



MONROE THIS WEEK

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Yours in Service,

Mayor Geoffrey Thomas



HONORING SERGEANT BRIAN JOHNSTON

Tuesday night I had the very distinct privilege of honoring Sergeant Brian Johnston as he will be retiring after 36 years of service to the Monroe Police Department. Sgt. Johnston officially began his career with the department on May 1, 1987 after serving several years as a reserve officer after graduation from the reserve academy in April of 1984.

Sergeant Johnston has served in many capacities in his law enforcement career to include Police Officer, Patrol Sergeant, Detective Sergeant and SERT Commander. Sergeant Johnston has served as a vital member of this department and his I commend his dedication to the Community, Special Olympics, Behind the Badge Foundation, and traffic control for the Evergreen State Fair and the Fair Days Parade. During his career he was also involved with the Explorer program, coordinating volunteer activities for a traffic monitoring program, and the DARE program in our schools.



What is unique about Sgt. Johnston and a benefit to our Community is his love for the bagpipes, with which he honored our City on many occasions. It was always a special treat to hear him play.

Sergeant Brian Johnston will be missed and we are all proud of the work he is doing for the Behind the Badge Foundation. We look forward to seeing great things as he continues his dedication to leading that organization.

HPAC IMPLEMENTATION STEPS

On Tuesday, February 25, the Monroe City Council adopted the Homelessness Policy Advisory Committee's recommendations. The next step will be to begin developing implementation steps and developing cost estimates with the City Council's Public Safety Committee. That committee includes City Councilmembers Cudaback, Davis, and Rousey. After this work is completed, the implementation steps with cost estimates will be presented to the City Council for next steps. For more information, check out our [City's website](#).

TEACHING OUR YOUTH ABOUT LEADERSHIP AND VOLUNTEERING IN OUR COMMUNITY

On Thursday, February 27, I met with young adults at the Monroe Boys and Girls Club to talk with them about leadership and volunteering in our community. I answered questions about the roles of a Mayor and a City Council and about how a bill becomes a law. I talked about the City's role in supporting the Monroe Boys and Girls club in securing funding to make improvements at the club, which is on City-owned property. I really enjoyed talking with the group and hearing their perspectives about government and our Monroe community. If you have a group that you would like me to present to, please feel free to [email Gina Pfister](#).



ADVOCATING FOR US2 FUNDING

On March 3 and 4, I will be traveling to the District of Columbia with mayors from Lake Stevens, Snohomish, and Sultan and with County Councilmember Sam Low to advocate for funding for both safety and capacity improvements to US2. If you have experiences on US2 that you would like me to share with our representatives, please email me at gthomas@monroewa.gov.

UPCOMING COUNCIL MEETING

The upcoming City Council Regular Study Session for Tuesday, March 3, has been **CANCELED**. The next City Council Regular Business Meeting will be March 10, at 7pm in the City Hall Council Chambers.

[Council Agendas/Minutes](#)

YEAR-TO-DATE COMPARISONS

Curious about some of the City's major revenue streams? Don't have time to read through the entire budget? [Here](#) are a few of the City's revenue year-to-date numbers along with their prior year comparisons. If you would like further information, contact the Finance Department at 360-794-7400 and reference Monroe This Week.

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