adults and \$3 for children aged six and under encouraged. This event welcomes VFW members, their families and the community. All are invited!



UPCOMING COUNCIL MEETING

The next regularly-scheduled meeting is Tuesday, January 14, 2020.

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UPCOMING EVENTS

1/11

Monroe VFW Post 7511 and its Auxiliary Pancake Breakfast; 8:00am - 11:00am
Rock Church in Monroe

1/16

HPAC meeting; 6:00pm
Monroe Coordination Center

[View All Events](#)

YEAR-TO-DATE COMPARISONS

View all the City of Monroe year-to-date comparisons [here](#).

CITY COUNCIL MEMBERS



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