



# MONROE THIS WEEK

November 3, 2023



*I hope you all enjoy this week's edition of Monroe This Week which features details on:*

- *The upcoming General Election*
- *The Safe Routes to School survey*
- *Serving on a City board, commission, or committee*
- *A call for photographers*
- *The closure of City offices next Friday*
- *The Stray Cart Program*
- *How to request a City service online*



*Please reach out to me with what may be on your mind about and for Monroe. I can be contacted at [GThomas@MonroeWA.gov](mailto:GThomas@MonroeWA.gov).*

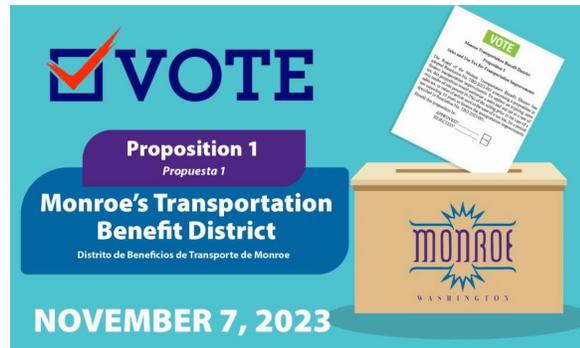
*Yours in Service,*

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read "Geoffrey Thomas".

*Mayor Geoffrey Thomas*

## ELECTION REMINDERS AND RESULTS

The General Election is on Tuesday, Nov. 7. **[Snohomish County's Auditor's Office](#)** will publish daily return statistics and preliminary results **[online](#)**. Tuesday is the last day you can register to vote or update your registration information but you can only do so in-person at the Elections Office in Everett. If you're looking for a drop box near work or home, check out this **[interactive map](#)**. A drop box is located by the Monroe Library, 1070 Village Way.



## SAFE ROUTES TO SCHOOL SURVEY CLOSES WED.

The City of Monroe and Monroe School District have partnered together to create a Safe Routes to School Survey which closes next Wednesday, Nov. 8. "Safe Routes to School" is a funding program by the Washington State Department of Transportation (WSDOT). The purpose of the program is to improve safety and mobility for children, enabling and encouraging them to walk and bike to school. Funding from this program is for projects within two miles of primary, middle, and high schools (K-12). If awarded these funds, the City will be able to improve the safety, walkability, and bikeability of local neighborhoods within city limits. Your responses will help the City articulate the community's need for safe routes to school. So, please take the survey **[here](#)** and visit our **[website](#)** to find out more information about the program.



## "IMAGINE MONROE" AS A CITY BOARD, COMMISSION, OR COMMITTEE MEMBER

The City of Monroe is fortunate to have community members serve on its boards, commissions, and committees. These volunteers show they care about Monroe by working with others and sharing their insights about issues in the community. From our park and trail system to economic development policies and more, these insights are ultimately shared with the myself and the City Council for policy, priority, and budgetary consideration. Monroe's appointed representatives are compassionate and thoughtful in the



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work they do and committed to [Monroe's Vision Statement](#).

There are vacancies on the following advisory boards.

- [Planning Commission](#)
- [Park Board](#)
- [Community Human Services Advisory Board](#)
- [Economic Development Advisory Board](#)
- [Civil Service Commission](#)
- [Salary Commission](#)
- [LEOFF-1 Disability Board](#)
- [Ethics Board](#)

I encourage you to learn about a board you may be interested in serving on and to submit an [application](#). If you have specific questions, reach out to Jodi Wycoff, our City Clerk, at **360-794-7400** or [cityclerk@monroewa.gov](mailto:cityclerk@monroewa.gov).

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## CALL FOR PHOTOGRAPHERS

The City of Monroe is in search of a professional photographer for the Choose Monroe publication and the Sky & Sno Adventure Guide. The ask would be for 4 publications a year, roughly 100 photos for each, with subjects ranging from scenic, landscape, action, and candid shots of people. The locations would be throughout the Skykomish and Snohomish River Valleys.



If you or anyone you know may be interested, please email Event and Tourism Coordinator Katie Darrow at [KDarrow@MonroeWA.gov](mailto:KDarrow@MonroeWA.gov) with your portfolio, cost estimate, and any additional questions you have by next Friday, Nov. 10.

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## CITY OFFICES TO BE CLOSED NEXT FRIDAY

City administrative offices will be closed next Friday, Nov. 10 in observance of Veterans Day. Veterans Day is a federal holiday observed on Nov. 11 (which falls on a Saturday this year). I encourage everyone to read the Proclamation I will be issuing next week to commemorate the service of all U.S. veterans.



## STRAY CART PROGRAM

Have you seen any abandoned shopping carts around town? Have

you called them in? The City is encouraging people to report stray carts to the appropriate retailer to help them retrieve their property. If you come upon an abandoned cart, please contact the store manager of the appropriate retailer who will retrieve the cart. You can find out who to call by going to the City's [Stray Cart Program webpage](#). Calling in abandoned carts to local retail stores



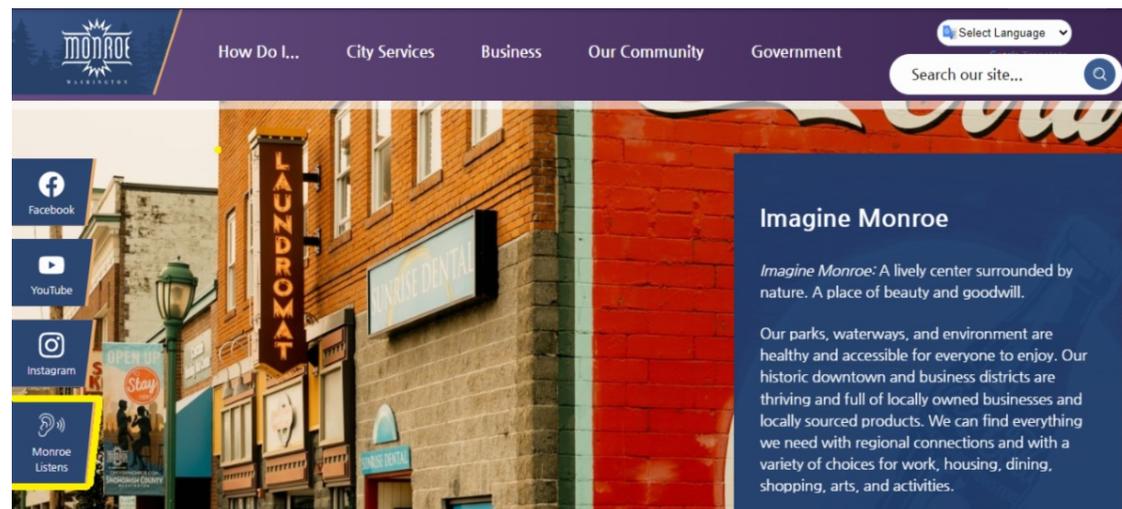
helps all Monroe businesses and neighborhoods thrive. The City is thankful to partner with businesses and for those who report stray carts. Let us all help support our local businesses and help keep our community clean.

It may occur that people experiencing housing and mental health challenges use a shopping cart for storing personal items, protection, or other purposes. If you observe someone in need, please contact the City's Human Services Coordinator at **360-913-4817**.

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## REQUEST A CITY SERVICE ONLINE

[Monroe Listens](#) is a feature on our website where you can submit a request for service (e.g. pothole repair), question (e.g. permit requirement), concern (e.g. speeding in your neighborhood) or compliment (e.g. great customer service). Each request is logged and forwarded to the appropriate staff person for a response. To find Monroe Listens, go to [MonroeWA.gov](#) and click on the “ear” icon.



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## UPCOMING CITY COUNCIL MEETING SCHEDULE

The November 7 City Council meeting has been CANCELLED. The City Council will next meet in a Regular Business Meeting on Tuesday, Nov. 14. The meeting will be held in a hybrid format; members of the public may participate in Monroe City Council meetings either in-person at our [temporary location](#) (Monroe School District Administration Building, 14692 179th Ave SE) or remotely via the Zoom remote meeting platform.

Participation information will be posted with the Nov. 14 agenda, which can be accessed by clicking the button below.

Council Agendas/Minutes

## CITY COUNCIL MEMBERS



Councilmember  
Kevin Hanford



Councilmember  
Ed Davis



Councilmember  
Jason Gamble



Councilmember  
Kirk Scarboro



Councilmember  
Heather Fulcher



Councilmember  
Tami Kinney



Councilmember  
Kyle Fisher

Have a question for your Councilmembers?  
Contact them at [Councilmembers@MonroeWA.gov](mailto:Councilmembers@MonroeWA.gov)



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