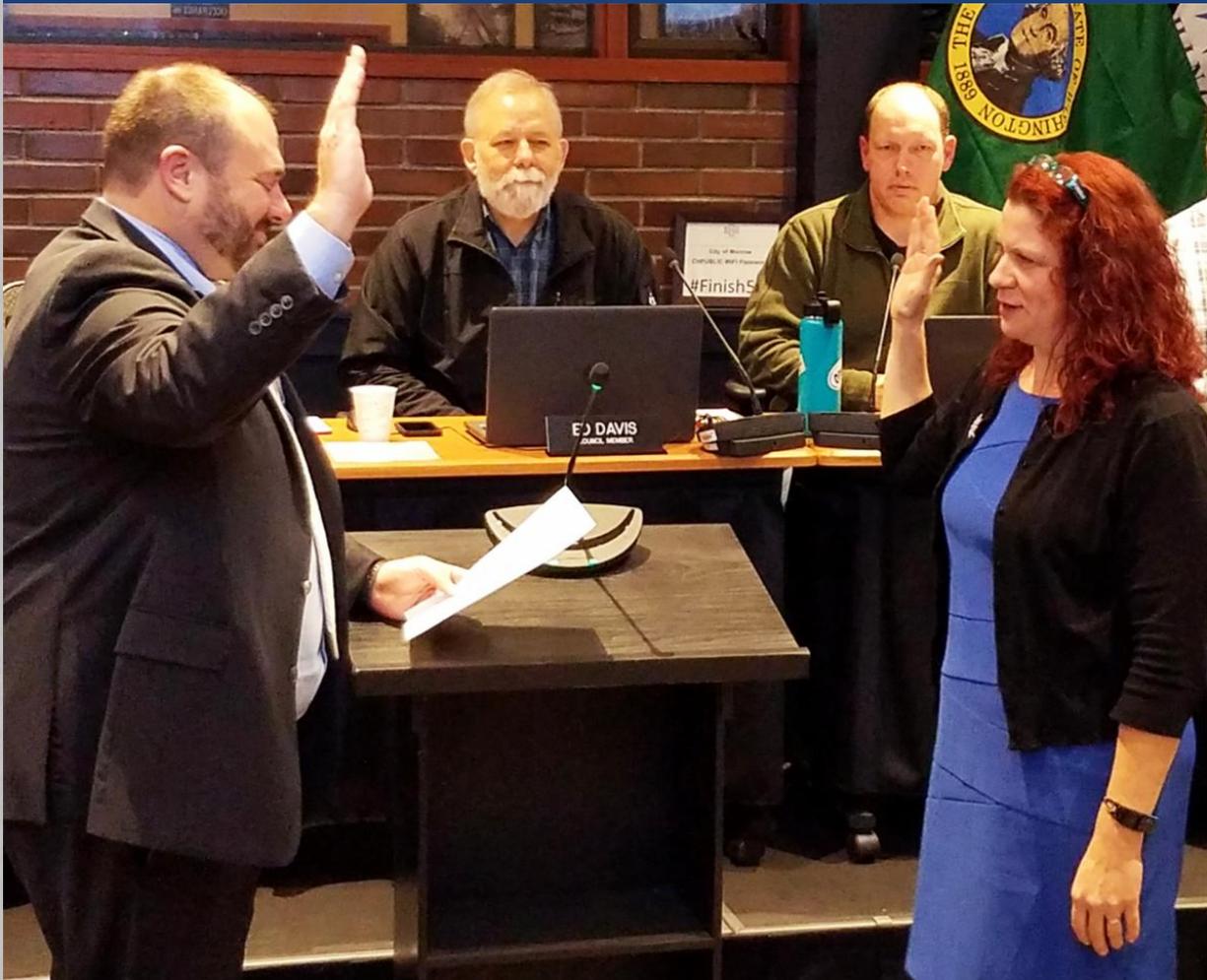




MONROE THIS WEEK

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Thank you for reading Monroe This Week. Learn what is happening and has happened during the week. Please contact me with any and all feedback regarding the articles below. I can be reached at gthomas@monroewa.gov.

Yours in Service,

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



COUCILMEMBER HEATHER ROUSEY BEGINS TERM

Councilmember Heather Rousey's family has been rooted in Monroe since 1908 and she is very involved in our community. This is her first term as a Councilmember and we welcome her! Due to the inclement weather last week, Councilmember Rousey's first meeting was Tuesday the 21st instead of Tuesday the 14th.

HOMELESS POLICY RECOMMENDATIONS

On Thursday, January 16, the Homelessness Policy Advisory Committee (HPAC) finalized its recommendations to address homelessness in Monroe. The Monroe city council is tentatively scheduled to discuss the recommendations at its February 18, 2020 study session. The meeting starts at 7pm and is open to the public. There is an opportunity for public comment at the beginning of the meeting. Comments can also be submitted to councilmembers@monroewa.gov

Recommendations are divided into six categories – housing, partners, prevention, policy and budget, public safety, and support services. Public comment from the November open house and the committee's final recommendations are available on the city's website at [here](#).

The committee's recommendations acknowledge that homelessness is not simply a Monroe issue. Homeless individuals live and travel throughout the Sky Valley region. Successful programs will need to include partners and involve solutions that are region wide. The city and its partners must work to develop programs in all Sky Valley communities including Monroe. The committee's recommendations also recognized the importance of accountability and promoting self-reliance. In order to end homelessness in Monroe, the city will need support from state and federal legislators to encourage developers to build more affordable housing and assist law enforcement.

The committee is an ad hoc advisory board I formed and had confirmed by the city council in 2019. The committee has been meeting since last April to provide a forum for the coordination of information among local citizens and stakeholders to seek thoughtful, effective, and lasting solutions to homelessness in Monroe. The HPAC includes business owners, residents, and non-profit organizations that help the homeless.

JAYME BIENDL MEMORIAL 5K RUN/WALK

Join the community at Sky River Park this Sunday, January 26, 2020, at 10am for the 9th Annual Jayme Biendl Memorial 5k Run/Walk. This event honors the memory of Correctional

Officer Jayme Biendl who was killed in the line of duty on 01/29/2011.

All proceeds will be donated to Behind the Badge Foundation at the request of Jayme's family.



AL BORLIN TREE PLANTING

We would like to give a big thank you to the 17 volunteers who participated in the Martin Luther King Day of Service at Al Borlin Park. Along with Sound Salmon Solutions, volunteers were able to plant 200 barefoot spruce trees and remove invasive blackberry. We look forward to our continued partnership with Sound Salmon Solutions as we strive to restore and preserve Al Borlin Park.



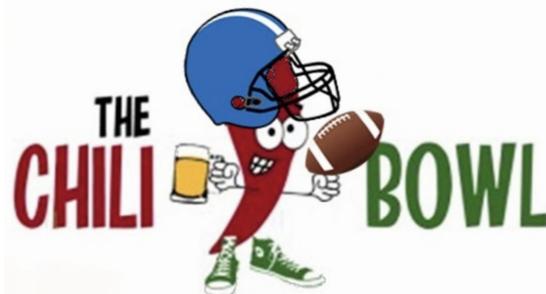
MAIN STREET POTTED TREES REMOVED

Our Parks Department began working this week to remove the trees in the Historic Downtown Monroe planters. The current trees will be re-planted at a City location and new trees will be planted in the pots within the next few weeks.



MONROE CHILIBOWL

The 4th Annual Monroe Chilibowl is next Tuesday, January 28th from 5-7pm at the Monroe Community Senior Center. Come taste over 20 different pots of chili hand-created by local business owners & professionals, help raise money for our community, and watch the “chefs” compete for trophies and bragging rights.



Tastings are free, but we encourage you to vote for your favorites. Votes are \$1 or 1 non-perishable food item. Help your favorite business win by casting votes for their chili!

UPCOMING COUNCIL MEETING

The Tuesday, January 28, 2020 City Council Meeting is CANCELLED. The next meeting is Tuesday, February 4, 2020.

[Council Agendas/Minutes](#)

UPCOMING EVENTS

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The 9th Annual Jayme Biendl
Memorial 5K Walk/Run;
10:00am-12:00pm;
Skykomish River Park

1/28

4th Annual Monroe Chilibowl;
5:00-7:00pm;
Monroe Community Senior Center

1/29

Information Technology Foundations
Class; 6:30-7:30pm;
Everett Community College

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YEAR-TO-DATE COMPARISONS

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

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