



# MONROE THIS WEEK

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## Mask Up, Washington.

#MaskUpWA

*Thank you for reading Monroe This Week.*

*This week's edition provides details on the state's face coverings in businesses requirement, a COVID-19-related rental assistance program, tomorrow's Youth Life Jacket Giveaway, the City's annual paving program, the new #WeAreMonroeWA Facebook page, and a virtual performance by the Monroe Community Band.*



*Please contact me with any and all feedback regarding the articles below. I can be reached at [gthomas@monroewa.gov](mailto:gthomas@monroewa.gov).*

*Yours in Service,*

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

*Mayor Geoffrey Thomas*

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## FACE COVERINGS REQUIRED IN PLACES OF BUSINESS

Effective this past Tuesday, July 7, customers are required to wear cloth face coverings or face masks in places of business. Late last week, Governor Jay Inslee and Secretary of Health John Wiesman [extended](#) the state's face covering requirement to include businesses. Under this requirement, businesses are responsible for their customers wearing face coverings, and may not serve customers who do not comply with the statewide face covering order. I encourage all residents to wear face coverings in support our business community, as they strive to serve their customers and follow state guidelines.



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## IN NEED OF RENTAL ASSISTANCE DUE TO COVID-19?

The Coronavirus Relief Prevention Program has announced a rental assistance program which will provide



up to three months of rental assistance for eligible Snohomish County households. Administered locally through Volunteers of America, the program will provide assistance to households in Snohomish County who are unable to pay rent due to the loss of primary income from a COVID-19-related job loss. Additionally, eligible households will have at least one member age 65 or older, or a member with an underlying medical condition. Qualifying households will be able to receive up to three months of rent assistance, including amounts in arrears, or relocation to another unit if the current unit is no longer affordable. Flyers detailing the program are available in [English](#) and [Spanish](#). Households in need of rental assistance should call 2-1-1 to complete the eligibility screening.

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## FREE YOUTH LIFE JACKET GIVEAWAY AT EVERGREEN STATE FAIR PARK

Coastal Farm and Ranch is hosting a [Free Youth Life Jacket Giveaway](#) event tomorrow, July 11, at the Evergreen State Fair Park. Three-hundred life jackets will be given away free of charge for kids 12 and younger. This drive-through event will take place between 11:00 a.m. and 1:00 p.m., and will be a socially-distanced, contactless event. There is no need to bring the kiddos or even get out of the car; all you will need to know is how much each child weighs. Three sizes of life jackets will be available while supplies last:



Infant sizing: up to 50 lbs.

Child sizing: 33 to 55 lbs.

Youth sizing: 55 to 88 lbs.

## CITY ANNUAL PAVING PROGRAM UNDERWAY

Construction work kicked off this week for the City's Annual Paving Program. The work includes pavement grinding and new asphalt surfacing on various roads throughout Monroe, including sections of Beaton Road, Tye Street, 172<sup>nd</sup> Drive SE, Cascade View Drive, 177<sup>th</sup> Avenue SE, Village Way, and 154<sup>th</sup> Street SE. In addition, existing sidewalk ramps adjacent to the project areas are reconstructed as necessary to be compliant with current ADA standards. This project is expected to wrap up in September. Please refer to the [project website](#) for more information and a map of the roads to be repaved.



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## CITY LAUNCHES #WeAreMonroeWA FACEBOOK PAGE

Yesterday, July 9, the City launched a new Facebook page entitled [We Are Monroe WA](#). The goal of #WeAreMonroeWA is to elevate commonalities and shared values among Monroe residents, spark connections, and ultimately cultivate empathy that is grounded in shared humanity rather than circumstances. Similar to [Humans of New York](#), #WeAreMonroeWA will find and share stories about the people who make Monroe the amazing community it is. Because we are all Monroe. Follow the #WeAreMonroeWA page for uplifting stories about our community.



#WeAreMonroeWA

Have a story to share? Email [wearemonroewa@monroewa.gov](mailto:wearemonroewa@monroewa.gov), or text 360-722-1684. Please include a photo with your story submission, and if it is about a specific person, their contact information so the City can get their permission to share the story.

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## MONROE COMMUNITY BAND VIRTUAL PERFORMANCE

To show appreciation to our community, the [Monroe Community Band](#) successfully completed its first ever virtual performance. In advance of the Fourth of July, the Band performed John Philip Sousa's Liberty Bell March. Their amazing performance is available on [YouTube](#) for all to enjoy. Thank you to the performers who put this together!



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## UPCOMING CITY COUNCIL MEETING SCHEDULE

The City Council will meet in a Regular Business Meeting on Tuesday, July 14, 2020. The meeting will be held via the Zoom remote meeting platform and participation information will be posted with the July 14 agenda.

Council Agendas/Minutes

## CITY COUNCIL MEMBERS



Councilmember  
Patsy Cudaback



Councilmember  
Kevin Hanford



Councilmember  
Ed Davis



Councilmember  
Jason Gamble



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