



# MONROE THIS WEEK

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*Thank you for reading Monroe This Week.*

*This week's edition includes details on the local recognition of Veterans Day and Police & Fire Appreciation Week, the City's participation in the Toys for Tots program, how you can help out the Sky Valley Food Bank, the MHS Football Team's successful season, and the return of the Light Up Monroe Car Cruise.*



*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*

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## CITY RECOGNIZES VETERANS DAY

This week, I issued a [Proclamation](#) recognizing Friday, 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.

On Friday morning, I will be laying a wreath at the Veterans Memorial Monument at Lake Tye to express our community's recognition, appreciation, and commitment to our veterans and their families. I encourage the Monroe community to recognize the fortitude and sacrifice of our veterans through private thoughts and reflections.

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## CITY RECOGNIZES POLICE & FIRE APPRECIATION WEEK

During last Tuesday's City Council meeting, I also issued a [Proclamation](#) recognizing November 13 through November 20 as Police and Fire Appreciation Week. The personnel of the [Monroe Police Department](#) and [Snohomish Regional Fire and Rescue](#) keep our community safe by increasing public awareness of methods for crime and fire prevention. These devoted first responders risk their lives for the lives of others, and selflessly run towards danger as we run for safety. Through hard work and commitment, they do their jobs well and without fanfare, which sometimes makes us forget the dangers they face. As a symbol of our community's gratitude for their exceptional public service, we dedicate next week to our local police and fire safety professionals.



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## CITY TAKES PART IN TOYS FOR TOTS PROGRAM

[The Monroe Police Department](#) and City of Monroe are once again participating in a Toys for Tots campaign, coordinated by our very own Officer, Shaun Van Eaton. From now until December 15, you can drop off new, unwrapped toys in the lobby of the Police Department or City Hall. Collection hours are Monday – Friday, 8:00 a.m. – 5:00 p.m.

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. This annual event would not

be possible without the generous donations we have received in years past. To those of you in our community who have contributed to this campaign...Thank you!



## HELP OUT THE SKY VALLEY FOOD BANK THIS SEASON

[The Sky Valley Food Bank](#), which has served area residents since the late 1970s, provided for over 2,244 families this October as compared to 1,490 families in 2021. Thanks to their volunteers, the Food Bank distributed 88,006 pounds throughout the month.



Thanksgiving is just a couple of weeks away, and their warehouse is quite bare. Normally around this time of year, they have a solid amount of holiday fixings to provide for their November distribution. That's just not the case right now, so any donation helps. Funds allow them to purchase the food they need most using their bulk discounts, so your dollar will stretch further and be used where it's most needed. Food donations provide a wider variety of food for their customers, and are a great way to clean out your pantry and help a family in need at the same time. Currently, they're in need of the following items:

- Sugar
- Flour
- Oil
- Stew
- Chili
- Soups
- Peanut butter
- Tuna/can chicken

At least 1,300 families in our community don't know where their next meal is coming from. With your help, the Food Bank can make sure that every family in Monroe can put food on their table this holiday season. To make a monetary donation or learn about making a food donation, please check out

[their website](#) today.

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## MHS FOOTBALL TEAM ADVANCES IN THE PLAYOFFS

Congratulations to our Monroe Bearcats Football Team on their very successful season, clinching 1st Place in the 3A Wesco – South District winning 8 out of 9 of their regular season games and their first playoff game against Liberty last week. Tomorrow the team is headed to Tacoma for a Non-District playoff matchup with Lincoln High School; kickoff is scheduled for 2:00 p.m. Please join me in wishing the school and team good luck!

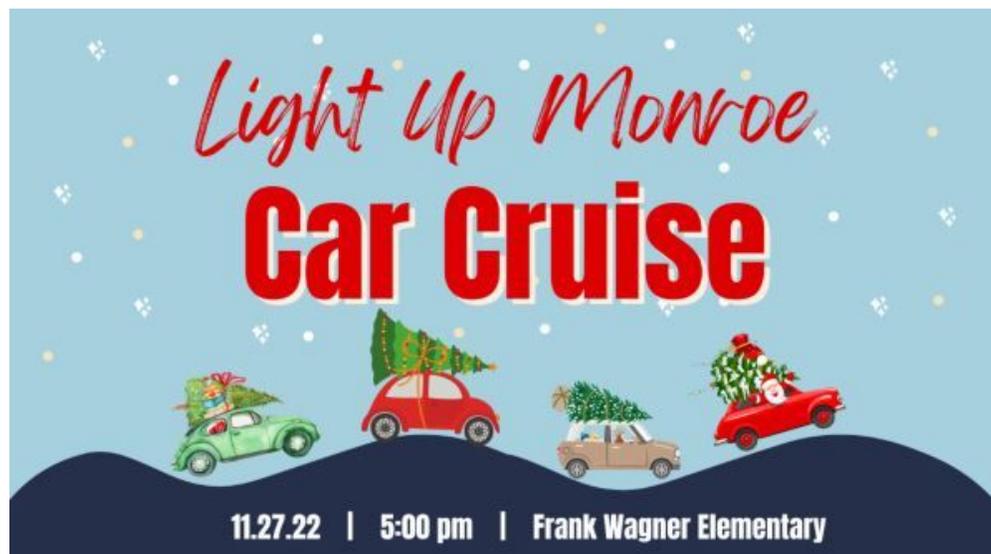


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## LIGHT UP MONROE CAR CRUISE IS BACK

Do you want to be a part of the the Light Up Monroe Car Cruise this year? Start your engines, decorate your vehicle and register [here](#) today!

[The Monroe Chamber of Commerce](#) will have a \$50 gift card for the winner with the most lit-up, jolly, merriest of all car, truck or ATV. All businesses, community members and non-profits are encouraged to decorate and join in the fun. The Car Cruise begins at 5:00 p.m. sharp on November 27,. Many Monroe residents will line up on the sidewalks to watch Santa & our cruise come through Downtown Monroe this holiday season so, let's come together and bring some amazing cheer and jolly to our town!



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## UPCOMING CITY COUNCIL MEETING SCHEDULE

The City Council will next meet in a Business Meeting on Tuesday, November 15. The meeting will be held in a hybrid format; members of the public may participate in Monroe City Council meetings both in-person at City Hall and remotely via the Zoom remote meeting platform. Participation information will be posted with the November 15 agenda, which can be accessed by clicking the button below.

## CITY COUNCIL MEMBERS



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