



MONROE THIS WEEK

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Thank you for reading Monroe This Week.

This week's edition provides details on the City's 2021 projected revenues, the Lewis Street and Lake Tye Park Silly Walk Zones, a new utility services suspension policy for extended vacancies, new remote printing services offered by the Monroe Library, the Downtown Trick-or-Treat event, and our local recognition of Cyber Security Awareness Month.



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, which appears to read "G. Thomas".

Mayor Geoffrey Thomas

CITY RELEASES 2021 PROJECTED REVENUE PACKET

Earlier this week the City released its [2021 Projected Revenue Packet](#). This packet outlines the City's proposed revenue projections for the fiscal year 2021, which are used in establishing the City's

annual budget. Total projected new revenue for the City in 2021 is \$48,416,864. Inclusive of beginning fund balances and transfers, the City projects total revenue for the year of \$95,756,180. These revenues are used to support and fund city services, including our wonderful park facilities, community and economic development efforts, human service programs, and public safety services.

These revenue projections are included in the Mayor's Recommended Budget, which will be available to the public and presented to the City Council at its Regular Business Meeting on October 13, 2020. A public hearing will be held during that meeting, and members of the public will have the opportunity to offer comment on the revenue projections and recommended budget. The public hearing will be held via the Zoom remote meeting platform:

Zoom link: <https://us02web.zoom.us/j/89536855135>

Call in: (253) 215-8782

Meeting ID: 895 3685 5135



LEWIS STREET AND LAKE TYE PARK BECOME SILLY WALK ZONES

2020 has been a trying year across our country and globe. As we continue to meet the challenges of this year, the Monroe Chamber of Commerce is working to bring some much needed smiles and giggles to our community. To further this effort, a section of Lewis Street in downtown has been designated as a "Silly Walk Zone". Visitors to the area are encouraged to break out their best moves, and to share them with the Chamber on its [Facebook page](#) for a chance to be featured. A Silly Walk Zone is also located at Lake Tye Park. In addition to sharing videos of themselves silly-walking, residents are encouraged to utilize the Chamber's Facebook page to suggest other areas in Monroe for future Silly Walk Zones.



CITY ESTABLISHES UTILITY SERVICE SUSPENSION EXTENDED VACANCY POLICY

Earlier this summer, the City was contacted by a resident who is currently deployed overseas on military reserve duty. This resident's property will remain vacant for the duration of their deployment, and they requested a utility service suspension for the duration of that period. At the time of this request, Monroe Municipal Code only provided for a vacancy credit of up to 90 days.



At my direction, City staff brought the request to the attention of the City Council at its September 8, 2020 Regular Business Meeting. Council provided feedback that an accommodation should be made for deployed military personnel. Responding quickly to this request, the City Council approved an ordinance at its [September 22, 2020 Regular Business Meeting](#) establishing a Utility Service Suspension - Extended Vacancy policy. Upon submission to the City Finance Director of a copy of the relevant deployment order, utility service shall be suspended at the resident's property for a period of time corresponding to the deployment dates. Any consumption

on the account during monthly meter readings will immediately reinstate the account and prior vacancy suspensions would be back billed. With any questions or for more information on this new policy, please contact Finance Director Becky Hasart at BHasart@MonroeWA.gov.

I would to extend my sincere thanks to all Monroe military personnel for their service, and to the City Council and City Staff for their prompt action on this code revision!

LIBRARY OFFERING REMOTE PRINTING SERVICE

The Monroe branch of the Sno-Isle Library has recently added remote printing to its contact-free services. With this new service, library patrons will receive a weekly credit of \$7.00 for printing. Library patrons may utilize the online [Remote Printing Portal](#) to submit print jobs. Printing can be in black and white or color; black and white prints are charged at 10-cents per page and color prints are charged at 50-cents per page. Visit the Library's [remote printing page](#) for more information on this new service, and the [contact-free services page](#) for more information of the full range of services currently offered by the Library.



CHAMBER ANNOUNCES ANNUAL DOWNTOWN TRICK-OR-TREAT

The Monroe Chamber of Commerce has announced it will hold its annual downtown Trick-or-Treat on Saturday, October 31. Scheduled for 3:00 to 6:00 p.m., this annual event provides an opportunity for our little ones to safely and responsibly trick-or-treat. Masks are required and social distancing guidelines must be followed. Free masks will be available at the Visitor Center, a handwashing station will be available onsite, and complimentary hand sanitizer will be offered by participating businesses.

There will be a mask and costume contest, with first place earning a \$50 gift card from our local businesses. Voting will take place on the Chamber's [Facebook page](#), so be sure to check there on Halloween afternoon!



CITY RECOGNIZES OCTOBER AS CYBER SECURITY AWARENESS MONTH

Yesterday, October 1, 2020, I issued a [Proclamation](#) recognizing the month of October as Cyber Security Awareness Month in the City of Monroe. As a City, we recognize the vital role that technology plays in our daily lives and in our future. More and more, critical infrastructure sectors are increasingly reliant on information systems and technology to support financial services, energy, telecommunications, transportation, utilities, health care, and emergency response systems. National Cyber Security Awareness month is a national effort to raise awareness about cyber security among all digital citizens; the 2020 theme is "Do Your Part. #BeCyberSmart". I encourage all residents to read the full text of the Proclamation, to learn about cyber security, and to put that knowledge into practice in our homes, schools, workplaces, and businesses.



UPCOMING CITY COUNCIL MEETING SCHEDULE

The City Council will meet in a Study Session Meeting on Tuesday, October 6, 2020. The meeting will be held via the Zoom remote meeting platform and participation information will be posted with the October 6 agenda, which can be accessed by clicking the button below.

[Council Agendas/Minutes](#)

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