



MONROE THIS WEEK

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Thank you for reading Monroe This Week. Please contact me with any and all feedback regarding the articles below. I can be reached at gthomas@monroewa.gov.

Yours in Service,

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Mayor Geoffrey Thomas



#FIXHWY2 UPDATE

County Councilmember Sam Low and I, along with the Mayors of Gold Bar, Sultan, Snohomish, and Lake Stevens, spent two days in Washington D.C. meeting with representatives, their Staff, and US Department of Transportation Staff about the need and options to make improvements to #FixHwy2. We had really productive meetings and the people we spoke with shared great ideas about how to improve US-2. City Administrators from our local cities will meet over the next week to build options for next steps to apply for grants and participate in other programs. The other Mayors and I hope to have another update over the next couple weeks.



PROCLAMATION OF EMERGENCY - CORONAVIRUS

To ensure that our community is properly responding to the growing coronavirus emergency, on March, 2, 2020, I issued a Proclamation of Emergency within the City of Monroe.

As most of us are aware, the coronavirus or COVID-19, is adversely affecting people globally and within our region. After consultation with professionals involved in emergency management at the City of Monroe, Snohomish Fire District No. 7, Hospital District No. 1, and Monroe School District, it has become apparent that issuing a Proclamation of Emergency is necessary to ensure that our community is properly responding to this growing emergency today and better prepared to address the issues we will face tomorrow. The Proclamation of Emergency will provide quicker and better access to resources to respond more nimbly to changing needs and will allow the City to align its operations to reduce people's potential exposure to the coronavirus.

The Snohomish Health District has important information regarding the coronavirus on its website [here](#).

View the Proclamation of Emergency [here](#).

COVID-19 RESPONSE AND INFORMATION

In light of recent events surrounding the COVID-19 virus, the City of Monroe is working to reduce person-to-person contacts. These temporary changes will be evaluated weekly as we



Proclamation of Emergency

WHEREAS, On January 21, 2020, Washington's State Department of Health (WDOH) confirmed the first case of the novel coronavirus (COVID-19) in the United States in Snohomish County, Washington, and local health departments and the WDOH have since that time worked to identify, contact, and test people in Washington who have been potentially exposed to COVID-19 in coordination with the US Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC); and

WHEREAS, COVID-19, a respiratory disease that can result in serious illness or death, is caused by the SARS-CoV-2 virus, which is a new strain of coronavirus that had not been previously identified in people and can easily spread from person to person; and

WHEREAS, The CDC identifies the potential public health threat posed by COVID-19 both globally and in the United States as "high" and has advised that person-to-person spread of COVID-19 will continue to occur globally, including within the United States; and

WHEREAS, On January 31, 2020, US Department of Health and Human Services Secretary Azar declared a public health emergency for COVID-19, beginning on January 27, 2020; and

WHEREAS, The CDC currently indicates there are 89,254 confirmed cases of COVID-19 worldwide with 86 of those cases in the US and WDOH has confirmed localized person-to-person spread of COVID-19 in Washington, significantly increasing the risk of exposure and infection to the general public and creating an extreme public health risk that may spread quickly; and

WHEREAS, The worldwide outbreak of COVID-19 and the effects of its extreme risk of person-to-person transmission throughout the US and Washington presents a significant impact to people's lives and health and is a public health disaster that affects life, health, property or the public peace; and

WHEREAS, Governor Inslee proclaimed a statewide State of Emergency on February 29, 2020, and

WHEREAS, after consultation with Fire District 7, Hospital District 1, Monroe School District, and city staff including the City of Monroe's Emergency Management Director, I have determined that it is necessary to issue a Proclamation of Emergency to facilitate access to resources and to modify policies and procedures intended to reduce potential exposure to COVID-19.

NOW, THEREFORE, I, Geoffrey Thomas, Mayor of the City of Monroe pursuant to Chapter 2.50 of the Monroe Municipal Code, do hereby proclaim that a State of Emergency exists in the City of Monroe, and direct the plans and procedures of the City of Monroe Comprehensive Emergency Management Plan be implemented.

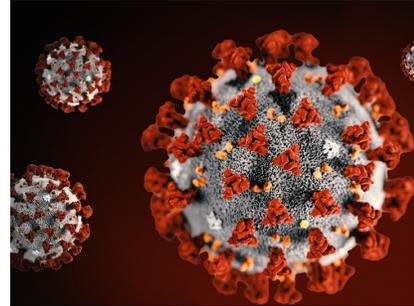
DATED this 2nd day of March 2020

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Geoffrey Thomas
Mayor

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continue to work with our Community partners to assess the need for restrictions in these areas. Click [here](#) for weekly updates on temporary changes to public services.



HOW CAN THE PUBLIC HELP?

- **Do not go to the emergency room unless essential.** Emergency rooms need to be able to serve those with the most critical needs.
- If you have symptoms like cough, fever, or other respiratory problems, call your regular doctor first.
- Stay home when sick.
- Practice excellent personal hygiene habits, including hand washing, coughing into tissue or elbow, avoid touching eyes, nose, or mouth.
- Stay informed. Information is changing frequently. Check the [Snohomish Health District's website](#) or follow on social media.
- If you have symptoms like cough, fever, or other respiratory problems, and need to contact the Police Department or City Hall, please call.

ONE MAN'S JOURNEY INTO RECOVERY

City of Monroe Sergeant Paul Ryan and Embedded Social Worker Elisa Delgado approached a homeless man who was standing near a fence on the trail near Ixtapa restaurant. They are part of the Monroe Police Department's social outreach team that encounters people and works to try to help them. Read about their experience and what they learned from him in an article published by the Snohomish Tribune [here](#).

EDUCATIONAL VOLUNTEER EVENT AT AL BORLIN PARK

On Tuesday, March 3, and Wednesday, March 4, 2020, [Sound Salmon Solutions](#) led a planting/science educational program at Al Borlin Park. Roughly eighty students from the Edmonds School District were able to participate. They worked together to plant one hundred and sixty new trees.

UPCOMING COUNCIL MEETING

The next Monroe City Council Regular Business Meeting will be March 10, 2020, at 7 p.m. in the Monroe City Hall Council Chambers.

[Council Agendas/Minutes](#)

UPCOMING EVENT

~~3/10~~

~~Monroe Chamber luncheon;~~

11:30am-1:00pm;
The Rock Church
CANCELLED

Visit all events

YEAR-TO-DATE COMPARISONS

Curious about some of the City's major revenue streams? Don't have time to read through the entire budget? **Here** are a few of the City's revenue year-to-date numbers along with their prior year comparisons. If you would like further information, contact the Finance Department at 360-794-7400 and reference Monroe This Week.

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