

The Chamber Connection

The Monroe Chamber of Commerce Newsletter

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January 2012 Chamber Member Spotlight

It is such an honor to have the front page of this month's Chamber newsletter all to myself. Monroe is fortunate to have a Chamber of Commerce so dedicated to our community. Our Chamber of Commerce Board members get it. What is "it"? They know that what's good for business is what's good for our community.

The quality of public schools is one of the first questions young families ask when considering a move to a new community. These families shop at local stores, purchase local services and pay local taxes. A strong public education system attracts new families/customers. Good schools are the heart of a successful community and ultimately good for business.

As a new School Board member I see that Monroe's schools are poised for greatness. Monroe Public Schools is known for its rich offering of educational options. Our leaders have long known that one size has never fit all and built a system that reflects that dedication to each child's success. Our families can pick from online classes, parent partnership programs or traditional schools as best suit their child. It is the little district with big choices! At Monroe Public Schools we believe every child can and will achieve.

Sky Valley Education Center, one of Monroe alternative learning programs, was recently honored for work implementing "bold, creative and innovative" ideas to help all children learn earning a prestigious "Innovative School" designation. Park Place Middle School is helping their "twens" be more successful with ZAP – Zeros Aren't Permitted – a program that focuses kids on completing their assignments. Math and science skills are climbing at our elementary schools as evidenced by state test scores - check out the 4th and 5th grade results.

In my business, Woods Creek Consulting, I see every day the value of positive momentum. Our schools are improving. We aren't where we want to be or need to be but results are heading up. To keep going in the right direction, Monroe must renew local funding for schools.

The February 14 (yes, Valentines Day) is not a new tax but a replacement. Like a magazine subscription, local school tax dollars expire and must be renewed by voters to continue. The local school levy supports academic programs for struggling learners, classroom supplies and day-to-day up keep of our schools. Our local school tax dollars make up almost a quarter – 22% - of our public schools' operating budget. This request covers two years. To the average homeowner (\$210,149) this means about \$4 more per month in their 2013 tax bill and another \$4 more in 2014.

This election will be conducted solely through the U.S. mail so expect your ballot to arrive in your mailbox in late January. If you desire more information about these proposals, visit the schools' website at www.monroe.wednet.edu or contact the schools by telephone at 360.804.2503. At the heart of every great community are quality schools and prosperous businesses.

Together we do make a difference.

As we head into a new year, I hope you will join me in keeping Monroe's momentum heading in the right direction by voting YES to renew the school levy.



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Ongoing Monroe Chamber Meetings

Please call the office for more information at: 360-794-5488

1st Tuesday:

Education Committee - Noon

1st Wednesday:

Government Affairs Committee - 8 AM

1st Friday:

Ambassador Committee - 8 AM

2nd Tuesday:

General Membership Lunch - Noon

4th Tuesday: (or the last Tues)

Board Of Directors - Noon

4th Thursday:

After Hours Networking - 5-7 PM

Membership Dues 2012

Category	Dues
Owner/No employees	\$200
1-5 employees	\$255
6-12 employees	\$330
13-24 employees	\$415
25+ employees	\$495
Non Profit	\$125
Individual	\$80

Our Mission:

The Monroe Chamber of Commerce is comprised of representatives of the business community whose common goal is to foster business growth & community development.



Welcome New Member:
That Painter Lady, Kristen Elliott

Thank You Renewing Members:
East Co Senior Center - Rotary Club of
Monroe - Canyon Creek Cabinet Co - Pacific
Power Batteries - Providence Physician's
Group - Sky Northwest - Valeria Rae

JOIN US for January NETWORKING !!

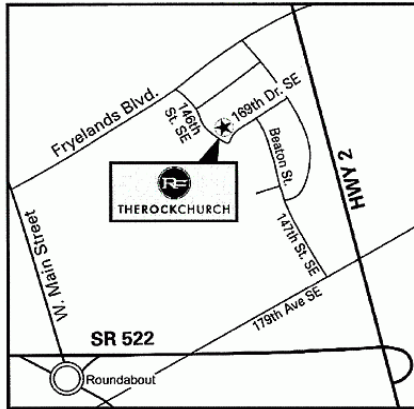
Please sign up for the "State of the School System" on January 10th, 2012 with Dr. Ken Hoover, Superintendent for the Monroe Public School District. The luncheon, held at The Rock Church in Monroe (directions below) will begin at Noon and will be catered by French Creek Manor.
RSVP: 360-794-5488

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R.S.V.P. The Monroe Chamber of Commerce
by the Friday prior to the luncheon.
Thank you! **360-794-5488**

From Everett on Hwy 2
Right onto Frylands Blvd, left onto 146th Street SE.
The Rock Church is on the left.

From Woodinville on SR 522
Take 1st Monroe exit to Main Street, follow
Roundabout under SR 522 onto West Main Street.
Right onto Frylands Blvd. Right onto 146th Street SE.
The Rock Church is on the left.



Up to a challenge?? RSVP for first
Monroe Chamber of Commerce After
Hours on January 26th 2012!

*Afterhours this month is at
Quackenbush & Hansen.*

Last year they offered up an I-Pad and if
you weren't there you should have been!!

As a part of the fun they would like to
challenge other Chamber Business Owners
to bring a door prize for a 30 second
(well maybe a smidge longer) 'business
commercial.'

As always there will be rockin catered Hors
d'Oeuvres and fantastic wine. So are you ready
to show the business community what your
business is all about??
Take the challenge!

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(to message Mike or Kent personally:)
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*February's Chamber
Luncheon will be our 1st
Speed Networking of
2012. Please RSVP with
the Monroe Chamber.*

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Meetings

- 7:00 pm
- First through fourth Tuesdays of the month (any meeting falling on a holiday is rescheduled to the next evening)
- City of Monroe Council Chambers located at 806 W Main St

Mayor & City Council



[Robert G. Zimmerman](#)
Mayor



[Kurt Goering](#)
Position 1



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At-Large

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Fire Chief District #3

Jamie Silva
360-794-7666

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Tim Quenzer
360-794-6300

City Administrator

Gene Brazel
360-794-6100

Utility Billing

360-863-4545

Building Permits

360-794-7400

Building Inspection

360-863-4545

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360-863-4513

Human Resources

360-863-4523

City Attorney-Zach Lell

City Engineer-Brad Feilberg

Parks Dept.-Mike Farrell

Other Community Meetings

The following information has been provided by representatives of the organizations listed below.

DREAM-1st Weds /6:30 pm/Masonic Hall

Eagles Cascade Aerie & Auxiliary #2327-1st & 3rd Weds

East County Parks & Rec.-2nd Tues 7 pm

Friends of The Monroe Library-3rd Tues/7pm/Library

Garden Club-2nd Mon/1pm/ Monroe Methodist Church

IOOF-1st & 3rd Thurs/7 pm /IOOF Hall

Kiwanis-Weds/ 12 pm/VGH

Lions-1st & 3rd Weds/7 pm/Sockeye's

Monroe Arts Council-1st Mon/6:30 pm/Art Merchant Intl.

Rotary-Weds/12 pm/Sockeye's

School Board-2nd & 4th Mon-During School Year

Sky Valley Artist Guild-2nd Thur/12:30 pm

Sky Valley Masons-1st/3rd Thur/7:30p Masonic Lodge

Sky Valley Tractor Club-2nd Mon/7:30 pm

Sky Valley Trout Unlimited-2nd Tue/ 7 pm/PUD

Snohomish County Farm Bureau-1st Thurs/7 pm

TOPS # 1042-at 4:45 pm/Foothills Foursquare

Tualco Grange #284-2nd & 4th Weds/7:30 pm

Valley General Hospital Guild-3rd Weds/1:00 pm



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