



# MONROE THIS WEEK

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*Thank you for reading Monroe This Week.*

*This week's edition includes details on the City's recent bake sale fundraiser, the last week of the Toys for Tots drive, the declaration of Monroe as a Purple Heart City, the national recognition of Pearl Harbor Day, today's After Hours Holiday Shopping event, and the need for volunteers at the Monroe Cold Weather Shelter.*



*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".

*Mayor Geoffrey Thomas*

## MONROE CITY STAFF GIVES BACK TO THE COMMUNITY

We are proud to announce City of Monroe employees raised \$1,943 for residents in need. Each year since 2008, Monroe city staff have hosted a bake sale, the day before Thanksgiving, featuring amazing homemade desserts that are auctioned off to the highest bidder. We enjoy seeing families come together over homemade treats. The money raised will support our local [Sky Valley Food Bank](#) and the Monroe Police Officer's Association, a 501(c)3 nonprofit organization that reaches out to children in need during the holiday season.



## LAST WEEK FOR TOYS FOR TOTS DRIVE

Do you enjoy giving back too? The [Monroe Police Department](#) and City of Monroe are excited to be partnering with Toys for Tots again this holiday season. Our very own Police Officer, Shaun Van Eaton, MSgt (Ret) USMC, has placed collection bins in the lobbies of City Hall and the Police Department. Pickup is set for next Friday, December 17.



Toys for Tots, a 70-year national charitable program run by the U.S. Marine Corps Reserve, provides happiness and hope to disadvantaged children during each Christmas holiday season. The toys, books and other gifts collected and distributed by the Marines offer these children recognition, confidence and positive memories for a lifetime. We appreciate the community's help making the holidays better for those in need.

## MONROE DECLARED A PURPLE HEART CITY

On Tuesday, December 7, the City Council and I joined together to declare the City of Monroe as a "Purple Heart City". This title is in honor of military personnel who have been injured or lost their lives in action. Our community is thankful for our military service members and their families. We are committed to honoring them not just in our words and hearts,

but also in our actions. We will continue to stand by our military personnel and veterans, especially in their times of need, as they were and are there in our times of need. To learn more, I encourage you to view the Purple Heart City Proclamation [here](#).



## CITY AND NATION RECOGNIZE PEARL HARBOR DAY

On Tuesday, December 7, the City also recognized National Pearl Harbor Remembrance Day. 80 years ago, the Imperial Japanese Navy attacked our forces at Pearl Harbor and other locations in Hawaii, taking the lives of 2,403 service members and civilians and leading the United States to declare its entrance into World War II. It was a day that still lives in infamy today. December 7th is a day to honor the patriots who perished, commemorate the valor of all those who



defended our Nation, and recommit ourselves to carrying forth the ensuing peace and reconciliation that brought a better future for our world. We give thanks to the Greatest Generation, who guided our nation through some of our darkest moments and laid the foundations of an international system that has transformed former adversaries into allies.

## AFTER HOURS SHOPPING ON MAIN STREET TODAY

Get into the holiday spirit and visit Downtown Monroe's shops today as they unveil their holiday decor and displays. Every store will have a great selection of Christmas gifts and decorations to make 2021 the best year ever! No ticket purchase necessary, just come down anytime from 5:00 - 7:00 p.m. and enjoy this Main Street event put on by [Choose Monroe](#). Our amazing Downtown restaurants and bars will be getting into the spirit too, offering holiday drink specials and festive foods.



## COLD WEATHER SHELTER IN NEED OF VOLUNTEERS

As I shared in a recent edition of [Monroe This Week](#), the Monroe Cold Weather Shelter is in need of volunteers. Managed by [Volunteers of America Western Washington](#), the Monroe Cold Weather Shelter is located at New Hope

Fellowship Church, 1012 W. Main Street. Open between November 1 and March 15 when the temperature falls below 34 degrees, the shelter provides our unhoused neighbors with a warm, safe place to sleep. Interested in serving the community this winter? Sign up at the VOAWW's [Volunteer page](#).



## UPCOMING CITY COUNCIL MEETING SCHEDULE

The City Council will meet in a Regular Business Meeting on Tuesday, December 14, 2021. The meeting will be held via the Zoom remote meeting platform. Participation information will be posted with the December 14 agenda, which can be accessed by clicking the button below.

Council Agendas/Minutes

## CITY COUNCIL MEMBERS



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Patsy Cudaback



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Councilmember  
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