



MONROE THIS WEEK

January 19, 2024



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

- *The Annual MLK Jr. Day of Service event*
- *Medical waste-drop off*
- *Recruitment efforts for multiple positions*
- *The upcoming Jayme Biendl 5K walk/run*
- *A summary of the Jan. 9 City Council meeting*



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

ANNUAL MLK JR. DAY OF SERVICE EVENT

Thank you to all the volunteers who toughed the 19-degree weather for the Martin Luther King Jr. Day of Service. 35+ volunteers from Monroe/Sky Valley Family YMCA, Kiwanis of Monroe, Rotary Club of Monroe, and our community came together for this amazing annual event. This is the third year these organizations have come together to host this event, rain, cold, or shine. The group spread 40 cubic yards of safety play chips at Rainier View Park and finished it in 1 hour! Thank you all for your hard work and support of our parks.



MEDICAL WASTE DROP-OFF

Over the past few months, the [Monroe Police Department](#) (MPD) has observed a significant increase in the demand for medical sharps and needles drop-off services. This surge in demand is partly due to the closure of medical waste drop-off sites in the region, including a site in Monroe.

While we are committed to providing a safe space for community members to dispose of needles found in the area, the department's capacity to accept medical sharps is very limited, and the bins often fill up quickly.

We understand the challenges that the limited capacity poses for residents who rely on such services. MPD is actively working with our community services partners to identify alternative locations for medical waste drop-off.

Please remember that State and local laws prohibit placing loose sharps in your trash. To learn more about how to safely dispose of needles and sharps, please click [here](#).



CITY ACTIVELY RECRUITING FOR MULTIPLE POSITIONS

Looking to serve the community you live in? The City of Monroe has a few positions open including:

- Management Analyst (Executive)
- Environmental Services Program Analyst



Please visit our new [job opportunities page](#) for more information, to review the required job qualifications of each position, and to apply.

JAYME BIENDL WALK/RUN NEXT SUNDAY

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](#).



JANUARY 16 CITY COUNCIL MEETING SUMMARY

The City Council met in a Regular Study Session Meeting on Tuesday, Jan. 16. The following items were discussed and acted upon during the meeting:

Announcements/Presentations:

- Police Chief Jeff Jolley provided an overview of the tasks included in the site and space needs assessment of the Police Department facilities and introduced Kim Doyle, Senior Associate with Mackenzie. Ms. Doyle provided a high-level review of the results of the facility assessment as well as program needs spanning from existing staff and square footage to what will be needed in twenty years.



Mayor/Administrative Reports:

City Administrator Deborah Knight reported that:

- Several councilmembers will attend the Association of Washington Cities (AWC) Action Days event in February

UPCOMING CITY COUNCIL MEETING SCHEDULE

The City Council will next meet in a Regular Business Meeting on Tuesday, Jan. 23. 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. 23 agenda, which can be accessed by clicking the button below.

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