



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,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "G. Thomas".

Mayor Geoffrey Thomas



RESOURCES AND RELIEF FOR BUSINESSES

We understand that the economic consequences of the COVID-19 outbreak are likely to be great.

While we are keeping an eye on the immediate needs of the quarantine and keeping our community safe, we have an eye on the recovery which will be national in scope and coordinated across state, county, and local governments. The City, the **Monroe Chamber of Commerce**, and the **Downtown Monroe Association** are working together to ensure that recovery happens as quickly as possible; and our businesses are informed of the community's recovery strategy and able to access those resources intended to help with the recovery.



The City of Monroe website will have the most current information on its dedicated **COVID-19 page**. If you have questions please contact the Monroe Economic Development Specialist, James Palmer, at 360-631-0050 or **jpalm@monroewa.gov**.

Additional Resources

Federal

- **Resources to help workers and employers prepare for COVID-19** (U.S. Department of Labor)
- **Information about resources small businesses can access now to navigate their business through the COVID-19 pandemic** (Small Business Administration)

State

- **Resource List for COVID-19 Impacted Businesses and Employees** (Governor's Office)
- **Business Resiliency Toolkit** (Washington Small Business Development Center)
- **Support for affected employers** (Washington State)
- **Help your business manage crisis** (WA State Department of Commerce)
- **Business relief during COVID-19 crisis** (WA State Department of Revenue)

Local

- **Resources** for small and large businesses; tips on how to manage the impacts; and how-to worksheets and webinars on building business resiliency (Greater Seattle Partners)
- **Information for Businesses/Employers** (Snohomish Health District)
- **Resources for Businesses in Snohomish County** (Economic Alliance of Snohomish County)
- **FAQ's** (City of Monroe)

BUSINESS RESOURCES

Together, as one community, we'll get through this. Today we're seeing businesses impacted by COVID-19. The City of Monroe and **Monroe Chamber of Commerce** are working together to help support our business community. Information and resources for our business community are available **here**.



NEW PARK FACILITY CLOSURES

On Monday, March 23, 2020, I announced the closure of all City of Monroe park restrooms, parking lots, sports courts, athletic fields, picnic shelters, skate park, and Wiggly Field dog park, in response to the COVID-19 pandemic. Play structures in parks were closed last week. These steps are being taken to better enforce social distancing and ensure all



appropriate steps are being taken to slow the spread of COVID-19. All park facility and special event applications for scheduled events through April 30, 2020, are cancelled. Reservations beyond April 30th will continue to be accepted under the condition that they may be subject to cancellation.

While the City of Monroe is closing restrooms, parking lots, and active use facilities to city parks, the Snohomish Health District continues to encourage people to stay active and enjoy passive recreation uses at our parks and trails, while maintaining social distancing. Examples of passive activities include: walks, jogs, and bicycling in groups of ten or less, while maintaining social distance from others. Please be safe.

The City of Monroe will continue to monitor the situation and will take further steps as necessary including consideration of reversing actions when public health orders are rescinded.

A NOTE FROM REPUBLIC SERVICES

With the onset of COVID-19 and the health concerns that are taking place in our communities, here is an update as to what we are doing at Republic Services.



We are still running all of our collection routes at this time. We do have some concerns with loose materials around the carts and containers. That being said, for all those involved, we are implementing some temporary guidelines to protect our customers, our drivers and our communities. Effective Tuesday, March 24, 2020:

Residential:

Due to health concerns for the Public and our Drivers, until further notice we will only collect trash that is stored in Republic Carts or personal owned cans. Extra trash must be bagged or stored in an additional cart or can. If you have extra Recycle or Yard waste, it must be in a cart or can. We will not pick up any loose/bundled/bagged material outside a cart or can. In addition, we are suspending all bulky waste collections until further notice.

Commercial:

Due to health concerns for the Public and our Drivers, until further notice we will only pick up trash that is in your container unless it is bagged. Anything outside the container that is not bagged will not be collected. If you have recycle, our drivers will only pick up recycle that is stored inside your container. We will not pick up anything outside your container. We will be making proactive phone calls to all of our customers and we will be posting this message to all of our City specific websites.

UPCOMING COUNCIL MEETINGS

The March 31, 2020, City Council Retreat and the April 7, 2020, City Council Study Session have both been CANCELLED.

[Council Agendas/Minutes](#)

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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