

MONROE THIS WEEK

October 3, 2025



Thank you for reading *Monroe This Week*. This week's edition features:

- *Municipal Court Reopening*
- *2026 LTAC Tourism Grant Applications*
- *Monroe Police Department Retirement*
- *Stevens Pass Highway Centennial*



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,

Mayor Geoffrey Thomas

MUNICIPAL COURT REOPENS OCT. 15 IN NEW SPACE



With City Hall's reopening in recent weeks at the Civic Campus, it's now time for **Monroe Municipal Court** to move back to 806 W. Main Street. Judge Ness has issued a n **Administrative Order** announcing that Court will be closed Thurs. Oct. 9, Fri. Oct. 10, Mon. Oct 13, and Tues. Oct. 14 and reopening on Wed. Oct. 15, 2025.

The **remodel and expansion of City Hall**, including the City Council Chambers, and Monroe Municipal Court, address life-safety and accessibility deficiencies, repair and replace aging building systems, improve customer experience, and better align department coordination. City services have occupied the Municipal Campus since 1977. Monroe Municipal Court visitors will check in at a secure customer service window and with a security guard before entering the courtroom.

Municipal Court is open Mon. through Fri., 8:30 a.m. to 12 p.m. and 1 to 4:30 p.m. To reach the Court, call 360-863-4548 or email court@monroewa.gov. For more information about our court services, including our **Community Court**, please visit MonroeWA.gov/court.

APPLICATIONS CLOSING SOON FOR 2026 LTAC GRANTS

Each year, Monroe welcomes visitors who come to enjoy our festivals, events, and unique local experiences. Many of these moments are supported, in part, by Monroe Lodging Tax (LTAC) grants.

If you're planning an event in 2026 that draws visitors to our community, now is the time to apply! LTAC funding can support tourism marketing and special event operations that attract people to our community and highlight what makes Monroe unique.

A blue rectangular banner with white text and graphics. At the top, it features the City of Monroe logo, which consists of a stylized mountain range above the text "City of MONROE". Below the logo is a decorative white flourish. The main text in the center reads "2026 Lodging Tax Grant Applications Now Open!" in a bold, sans-serif font. Another decorative white flourish is below this text. At the bottom, in a smaller font, it says "Applications due Thursday, October 9 at 5:00pm".

Applications are due by Thursday, October 9, 2025 at 5:00 p.m. Application materials, along with additional information, are available on the **City's Lodging Tax Grant webpage**.

Don't miss this opportunity to share your vision!

Apply Now!

SERGEANT SOUTHARD RETIRES FROM THE MONROE POLICE DEPARTMENT AFTER 29 YEARS OF SERVICE



After 29 years of dedicated service, Sergeant Jason Southard is retiring from the **Monroe Police Department**. Since first joining as a Reserve Officer in 1996, Sergeant Southard has served in a number of department roles, including SWAT, the **K9 Unit**, and as Honor Guard Commander. He has also been a trusted mentor and instructor,

shaping generations of officers with his calm leadership and steady guidance. Recognized with numerous commendations, his legacy is defined not only by his accomplishments but by the people he has inspired and the lasting impact he leaves on the department and community. Please join me in thanking Sergeant Southard for his dedication and contributions to our community.

STEVENS PASS HIGHWAY CENTENNIAL: 1925-2025

This year, Stevens Pass Highway observes its 100th anniversary! To celebrate the centennial, the **Monroe Historical Society** is hosting a special program on **Saturday, October 11 at 2 p.m.** at the Monroe Public Library.

Local historian Dexter Taylor will share stories and photographs tracing the highway's creation, its 1925 grand opening, and how the route has evolved - especially between Monroe and Stevens Pass.



All are welcome to this **free event** celebrating a road that helped shape our community.

UPCOMING CITY COUNCIL MEETING SCHEDULE

The next City Council Meeting is currently scheduled for Tuesday, October 14, 2025 at 7:00 p.m. The meeting will be located in the Council Chambers at City Hall at 806 W Main Street. 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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