

MONROE THIS WEEK

November 7, 2025



Recently, I issued a proclamation recognizing Tuesday, November 11, 2025 as Veterans Day in the City of Monroe. On this day, we pause to recognize the generations of Armed Service members who have defended our nation and safeguarded our liberties.

I express my heartfelt appreciation to our local veterans, City staff who have worn the uniform, and the families who have supported them through their service. Their courage and commitment remind us what it means to serve something greater than ourselves. It is in part through the dedication of our veterans that we can continue to Imagine Monroe and live in a community of beauty and goodwill. Please join me in expressing gratitude to those who have served.



Please note, in observation of Veterans Day, City administrative offices will be closed on Tuesday, November 11, 2025.

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

- Staff member celebrates 35 years of service
- Street Sweeping Reminders
- November Business Newsletter
- November Food Drive

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

CITY STAFF MEMBER CELEBRATES 35 YEARS WITH THE CITY OF MONROE



On October 28, the Monroe City Council and I had the opportunity to recognize an incredible milestone of one of our City's staff.

Sherri Simonson began her service with the City as an administrative assistant in the Monroe Police Department where she served

our community with dedication, professionalism, and excellent customer service. Today, Sherri works in the City Clerk's Office as a Public Records Officer. Over what is now 35 years of service, Sherri continues to bring a steady commitment to excellence that has defined her career.

It is rare to find someone whose impact spans generations of change in a growing city. Sherri's institutional knowledge, attention to detail, and unwavering willingness to help others have strengthened not only the city organization but also the community and co-workers she interacts with everyday.

Please join me in thanking Sherri for her exemplary service, kindness, and the many ways she has contributed to Monroe's success over the past 35 years. Her work reflects the spirit of Imagine Monroe, helping create a city that is "friendly and responsive" where "everyone feels at home, and everyone feels they belong."

TIS THE SEASON FOR FALL(ING) LEAVES

As we welcome the fall season, our Public Works team is out sweeping streets and collecting fallen leaves, and you can help by:

- Regularly collecting leaves from your property and placing them in your yard waste container.
- Avoiding piling or blowing leaves into the street; sweepers can't effectively collect large piles.
- Keeping storm drains clear of leaves and debris, as this can clog them and cause flooding. Consider joining the Adopt-a-Drain community in Monroe. Sign up today at <https://wa.adopt-a-drain.org>.



Our Public Works team doesn't have neighborhood-specific sweeping schedules, but they'll be out all season long collecting leaves. For answers to frequently asked questions about streets and stormwater, visit <https://bit.ly/PWFAQs>.

NOVEMBER BUSINESS NEWSLETTER NOW AVAILABLE

Monroe's November Business Newsletter is now available — featuring local success stories, upcoming training opportunities, and valuable resources for business owners and entrepreneurs.

This month's edition highlights a variety of tools to help local businesses thrive, including information on:

- State resources from the Washington Department of Revenue designed to help Spanish-speaking business owners and homeowners better understand and meet tax obligations.
- Free crime prevention consultations offered by the Monroe Police Department for businesses within city limits.

- Grant opportunities for women-owned, Black-owned, and small businesses and startups.
- Free trainings sponsored by the Washington Small Business Development Center.

You'll also find stories about two downtown businesses, Helping Hands Thrift Store and Monitor Mercantile, that continue to add to the vibrancy of our community.

Read [this month's Monroe Business Newsletter](#) to explore these resources and more.

For additional business support or partnership opportunities, contact Patrick Doherty, Monroe's Economic Development Coordinator, at pdoherty@monroewa.gov.



MONROE'S NOVEMBER FOOD DRIVE OFF TO A GENEROUS START

After less than a week of the November Food Drive, the City needed to schedule a pick up with the [Sky Valley Food Bank](#) for the resources that were piling up in the City Hall lobby. I am grateful for the overwhelming generosity of our community to support those in need. Thank you to everyone who has donated so far.



As a reminder, the City will be hosting a food drive with Sky Valley Food Bank for the entire month of November. Donation barrels can be found in the City Hall lobby. Please consider donating canned and dried foods this month to help people in our community who may be experiencing food insecurity.

UPCOMING CITY COUNCIL MEETING SCHEDULE

The next City Council Meeting is currently scheduled for **Tuesday, November 18, 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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