



# MONROE THIS WEEK

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## VETERANS DAY

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HONORING ALL WHO SERVED



*Thank you for reading Monroe This Week.*

*This week's edition provides details on our local recognition of Veterans Day, the City's 2021 Development Fee Schedule, the Republic Services Sustainability Adjustment, an important survey for the Monroe Community Coalition, the 2020 Toys for Tots campaign, and a fundraising partnership between the Monroe Public Schools Foundation and Jersey Mike's Subs.*



*Please contact me with any and all feedback regarding the articles below. I can be reached at [GThomas@MonroeWA.gov](mailto:GThomas@MonroeWA.gov).*

*Yours in Service,*

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

## CITY OF MONROE RECOGNIZES VETERANS DAY

At next Tuesday's [City Council meeting](#), I will issue a Proclamation recognizing Wednesday, November 11 as Veterans Day. Originally established in May 1938 as Armistice Day to honor veterans of World War I, the holiday was expanded in 1947 to honor all veterans, and officially renamed as Veterans Day in 1954.

With quiet courage and selflessness, with honor and distinction, generations of service men and women have defended our independence and freedom, and sought to preserve our Nation. We salute the men and women who have proudly worn the uniform of service and the families that stand beside them. Here in Monroe, we recognize our local veterans who have served and are currently serving, and when they return, we care for them and their families.



Due to the COVID-19 pandemic, there will not be a public ceremony this year. I will privately lay a wreath at the Veterans Memorial Monument at Lake Tye, and I encourage the Monroe community to recognize the fortitude and sacrifice of our veterans through private thoughts and reflections.

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## CITY TO ENACT NEW DEVELOPMENT FEE SCHEDULE

The City will implement new development review fees effective January 1, 2021. In 2019, the City hired FCS Group to conduct a cost of service analysis for all city fees related to land development. FCS Group facilitated a series of workshops with City Council and staff to review the preliminary results of the study, and to develop the City's cost recovery strategies and goals for land development related fees. As part of this process, the Committee developed a cost recovery policy of fees for the City's land use planning and design and construction services. On August 25, 2020, City Council established a policy to collect those cost recovery fees in a 2-tiered process. The establishment of this policy was based on the [2020 Development Fee Cost of Service Study](#) developed by FCS Group.



The resolution adopting the Master Fee Schedule, which will become effective January 1, 2021, can be found [here](#).

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## SUSTAINABILITY ADJUSTMENT BECAME EFFECTIVE SEPTEMBER 1

As I have shared in [previous editions](#) of [Monroe This Week](#), effective September 1, 2020, the rate for Republic Services' collection of garbage, recycling, and organics in the City of Monroe increased by \$1.86 per month for Residential Customers, \$1.86 per month per dwelling unit for Multifamily Complex Customers, and \$.50 per month per yard for cart-based Commercial Garbage Customers. This increase reflects the Sustainability Adjustment approved by the City Council at its [June 23 Business Meeting](#), and was enacted to ensure continued recycling collection in the City due to new constraints, higher disposal costs, and lower resale cost recovery imposed on the global recycling industry. Questions? Visit Republic Services' [website](#) to learn about this surcharge or call Republic Services' Customer Service at (425) 778-0188.



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## MONROE COMMUNITY COALITION NEEDS FEEDBACK

The [Monroe Community Coalition](#) is seeking community feedback to ensure its continued funding. The Coalition needs at least 230 more responses from adults residing within the Monroe School District boundaries to meet the Coalition's grant requirements and maintain ongoing operations.



The Monroe Community Coalition is a community collaboration working to implement alcohol and other drug prevention with a community-based approach. Its primary focus is to reduce underage drinking, youth delinquency, and mental health problems, and increase student achievement in school.

The survey, which is available in [English](#) and [Spanish](#), is anonymously seeking respondent views on youth mental health, underage drinking and other substance abuse in our community.

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## TOYS FOR TOTS CAMPAIGN UNDERWAY

Yesterday, November 5, the 2020 [Toys For Tots](#) campaign [officially launched](#) in the City of Monroe. Facilitated by Monroe Police Officer Shaun Van Eaton, collection of new



and unwrapped toys will run through Friday, December 18. Collection hours are Monday through Friday, 8:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m., excluding holidays. A collection receptacle is outside the lobby of the Monroe Police Department, located at 818 W. Main Street. Donors are encouraged not to forget the teens. Suggestions for teenage recipients include sporting equipment/bags/balls, books, backpacks, cosmetics, purses, watch/wallet gift sets, board games, skateboards/helmets, curling irons, and hair straighteners/dryers. Toys

collected will be distributed locally to kids in our community. Officer Van Eaton is very grateful for the support of the donations from our community members. I extend my sincere thanks to Officer Van Eaton for managing this wonderful program, and to our community for your support!

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## OPPORTUNITY AVAILABLE TO SUPPORT OUR LOCAL SCHOOLS AND A LOCAL BUSINESS

Earlier this week, the [Monroe Public Schools Foundation](#) announced a partnership with the [Sky Valley](#) and [Maltby](#) Food Banks in a fundraiser to help raise money to support in-school food pantries. These pantries support families affected by the COVID-19 pandemic.



There are currently non-perishable supplemental food pantries in all 5 Monroe elementary schools, as well as Monroe High School. The Schools Foundation is partnering with and utilizing the buying power of these local food banks to stock the pantries. Food will be picked up and delivered to the schools by the Foundation once per week at each school.



The Schools Foundation has also partnered with Jersey Mike's Subs. For every Jersey Mike's [discount coupon](#) used at the Monroe Jersey Mike's through next Wednesday, November 11, the Monroe Public Schools Foundation will receive \$2.00 per coupon redeemed. 100% of all money received from this fundraiser will go to the food pantries program, for the purchase of food items to support families in need. The food pantries have been very well received and greatly appreciated by families in our community.

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## UPCOMING CITY COUNCIL MEETING SCHEDULE

The City Council will meet in a Regular Business Meeting on Tuesday, November 10, 2020. The meeting will be held via the Zoom remote meeting platform and participation information will be posted with the November 10 agenda, which can be accessed by clicking the button below.

[Council Agendas/Minutes](#)

## CITY COUNCIL MEMBERS



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Kevin Hanford



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