



MONROE THIS WEEK

February 21, 2025



Thank you for reading Monroe This Week.

This week's edition features:

- *Monroe City Council Olympia Visit*
- *Municipal Campus Construction Update*
- *Currie View Park Groundbreaking Ceremony*
- *Vegetation Management Reminders*

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,

A handwritten signature in blue ink, which appears to read "G. Thomas".

Mayor Geoffrey Thomas

CITY COUNCIL ADVOCATES FOR LOCAL PRIORITIES IN OLYMPIA

This week, members of the [Monroe City Council](#) traveled to Olympia to meet with state Representatives Brian Burnett and Mike Steele, as well as Senator Keith Goehner, to advocate for critical transportation and community projects. Councilmembers also met with Senator John Lovick – whose district includes State Route 522 – and Representatives Carolyn Eslick and Sam Low.



Some of the requests of legislators made by Councilmembers Tami Beaumont, Kyle Fisher, Heather Fulcher, Kevin Hanford, and Jacob Walker included:

- Continued funding in the State's Transportation Budget to widen State Route 522 to two lanes in each direction west of High Bridge and to complete intersection improvements at Paradise Lake Road. These upgrades are essential to easing congestion and improving safety on this heavily traveled corridor.
- State support to replace the artificial turf at Rotary Park's Miracle Field, ensuring continued accessibility for athletes of all abilities.
- Expanded state efforts to identify long-term funding for human service programs such as mobile mental health, peer support outreach, and case management services for our community's most vulnerable residents.

During their visit, the delegation also attended key hearings on housing and public safety, underscoring the city's commitment to addressing pressing local concerns.

The trip was part of the Association of Washington Cities (AWC) Legislative Action Days, a statewide effort to bring municipal priorities directly to state lawmakers. Monroe's leaders took this opportunity to ensure that the voices of city residents were heard at the state level, advocating for investments that will enhance infrastructure, public spaces, and overall community well-being. More information regarding the city's legislative priorities can be found [online](#).

UPDATE



It's exciting to see improvements to City Hall and Monroe Municipal Court make progress. Roof installation and improvements to the west parking lot are complete. A great deal of interior work is now happening in addition to improvements to the east public parking lot.

A unique feature to the building is a central conference room with glass walls – shown in the photo and depicted in the rendering.



The remodel improves building safety with seismic upgrades, fire protection, back-up power, upgraded network and security operations, enhanced air quality, sound buffering and energy and environmental efficiency.

[City Hall](#) and [Court](#) services are scheduled to return this summer to the campus on W. Main Street, but we remain realistic that construction schedules often change. We continue to serve you at the following temporary locations:

- City Hall, 14841 179th Avenue SE, Suite 320
- Municipal Court, 769 Village Way (Public Works/Parks Operations Building)

Project information, including frequently asked questions and project funding, can be found on the [Monroe Municipal Campus project webpage](#).

CURRIE VIEW PARK GROUNDBREAKING CEREMONY

Join me for the groundbreaking ceremony at Currie View Park (17260 153rd Street SE) on Friday, February 28 at 12 p.m.

The new play equipment includes features that:

- Encourage multi-generational play
- Are ADA inclusive and intentionally break down physical and social barriers to play
- Add a playful theme that enhances the visual appeal of the park
- Offer advanced climbing challenges and motion activities that appeal to older children who seek a more adventurous play experience

Surfacing improvements such as the use of ADA approved rubberized surfacing are also part of the playground design as well as new seating areas, drinking fountain and fencing that will serve as a visual and physical barrier between the play area and parking lot. The overall footprint of the play area will be approximately 3 times larger than the previous play area at the

park and will be sited closer to the frontage of the park for better public access.

Thank you to our Monroe community, especially the Currie View Park neighborhood residents, that gave us great input on the overall design, colors and features for the new play facility during our design open house held last spring.

I look forward to this new, beautifully designed and ADA inclusive playground.



VEGETATION MANAGEMENT FYIs

With spring officially to begin in about one month, we're reminding property owners of their responsibility to keep vegetation on their private property from becoming a sight-distance hazard or obstruction. City code requires that:

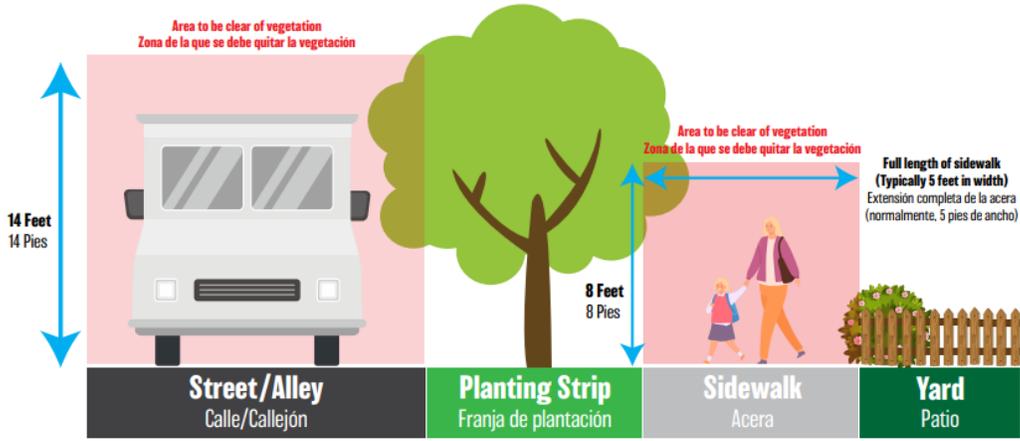
- Trees and vegetation be at least 8 feet above a public sidewalk and at least 14 feet above the roadway.
- Vegetation does not obstruct the view of people driving, walking, or bicycling or their ability to travel on a roadway, sidewalk, or city-maintained trail.

We're looking forward to warmer and dryer conditions and to a "full bloom" Spring. Thanks for keeping Monroe safe by trimming vegetation on your property. Please [download an illustrative flyer](#) (or look for it in your March utility bill).



Overgrown Vegetation Requirements in the City of Monroe

Requisitos para el manejo de la vegetación crecida en la ciudad de Monroe



UPCOMING CITY COUNCIL MEETING SCHEDULE

The next City Council Meeting is currently scheduled for Tues., February 25, 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](#).

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