



# MONROE THIS WEEK

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*Hello! Thank you for reading Monroe This Week. Learn what is happening and has happened during the week. We are trying a new format for our weekly newsletter and would like to know what you think. Please contact me with any and all feedback regarding the new look or articles below. I can be reached at [gthomas@monroewa.gov](mailto:gthomas@monroewa.gov). Thank you!*

*Yours in Service,*

A handwritten signature in black ink, which appears to read "G. Thomas".

*Mayor Geoffrey Thomas*

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**FOOTHILLS WETLAND PRESERVE PLANTINGS**

This month the Washington Conservation Corps, under the direction of the Snohomish Conservation District, is continuing to plant in the Foothills Wetland Preserve. The plants, including red-osier dogwood, black twinberry, and douglas spirea, will help restore native habitat and improve the water quality benefits of a healthy wetland. The crew of five will be adding to several years of restoration work and thousands of trees planted in years past. I thank them for all of their hard work.



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## RECOGNIZING JUDGE ROZZANO

This past week, City Council and I got to recognize Mara Rozzano for her service. Judge Rozzano has been the Municipal Court Judge at the City of Monroe since January 1, 2015. Prior to that she had 24 years of criminal prosecution experience mostly as a Deputy Prosecuting Attorney for Snohomish County and briefly as an Assistant City Attorney for the City of Kent. Judge Rozzano was instrumental in establishing Monroe's Municipal Court. She is a well respected member of the Monroe community. Her passion for youth and ability to work collaboratively to change lives is exemplary. Thank you for your service.



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## REMINDER ON PROPERLY DISPOSING OF LEAVES

During this fall season, Public Works has focused on keeping two street sweepers in an effort to stay ahead of mother-nature's falling leaves. Citizen feedback in response to this effort has been generally positive, and can be summarized via a compliment received through Monroe Listens: "Thank you for the diligent street cleaning of the fall leaves. There has been so much rain recently and your timing has been so good to stay ahead of the rain so the drains don't clog".



After pick-up by the sweepers the leaves are sent to a composting facility rather than a landfill. Please continue to help us by properly disposing of leaves from your property in an approved yard waste bin. We ask that you do not blow leaves into the street as this can lead to clogging the sweepers and placing them out of commission. Thank you for your understanding and help during this season.

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## HOMELESSNESS SUCCESS STORY

Since April 2017, the City of Monroe has engaged in a partnership with Snohomish County Human Services,

establishing a Community Outreach Team which includes an embedded social worker, Elisa Delgado. For almost two years, the team consisted of a part-time sergeant and social worker, working two days a week within the community. Seeing the success, in June of 2019, the City and Police Department dedicated a full-time officer to outreach duties. The results have been impressive and show that repeated engagement is a successful mechanism to build sustainability within our communities.



As an example, since April 2017, the Monroe Police Department and Community Outreach Team have been engaging two individuals, a couple, often found in debris littered tent encampments, both within the City of Monroe and just outside, in unincorporated Snohomish County.

Police Department staff report approximately 50-70 identified contacts with this couple since the outreach programs inception, several of which included arrests for crime and transport to Jail. Other contacts included skilled medical evaluation.

Ultimately, in September 2019, after years of resistance, the couple accepted help and successfully graduated inpatient drug treatment. Both are currently housed in a neighboring jurisdiction at a clean and sober living facility and working towards self-sufficiency and sustainability.

*Photo courtesy of Nathan Blackwell.*

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## SAVE THE DATE - CHRISTMAS CONCERT

Save the date as **Monroe Community Band** invites you to join us for a FREE Concert, “Ring the Bells! It’s Christmas” on Friday, December 20 at 7pm. They will be riding a sleigh down a ferociously fast slope in Midnight Sleighride, visiting Medieval Christmas times and saddling up for some Cowboy Christmas shenanigans, along with many more musical Christmas adventures.

The MCB is supporting the Salvation Army with a special collection of donations that will go to this worthwhile charity.



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## UPCOMING COUNCIL MEETING

The December 17 City Council Study Session has been **CANCELLED**.  
The December 24 City Council Regular Business Meeting has been **CANCELLED**.

## UPCOMING EVENTS

**12/17**  
City Council Study Session; 7:00pm  
Monroe City Hall  
**Cancelled**

**12/20**  
Monroe Community Band Holiday  
Concert; 7:00pm  
Wagner Performing Arts Center

[View All Events](#)

## YEAR-TO-DATE COMPARISONS

View all the City of Monroe year-to-date comparisons [here](#).

## CITY COUNCIL MEMBERS



Mayor  
Geoffrey Thomas



Councilmember  
Kevin Hanford



Councilmember  
Ed Davis



Councilmember  
Patsy Cudaback



Councilmember  
Kevin Hanford



Councilmember  
Jim Kamp



Councilmember  
Jeff Rasmussen



Councilmember  
Kirk Scarboro

Have a question for your Councilmembers?  
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