



# MONROE THIS WEEK

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*Thank you for reading Monroe This Week.*

*This week's edition includes a reflection on 2021 and wishes for a Happy New Year, and details on:*

- *Elected official oaths of office*
- *Thanks to outgoing Councilmembers*
- *Positions open on City Boards, Commissions, and Committees*
- *City employment recruitment*
- *Resident and business owner sidewalk clearing*
- *Police Department employee awards; and*
- *A corporate donation to the Sky Valley Food Bank*



*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,*

*Mayor Geoffrey Thomas*

## HAPPY NEW YEAR

Reflecting on 2021, I am thankful. I am thankful for our residents, employers, and non-profit groups. I am thankful for our City Councilmembers, appointed officials, and volunteers. I am thankful for people representing us in Everett, Olympia, and the District of Columbia. And I am very thankful for our City's staff, without whom we would not be nearly as successful as a City as we are today. Thank you to all who share their compassion, talents, and discernment in serving one another in our community. Together we strive to be a community that is a safe place where everyone is at home and everyone belongs. As we turn over the calendar to this new year of 2022, I wish all residents of Monroe a happy, healthy, and prosperous New Year!



## ELECTED CITY OFFICIALS TAKE OATH OF OFFICE

Late last year, those elected to office in the November 2021 election took their oath of office. I was honored to be reelected as Mayor, as were City Councilmembers Kevin Hanford and Kirk Scarboro; joining us are newly elected Councilmembers Tami Kinney and Kyle Fisher.



On December 23, 2021, Councilmembers Hanford, Scarboro, and Kinney, and myself, took our oaths of office in a small ceremony at City Hall. Councilmember Fisher, who was unable to attend this ceremony, took his oath on December 28.

In our oaths, each of us as elected officials affirmed our commitment to uphold the Constitution and Laws of the United States and the State of Washington, and to faithfully and impartially perform the duties of our office. City Clerk Jodi Wycoff administered my oath, and I did so for Councilmembers Hanford, Scarboro, Kinney, and Fisher. Please join me in congratulating these Councilmembers on their election and thanking them for their service to the Monroe community!



## THANK YOU TO OUTGOING COUNCIL MEMBERS

Please join me in thanking Councilmember Patsy Cudaback and Councilmember Jeff Rasmussen for their years of service to our City. Councilmember Cudaback served three terms on the City Council, from January 1, 2010 through December 31, 2021. Councilmember Rasmussen serviced two terms on the City Council, from January 1, 2014 through December 31, 2021, and prior to his election served three years on the Monroe Park Board, from January 1, 2011 through December 31, 2013.

I greatly enjoyed and grew from working with them throughout their service to our community, and I will miss having them on our City Council. I have confidence that they will each continue to contribute to our community. Thank you, Patsy and Jeff!



## OPENINGS REMAIN ON CITY BOARDS, COMMISSIONS, AND COMMITTEES

Looking to serve the community you live in? The City is recruiting for applicants to a few remaining vacancies on Boards, Commissions, and Committees. Current vacancies include:

- 1 - Community Human Services Advisory Board (4-year term ending 12/2025)
- 1 - Economic Development Advisory Board (1 mid-term vacancy ending 12/2024)



- 5 - Ethics Board (two mid-term vacancies ending 12/2023; two mid-term vacancies ending 12/2022); one 3-year term ending 12/2024
- 3 - Salary Commission (one mid-term vacancy ending 12/2023; one mid-term vacancy ending 12/2022; one 3-year term ending 12/2024)
- 1 - Lodging Tax Advisory Committee (per [RCW 67.28.1817](#): membership is reviewed annually, and membership eligibility applies)

The **Community Human Services Advisory Board** advises the City on the implementation of the Homelessness Policy Advisory Committee recommendations, and on programs and policies to respond to those experiencing homelessness and adversely affected by crisis; the **Economic Development Advisory Board** recommends priorities and means to monitor progress on economic development goals; the **Ethics Board** investigates, conducts hearings, and renders advisory opinions concerning accusations against city officials of violations of ethics or conflicts of interest; the **Salary Commission** sets the salaries of the elected officials of the City of Monroe; and the **Lodging Tax Advisory Committee** reviews grant applications and makes recommendations to the City Council regarding allocation of local lodging tax funds.

For more information on the duties of each board or commission, please visit our [Boards, Commissions, and Committees](#) page. To apply, please visit our Boards, Commissions, and Committees [vacancies](#) page.

## CITY ACTIVELY RECRUITING FOR MULTIPLE POSITIONS

The City has open employment positions, including:

### Community Development Department

- Planning Manager

### Parks and Recreation Department

- Admin Assistant

### Public Works Department

- Operation and Maintenance Supervisor
- Administrative Assistant
- Maintenance Worker II

### Police Department

- Lateral Police Officer



Please visit our [Employment Opportunities page](#) for more information, to review the required job qualifications of each position, and to apply.

## PLEASE CLEAR SIDEWALKS OF SNOW AND RAIN

Please clear the sidewalks in front of your home and business of snow and ice. While City staff are responsible for clearing our streets, residents and business owners are responsible for clearing the sidewalks in front of their property. Some of our neighbors have trouble navigating snowy sidewalks, including elders and families with children. The City appreciates everyone lending a hand to help the most vulnerable in our community. When working outside, please remember to dress warmly and drink plenty of water. For more information about resident and business owner responsibilities, please see the Monroe Municipal Code [here](#).



## POLICE DEPARTMENT ISSUES ANNUAL AWARDS

The [Monroe Police Department](#) recently hosted their 2021 Awards Ceremony, recognizing the exceptional service performed by their employees. Executive Assistant Eloisa Rodriguez was selected as Employee of the year, and Detective Paul Henderson was selected as Officer of the year. A team award was presented to Sergeant Jason Southard and Officers Garret Winfrey, Marc Schuermeyer, Shaun Van Eaton and Devin Tucker. Letters of Commendation and Recognition were awarded to several staff members as well. I am appreciative of the work our police employees do on a daily basis, and thank them for their commitment to serving our Monroe community.



## PUGET SOUND ENERGY DONATES TO FOOD BANK

In April 2020, Puget Sound Energy and the Puget Sound Energy Foundation announced [a commitment](#) to donate over \$1 million to local organizations and food banks. While that initial commitment has been fulfilled, the organizations continue to support worthy causes throughout our region. In December, Puget Sound Energy donated \$5,000 to the [Sky Valley Food Bank](#). This support will be a tremendous help to the Food Bank in the new year. Thank you, Puget Sound Energy, for your support of the Monroe community!



## UPCOMING CITY COUNCIL MEETING SCHEDULE

The City Council will next meet in a Regular Business Meeting on Tuesday, January 11, 2022. The meeting will be held via the Zoom remote meeting platform. Participation information will be posted with the January 11 agenda, which can be accessed by clicking the button below.

[Council Agendas/Minutes](#)

## CITY COUNCIL MEMBERS



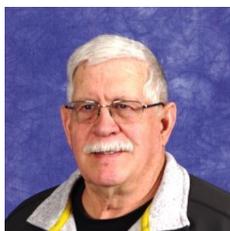
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