



MONROE THIS WEEK

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**Please wear
a face covering**

Help stop the spread

Thank you for reading Monroe This Week.

This week's edition provides details on the state face covering mandate and the City's distribution of face coverings, local July 4th Fireworks Laws and Tips, the formation of a new City Advisory Board, reopening plans for the Monroe Library and Sky Valley Food Bank, and local recognitions of Parks and Recreation Month and Amateur Radio 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 blue ink, appearing to read "G. Thomas".

Mayor Geoffrey Thomas

FACE COVERINGS MANDATORY IN PUBLIC PLACES

Earlier this week, Governor Jay Inslee and state Secretary of Health John Wiesman announced a statewide [mandatory face covering order](#) that goes into effect today, June 26. The order was issued in response to reports of increased cases of COVID-19 as necessary economic activity increases.

Secretary Wiesman's order requires the wearing of face coverings in public



**Facial Coverings Will Be
Mandatory Statewide**



places, including both indoor and outdoor spaces. "Washington's strategy to restart the economy and get people back to work will only be successful if, together, we act safely and follow health recommendations," Secretary Wiesman said.

CITY RECEIVES, WILL DISTRIBUTE FACE COVERINGS

Are you in need of a face covering? The state has made available to all cities an allotment of cloth face coverings to be distributed to individuals at or below 200% of the Federal Poverty Level. These face coverings are available for distribution directly to individuals or non-profit service providers. The City will be distributing face coverings to eligible recipients today, June 26, between 12:30 p.m. and 5:00 p.m. in the City Hall parking lot. For anyone unsure if they meet the eligibility requirement, a chart of the Federal Poverty Level can be found [here](#).



PLAN TO CELEBRATE JULY 4TH SAFELY AND LEGALLY

As we all make plans to celebrate the upcoming July 4th holiday, the City of Monroe encourages all residents to celebrate safely and legally. Legal fireworks may be discharged in the City on July 4th ONLY between 9:00 a.m. and 11:59 p.m. Fireworks sales may start in the City on July 1 and go through July 4th, during the hours of 9:00 a.m. to 11:00 p.m. daily. Please keep your pets indoors to keep them safe and from running-off. For further details on the City's Fireworks Laws and Tips, and for links to additional resources, please visit the City's [website](#).



CITY ANNOUNCES FORMATION OF COMMUNITY HUMAN SERVICES ADVISORY BOARD

The City of Monroe is announcing the formation of the Community Human Services Advisory Board (CHSAB). Approved by the City Council at its June 23 meeting, the CHSAB will provide the City with non-binding recommendations of how to respond not only to those experiencing homelessness, but also to those at risk of becoming homeless, those who are living in poverty, those who are adversely affected by crisis, and those in marginalized communities. The City is currently seeking members for the CHSAB, which will consist of 11 voting members representing a cross section of local residents, businesses, faith communities, and services providers. For further details and to download the membership application, please visit the [CHSAB website](#).



MONROE LIBRARY BEGINS CONTACT-FREE SERVICES

The Monroe Library has announced the launch of contact-free physical pick-up and return of library materials. Library users may utilize the Sno-Isle Libraries catalog and other online services to browse and reserve library materials. When reserved materials are ready, users will visit the branch at which they reserved materials and initiate the contact-free pick-up process by calling the branch. Designated crates outside library branches and outside book drops are available to allow for contact-free returns. For full details on contact-free services and additional information, including branch hours and locations, visit the Sno-Isle Libraries [website](#).



REMINDER: FOOD BANK FACILITY REOPENING NEXT WEDNESDAY

As I shared in last week's edition of [Monroe This Week](#), The Sky Valley Food Bank will reopen its facility and resume direct public service next Wednesday, July 1. The Food Bank will implement an open market shopping style, mostly outside, so appropriate dress and umbrellas on rainy days are encouraged. Service hours will be Mondays between 9:00 a.m. and 11:30 a.m., and Wednesdays between 4:00 p.m. and 6:00 p.m. To maintain social distancing, appointments are required and can be made [online](#). The Food Bank maintains a [Frequently Asked Questions](#) section on its website detailing social distancing guidelines and other details of the open market.



CITY RECOGNIZES JULY AS PARKS AND RECREATION MONTH

Today I have issued a [Proclamation](#) recognizing the month of July as Parks and Recreation Month in the City of Monroe. Parks and recreation programs are an integral part of communities throughout the country, including here in Monroe. Our parks and recreation programs are a vital component of our community's quality of life and in building and maintaining a healthy and active community. I encourage Monroe residents, businesses and visitors to read the full text of the Proclamation, and to seek out parks facilities and recreation programs in our community.



CITY CELEBRATES AMATEUR RADIO WEEK

On Monday, June 22, I issued a [Proclamation](#) recognizing this week, June 22-26, as Amateur Radio Week. Amateur Radio Operators are celebrating over a century of the miracle of broadcasting the human voice over the airwaves. The amateur radio station is a critical communications link in the event of disaster; amateur radio operators provide situational awareness to emergency managers during and after a disaster, and have demonstrated their value in public assistance by providing free radio communications for positive community and charitable events. I encourage Monroe residents and businesses to read the full text of the Proclamation, to learn more about the American Radio Relay League - the largest organization for amateur radio in the United States - and to thank Amateur Radio Operators for their service.



UPCOMING CITY COUNCIL MEETING SCHEDULE

The previously scheduled June 30 Special Meeting and the July 7 Regular Meeting of the City Council have both been CANCELLED.

The next meeting of the City Council will be a Regular Business Meeting on July 14. 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](#)

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Contact them at councilmembers@monroewa.gov

