

# MONROE THIS WEEK

January 16, 2026



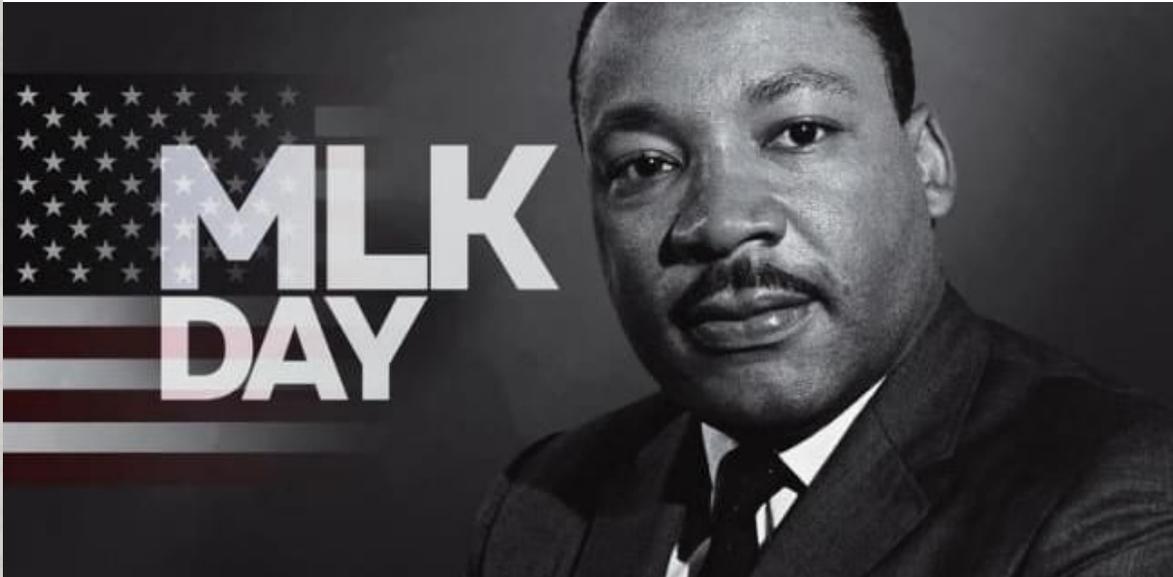
*Welcome to this edition of the Monroe This Week newsletter. I am so grateful for the many conversations, shared perspective, and thoughtful engagement I've experienced during my first two weeks in office. It has been energizing to hear from residents, businesses, and community partners who care deeply about Monroe and its future. In the months and years ahead, I look forward to working alongside each of you to strengthen Monroe - listening, learning, and building together as we continue to move toward the shared vision of **Imagine Monroe**. Thank you for being engaged, and for all the ways you contribute to making our city a great place to live, work, and belong.*



Thank you,

Patsy Cudaback  
Mayor

***\*Please note City administrative offices will be closed on Monday, January 19, 2026 in observation of Martin Luther King Jr. Day.***



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## **FORMER MAYOR THOMAS JOINS WALL OF MAYORS**

Former Mayor Geoffrey Thomas recently visited City Hall to see his official Mayoral portrait added to the Wall of Mayors - a moment that marks his place in Monroe's civic history. We extend our sincere thanks to former Mayor Thomas for his many years of dedicated service and leadership to the City of Monroe



The Wall of Mayors is a special display at City Hall that honors Monroe's civic tradition and history. Since the city incorporated in 1902, Monroe has been served by 25 Mayors. The display presents a visual timeline honoring the individuals who helped shape and guide the community over more than a century.

The City is still seeking photos of two former Mayors: Benjamin L. Monck (1907-1908) and Reed I Case (1928). If you have information on where to find photos of these former Mayors, please contact the City Clerk's office at [cityclerk@monroewa.gov](mailto:cityclerk@monroewa.gov).



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## RECENTLY ELECTED COUNCILMEMBERS TAKE OATHS OF OFFICE

Congratulations to returning Councilmembers Kevin Hanford, Kyle Fisher, Tami Beaumont and new Councilmember Brandi Blair who took their oaths of office at the Monroe Council meeting on January 13.

They will join Councilmembers Jason Gamble, Heather Fulcher, and Jacob Walker to serve the Monroe community in 2026.



You can learn more about the role, duties, and how to provide public comment to the Monroe City Council on the [City's website](#).

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## HOW TO STAY ENGAGED DURING THE 2026 WASHINGTON STATE LEGISLATIVE SESSION

The 2026 Washington State Legislative Session began earlier this week in Olympia.

Each year, the Monroe City Council adopts a set of legislative priorities to guide the City's advocacy on core community priorities during the legislative session. In November, the Monroe City Council adopted the city's [2026 legislative priorities](#). Key items included in this year's priorities include:



funding for State Route 522, improving affordability, and enhancing public safety. You can read the city's full list of priorities [here](#).

Residents are encouraged to stay engaged during the state legislative session. The [Washington State Legislature's website](#) offers a suite of information on how to [participate in the lawmaking process](#). You can find more information on how to stay engaged and share your perspectives this session by following the links below:

- [Track Bills Here](#)
- [Find Your Legislative District and Representatives Here](#)
- [Lookup Legislators and Find Contact Information Here](#)
- [Learn How to Comment on a Bill Here](#)

The 2026 state legislative session is scheduled to conclude on March 12, 2026.



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## REMINDER: APPLY TO SERVE ON A CITY ADVISORY BOARD

The City of Monroe is seeking your input. Serving on a City [Board, Commission, or Committee](#) is a meaningful way to stay engaged, share your perspectives, and help advise the Mayor and City Council on important community issues, policy topics, and future challenges.

The City is currently seeking applicants to fill vacancies on the following boards and commissions:

- Planning Commission
- Community Human Services Advisory Board
- Economic Development Advisory Board
- Park Board
- Ethics Board
- Salary Commission

Additional information about each board, commission, and committee is available on the [City's website](#). To be considered, please submit a completed application to the [City Clerk](#). First review of applications will take place on January 21, 2026.

Your voice and experience can help shape Monroe's future. If you've been thinking about getting involved, now is a great time to apply.

[Click Here for the Application](#)

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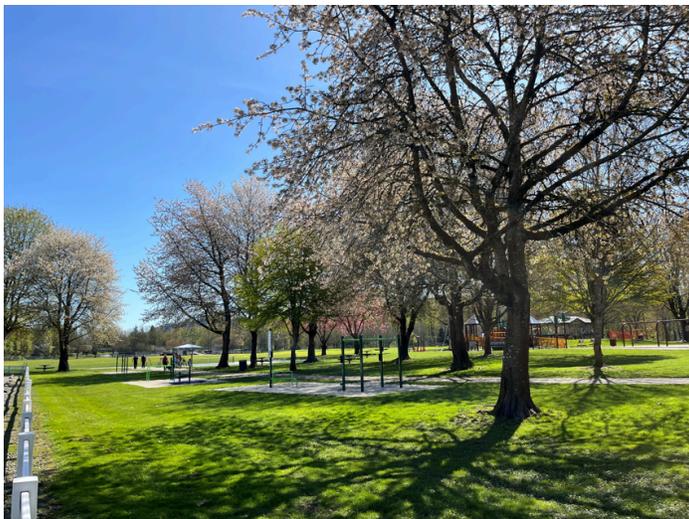
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As a volunteer board member.

## NEW YEAR, NEW TREE - PLANTING EVENT NEAR AL BORLIN PARK



Join the Adopt A Stream Foundation (AASF) for a volunteer tree-planting event along Woods Creek in Monroe. Volunteers will help restore riparian corridor near the BNSF trestle removal site near Al Borlin Park, improving habitat conditions for salmon. If you purchased a Holiday Tree for Salmon, you're welcome to bring it to plant; however, **all are welcome**

**and volunteers are not required to bring a tree to participate.** Additional trees, native plants, and live stakes will be provided for volunteers to help plant.

This is a rain or shine event, so please dress for the weather and wear closed-toe, waterproof shoes. Light refreshments will be provided. To register for the event, please visit: <https://bit.ly/4aZtp8F> or contact AASF at [aasf@streamkeeper.org](mailto:aasf@streamkeeper.org). Woods Creek is a vital waterway within the Snohomish River watershed, supporting Chinook, Coho, Pink, and Chum salmon populations. Help give your holiday tree a second life—and support healthy salmon streams in our community!

### **Event details:**

**When:** Saturday, January 31, 2026

**Time:** 9:00AM to 12:00PM

**Location:** Al Borlin Park 600 Simons Road, Monroe WA 98272 (planting site is on the north side of park's main entrance)



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## UPCOMING CITY COUNCIL MEETING SCHEDULE

The next City Council Meeting is currently scheduled for **Tuesday, January 20, 2026** at **7 p.m.** The meeting will be located in the Council Chambers at City Hall at 806 W Main Street. 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](#)



Councilmember  
Kevin Hanford



Councilmember  
Jacob Walker



Councilmember  
Jason Gamble



Councilmember  
Brandi Blair



Councilmember  
Heather Fulcher



Councilmember  
Tami Beaumont



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