

# MONROE THIS WEEK

December 12, 2025



*Over the past few days, I have worked with city staff and partners to closely monitor and respond to the extensive rainfall and flooding that has impacted Monroe and our surrounding communities. Thank you to our first responders, city staff, city partners, and community members who have stepped up to support one another during this challenging time. Your preparedness, coordination, and compassion reflect the strength and resilience of Monroe.*



*The City will continue to monitor flooding conditions and share updates with residents as information is made available. Additional information and resources are included in the article below. Thank you all for looking out for one another.*

*This week's edition of Monroe This Week features:*

- *Preparing for Disasters*
- *Building Inspector Service Update*
- *Fireworks in Monroe*
- *Upcoming Free Community Concerts*

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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## RECORD RAINFALL IS A REMINDER TO BE PREPARED FOR DISASTERS



The graphic features the City of Monroe logo on the left. To its right, the text reads "Emergency Preparedness Starts with You" above the large phrase "be prepared.". Below this are three circular icons: a house with an arrow pointing right, a red backpack with supplies, and a smartphone with a red alert icon. Under each icon is a purple box with white text: "MAKE A PLAN", "BUILD A KIT", and "BE INFORMED". At the bottom right of the graphic is the website "MonroeWa.gov".

As we end a week packed with record rainfall, we are reminded of the importance of being prepared for any disaster or emergency.

Throughout the year we remind homes and businesses to be disaster ready by having an emergency

supplies kit, establishing a communications plan, and staying informed during the event. These actions are vital to survival. Please visit our [Emergency Resources webpage](#) to download disaster preparedness guides and checklists, including ones about flooding.

This week we diligently monitored weather forecasts, river gauges, flood-risk areas and considered potential impacts to city parks, waterways, and our stormwater system and to areas that could be impacted the the event that rivers crested worse than they did. We activated our Emergency Operations Center to coordinate resources and information not just within the city organization but with our community partners.

We encourage you to subscribe to [City News alerts](#) to receive disaster/emergency and city information (via email or text) and to follow [@MonroeWAGov](#) and/or [@MonroeWAPolice](#) on Facebook. Further, you should also sign up for [Snohomish County Alerts](#) as this system has the capability to notify specific geographic areas.

We will continue to publish and post storm updates and will share recovery information as it becomes available to us.

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## BUILDING INSPECTION SERVICE UPDATE

We are pleased to announce the city's building department is fully staffed and will begin inspections on Fridays starting Jan. 2, 2026. Inspections will be conducted Monday through Friday, during our core business hours. If you currently have an approved building permit from us and need an inspection, you can [submit your request online](#). We

will strive to conduct your inspection by the next business day. Please have your city-approved permit and any associated documents available on site at the time of the inspection.

If you're planning a bathroom or kitchen remodel, building a new home or shed, or doing improvements to a commercial space, please contact our [Permit Center](#) to obtain the proper permits and follow up with the required inspections. Our Community Development and Building staff can assist you with understanding the permit application and approval process and needed inspections.

A graphic for the City of Monroe Building Inspections. It features a background image of a person in a high-visibility vest holding a tablet. The text 'City of Monroe' is at the top left. 'BUILDING INSPECTIONS' is written in large, bold, white letters with a black outline. Below that, 'AVAILABLE MON.-FRI.' is written in similar bold white letters. A yellow starburst contains the text 'Starting Jan. 2, 2026'. At the bottom, 'REQUEST ONLINE @ MONROEWA.GOV' is written in white. The bottom of the graphic has a blue bar with the City of Monroe logo and the text 'Search: Inspections'.

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## **FIREWORKS IN MONROE: WHAT YOU NEED TO KNOW**

If you are planning New Year's Eve celebration that involves consumer fireworks (Roman candles, sparklers, firecrackers), please remember:

- You can sell and buy consumer fireworks Dec. 27-31 from 12 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 our [informational flyer](#) or visit our [Fireworks webpage](#) for more information. Thanks for keeping your celebration safe.



# FIREWORKS SAFETY INFORMATION

## Rules & Safety Tips

[MonroeWA.gov/fireworks](http://MonroeWA.gov/fireworks)

### REMINDER: FREE COMMUNITY HOLIDAY CONCERTS

#### Wagner Performing Arts

**Center** is hosting two free holiday concerts this season and the community is invited to attend. Saturday, December 13 at 2 p.m., the Monroe Community Band will perform *Merry & Musical*, a festive afternoon concert. Next week, on Friday, December 19 at 7 p.m., Take Seventeen Big Band will present a Christmas concert to close out the season.

Admission to both performances is free, with donations encouraged. All donations directly support the **Monroe Arts Council** and ongoing renovations at the historic Wagner

Performing Arts Center. Enjoy live local music, celebrate the season, and help support the arts in our community.

 MCB  
Monroe Community Band  
presents

*Merry  
&  
Musical*

Saturday, Dec 13  
2:00 PM

**FREE  
CONCERT**

WAGNER PAC  
639 WEST MAIN STREET  
MONROE, WA

[monroecommunityband.org](http://monroecommunityband.org)

MONROE ARTS Council  
make art happen

Jesse Fish  
REAL ESTATE BROKER

WAGNER  
PERFORMING  
ARTS  
CENTER  
BANDS

DURKHEAD  
ART  
CENTER

FRIDAY  
DEC 19TH  
7 PM

FREE  
ADMISSION!

# TAKE SEVENTEEN

★ *Big Band* ★

CHRISTMAS CONCERT

DONATIONS WELCOME  
TO BENEFIT THE  
MONROE ARTS COUNCIL

Wagner Performing Arts Center  
639 W Main St., Monroe

## UPCOMING CITY COUNCIL MEETING SCHEDULE

The next City Council Meeting is currently scheduled for **Tuesday, December 16, 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](#).

[Council Agendas/Minutes](#)



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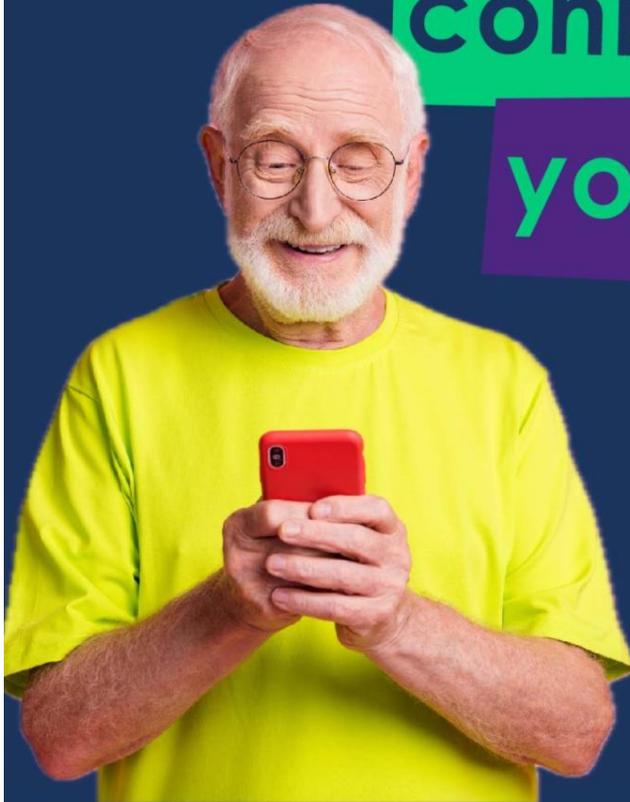
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Have a question for your Councilmembers?  
Contact them at [Councilmembers@MonroeWA.gov](mailto:Councilmembers@MonroeWA.gov)

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