



MONROE THIS WEEK

February 9, 2024



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

- *Demolition for the Municipal Campus Improvement Project*
- *Multiple open positions with the City of Monroe*
- *The successful Women in Public Service Event*
- *Ten donated trees planted at Al Borlin Park*
- *A shoutout to the Monroe Historical Society*
- *A free movie series at Galaxy Theatres Monroe*
- *A summary of the Jan. 30 City Council Workshop*



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

DEMOLITION FOR CITY HALL & MUNICIPAL COURT REMODEL BEGINS

Starting this week, the City's contractor, Bayley Construction, began demolition of outbuildings on the site of City Hall. The Administrative Wing, which housed City Hall and Monroe Municipal Court (functioning out of the Council Chambers) has not received significant upgrades in over 30 years. The remodel will correct building life-safety deficiencies, repair and replace building systems, improve user experience, and enhance department coordination.



More specifically, improvements include:

- Improved energy and environmental efficiency through Leadership in Energy and Environmental Design (LEED) "Silver" standards
- Corrected life safety deficiencies such as seismic upgrades, fire protection, and back-up power
- New Council Chambers (Administrative Wing)
- Designated space for Monroe Municipal Court (Justice Wing)
- New secure customer service window
- New foyer and counter areas
- Increased parking
- Upgraded network and security operations
- Enhanced air quality and sound buffering
- Increased square footage with room for future growth
- Native landscaping, new outside paths
- New interior public art

This is an exciting project for the City and community as it will transform the municipal campus to better serve our growing city. Visit the [Municipal Campus Improvement Project webpage](#) for more information.

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.



WOMEN IN PUBLIC SERVICE EVENT RECAP

The [Monroe Police Department's](#) hiring and recruiting event last week was a huge success! A heartfelt thank you to everyone who joined them on Wednesday.

Exploring diverse career opportunities in public service has never been more exciting, and I hope all attendees found the experience valuable and worthwhile. Special kudos to Officer Michel for spearheading this fantastic event! If you're curious about the agencies represented or have any burning questions about joining the Police Department or others, don't hesitate to reach out. City staff are all part of one big team, and we're here to guide you towards the path that best suits you.



TEN DONATED TREES PLANTED AT AL BORLIN PARK

We would like to thank Hannah Maynard for making a generous donation of trees to the City of Monroe. Our Parks Staff was able to plant the 5 Eastern Redbuds and 5 White Flowering Dogwoods at Al Borlin Park. If you see orange tags while walking around the these identify the location of the new young trees. Thank you Hannah for your donation, we look forward to watching them grow.



A THANK YOU TO THE MONROE HISTORICAL SOCIETY

Some members of the [Monroe Police Department](#) recently had the opportunity to tour the Monroe Historical Society, guided by Tami Beaumont, a Trustee of the Historical Society and a City Councilmember in Monroe. Tami led them on a historical journey through Monroe's past, spanning from the early 1900s.

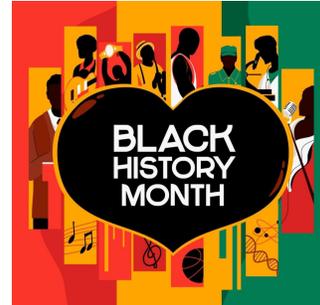


Established in 1976, the Society operates

entirely through volunteer efforts. The mission of the Society is to preserve and disseminate the rich history of Monroe, fostering an appreciation for its heritage. If you're interested in taking a tour yourself, the museum welcomes visitors on Wednesdays and Saturdays from 12:00 p.m. to 3:00 p.m.

FREE MOVIE SERIES CELEBRATING BLACK HISTORY MONTH

Mark your calendars for the Monroe Equity Community and MHS Black Student Union's free movie series at Galaxy Theatres Monroe honoring Black History Month! The following movies will be shown every Sunday at 6:00 p.m. for the rest of the month of February:



- Feb. 11 - Fruitvale Station (Rated R, 85 min.)
 - Feb. 18 - Selma (Rated PG13, 128 min.)
 - Feb. 25 - Akeelah and the Bee (Rated PG, 112 min.)
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JANUARY 30 CITY COUNCIL WORKSHOP SUMMARY

The City Council met in a Special Workshop on Tuesday, January 30. The following items were presented and discussed:



Open Government Training Act

Jodi Wycoff and Zach Lell, City Attorney, provided a presentation to provide the required training for the Open Public Meetings Act and the Public Records Act.

Code of Ethics, Conflict of Interest, and the Appearance of Fairness Doctrine

Zach Lell provided a presentation related to the Code of Ethics, Conflict of Interest, and the Appearance of Fairness Doctrine. Mr. Lell also reviewed other tips and tricks for public officials.

2023 Strategic Priorities and 2023-2027 Strategic Plan Review

Deborah Knight reviewed the 2023 Strategic Priorities and 2023-2027 Strategic Plan and said that Council will be working through the guiding principles for the Comprehensive Plan Update this year which may affect the next version of the strategic priorities and strategic plan.

UPCOMING CITY COUNCIL MEETING SCHEDULE

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.

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