

MONROE THIS WEEK

December 19, 2025



Thank you for the opportunity to serve as Monroe's Mayor for the last 12 years. I feel truly blessed to have witnessed our community's resilience, compassion, and determination that pulled us through numerous global and national challenges. I'm thankful for so many people who have helped us be successful:

- I'm thankful for the Councilmembers whom I have served alongside of – they pushed partisanship and special interests aside, which allowed us to meet one another as human beings and place community ahead of politics.*
- I'm thankful for other elected officials at the federal, state, county, and city levels that were, and continue to be, there to leverage resources and adopt policies that support our community.*
- I'm thankful for the community members I worked with and met along the way – even in disagreement, we improve as a community when we meet one another where we are, listen to one another, find common ground, and move forward together as best we can.*
- I'm thankful for the numerous organizations and agencies that serve important roles that enhance or fill critical needs in our community – the list is too long to name everyone, but it includes our school districts, fire services, human services organizations, Chamber of Commerce, faith communities, and many others.*
- I'm thankful for the City staff who have delivered on key local projects and programs during significant global and national challenges, while still serving our community's needs day in and day out.*



I am filled with gratitude that we as a community came together when times were difficult. Monroe is blessed for many reasons. For me the willingness to put people first, to meet people where they are, to roll up our sleeves and help one another, and to put words into positive action, are just some of the characteristics I've witnessed – and I feel blessed because of it.

I will truly miss working for you as your mayor. And, as a resident, I look forward to observing great things from our community as we work to ensure that Monroe is a safe place for all, where everyone feels at home and everyone feels they belong.

Thank you and may God's peace continue to be with you and our community.

From My Heart to Yours,



Mayor Geoffrey Thomas

REPORT FLOOD DAMAGE TO SNOHOMISH COUNTY BY DEC. 31, 2025

If your home, business, or property suffered damage from the Dec. 2025 flood event, it is essential that you report the damage to Snohomish County. Please complete the County's Damage Assessment Survey at <https://snohomishcountywa.gov/ReportDamage> by Dec. 31, 2025. The information may help make the case for disaster recovery resources, and it needs to be provided quickly. In addition



to completing the survey, owners should take lots of photographs, prepare a list of damages, and save all receipts from repair and clean-up.

In-person assistance to complete the survey will be available on Friday, Dec. 19, 2025, at Evergreen State Fair Park, Longhouse Building 14405 179th Ave. SE (Monroe) from 3 p.m. to 8 p.m. and on Sunday, Dec. 21, 2025, at the Startup Event Center, 14315 366th Ave. SE (Startup), from 11 a.m. to 5 p.m.

DISASTER RECOVERY PHASE UNDERWAY

It's been a very difficult two weeks bracing for and surviving the historic rainfall (and then the strong winds) impacting Monroe and we are now in the recovery phase of this disaster. We have pulled together recovery resources

with contact information to agencies offering disaster assistance, as well as frequently asked questions, and posted them to the City's website at [MonroeWA.gov/floodinfo](https://www.monroewa.gov/floodinfo). We hope you find the information helpful and encourage you to share it with those you know who need assistance.

City staff will continue to monitor the rivers and creeks and flood-prone areas that are finally showing signs of receding water. Al Borlin and Sky River Parks will remain closed likely through the weekend (Dec. 19-21, 2025). The pedestrian bridge that connects Al Borlin and Lewis Street Park and the boat launch at Lewis Street Park remain closed. We will announce park reopenings on our Facebook page ([@MonroeWAGov](https://www.facebook.com/MonroeWAGov)).

Although there were no road closures within Monroe during the storms, there continue to be closures in [Snohomish County](#) and throughout [Washington state](#). Please check road and weather conditions before you travel – especially over the holidays.

We will continue to share recovery updates from various agencies in the coming weeks but if you have a specific question or request, please submit it through our [Monroe Listens customer service portal](#). It will be assigned to the appropriate staff person for a response. To receive city information, including storm updates, please sign up [here](#).

[MonroeWA.gov/floodinfo](https://www.monroewa.gov/floodinfo)

FLOOD RECOVERY WEBPAGE NOW AVAILABLE

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APPLICATIONS DUE FEB. 17, 2026 FOR
QUALIFYING REPAIR/REPLACEMENT.



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On Tues. Dec. 16, the Monroe City Council approved [Ordinance 025/2025](#) allowing for the temporary waiver of fees for certain building permits for the repair and replacement of structures damaged by the Dec. 2025 flood event. This temporary waiver program is intended to help property owners in the timely repair and restoration of flood-damaged structures, expedite the recovery process for impacted

Monroe community members, and prevent public health, safety and welfare detriment should structures go unrepaired.

The fee waivers are limited building permits necessary for structural repairs that constitute like-for-like replacement of flood-damaged materials and components. Modifications, additions, remodels or upgrades to existing structures or systems that were not impacted by the Dec. 2025 flood event do not qualify. Contact Monroe's [Permit Center](#) at 360-863-4501 or building@monroewa.gov to inquire if your project qualifies. If the Building Official deems your project eligible, building permit applications are due to the City by Mon., Feb. 17, 2026.

CITY HALL HOLIDAY HOURS

As we enter the holiday season, we want to share a few upcoming City Hall closures. City Administrative offices will be closed on the following dates:

- **Wednesday, December 24, 2025** - closing early at 12 p.m.
- **Thursday, December 25, 2025** - closed all day
- **Thursday, January 1, 2026** - closed all day



Please also note that the next edition of Monroe This Week will be published after the first of the year on January 9, 2026. We wish everyone a safe, restful, and joyful holiday season.

SHOP WITH A COP BRINGS HOLIDAY JOY

Officers from the [Monroe Police Department](#), Washington State Patrol, and Redmond Police Department came together last Friday, Dec. 12, for the annual Shop With a Cop event. Officers spent an evening with 15 local youth to enjoy an evening filled with shopping, pizza, laughter, and a special visit from Santa.



Each year, this event is made possible through the generosity of local donors and grant support. The event is a cherished tradition that creates lasting memories, strengthens community connections, and helps make the holiday season a little brighter for local families.



MONROE JOINS SNOHOMISH REGIONAL FIRE & RESCUE FLOOD RESPONSE BRIEFING



On Saturday, December 13, Monroe Police Chief Jeff Jolley and myself joined federal, state, Snohomish County, and local partners at a flood assessment briefing hosting by [Snohomish Regional Fire & Rescue](#)

at Station 31 in Monroe. The briefing provided an opportunity for officials and emergency response leaders to discuss recent flood impacts and ongoing recovery efforts.

Following the briefing, participants toured areas affected by flooding in and around Monroe. The gathering stands as an example of the strong coordination and cooperation that exists among local, regional, and federal partners serving the Sky Valley region.

Thank you to [Snohomish Regional Fire & Rescue](#) and all partner agencies for your continued collaboration and commitment to public safety.

UPCOMING CITY COUNCIL MEETING SCHEDULE

The next City Council Meeting is currently scheduled for **Tuesday, January 13, 2026** at **7 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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