



# MONROE THIS WEEK

January 31, 2025



Monroe This Week features:

- *Transportation Grants Awarded to the City*
- *City Staff Certifications*
- *Snohomish Conservation District Annual Plant Sale*
- *City News Alert Subscriptions*

*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,*

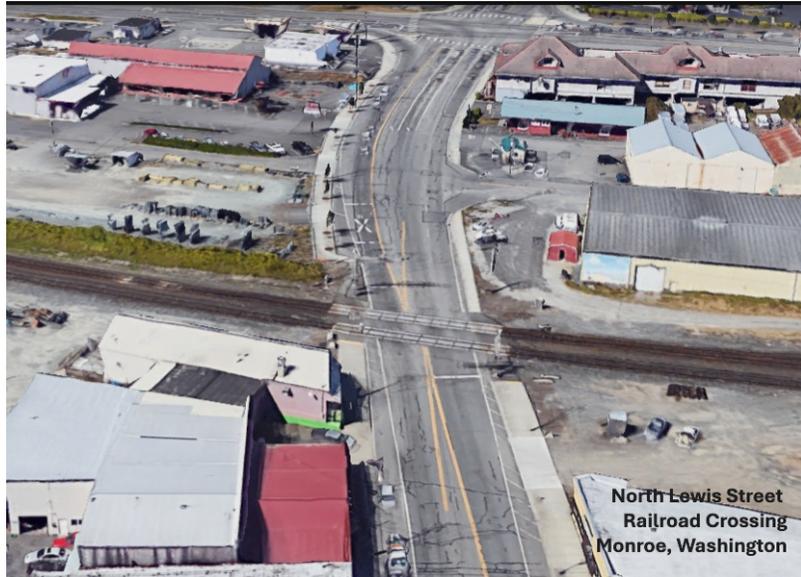
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*Mayor Geoffrey Thomas*

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# MONROE AWARDED GRANTS FOR TRANSPORTATION SAFETY IMPROVEMENT PROJECTS

I am pleased to share that the City has received federal grant funding to study several railroad crossings for safety and congestion improvements and state funding to improve pedestrian safety at several crosswalk locations.



This month we were awarded \$320,000 from the Federal Railroad Administration's [Railroad Crossing Elimination Grant Program](#) to study five at-grade railroad crossings. This study will help us evaluate current conditions and determine the feasibility of grade separation or closure to improve safety and traffic congestion. The crossings to be evaluated are located at Fryelands Boulevard Southeast, 179th Avenue Southeast, North Kelsey Street, North Lewis Street, and East Main Street. City staff expect to have the railroad crossing study completed by the end of 2026.

Last November, the Washington State [Transportation Improvement Board](#) selected the City as a recipient of a \$70,000 grant to install Rectangular Rapid Flashing Beacons (RRFBs) at four crosswalk locations. An RRFB is a device that flashes when activated by pedestrians to enhance their visibility and driver yielding at uncontrolled crosswalks. RRFBs will be installed at: Lewis and Fremont, Main Street and Sams Street, Blueberry Lane and King Street, and the Chain Lake Road crossing. It is anticipated that the devices and signs will be installed in late spring/early summer 2025.

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## CITY STAFF RECIEVE CERTIFICATIONS

City staff are constantly seeking ways to build their professional knowledge to better serve the residents, businesses, and visitors of Monroe. I take a moment to highlight and applaud the efforts of some of our city



staff who have recently obtained new certifications:

- **Stacy Criswell; Development Services Manager - Permit Technician Certification**
- **Ted Corey; Plans Examiner - Building Official and Building Code Specialist Certification**
- **Matt Donovan; Parks Maintenance**

**Worker II - ISA Certified Arborist**

- **Jodi Wycoff; City Clerk - Certified Public Records Officer**
- **Sherri Simonson; Public Records Officer - Certified Public Records Officer**

Thank you to our city staff for their continued dedication to our City.

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## **SNOHOMISH CONSERVATION DISTRICT ANNUAL PLANT SALE: SHOP ONLINE THRU FEB. 7**

We know this is a popular event for Monroe-vians, so we wanted to “plant” some information in your minds to shop! Online sales (minimum order of \$25) are happening now through Friday, Feb. 7 (ends at 4:30 p.m.) Shop and schedule your pick-up date and time at

**40<sup>th</sup> Years**

Snohomish Conservation District  
Annual Plant Sale

**Online shopping available  
through Feb. 7, 2025**

**ThePlantSale.org**

**Pick Ups/Walk Ups: March 1 & 2,  
Evergreen State Fairgrounds**

<https://www.theplantsale.org/>. Order pick-ups will be available on Sat., March 1 and Sun., March 2 at Evergreen State Fairgrounds from 9 a.m. to 4 p.m. Limited volume and species will be available for walk-up sales. Please contact the Snohomish Conservation District with questions at [425-335-5634](tel:425-335-5634) ext. 4 or email [scdplantsale@snohomishcd.org](mailto:scdplantsale@snohomishcd.org).

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# ROAD CLOSURE ALERTS AVAILABLE VIA EMAIL AND TEXT



**[MonroeWa.gov/cityinfo](https://MonroeWa.gov/cityinfo)**

If you appreciate knowing about road closures due to transportation improvement projects and special events, you can subscribe to City News/News Flash. You can receive alerts via email or text by entering your email or phone number. To subscribe, go to our [Sign Up For webpage](https://MonroeWa.gov/cityinfo), scroll to “News Flash” and select “City News.” To learn more ways to connect with city news and information, go to [MonroeWA.gov/cityinfo](https://MonroeWA.gov/cityinfo).

## UPCOMING CITY COUNCIL MEETING SCHEDULE

The next City Council Meeting is currently scheduled for Tues., February 11, 2025 at 7 p.m. To view the meeting agenda, click the button below. City Council meetings are re-broadcasted on the [@MonroeWA](https://www.youtube.com/channel/UC...). To learn how to provide public comment to the Mayor and City Council, click [here](#).

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