



# MONROE THIS WEEK

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*Yours in Service,*

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "G. Thomas".

*Mayor Geoffrey Thomas*



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## HPAC UPDATE

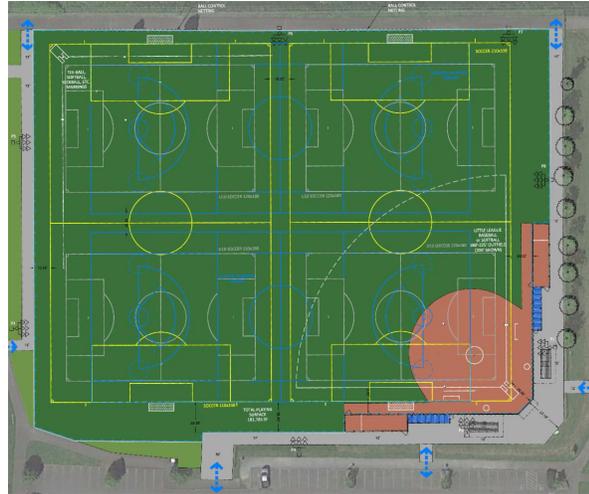
On Tuesday, February 18th, City Administrator Deborah Knight presented the HPAC recommendations to the City Council in front of an audience of about 25 people. Councilmembers thanked the HPAC members, many of whom were also in attendance, for their well thought-out recommendations.

Councilmembers provided direction to me and city staff on next steps, including to prioritize data collection to better identify needs. The HPAC recommendations will be brought back to the city council for consideration to adopt at their meeting on Tuesday, February 25, 2020. The recommendations will then be taken to the City Council's Public Safety Committee to develop more detailed tasks that city staff, elected officials, and other partners will then implement. To listen to the council meeting from February 18 and view the powerpoint presentation, [click here](#).

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## MONROE PARK BOND MEASURE

During 2019, the City assisted the East County Parks and Recreation District with a bond/excess levy request to help fund capital parks projects located within the District. Because the City is part of this District, the excess levy request included City of Monroe priority capital parks projects.



The Washington State constitution requires that excess tax levies (bond request) used to pay for capital projects must pass by a minimum of 60% (sixty percent). The November 2019 bond measure only passed by 56.79% district-wide, thus failed to meet the 60% threshold. However, within the City of Monroe precincts, the bond measure passed by 61.90%.

Upon consideration of the strong support for the measure within Monroe, our Monroe City Council passed an ordinance on February 11, 2020, providing for the submission of a bond measure to fund Monroe's priority parks capital projects to City voters at a special election on April 28, 2020. If passed by voters, the proposition would authorize the City to issue general obligation bonds financing park and recreation acquisitions and improvements as described in the following link below, with a bond principal amount, not to exceed \$8,155,000.

**Monroe City Council Agenda Bill No. 20-027 2020 Park Capital Bond Election Ordinance**. Please check the city web page for updates and information on the park bond measure.

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## SAFELY DISPOSE OF UNWANTED & EXPIRED MEDICATIONS

The Monroe Police Department is now accepting expired and unwanted medicines. Med-Project has placed a receptacle in the department's lobby located at 818 W Main Street City of Monroe, WA. Lobby hours are Monday–Friday 8:00am–

5:00pm (except for Holidays).

ACCEPTED - Medications in any dosage form in their original container sealed in a bag. (It is recommended you used a sharpie to mark out identifying information)

NOT ACCEPTED - Herbal remedies, vitamins, supplements, cosmetics, other personal care products, compressed cylinders, aerosols, inhalers, medical devices, pet pesticide products, \*\*sharps, illicit drugs, iodine-containing medications.

For more information go [here](#). *\*\*Please note the department also has a sharps disposal bin available for sharps that are contained within an appropriate sharps container.*



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## AHMADIYYA MUSLIM COMMUNITY VOLUNTEER DAY

On Saturday, February 15th, 20+ members of the Ahmadiyya Muslim Community took part in two community service projects. They were able to spread 60 yards of woodchips at two city parks – Wales Street Park and Hill Crest Park. Thank you for being part of our Monroe community and the awesome work you did in our parks!

For more information about volunteer community service opportunities with the City of Monroe, please [email Katie Darrow](#).



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## UPCOMING COUNCIL MEETING

The next City Council Regular Business Meeting is Tuesday, February 25, 2020 at 7pm in the City Hall Council Chambers.

[Council Agendas/Minutes](#)

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## UPCOMING EVENT

**2/22**

East County Trojan Open House;  
10:00am-12:00pm;  
EvCC's East County Campus

## YEAR-TO-DATE COMPARISONS

Curious about some of the City's major revenue streams? Don't have time to read through the entire budget? **Here** are a few of the City's revenue year-to-date numbers along with their prior year comparisons. If you would like further information, contact the Finance Department at 360-794-7400 and reference Monroe This Week.

## CITY COUNCIL MEMBERS



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