

MONROE THIS WEEK

January 9, 2026



Welcome back to Monroe This Week. As we begin the New Year, the City of Monroe welcomes new leadership. We are pleased to introduce our new Mayor, Patsy Cudaback, and new Councilmember, Brandi Blair.

Mayor **Patsy Cudaback** brings more than two decades of public service experience to the role, including 12 years serving on the Monroe City Council (2009-2021). She currently serves as Chief Operating Officer of the YMCA of Snohomish County and previously led the Monroe/Sky Valley Family YMCA. Mayor Cudaback holds a Juris Doctor from Seattle University and a Bachelor of Arts in Political Science and Business from Washington State University. As Mayor, she is committed to the City's *Imagine Monroe* vision and



is guided by a belief that strong local leadership is rooted in listening, collaboration, and bringing people together in service of the community.



The City of Monroe also welcomes new Councilmember **Brandi Blair**, who recently began her service on the City Council. A lifelong Monroe resident, Brandi is a graduate of Monroe High School and Everett Community College. She has served on Monroe's Planning Commission since 2021 and previously contributed to the Imagine Monroe Sounding Board, helping shape the City's current vision statement, *Imagine Monroe*. Professionally, Brandi brings 25 years of experience as a state employee with the Department of Corrections in Monroe. Her deep roots in the community and longstanding commitment to public service reflect a strong connection to the city she calls home.

BUILDING PERMIT FEES TEMPORARILY WAIVED FOR FLOOD REPAIR; APPLY BY FEB. 17

If your home, business, or other structure on your property located within Monroe city limits was damaged by the December 2025 flood event and you're looking to repair the damage or replace "like-for-like" materials, please contact our Permit Center to see if your project qualifies for a building permit fee waiver. Building permit applications for flood repairs are due to the City by Tue., Feb. 17, 2026.

City of Monroe

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TEMPORARY WAIVER

"LIKE-FOR-LIKE"
FLOOD REPAIR OR
REPLACEMENT

APPLY BY FEB. 17, 2026

360-863-4501 [MonroeWA.gov](https://www.monroewa.gov)
(Search: Permitting)

City of **MONROE**

The graphic features a blue and yellow color scheme. On the right, there is a yellow circle containing a black icon of a house with a hammer and wrench crossed inside, and wavy lines below representing water. The text is arranged in a clear, bold, sans-serif font.

The fee waivers are limited to 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 December 2025 flood event do not qualify.

Contact [Monroe's Permit Center](#) at 360-863-4501 or building@monroewa.gov to learn more. Visit our [Flood Recovery Resource webpage](#) for additional information on flood disaster assistance.

UTILITY RATE CHANGES EFFECTIVE JAN. 1, 2026



At its [November 18 meeting](#), Monroe City Council approved new water rates and a new tax on the gross income of stormwater utility providers. Monroe's 7.2% water rate adjustment is in response to the [City of Everett increasing its water rates](#) earlier in 2025. Monroe's drinking water supply comes from Everett. The new 10% stormwater utility tax will support core

services provided by the utility. Monroe's utility rates cover all costs associated with providing [water](#), [sewer](#), and [stormwater](#) services to Monroe homes and businesses.

These adjustments are in addition to the Cost of Living Adjustment (COLA) increases approved in Monroe's [2025-2026 Biennial Budget](#). The adjustments took effect on Jan. 1, 2026. The base rate for all utilities is going up by an average of \$7 per month for a single-family residential household (City of Monroe utility customer). Customers who use more water may see a higher total increase based on their usage. Low-income senior citizens and low-income disabled residents may be able to receive discounts for qualifying utility accounts.

Please read the Utility Rate Sheet ([English](#)) ([Español](#)) for details and contact us should you have questions about your utility bill. To sign up for automatic payment of your utility bill, visit Monroewa.gov/utilities.

DISASTER ASSISTANCE CENTER OPENING TO PROVIDE INFORMATION & RESOURCES

Snohomish County has partnered with Volunteers of America Western Washington to host a disaster assistance and resource center at the Sky Valley Center, 617 1st Street in Sultan. The center will include representatives from multiple organizations who can provide guidance and support to those impacted by the December 2025 flooding. The center will be open:

- Sunday, Jan. 11 from 10 a.m. to 3 p.m.
- Tuesday, Jan. 13 from 2 p.m. to 8 p.m.

- Wednesday, Jan. 14 from 2 p.m. to 8 p.m.

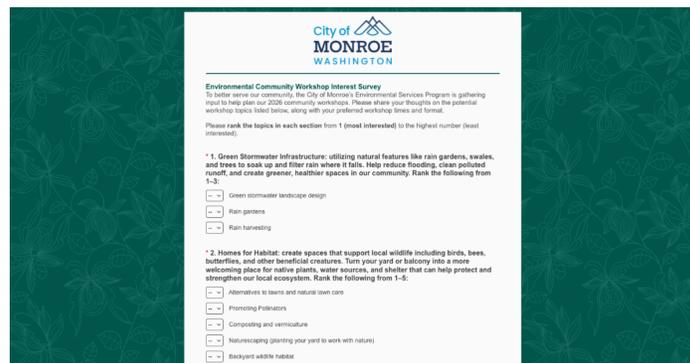
Applications for potential state assistance or other resources can also be made online via the Salvation Army's website at sahelp.org or by calling 833-719-4981. For more information about disaster assistance visit the [Snohomish County Public Safety Hub](#).



ENVIRONMENTAL COMMUNITY WORKSHOP SURVEY

To better serve our community, the City of Monroe's Environmental Services Program is planning our 2026 community workshops, and your feedback will help guide us. Please share your thoughts [through this survey](#).

Your response will help focus on the topics people are most interested in and schedule workshops at times that work best for the community.



Want updates on future environmental events and workshops? Email pwenvironmental@monroewa.gov to join our mailing list.



MONROE BUSINESS SPOTLIGHT DIGITAL CAMPAIGN



As we welcome the new year, we're excited to announce the continuation of our regular features highlighting Monroe businesses. If you're a Monroe business owner with a storefront that was not featured in 2025, email kdarrow@monroewa.gov by Friday, Jan. 9, to be added to our list to be featured. The City will feature at least one Monroe business each

week to encourage residents to shop local and support our community.

CONTRIBUTE YOUR PERSPECTIVE TO THE CITY OF MONROE

The City of Monroe has vacancies on its Boards, Commissions and Committees. Volunteering for a City Board is a great way to get involved with the community and help advise the Mayor and City Council on emerging City challenges. The City is looking to fill vacancies on the following boards/commissions/committees:

- Planning Commission
- Community Human Services Advisory Board
- Economic Development Advisory Board

- Park Board
- Ethics Board
- Salary Commission

You can learn more about specific boards, commissions, and committees on the [City's website](#). To apply, please submit a complete [application form](#) to our City Clerk. A first review of applications will occur **Jan. 21, 2026**.

Your experience, perspectives and expertise matter. Consider applying for a City Board today!



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As a volunteer board member.

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](#).

[Council Agendas/Minutes](#)



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