



MONROE THIS WEEK

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Thank you for reading Monroe This Week.

This week's edition provides details on two new rent and mortgage relief programs, a Bloodworks Northwest Pop-up Donation Center coming to our community, Veterans Day Commemorations here in Monroe, our local recognition of Police and Fire Appreciation Week, tomorrow's Downtown Holiday Walk event, and a Monroe Garden Club beautification project at the Monroe Community Senior Center.



Please contact me with any and all feedback regarding the articles below. I can be reached at GThomas@MonroeWA.gov.

Yours in Service,



Mayor Geoffrey Thomas

APPLICATIONS FOR RENT AND MORTGAGE RELIEF PROGRAMS OPEN MONDAY

Earlier this week, the City of Monroe executed contracts with the [Monroe Chamber of Commerce](#) and [Take the Next Step](#) to manage rent and mortgage relief programs on behalf of the City. The Chamber will manage a program available to local businesses, and Take the Next Step will manage a program available to residents; \$40,000 has been allocated to each program.



For the business assistance program, eligible recipients will be local businesses that were in operation and occupying commercial space in Monroe prior to March 23, 2020, and experienced a revenue reduction of at least 25% in the months of April through June of this year compared to the same period last year. Applicants will submit a company-prepared Profit and Loss Statement for each period with their application.

For the resident assistance program, eligible recipients will be families whose combined household income does not exceed 80% of the Median Income Benchmark for the Seattle-Bellevue area. Applicants will submit a Self-Attestation of Eligibility form with their application.

Under each program, eligible applicants will also submit a signed Landlord/Mortgage Holder Verification Form, in which the landlord or mortgage holder agrees to accept funds from the applicable program, and to not seek eviction of their tenant for at least one month beyond the expiration of government-issued eviction moratoriums. Funds awarded will be for rent or mortgages in arrears between April 1 and October 31, 2020, and will be four (4) months of the recipient's rent or mortgage (depending on program and funding limitations), or the amount the recipient is actually in arrears, whichever is less; payments will be issued directly to the recipient's landlord or mortgage holder.

Funds for both programs will be awarded to eligible recipients on a first-come, first-served basis. Applications for each program will be accepted through Monday, November 30, or until funds are expended, so applicants are encouraged to submit their application as soon as possible.

For more information on these programs, please contact:

- For the business assistance program: Monroe Chamber of Commerce, (360) 794-5488.
- For the resident assistance program: Take the Next Step, (360) 794-1022.

I extend my sincere thanks and appreciation to the Chamber of Commerce and Take the Next Step for facilitating these programs on behalf of the City.

TWO POP-UP BLOOD DONATION EVENTS SCHEDULED

Bloodworks Northwest will be hosting a Pop-up Blood Donation Center in Monroe, with two donation opportunities. Scheduled



for November 23rd and 28th, the Pop-up Donation Center will be situated at the Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-Day Saints, located at 17332 Tester Road.

As we enter the holiday season, blood donations are critical to ensure a safe supply level and avoid chronic shortages. Bloodworks Northwest has recently seen an increase in usage, but a decrease in donations and donors showing up for scheduled donations. In the past month, hospital transfusion needs have increased more than 8%, which is the equivalent of approximately 300 units per week.

In order to ensure social distancing, appointments will be required, and no persons under 16 years of age will be permitted onsite. A flyer with all pertinent details can be accessed [here](#), and donation appointments can be made [online](#).

VETERANS DAY COMMEMORATIONS IN MONROE

This past Wednesday, November 11, was the annual Veterans Day holiday. I would like to recognize and thank the Tualco Grange No. 284, the Pilchuck District Scouts BSA Troop 148, and the numerous community volunteers for lining Main and Lewis Streets with American Flags in honor of those who have served our country in military service.

As I shared in last week's edition of [Monroe This Week](#), at the Tuesday, November 10 Monroe City Council meeting, I officially issued a [Proclamation](#) recognizing Veterans Day here in Monroe.



Due to the COVID-19 pandemic, there was not a public ceremony this year. As I shared in last week's edition, I privately laid a wreath at the Veterans Memorial

Monument at Lake Tye. As Mayor, I encouraged the Monroe community this Veterans Day to recognize the fortitude and sacrifice of our veterans through private thoughts and reflections. To all our veterans and their families, I extend my sincere thanks.



CITY RECOGNIZES POLICE AND FIRE APPRECIATION WEEK

This week I issued a [Proclamation](#) recognizing November 15 through November 21 as Police and Fire Appreciation Week. The personnel of the Monroe Police Department and Snohomish Regional Fire and Rescue keep our community safe by increasing public awareness of methods for crime and fire prevention. These devoted first responders risk their lives for the lives of others, and selflessly run towards danger as we run for safety. Through hard work and commitment, they do their jobs well and without fanfare, which sometimes make us forget the dangers they face. As a symbol of our community's gratitude for their exceptional public service, we dedicate next week to our local police and fire safety professionals.



DOWNTOWN HOLIDAY WALK THIS SATURDAY

The [Monroe Chamber of Commerce](#) is hosting a [Downtown Holiday Walk](#) event tomorrow, Saturday, November 14, in Historic Downtown. Scheduled for 10:00 a.m. to 2:00 p.m., this event is intended to provide shoppers the opportunity to safely and responsibly shop and support their favorite local businesses, while enjoying a variety of pop-up shops featuring holiday gifts. Shoppers are invited to grab a free tote bag, facial coverings, and hot cocoa at the Visitor Center, to enjoy cookies from the shops on Main Street, and to get their holiday shopping done early.



Shoppers are asked to please wear facial coverings and remain six feet apart.

GARDEN CLUB REJUVENATES SENIOR CENTER PLANTS

As featured in the Everett Herald, our local [Monroe Garden Club](#) recently completed a project to

rejuvenate several planters for the [Monroe Community Senior Center](#). Totalling seven in all, the large concrete planters at the entrance of the Senior Center were previously empty. Garden Club members donated the money, plants, and labor for the project. As part of their efforts, volunteers replaced soil and planted perennials that should bloom for years to come; one of beautiful outcomes is pictured at right. I join Jacob McGee, Executive Director of the Senior Center, in extending sincere thanks to the Garden Club for their hard work, and the donation of their time and talent to help beautify our community.



UPCOMING CITY COUNCIL MEETING SCHEDULE

The City Council will meet in a Study Session and Business Meeting on Tuesday, November 17, 2020. The meeting will be held via the Zoom remote meeting platform and participation information will be posted with the November 17 agenda, which can be accessed by clicking the button below.

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