



MONROE THIS WEEK

January 17, 2025



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MARTIN LUTHER KING, JR. DAY

I HAVE A DREAM



Soon I will issue a proclamation recognizing Monday, January 20, 2025 as Martin Luther King Jr. Day. On this day, we pause to pay tribute to the life and legacy of Dr. King, and reflect on the mission he inspired. Dr. King was transformational in the concepts of justice, liberty, and equality, and bridged the gap between our nation's founding ideals and the realities of our time. I encourage Monroe residents to join me on this day in remembering the profound contributions Dr. King made. Thank you for continuing to work with me as we strive to realize the mission of Dr. King through [Imagine Monroe](#), creating a community where everyone feels at home and everyone feels they belong.



Please note, City administrative offices will be closed on Monday, Jan. 20, 2025 in observation of the national holiday.

This week's Monroe This Week newsletter features:

- Community Volunteering Opportunities
- Online Utility Payments
- Private Well Owners Survey
- Recycling Tips

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

CONNECT WITH THE COMMUNITY: VOLUNTEER OPPORTUNITIES

Monroe is fortunate to have volunteers who give their time, talent, and compassion to care for others and our environment. Please consider volunteering for the following events:

- **Point in Time Count:** Work with [Take the Next Step](#) (TTNS) in counting the number of unsheltered and unhoused neighbors in Monroe. The Point in

Time Count is scheduled for Thursday, Jan. 23, with three shifts available (10 a.m. to 6 p.m., 10 a.m. to 2:30 p.m. and 1:30 to 6 p.m.) Volunteers are to check in at TTNS's Family Resource Center located at 202 South Sams St., Monroe. The Point in Time Count is associated with the U.S. Department of Housing & Urban Development. Data collected is used by Federal, State, and County agencies to determine needs and how to allocate funds. To submit a volunteer application form, go to <https://shorturl.at/u4MO4>. Contact Michael Lorio, TTNS, at mikel@ttns.org or 425-261-9864 for more information.

- **Tree Planting at Al Borlin Park:** Join [Adopt-A-Stream Foundation](#) for a special restoration event. Join in planting native trees and shrubs and restoring the riparian zone of Woods Creek to provide healthy spawning



and rearing habitat for salmon. Come to Al Borlin Park (Simons Road entrance) on Saturday, Jan. 25, 9 a.m. to 12 p.m. to volunteer. Please register in advance by emailing aasf@streamkeeper.org or calling 425-316-8592.

ONLINE UTILITY PAYMENT AVAILABLE



To pay your utility bill online, it's easy to create an account and establish automatic (recurring) payment with your banking account or debit/credit card. Autopay customers are those whose payment is automatically deducted each month from a bank account. Quick pay customers are

those who access their accounts each month and enter a debit/credit card number for payment. Learn more on our [Utility Billing webpage](#).

Monroe utility (water, sewer, stormwater) customers are billed monthly for the previous month of service. Additional payment methods include payment by check and:

- Mailing it to City of Monroe, PO Box 3697 Seattle, WA 98124,
- Dropping it off at the utility box outside of the Public Works/Parks Building, 769 Village Way
- Giving it to Finance reception staff inside City Hall, 14841 179th Avenue SE, Suite 320 (temporary location).

For more information or assistance, contact our Utility Billing Office at 360-794-6300 or email utilitybilling@monroewa.gov.

SNOHOMISH COUNTY PRIVATE WELL OWNER SURVEY

Your local [Snohomish County Health Department](#) is working to improve resources for private well owners and wants to hear from you!



**SNOHOMISH
COUNTY** 
HEALTH DEPARTMENT

Take the [survey](#) to give your input on a county-wide effort to better serve private well owners throughout our Snohomish County community. The results of the survey will be used for developing and sharing resources that will help private well owners care for their well, both protecting ground water resources and public health.

About the survey:

- Snohomish County residents with private wells are encouraged to participate
- It takes about 5 minutes to complete the survey
- Responses can be submitted anonymously
- Survey will be open through Feb. 2025

You can find the survey by clicking the [link here](#).

UP YOUR RECYCLING GAME: TIPS FROM REPUBLIC SERVICES

Going back to the basics can be helpful – even when it comes to recycling. Whether you’re a homeowner or business owner, here are some great basic tips from Republic Services to help you up your recycling game. Visit [RecyclingSimplified.com](https://www.RecyclingSimplified.com) for more great tips!

- **Know what to throw.** There are several materials that are considered recycling gold because of their ability to be remade into new products. Focus on cardboard, paper, [aluminum cans](#), and plastic bottles and jugs to make the most impact.
- **Empty, clean and dry.** These are the three magic words of recycling. Every item in your recycling bin should be free of liquid and food residue (think ketchup bottles). When items are soiled, they can contaminate other perfectly good recyclables (think paper), and those contaminated materials will end up in the landfill. Give your recyclable containers a rinse, then tap out the excess water, leaving no more than a teaspoon.
- **When in doubt, throw it out.** There will be times when you just aren’t sure if something should be recycled or not. It’s best to toss the item in the waste bin when that happens. For example, a [pizza box](#) is made of cardboard, but if grease and cheese are stuck to the box, it can’t be recycled. Same goes for to-go coffee cups, paper plates, napkins, and towels.
- **Don’t bag it.** While it might seem to make sense to place recyclables in a plastic bag, it’s a big no-no. Materials must stay loose so they can easily be sorted and separated at the recycling center. And that plastic bag isn’t recyclable via your curbside program. (But most grocery stores have plastic bag collection bins near the entrance.)



UPCOMING CITY COUNCIL MEETING SCHEDULE

The next City Council Meeting is currently scheduled for Tues., January 28, 2025 at 7 p.m. To view the meeting agenda, click the button below. City Council meetings are re-broadcasted on the [City's YouTube Channel \(@MonroeWA\)](#). To learn how to provide public comment to the Mayor and City Council, click [here](#).

Council Agendas/Minutes



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Contact them at Councilmembers@MonroeWA.gov



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