



# MONROE THIS WEEK

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*No More Stigma  
No More Shame  
#OverdoseAware*

## National OVERDOSE AWARENESS Day

*Thank you for reading Monroe This Week.*

*This week's edition provides details on a leadership certification awarded to Councilmember Kevin Hanford, the launch of the 2020 Monroe Business Survey, the City's Outdoor Dining permit program, the extension of the Monroe Farmer's Market, our local recognition of International Overdose Awareness Day, and ongoing opioid outreach in Snohomish County.*



*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, which appears to read "G. Thomas". The signature is stylized and fluid.

*Mayor Geoffrey Thomas*

## CITY COUNCILMEMBER KEVIN HANFORD EARNS CERTIFICATION IN MUNICIPAL LEADERSHIP

I would like to extend my warmest congratulations to Councilmember Kevin Hanford on earning his Certificate of Municipal Leadership from the Association of Washington Cities. This certificate represents Councilmember Hanford's commitment and dedication to serving in our community, and a commitment to broadening his knowledge in municipal leadership. In achieving this certification, Councilmember Hanford completed over 30 hours of training credits in four core areas:



- Roles, responsibilities, and legal requirements
- Public sector resource management
- Community planning and development
- Effective local leadership

Thank you, Councilmember Hanford, for making this a priority, and thank you also for all the thoughtful work you do in representing our community!

The City issued a [press release](#) earlier this week with additional details on the Councilmember's accomplishment.

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## CITY LAUNCHES 2020 MONROE BUSINESS SURVEY

The City of Monroe has launched the 2020 Monroe Business Survey. Open to Monroe business owners and managers, participation this year is more important than ever. Businesses and residents are facing unprecedented challenges brought on by COVID-19, such as shut downs, drop in consumer demand, travel restrictions, and more; the survey helps zero in on the impacts of these issues. Survey results will assist the City Council and myself to craft policies and programs aimed at relief and support. The survey will take approximately 25 to 30 minutes to complete. If you are a local business owner or manager, please [take the survey](#) today!



## OUTDOOR DINING PERMITS AVAILABLE

Local restaurants can now use private parking areas for outdoor dining. In response to these trying times and the economic impacts caused by COVID-19, the City has passed a temporary ordinance to allow parking lots to be used for outdoor dining. Not everyone is comfortable dining inside just yet, so this program provides local restaurants an opportunity to welcome all patrons, and



for patrons to still enjoy their favorite restaurant. This also allows eating and drinking establishments throughout Monroe to expand their capacity for serving dine-in customers during phases 2 and 3 of Governor Inslee's Safe Start Washington plan for reopening businesses. The City is continuing to think of creative ways to support the local business community and hopes this opportunity will be beneficial. To find out more about the outdoor dining option or to apply for a permit, please contact the Community Development Department at [Landuse@MonroeWA.gov](mailto:Landuse@MonroeWA.gov).

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## MONROE FARMERS MARKET EXTENDS DATES

The [Monroe Chamber of Commerce](#) recently announced that the [Monroe Farmers Market](#) has been extended to September 30. If you haven't been out to the market yet, now is the time. There are beautiful flowers, crafts of all types, delicious food and desserts, cooking gear, local olive oil and honey, plus so much more. Hosted in the Galaxy Theatres parking lot, there's plenty of area to maintain social distancing, which is a requirement for the Market to operate.



You can also visit our City of Monroe booth. Throughout the summer, members of our Police Department have been there on a weekly basis. Earlier this summer, the department's Community Outreach Team of Officer Justin Springer and Social Worker Elisa Delgado staffed the booth, and Community Service Officer Gaby Escalante joined them to share information on car seat regulations. Last month, detectives gave away about 20 steering wheel clubs to help combat vehicle theft, and members of the City's Parks Department joined with some fun giveaways. Stop by and say hi to our Police Officers and City staff!



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## CITY RECOGNIZES INTERNATIONAL OVERDOSE AWARENESS DAY

[International Overdose Awareness Day](#) is a global event held on August 31 each year which aims to raise awareness of overdose and reduce the stigma of drug-related death. It also acknowledges the grief felt by families and friends remembering those who have died or had a permanent injury as a result of drug overdose. Thousands of people each year, from all walks of life, die from drug overdose. International Overdose Awareness Day is intended to help empower communities to take meaningful action to combat the problem. Its aim is to raise awareness about overdose, while highlighting



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the fact that overdose death is preventable. This week I issued a [Proclamation](#) recognizing this critical day, which encourages recovery from addiction and educates the public about this epidemic.

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## OPIOID OUTREACH CONTINUES IN SNOHOMISH COUNTY

Even with an all-hands response to the COVID-19 pandemic, [Snohomish County](#), the [Snohomish Health District](#), and other partners continue to move forward with work focused on opioid use prevention, treatment, and recovery. The Snohomish County [Opioid Response Multi-Agency Coordination \(MAC\) Group](#) has launched



the [Opioid Data Portal](#) to document the changes our communities are facing due to the opioid epidemic. The portal includes information on:

- Overdoses and deaths
- Community impacts
- Treatment and recovery
- Usage and prescribing practices

The Snohomish County Medical Examiner's Office has also launched the [Drug Overdose Dashboard](#), which compiles data from partnering agencies, and is updated quarterly. This interactive dashboard allows users to generate reports by date of death, decedent age, drug type and class.

In May 2019, the Health District received a grant from the Department of Health and Human Services' Health Resources and Services Administration (HRSA). This funding was through the Rural Communities Opioid Response Program (RCORP), specifically focused on planning. The program is part of a multi-year opioid-focused effort by HRSA for improving access to and recruitment of new substance use disorder providers, and building sustainable treatment resources, among other goals. All activities supported by this program must exclusively target populations residing in HRSA-designated rural counties, or rural census tracts in urban counties. In the Sky Valley, the eligible census tracts are in parts of southeast Monroe, as well as Sultan, Gold Bar, and Index. The first deliverable for the grant was to create a consortium with signed memorandums of understanding with partners, which EvergreenHealth Monroe Recovery Center, Monroe Community Coalition, Sea Mar Community Health Center – Monroe Behavioral Health Clinic, and Sno-Isle Libraries are members.

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## UPCOMING CITY COUNCIL MEETING SCHEDULE

The September 1, 2020 City Council Study Session Meeting has been CANCELLED.

The Council will meet next in a Regular Business Meeting on Tuesday, September 8, 2020 at 7:00 p.m. via the Zoom remote meeting platform. Participation information will be posted with the September 8 agenda, which can be accessed, once posted, by clicking the button below.

## CITY COUNCIL MEMBERS



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