



# MONROE THIS WEEK

January 10, 2025



*Happy New Year and welcome to the 2025 edition of the Monroe This Week newsletter. I look forward to continuing to work with each of you in this new year towards our vision of [Imagine Monroe](#).*

*For my first [proclamation](#) of 2025, I recognized January 9, 2025 as National Law Enforcement Appreciation Day. This day was created in 2015 by multiple organizations as one way to express gratitude to law enforcement officers in the United States. I encourage you to join me in thanking the law enforcement professionals at the local, county, state, federal, and international levels who work to unselfishly help others and keep us safe. To read more about ways to show your appreciation, read my full [proclamation here](#).*



*This week's Monroe This Week newsletter features:*

- *Police Safety Presentation to Local School*
- *Updated Speed Limit Signs on Main Street*
- *City Council Meeting Schedule Reminder*
- *January 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](mailto:GThomas@MonroeWA.gov).*

*Yours in Service,*



*Mayor Geoffrey Thomas*

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## **POLICE DEPARTMENT PRESENTS SAFETY PROGRAM TO GODDARD SCHOOL**



On January 2, 2025, our Police Department had the pleasure of engaging with the team at the Goddard School of Monroe to discuss public safety. This visit was part of the department's **ALICE instruction series**, a proactive program designed to help businesses and organizations prepare for emergency situations.

If your organization is interested in learning more about this program, I encourage you to contact the department's Community Service Officers at [CSO@monroewa.gov](mailto:CSO@monroewa.gov). Together, we can continue strengthening the safety and resilience of our community.

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## **SPEED LIMIT SIGNS UPDATED ON WEST MAIN STREET**

The speed limit signs on West Main Street, from 177th Avenue to Madison Street, have been updated to read 20 miles per hour (mph) Monday through Friday between 7 a.m. and 4 p.m. This change reflects the West Main Street speed limit established in the [Monroe Municipal Code](#) and aligns with other 20 mph zones throughout the City (refer to map). The 20 mph speed limit is in effect during the school year. During the summer, the signs will be changed to reflect 25 mph.



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## REMINDER: CITY COUNCIL MEETINGS SCHEDULE CHANGE

Our **City Council** will hold its first Business Meeting of the new year on Tues., Jan. 14. Business meetings will now be held on the second and fourth Tuesday of each month and Study Sessions are scheduled for the third Tuesday of each month. The first and fifth Tuesdays are reserved for Special Meetings, such as workshops or retreats.



Business and Study Session meetings continue to be temporarily held at the Monroe School District Administration Office, 14692 179<sup>th</sup> Ave. SE, while the **remodel of City Hall and Monroe Municipal Court progresses** Meetings begin at 7 p.m. unless otherwise noticed.

Starting this year, we will be posting on the City's Facebook page (**@MonroeWAGov**) a link to the **Agenda portal** on the Friday before a scheduled meeting on Tuesday. Meeting notifications for City Council, **Council Committees**, and **commissions and advisory boards**, are also posted to our homepage: **MonroeWA.gov** (under Events & Meetings).

You are encouraged to engage with the City Council by attending meetings in-person, watching meetings live via Zoom, or viewing their rebroadcasts on the City's YouTube channel (**@MonroeWA**).

The City Council will take a recess during the month of August. Council meetings may be cancelled for reasons such as the lack of a quorum.

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## MONTHLY BUSINESS NEWSLETTER FEATURES RESOURCES, LEARNING, & GRANT OPPORTUNITIES

Monroe is fortunate to have a diverse business base from retail to industrial and services to institutions. Our Economic Development Office works with longtime, new, and potential businesses in the city by providing resources to support growth, marketing, and sustainability. Each month we publish our Monroe Business Newsletter that contains learning and networking opportunities and links to valuable business resources.

The [January 2025 edition](#) is published and features updates on Washington state worker laws, January workshops for small business owners on basic business concepts, contractor regulations, and accessing international markets. It also includes links to kickstarter grant opportunities, business guides, and more.

Be sure to [subscribe to receive Monroe Business Newsletter](#) and contact Patrick Doherty, our Economic Development Coordinator, at [pdoherty@monroewa.gov](mailto:pdoherty@monroewa.gov) for assistance.



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## UPCOMING CITY COUNCIL MEETING SCHEDULE

The next City Council Meeting is currently scheduled for Tues., January 14, 2025 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](#).

[Council Agendas/Minutes](#)



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