



MONROE THIS WEEK

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Thank you for reading Monroe This Week.

This week's edition includes details on the City's upcoming feature on KING 5 News, getting your voice heard through the Imagine Monroe Survey, the Police Department's Annual Awards Ceremony, the swearing in of our new police commander, upkeep of the downtown medians, and the next pop-up blood donation event.



Please contact me with any and all feedback regarding the articles below. I can be reached at GThomas@MonroeWA.gov.

Yours in Service,

Mayor Geoffrey Thomas

MONROE TO BE FEATURED ON KING 5 NEWS SEGMENT

Yesterday I was interviewed on behalf of the City of Monroe by [KING 5 News](#) as part of their "5 Cities in 5 Days" series. Anchors Jake Whittenberg and Mimi Jung came to Monroe to get a taste of our great community spirit.

The story will air on KING 5 Morning News in the next few weeks. I will share in a future edition of *Monroe This Week* when the story is available.

[Monroe Chamber of Commerce](#) Executive Director Janelle Drews joined me for the interview, and we would like to say thank you to the [Original Pilot House Coffees](#) for letting us film at their unique local business.



WATCH YOUR MAILBOX FOR IMAGINE MONROE SURVEY

Can you help shape the future of Monroe? Imagine Monroe is a community driven effort to update the City's vision, mission, and core values statements. We have changed a lot in the last 10 years. New people call Monroe home and the face of our town is changing. We want to give everyone in Monroe a voice in shaping the city over the next 30 years. Watch your mailbox for the Imagine Monroe city newsletter. The newsletter has

links to the on-line survey in English and Spanish; opportunities to meet the survey team at the Monroe Farmer's Market, Wiggly Walk, and Pride Day events in June; and fun activities for kids to share their ideas.



The survey will be available on-line from June 16-July 9. Our goal is to hear from everyone in our diverse community. We want to hear from you too. For more information about Imagine Monroe, visit the [City's website](#).

MONROE POLICE DEPARTMENT HOLDS ANNUAL AWARDS CEREMONY

Last week the [Monroe Police Department](#) hosted their 2020 Annual Awards Ceremony. Numerous awards were presented to department staff, recognizing their great work this past year. Some of the more notable achievements and recognition included the following:



Community Volunteer Awards: Chaplain Brad Moore received a 2020 Community Volunteer Award from Chief Jolley for his work throughout a very trying year. He continued to respond to difficult incidents supporting families and the department. His work is very much appreciated. Officer Shaun Van Eaton annually conducts a Toys for Tots drive for Snohomish County kids. This last December was one of the largest collections in several years.

Officer of the Year: Officer Bradey Pettit was presented this award. He is a top performer in all categories of patrol related duties, and his work embodies the goal of the agency to combat crime to enhance community safety and quality of life.

Employee of the Year: Nick Ulbrickson was presented this award. He managed 1,079 public records requests and 1,062 firearm transfers, a record high, in addition to the outstanding support he provided to co-workers and the department throughout the year.

Chief's Award: Officer Alex Nelson, whose commitment to proactive police work, dispatched calls for service and assistance to fellow officers has consistently surpassed expectations. His dedication and perseverance has been nothing less than excellent.

Other recognition included Sergeant Jason Southard, Officer Devin Tucker and Officer Shaun Van Eaton receiving a Chief's Star Award. Officers Derrick Lether, Max Michel, Javier Patton and Craig Robertson were recipients of Life Saving Awards.

Thank you to all members of the Monroe Police Department for their dedication to public safety this past year.

NEW POLICE COMMANDER SWORN IN

Last Wednesday, Commander Paul Ryan was sworn into office by Judge Jessica Ness. The pinning of the badge was performed by his wife LaDonna, and much of Commander Ryan's family were able to attend the event.



Commander Ryan began his career with the City of Monroe on February 24, 2005 as Police Officer after his graduation from the Police Corps selection process at the Criminal Justice Training Commission. Commander Ryan has consistently proven himself as an asset to the department through his work quality and high work ethic. His numerous assignments throughout the last sixteen years have included the Honor Guard, Crisis Negotiation Team, and a special assignment as a detective with the Snohomish County Auto Task Force team, receiving a Certificate of Commendation for his work there. He has received two Distinguished Service awards in 2006 and 2009 among many accolades that have come his way.

Commander Ryan was promoted to the position of Sergeant on December 13, 2013, working patrol and support services. He has built a positive rapport with the community through his outreach efforts with the Community Outreach Team and has represented the department on several community-based groups. He also has a Bachelor's degree from Gonzaga University and is currently pursuing a Master's degree in Public Administration.

Chief Jolley and the rest of the department are excited to bring Commander Ryan onto the Command Team and look forward to working with him in the future.

PARKS CREW HELPS MAINTAIN DOWNTOWN MEDIANS

I would like to thank our Parks Crew for planting flowers in the medians along Main Street and Lewis Street this week. A little project history: the Parks Department buys seeds and takes them to the Department of Corrections where they have a horticulture program. Inmates plant the seeds and raise them until they are strong enough to be transplanted. The Parks Department then takes and plants them. It looks truly beautiful, and we appreciate their hard work and collaboration.



BLOODWORKS NORTHWEST HOSTING POP-UP BLOOD DONATION EVENT

Now's the time to save more lives in our community. Get your vaccine shot and make your appointment to donate blood. There's no wait period to donate after receiving your COVID-19 shot, so let's double our impact on the community's health.



Make an appointment today, and donate at the next [Bloodworks Northwest Pop-up](#) in Monroe on June 28-29 and July 5-6. You can schedule an appointment by calling 1-800-398-7888 or by going to the online [Donor Portal](#).

UPCOMING CITY COUNCIL MEETING SCHEDULE

The City Council will next meet in a Regular Study Session Meeting on Tuesday, June 15, 2021. The meeting will be held via the Zoom remote meeting platform and participation information will be posted with the June 15 agenda, which can be accessed by clicking the button below.

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