



# MONROE THIS WEEK

November 22, 2024



*Next Thursday, Nov. 28, and Friday, Nov. 29, is Thanksgiving and Native American Heritage Day. I invite everyone to join me this day to pause, reflect, and extend gratitude with friends, family and neighbors. I remain thankful for our Monroe community and the values outlined in [Imagine Monroe](#). It is because of our strong community, that Monroe can continue to work through challenges and move forward together into the future. Thank you for being a part of what makes Monroe special.*



*City administrative offices will be closed on Thursday, Nov. 28, and Friday, Nov. 29, in observation of the federal holiday. Please note there will be no Monroe This Week published next week.*

*Featured this week:*

- Fire & Police Appreciation Week Proclamation
- Winter Weather Preparedness Resources
- Living with Beavers: Habitat Specialist Available
- Monroe School District Community Newsletter
- Municipal Court/Police Online Services restored



Please reach out to me with what may be on your mind about and for Monroe. I can be contacted at [GThomas@MonroeWA.gov](mailto:GThomas@MonroeWA.gov).

Yours in Service,

Mayor Geoffrey Thomas

## POLICE & FIRE APPRECIATION WEEK PROCLAMATION

Last Tuesday, Nov. 19, I issued a [proclamation](#) declaring the week of Nov. 17 through Nov. 23, 2024, Police & Fire Appreciation week. Thank you to the professionals of the Monroe Police Department and Snohomish Regional Fire & Rescue for your devotion to ensuring Monroe is a safe place to live, work, and play.



Thank you also to all our community members who showed appreciation this week to public safety personnel via posters, thank you cards, and other means.

Public safety is a community effort that requires the participation of residents, businesses, and public safety staff. I appreciate the support and continued engagement of the Monroe community in establishing our City as a safe place for all. Click [here](#) to read the proclamation.

## WINTER WEATHER PREPAREDNESS RESOURCES

With wind, blizzard, and bomb cyclone advisories issued this week by the National Weather Service, it's a good time to think

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# be prepared.

**MAKE A PLAN**      **BUILD A KIT**      **BE INFORMED**

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about winter weather preparedness. Extreme winter weather can last a few hours or days, cut off heat, power, and communications, and put vulnerable people at risk. Winter storms create a higher risk of car accidents, hypothermia, frostbite, carbon monoxide poisoning, and heart attacks from overexertion.

Learn how to prepare yourself and family (including pets), home, vehicle(s), and property for extreme winter weather by visiting our [Emergency Management Resources webpage](#).

Some quick links to emergency resources:

- [Snohomish PUD Outage Map](#) (Report outages by calling 425-783-1001/1-877-783-1001)
- [National Weather Service Forecast website](#) (Enter zip code for 7-day outlook)
- [Washington Department of Transportation Real Time Traffic Map](#) (Traffic cameras, mountain pass reports, travel times)

## LIVING WITH BEAVERS: HABITAT SPECIALIST AVAILABLE

We get a lot of calls throughout the community related to property flooding, damn construction, fallen trees, and other water issues that are caused by beavers. We work with the Tulalip Tribe to relocate beavers farther up into the watershed, but we have more beavers in the community than there are resources to relocate them. We also find that when we relocate a beaver, another takes its place.



We are partnering with the [Snohomish Conservation District](#) on outreach related to living with beavers. [In a blog post by the District](#), the benefits of beavers, methods for coexisting alongside them, and resources available to the community are discussed. Property owners can request assistance from a habitat specialist who conduct a site visit and make recommendations on how to manage the situation. In 2025, we are looking to host a webinar with the Conservation District and other local communities related to this subject.

## MONROE SCHOOL DISTRICT OFFERS NEW

# COMMUNITY NEWSLETTER

Sign up to receive Monroe School District's digital community newsletter, *MSD Connected*, and each month, you will receive the latest Monroe School District updates, highlights, and important information directly to your inbox!

This newsletter aims to serve as a monthly resource to keep you engaged with the wonderful learning and growth happening throughout our schools. Thank you for being an essential part of the Monroe School District community!

Subscribe to *MSD Connected* and see our first two editions, sent out in October & November, here: [www.monroe.wednet.edu/CommunityNewsletter](http://www.monroe.wednet.edu/CommunityNewsletter)

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**MONROE SCHOOL DISTRICT**  
A monthly newsletter for the Monroe School District community  
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Welcome to the Monroe School District's new digital community newsletter, MSD Connected!

Each month, we'll bring you the latest updates, highlights, and important information directly to your inbox. Our goal is to keep families, staff, and community members connected and informed about district-wide events, initiatives, and ways to get involved. Expect to hear about exciting classroom projects, student achievements, upcoming events, and district-wide news.

We're thrilled to offer this newsletter as a monthly resource to keep you engaged with the wonderful learning and growth happening throughout our schools. Thank you for being an essential part of the Monroe School District community!

**MONROE SCHOOL DISTRICT** [www.monroe.wednet.edu/CommunityNewsletter](http://www.monroe.wednet.edu/CommunityNewsletter)

## COURT/POLICE ONLINE SERVICES RESTORED

The [online Monroe Municipal Court fee payment](#) and ability for our Police Department to process [Concealed Pistol Licenses](#) have been restored following a statewide network outage experienced by



## UPCOMING CITY COUNCIL MEETING SCHEDULE

Please note, the City Council meeting on Tuesday, November 26 has been cancelled. The next City Council Meeting is currently scheduled for Tuesday, December 3, 2024 at 7 p.m. To view the meeting agenda, click the button below. City Council meetings are re-broadcasted on the [City's YouTube Channel \(@MonroeWA\)](#). To learn how to provide public comment to the Mayor and City Council, click [here](#).

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