



MONROE THIS WEEK

December 6, 2024



Thank you for reading Monroe This Week to keep up with City news and happenings. This week's issue features:

- *Monroe 2044 Comprehensive Plan*
- *Fireworks Rules for New Year's Celebrations*
- *Donate a Christmas Tree Program*
- *Holiday Giving Ideas*
- *Windstorm Damage Survey*
- *December Business Newsletter*



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

Yours in Service,

MONROE 2044 COMPREHENSIVE PLAN ADOPTION EXPECTED AT DEC. 10 COUNCIL MEETING



The adoption of the Monroe 2044 Comprehensive Plan is expected on Tuesday, December 10, 2024, followed by a signing ceremony. This two plus year planning process reaffirms the City's intent to implement ***Imagine Monroe*** that supports a community where **everyone feels at home and everyone feels they belong.**

The plan consists of 11 chapters and 23 appendices outlining how Monroe will grow through 2044 to accommodate an additional estimated 5,010 people, 2,424 dwellings, and 2,400 jobs. The Future Land Use Map in chapter 3, Land Use, shows the different land use designations, describes the different uses and intensities of development throughout the City, and illustrates where the City can grow through annexation. Chapter 4, Transportation, describes the City's transportation system including new multi-modal level-of-service standards that incorporate pedestrian and bicycle infrastructure. Chapter 6, Housing, outlines Monroe's need for a wide variety of housing types at varying price levels so all residents have a place to live with new policies to support needed development. Chapter 8, Capital Facilities, details how the urban services, such as water, sewer, and schools, will grow to accommodate future growth.

Many thanks to the community for engaging with us in updating this important planning document. To review the entire Monroe 2044 Comprehensive Plan, please visit <https://www.monroe2044.com/>.

FIREWORKS IN MONROE; WHAT YOU NEED TO KNOW

If you are planning New Year's celebrations that involve consumer fireworks (including Roman candles, sparklers, firecrackers, etc.), please remember:

- You can sell and buy consumer fireworks Dec. 27-31 from 12

- p.m. to 11 p.m.
- You can discharge consumer fireworks on Dec. 31 from 6 p.m. to 1 a.m. (Discharging fireworks in city parks is prohibited.)
 - Call 9-1-1 to report a fire or serious injury caused by fireworks.
 - Call 425-407-3999 to report non-emergencies such as the discharge of fireworks outside the restricted time or in a banned area.



View this [informational flyer](#) or visit our [Fireworks webpage](#) for more information. Thanks for keeping your celebrations safe.

DONATE A LIVING CHRISTMAS TREE



Living Christmas Tree Program
Donate a live tree to the City of Monroe

If you plan to purchase a Christmas tree, consider purchasing a living tree. If you purchase a living tree in a container, and you don't intend to plant it on your own property, you may donate it to the City of Monroe to be planted around the city. Everyone will get to enjoy your tree for years to come.

You may find suitable living Christmas trees for sale at the following local Monroe businesses:

- Fred Meyer: 18805 US2 (360) 805-1996
- Lowes: 19393 Tjerne PI SE. (360) 365-4060
- Pine Creek Farms and Nursery: 23225 Sofie Rd. (360) 863-8866
- West Coast Nursery: 18720 WA-203 (360) 794-5457
- Woods Creek Nursery: 21008 Woods Creek Rd. (360) 794-6823

If you are interested in donating or have any questions, please call the Monroe Parks Department at 360-863-4559.

HOLIDAY GIVING IDEAS TO SUPPORT THOSE IN NEED

There's always a great feeling in holiday giving and receiving. We've put together a short list of agencies the City often works

with who need support so they can help individuals and families in need this holiday season. Please [visit our Human Services webpage](#) and reach out to any one of the agencies to offer donations or your time as a volunteer. Many community members need food and would appreciate holiday gifts to lift their spirits.



NOVEMBER WINDSTORM DAMAGE SURVEY



If your primary residence or business in Monroe incurred damage from the Nov. 19, 2024 windstorm, please complete Snohomish County Department of Emergency Management's damage survey by Dec. 31, 2024. Background and survey link can be found at

<https://www.snohomishcountywa.gov/6586/Report-Damage>.

MONROE BUSINESS NEWSLETTER: DECEMBER EDITION

This month's Monroe Business Newsletter features Burger Madness and Paesano's Coffee & Café, two staple businesses in the Freylands Business District, and includes links to resources, learning, and grant opportunities to grow your business in Monroe. [Read the December edition](#).

Highlights include:

- Networking through APEX and SBDC's First Friday Events: Dec. 6 and Jan. 3, 12-1 p.m. - Government Contracting, Government Industrial Base (GIB) Readiness
- GrantWatch's list of grant opportunities for minority and women business owners.
- Verizon's Small Business Digital Ready: Complete two courses to be eligible for grant funding
- Evergreen BizLink Resource Navigator: Connects businesses with non-profit resources
- Reporting requirements for you Beneficial Ownership Information

Report (BOIR)

- Greater Seattle Export Accelerator training and access to international markets
- And more....

If you have business in Monroe or are thinking of relocating here, please reach out to our Economic Development Coordinator, Patrick Doherty, at pdoherty@monroewa.gov.



UPCOMING CITY COUNCIL MEETING SCHEDULE

The next City Council Meeting is currently scheduled for Tuesday, December 10, 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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