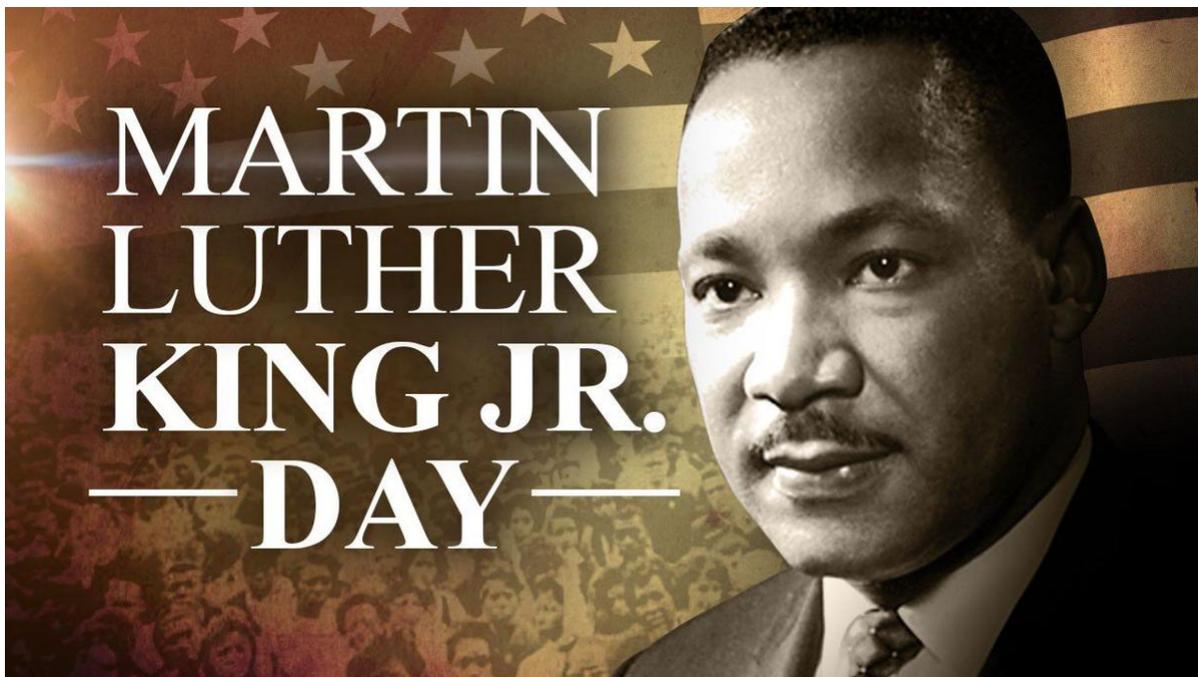




MONROE THIS WEEK

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Thank you for reading Monroe This Week.

This week's edition includes details on our local recognition of Martin Luther King, Jr. Day, the City Council's election of the Mayor Pro Tem and confirmation of committee memberships for 2021, the launch of the "Imagine Monroe" visioning project, the Parks Department's receipt of two donated live Christmas trees, the Monroe Library's Laptops to Go and Wi-Fi Hotspots to Go programs, a Monroe Community Coalition complimentary virtual movie screening, and the 4th Annual Youth Art Contest.



Please contact me with any and all feedback regarding the articles below. I can be reached at GThomas@MonroeWA.gov.

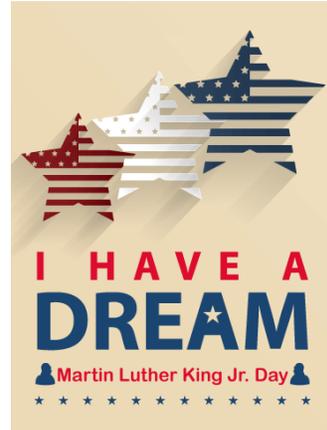
Yours in Service,



Mayor Geoffrey Thomas

MONROE RECOGNIZES MARTIN LUTHER KING, JR. DAY

Today I issued a [Proclamation](#) recognizing Monday, January 18 as Martin Luther King, Jr. Day. Reverend Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. challenged Americans to make freedom a reality for all, and to believe each of us is created equally. Martin Luther King, Jr. Day was proposed in the federal congress on August 2, 1983, signed into law on November 2, 1983, and first celebrated on January 20, 1986. Celebrated annually on the third Monday of January, Martin Luther King, Jr. Day pays tribute to the life and legacy of Dr. King and his contributions to our nation. I encourage Monroe residents to read the full text of the Proclamation, and to remember and reflect on the profound contributions of Reverend Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr.



CITY COUNCIL ELECTS MAYOR PRO TEM, CONFIRMS COUNCIL COMMITTEE MEMBERS

At its [January 12, 2021 Regular Business Meeting](#), the Monroe City Council unanimously elected Councilmember Heather Rousey as Mayor Pro-Tem for 2021. Pro Tem, short for Pro Tempore, is a Latin phrase that translates to "for the time being". Each year, the City Council elects one of its members to the position of Mayor Pro Tem, who will serve as Presiding Officer during any time in which I may be absent from a Council meeting. The Mayor Pro Tem may also sign official documentation on behalf of the City that I may request and that the City Council approves. I congratulate Councilmember Rousey on her election, and thank her for her willingness to serve.



Councilmembers also confirmed members to [Council Committees](#). The Council maintains four committees, each of which is made up of three members. The committees and their members are:

- Finance and Human Resources Committee
 - Councilmembers Cudaback, Gamble, and Scarboro
- Legislative Affairs Committee

- Councilmembers Davis, Hanford, and Scarboro
- Public Safety Committee
 - Councilmembers Cudaback, Davis, and Rousey
- Transportation/Planning, Parks & Recreation, and Public Works (P3) Committee
 - Councilmembers Davis, Rasmussen, and Rousey

The purpose of these legislative committees is to formulate policy recommendations and gather policy information for the City Council in order to provide for more efficient and effective use of City Council meeting time. I thank these Councilmembers for their continued service to the Monroe community, and their willingness to serve on these committees.

CITY EMBARKS ON "IMAGINE MONROE" VISIONING PROJECT

The City of Monroe has embarked on a citywide, collaborative, community-driven vision project to update the City's vision, mission, and core values statements. These updated statements will guide the City's long-range strategic plans. To ensure this process equitably reflects all voices in Monroe, the City has convened a Sounding Board of representatives with a variety of lived experiences to work together to identify community priorities and needs. During the first Sounding Board meeting on December 15, 2020, the City and consultant firm Envirolssues presented name options and discussed which would resonate best with the Monroe community. In evaluating potential project names, the goal was to select one that would inspire all people in Monroe to participate. After hearing strong support from the Sounding Board, the City has chosen "Imagine Monroe" as the project name. Please visit the city's [Imagine Monroe webpage](#) for further details.



PARKS DEPARTMENT RECEIVES TWO LIVE CHRISTMAS TREE DONATIONS

As I shared in a recent edition of [Monroe This Week](#), the Monroe Parks Department accepts donations of live Christmas trees. Donated living trees are planted in Monroe parks so that all residents may enjoy them. The City would like to thank residents Patricia Gonzales and Kristy Murphy who donated their fir and pine living Christmas Tree. Both will be planted at Lake Tye Park. We look forward to watching both trees grow for years to come! Thank you for helping improve our parks and making our community more green.



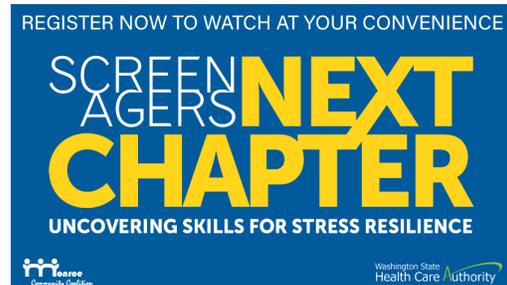
LIBRARY OFFERING LAPTOPS, WIFI HOTSPOTS TO GO

Is your family in need of a laptop or Wi-Fi? The Monroe Library Branch can help. Sno-Isle Libraries has expanded its laptop loan program with Laptops to Go and Wi-Fi Hotspots to Go. Library customers can place a hold in the catalog under the new program to borrow one of 124 laptops or one of 50 Wi-Fi hotspots for use at home. Laptops and Wi-Fi hotspots are available for checkout for one week, with a one week renewal if no other customers have placed a hold on the equipment. Visit the Sno-Isle Libraries [webpage](#) for more information.



COMMUNITY COALITION PRESENTS *ScreenAgers*

The Monroe Community Coalition is offering a complimentary viewing of *ScreenAgers: Next Chapter*. A timely film for our current circumstances, filmmaker and physician Delaney Ruston helps us all flip the script on stress, anxiety and depression. Online registration is now open; registering now reserves your space to watch the film at your convenience between January 14 and February 4, 2021. Space is limited, and available on a first-come, first-served basis. For additional information on *ScreenAgers* and to register, visit the Community Coalition's [event webpage](#).



4TH ANNUAL YOUTH ART CONTEST NOW OPEN

The [Snohomish Conservation District](#) is hosting the 4th Annual Youth Art Contest, in conjunction with the Annual Plant Sale. This year's special theme is Nature Journaling. Students and residents of Snohomish County and Camano Island, from pre-K to Grade 12, are eligible to enter. Seeing the description, image, and characteristics of nature through journaling, and capturing your own observations, is a wonderful way to learn and educate others! For more information and to submit your entries, visit the [contest webpage](#). Entries are due by February 10. Winners will be chosen for the following grade categories: pre-K - K | 1-2 | 3-5 | 6-8 | 9-12. Questions may be directed to education@snohomishcd.org or (425) 335-5634.



UPCOMING CITY COUNCIL MEETING SCHEDULE

The City Council will meet in a Regular Study Session Meeting on Tuesday, January 19, 2021. The meeting will be held via the Zoom remote meeting platform and participation information will be posted with the January 19 agenda, which can be accessed by clicking the button below.

Council Agendas/Minutes

CITY COUNCIL MEMBERS



Councilmember
Patsy Cudaback



Councilmember
Kevin Hanford



Councilmember
Ed Davis



Councilmember
Jason Gamble



Councilmember
Jeff Rasmussen



Councilmember
Kirk Scarboro



Councilmember
Heather Rousey

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