



# MONROE THIS WEEK

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*Thank you for reading Monroe This Week.*

*This week's edition provides details on the upcoming*

2020 Monroe Business Survey deadline, a meeting of the Monroe Salary Commission, a public hearing to consider an emergency revision to the City's zoning districts, a tool to track your ballot, the Monroe School District's distance learning survey and free meal program expansion, the opening of the Sky Valley Cold Weather Shelter, and next week's Monroe Community Senior Center Drive-Thru Lunch event.



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, appearing to read "G. Thomas".

Mayor Geoffrey Thomas

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## DEADLINE APPROACHING: TAKE THE 2020 MONROE BUSINESS SURVEY TODAY

The October 31 deadline for the Monroe Business Survey is fast approaching. If you are a local business owner or manager, please [take the survey](#) today!

Monroe business owners and managers are encouraged to participate in the 2020 Survey; this year, participation 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. Results will be published on the [City's website](#) following completion of the survey. No personal or contact

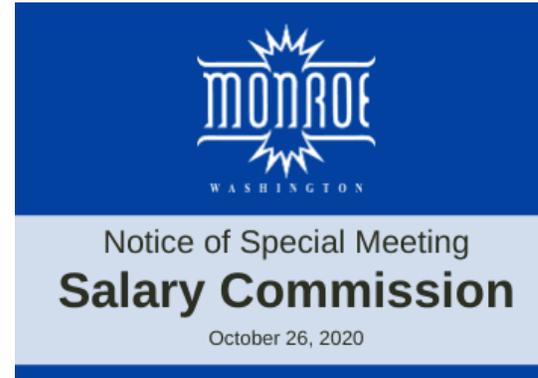


information will be included in the published results, and all response data is protected. For questions about the survey or how response data is protected, please contact James Palmer, Economic Development Specialist, at [JPalmer@MonroeWA.gov](mailto:JPalmer@MonroeWA.gov).

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## SALARY COMMISSION MEETING SCHEDULED

The City has issued [notice](#) that a special meeting of the [Monroe Salary Commission](#) will be held on Monday, October 26 at 5:00 p.m. to discuss, and possibly take action to establish, the salary of the Mayor and City Councilmembers. As required by Chapter 35.21.015 of the Revised Code of Washington and Chapter 2.24.060 of the Monroe Municipal Code, the Salary Commission shall review and establish the salaries of Monroe elected officials.



A public comment period will be available during the meeting, and anyone may provide public testimony during that period. Written comments can also be submitted by emailing Tyler Christian, Management Analyst, at [TChristian@MonroeWA.gov](mailto:TChristian@MonroeWA.gov), and must be received prior to the meeting. Tyler can also be contacted for additional information via email, or by phone at (425) 754-6106.

The public hearing will be held via the Zoom remote meeting platform:

Zoom Link:

<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/87247148438pwd=MEdtWk5LOTkremJxcUxJaHFJVmJEUT09>

Call in: (253) 215-8782

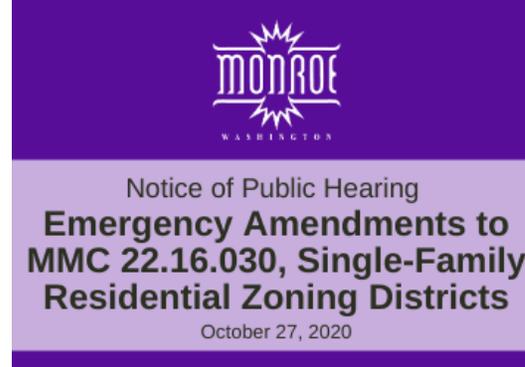
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## PUBLIC HEARING SCHEDULED TO CONSIDER INTERIM ZONING AMENDMENTS

The City has issued [notice](#) that a Public

Hearing will be held at approximately 7:00 p.m. on Tuesday, October 27, during the City Council Business Meeting, to consider an emergency amendment to the Single-Family Residential Zoning Districts. This hearing will consider a City Staff proposal to allow community food services as a conditionally allowed use in the R7 zone. In 2015, the City adopted its current Comprehensive Plan, which designated the parcel containing the Sky Valley Food Bank as medium density residential. The proposed emergency amendment would designate the Food Bank as a conforming use, and allow for City Staff in 2021 to perform a thorough evaluation regarding community food services in relation to the City's various zoning districts, and to revisit the comprehensive plan and zoning designations.



A public comment period will be available during the public hearing, and anyone may provide public testimony during that period. Written comments can also be submitted by emailing Becky Hasart, Finance Director/City Clerk, at [BHasart@MonroeWA.gov](mailto:BHasart@MonroeWA.gov), and must be received prior to the public hearing. For additional information on the proposed amendments, please contact Ben Swanson, Community Development Director, at (360) 863-4544, or by email at [BSwanson@MonroeWA.gov](mailto:BSwanson@MonroeWA.gov).

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  
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## WANT TO TRACK YOUR BALLOT?

The Snohomish County Auditor's [Elections & Voter Registration Division](#) administers primary and general elections, and handles the voter registration process for

Snohomish County voters. On the division's website, Snohomish County residents can find information about important dates, issues on the ballot, and



election results beginning on the November 3 election day. Additionally, voters can also [track their ballot](#), to ensure it has been received, and if it has been accepted or has an identified issue.

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## SCHOOL DISTRICT SEEKING DISTANCE LEARNING FEEDBACK

The [Monroe School District](#) is seeking feedback from its students and families regarding their experiences this fall with distance learning. Recognizing that the distance learning experience can vary by student, families are asked to complete one survey response per student currently attending school in the District. The survey is [available online](#), and the deadline for completion is Monday, October 26 at 5:00 p.m.



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## SCHOOL DISTRICT EXPANDS FREE MEAL PROGRAM

This week, the [Monroe School District](#) announced the expansion of its free meal program to include an option for a free, pre-order, weekly meal kit. Starting October 28, free meal kits will be distributed every Wednesday.



Meal kits will be available by placing a pre-order only, with a weekly order deadline of 8:00 a.m. the Friday preceding the pick-up week. Meals will be available for pick-up between 4:00 and 6:00 p.m. each Wednesday at Monroe High School: 17001 Tester Road. Each kit will include five days worth of breakfasts and five days worth of lunches. Each meal will include a fruit, vegetable, and milk. Milk will be provided in 1/2 gallon plus two 8-ounce cartons. Weekly meal kits can be pre-ordered [online](#).

Free meals will continue to be provided at all elementary schools and Monroe High School daily between 11:30 a.m. and 1:30 p.m. It is important to note that families eligible for the free meal program will have the choice between weekly

meal kits or free on-site meals.

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## SKY VALLEY COLD WEATHER SHELTER OPENS TONIGHT

The Sky Valley Cold Weather Shelter will open this evening at 8:30 p.m. in the 4H Building at the Evergreen State Fair Park. Doors will open at 8:30 p.m., and will lock for the evening at 9:30 p.m. Managed

by [Volunteers of America Western Washington](#), the Shelter is made possible by a group of dedicated local volunteers working together to provide a warm place for residents experiencing homelessness to stay inside when the outside nights are freezing. The Shelter will serve the communities of Monroe, Snohomish, and Sultan through March 15, 2020.



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## MONROE COMMUNITY SENIOR CENTER DRIVE-THRU LUNCH NEXT FRIDAY

Next Friday, October 30, is an opportunity to both support the [Monroe Community Senior Center](#), and have a wonderful meal.

The Center is hosting a Drive-Thru Lunch event, open to the public. The menu includes Bratwurst with Sauerkraut and Peppers, Bavarian Potato Salad, and Apple Strudel. In celebration of Halloween,

attendees are encouraged to wear costumes, and candy will be served. Please call the Senior Center at (360) 794-6359 to reserve your space. A \$3.00 donation is suggested.



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## UPCOMING CITY COUNCIL MEETING SCHEDULE

The City Council will meet in a Regular Business Meeting on Tuesday, October 27, 2020. The meeting will be held via the Zoom remote meeting platform and

participation information will be posted with the October 27 agenda, which can be accessed by clicking the button below.

Council Agendas/Minutes

## CITY COUNCIL MEMBERS



Councilmember  
Patsy Cudaback

Councilmember  
Kevin Hanford

Councilmember  
Ed Davis



Councilmember  
Jason Gamble



Councilmember  
Jeff Rasmussen



Councilmember  
Kirk Scarboro



Councilmember  
Heather Rousey

Have a question for your Councilmembers?  
Contact them at [councilmembers@monroewa.gov](mailto:councilmembers@monroewa.gov)

