



MONROE THIS WEEK

January 5, 2024

HAPPY

New Year 2024

I hope everyone had a wonderful and safe holiday season! The first edition of Monroe This Week for 2024 features details on:

- *A Christmas Tree Recycling Event*
- *Vacancies on City boards, commissions, and committees*
- *A low cost veterinary wellness clinic next week*
- *The Jayme Biendl Memorial 5K Walk/Run*
- *More efforts to #Finish522*
- *VFW Post 7511's Annual Pancake Breakfast*



Please reach out to me with what may be on your mind about and for Monroe. I can be contacted at GThomas@MonroeWA.gov.

Yours in Service,

Mayor Geoffrey Thomas

CHRISTMAS TREE RECYCLING EVENT TOMORROW

Monroe Boy Scout Troop 148 is hosting a Christmas Tree Recycling Event from 8:00 a.m. - 4:00 p.m. this Saturday at Evergreen Speedway. The troop

and local businesses have partnered together to offer this free event for our community. This is a great opportunity to properly dispose of your holiday tree. I'd like to thank Monroe Boy Scout Troop 148 for organizing this event.



Monroe Boy Scout Troop 148
Christmas Tree recycling event

January 6th, 24'
8:00Am-4:00PM

Evergreen Speedway
14405 179th Avenue SE
Monroe, WA 98272

Our Sponsors:

Donations welcome
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EVERGREEN SPEEDWAY
CARRIGAN ENTERPRISES INC.
PACIFIC TREES
ENVIRONMENTAL WASTE RECYCLERS

"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 myself and the City Council for policy, priority, and budgetary consideration. Monroe's appointed representatives are compassionate and thoughtful in the work they do and committed to [*Monroe's Vision Statement*](#).



There are vacancies on the following advisory boards.

- [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.

LOW COST VETERINARY WELLNESS CLINIC NEXT WED.

Did you miss the free low cost Veterinary Wellness Clinic in November and wished you went? Now is your chance, I'm happy to announce that Beck's Place has partnered with Seattle Veterinary Outreach to bring 2 more clinics to Monroe. Next week, Wednesday, Jan. 10 they will be set up in the



Lake Tye parking lot from 11:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m. This is a sliding scale-low cost veterinary wellness clinic for those in need. This clinic is first come, first-serve and there will be limited spaces with a limit of two pets per household. If you are interested in attending, proof of state subsidy will be required such as your SNAP, EBT, WIC, SSDI, or Provider Once cards. Or, you can alternatively bring a letter confirming residency in subsidized housing. They will also return Wednesday Jan. 31. I'd like to thank both organizations for bringing this clinic back to Monroe and for helping to keep our animals safe and healthy.

SAVE THE DATE: JAYME BIENDL WALK/RUN

Join Behind the Badge Foundation and local law enforcement for the 12th Annual Jayme Biendl Memorial 5k Walk/Run on Jan. 28. This event is a tradition in the community to remember and honor Officer Jayme Biendl. The run/walk is supported by many of our local businesses and organizations and is pet and family friendly. Join the January fun and register [here](#).



#FINISH522 EFFORTS CARRY ON

The 2024 Washington State short legislative session kicks off on Monday, Jan. 8. The City remains committed to advocating for State Route 522, ensuring our region's transportation needs are met. Thanks to Senators Brad Hawkins, John Lovick, Marko Liias, and Representatives Mike Steele, Keith Goehner, and Sam Low, \$33.5 million was secured in the 2023 legislative session for right-of-way acquisition and design. Building on this momentum, the Governor's proposed 2024 budget allocates an additional \$1 million for the State Route 522 widening project. This increase spans two biennia, with \$213,000 expended in 2021-23 and \$713,000 appropriated for the 2023-25 biennium for preliminary engineering. However, the estimated construction cost has risen from \$257 million to \$277 million. To secure this additional construction funding, the Legislature will need to adopt a significant new revenue package in 2025. Our community has been a powerful voice, urging legislators to **#Finish522**. Write and call your elected officials, urging them to protect allocated funding in 2024 and fully fund construction in 2025.



Visit the Finish522 website [here](#) and contact your elected officials today.

VFW POST 7511'S PANCAKE BREAKFAST RETURNS

Monroe VFW Post 7511 and its Auxiliary invite you to their delicious annual pancake breakfast! This fundraising breakfast takes place at 8:00 a.m. tomorrow at the Monroe Community Senior Center.



Veterans eat for free at this event, which raises funds to support the VFW's mission of helping veterans and serving the community. The menu features freshly-prepared buttermilk pancakes, pork link-style sausage, scrambled eggs, orange juice, coffee, and tea. This event welcomes VFW members, their families and the community. All are invited!

UPCOMING CITY COUNCIL MEETING SCHEDULE

The City Council will next meet in a Regular Business Meeting on Tuesday, Jan. 9. 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 Jan. 9 agenda, which can be accessed by clicking the button below.

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