



# MONROE THIS WEEK

February 2, 2024

## BLACK HISTORY MONTH

This week I issued a [Proclamation](#) recognizing the month of February as National Black History Month. Work toward an official recognition of Black and African American history began in 1926 by Carter G. Woodson. Using the foundation laid by Woodson, Black United Students and educators at Kent State University founded Black History Month in 1970, and beginning in 1976, every president has declared the month of February as “Black History Month”. Black and African Americans have made profoundly significant contributions that have enriched America and the lives of every American while experiencing and enduring the inhumanity of injustices and inequities from societal and institutional biases, classism, and racism that are rooted in exploitive systems. I am thankful for and celebrate the historic and continuing actions of those who have fought against oppression and for equity, dignity, inclusion, and liberty for all. The City of Monroe is working to advance inclusive and equitable policies and practices that ensure that the City is a place where every person feels at home and every person belongs. As Mayor, I call upon each of us, with humility and love for one another, to learn about the difficult truths of the history and present day lives of Black and African Americans and to celebrate their contributions.



I invite you to read the full text of the Proclamation, and to commit to take

actions in our own lives to honor the memory and vision of Black and African Americans who were imprisoned, killed, and brutalized for their efforts to demand dignity and liberation for all.

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

- The winners of the Snowplow Nickname Contest
- Multiple open positions at the City
- The success of the Living Christmas Tree Program
- Permitting a special event in the city

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,



Mayor Geoffrey Thomas

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## SNOWPLOW NICKNAME CONTEST WINNERS

We had a great response to our Snowplow Nickname Contest and are pleased to announce the three top vote-getters! For the jazzy announcement, watch [this video](#).



- Rocky Plowboa
- Seymour Pavement
- Austin Plowers

The other top ten contenders were: Betty Whiteout, Olaf, Col. Sander, Mr. Plow, Sleetwood Mac, Buzz Iceclear and Yeti. Thank you to all who submitted names for consideration and those who voted for their favorite.

Look for the winning names to be on display on the plows soon!

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## CITY RECRUITING FOR MULTIPLE OPEN POSITIONS

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

- Finance Customer Service Assistant
- Utility Billing Assistant

- Public Works Clerical Supervisor
- Building Inspector
- Police Officer

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



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## LIVING CHRISTMAS TREE PROGRAM

I am happy to announce the Living Christmas Tree Program is thriving. We were thankful to receive multiple donated trees this year which are being planted in our parks. The first donation was a joint community effort. In December, 4 local businesses participated in a tree decorating contest organized by Galaxy Theater. The living Christmas trees were donated by Walmart Monroe. Post competition (congrats to winner [Umpqua Bank](#)), the trees were donated to the City as part of our Living Christmas Tree Program and were planted at Rotary Field and Hillcrest Park for everyone to enjoy in the year to come. Thank you to the 600+



voters and following businesses for participating and supporting this event. Bugu Brewing, Umpqua Bank, Coastal Community Bank, Bella Balducci's Mediterranean Cuisine. We would like to give a special thank you to Galaxy Theater for organizing this amazing community event which was not only fun, but gave back to the community in the process!

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## PERMITTING A SPECIAL EVENT IN THE CITY

If you are thinking of hosting a new event within the City of Monroe, or have a returning event, please email [kdarrow@monroewa.gov](mailto:kdarrow@monroewa.gov) to ensure your event date is available. Special Event Applications are due 60 days prior to your event date or 90 if your event entails a road closure. To be included in the City's annual events brochure your event date must be reserved by Feb. 16. We look forward to yet another fun-filled event season here in Monroe!



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## UPCOMING CITY COUNCIL MEETING SCHEDULE

The Feb. 6 City Council Study Session Meeting has been CANCELLED. The City Council will next meet in a Regular Business Meeting on Tuesday, Feb. 13. 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 Feb. 13 agenda, which can be accessed by clicking the button below.

Council Agendas/Minutes

## CITY COUNCIL MEMBERS



Councilmember  
Kevin Hanford



Councilmember  
Jacob Walker



Councilmember  
Jason Gamble



Councilmember  
Kirk Scarboro



Councilmember  
Heather Fulcher



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Tami Beaumont



Councilmember  
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