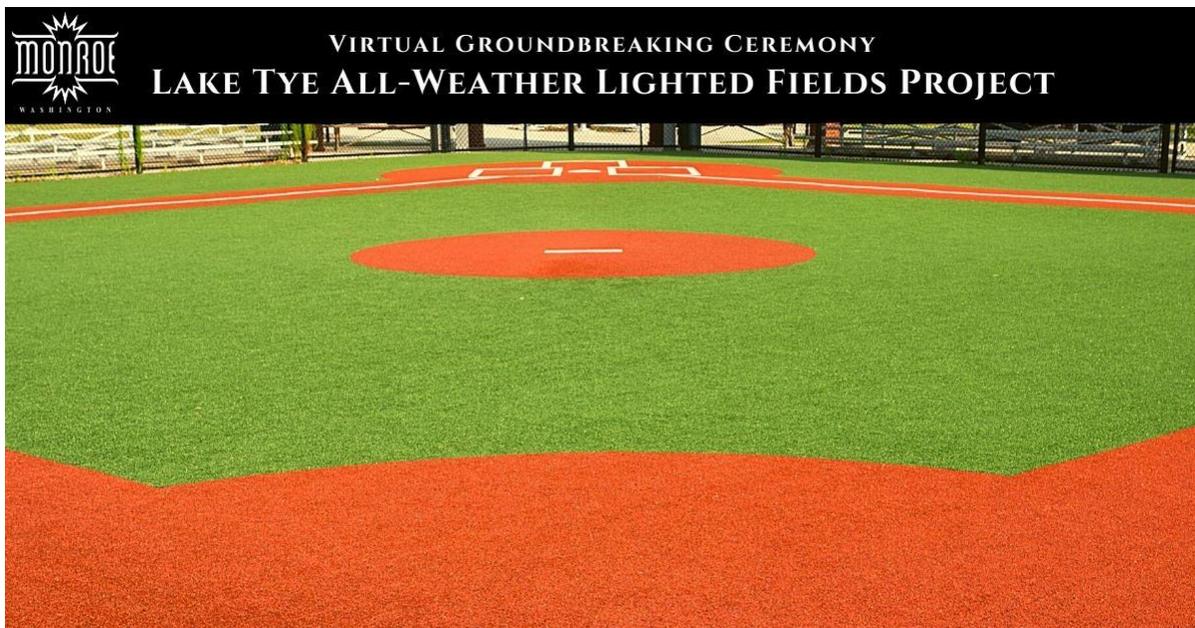




MONROE THIS WEEK

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Thank you for reading Monroe This Week.

This week's edition includes details on new business grant programs available locally and through the state, the virtual ground-breaking event for the Lake Tye Park all-weather fields project, a Hope for the Holidays event scheduled for next Sunday, a recap of the recent Bloodworks Northwest Pop-up Donation Center, and a reminder about the availability of the Sky Valley Cold Weather Shelter.



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

CHAMBER ACCEPTING APPLICATIONS FOR BUSINESS GRANTS

On Tuesday, December 1, the City announced a partnership with the Monroe Chamber of Commerce for a third round of the Small Business Relief Grant. The Chamber will administer this round, receiving all applications and issuing grant payments. The City has allocated



\$40,000 to this grant program, to assist businesses with expenses incurred between March 1, 2020 and November 30, 2020. Grants are anticipated to be awarded between \$1,000 and \$5,000. Applications are due by 3:30 p.m. on December 15.

Yesterday, December 3, the City announced a partnership with Snohomish County and the Monroe Chamber of Commerce on the Small Business Relief Supplemental Grant. Snohomish County has allocated \$112,696 from its own CARES Act allocation to this program. Eligible businesses will primarily be those that have NOT previously received a grant from the City. Any remaining balance may be distributed to previous recipients for any unfunded amount up to \$5,000. Prior recipients of City grants need not apply again; any such awards may be issued on the merits of the previous application. Previous recipients of County-issued grants are not eligible for awards through this Supplemental Grant. Applications are due by 3:30 p.m. on December 17.

Additional information and application packets for these grants are available on the Chamber of Commerce's [website](#). If you have questions about either grant or the application packet, please contact Janelle Drews at the Monroe Chamber of Commerce at (360) 794-5488 or Director@ChooseMonroe.com. You may also contact City of Monroe Management Analyst Rich Huebner at (360) 722-1684 or RHuebner@MonroeWA.gov.

GOVERNOR DEDICATES \$70 MILLION FOR TWO STATE GRANT PROGRAMS

Governor Jay Inslee has announced an allocation of \$70 million for two state grant programs. \$50 million has been allocated to a third round of the Working Washington Small

Business grant program. In this third round, grants of up to \$20,000 will be issued, prioritized for small businesses with annual revenues of \$5 million or less in 2019, and:



Working Washington 3

- Businesses in the sectors that are most impacted by the recent public health measures or sectors that have experienced significant, cumulative impacts; examples include:
 - Full-service restaurants
 - Fitness centers
 - Bowling alleys
 - Music and event venues

Certain nonprofits may also be eligible if they have a primary business activity that falls into a similar category as noted above, such as a nonprofit full-service restaurant or nonprofit music venue. The Working Washington grant is administered by the state Department of Commerce; if Commerce is able to fund all the eligible applicants from the priority pool, and funds remain, grants may be issued to additional businesses or nonprofits from other sectors or which have annual revenues larger than \$5 million.

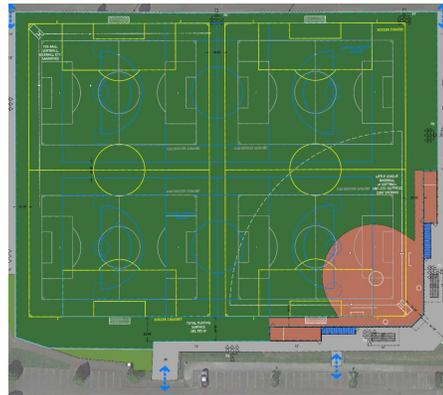
Additionally, \$20 million has been allocated for grants to qualified businesses that applied in earlier rounds to Commerce's resiliency grant program.

More information and the application portal can be found on Commerce's [website](#).

JOIN US FOR THE LAKE TYE PARK ALL WEATHER FIELD PROJECT VIRTUAL GROUNDBREAKING

Join us virtually on the City of Monroe Facebook page as we celebrate moving forward to the construction phase of the Lake Tye Park All-Weather Fields Project.

This community high-priority parks capital project will renovate two natural grass, single sport-use, unlighted fields, originally built in 1996. Upon project completion, two all-synthetic, lighted multipurpose fields will be available, permitting year-round extended competitive play and practice for baseball, softball, soccer, lacrosse, football and rugby. It will improve the capacity, diversity of use, and accessibility of two fields at our signature community park. The event will be streamed live on the City of Monroe's Facebook event page on Thursday, December 10 at 2:00pm. You can participate by joining the live video [here](#).



HOPE FOR THE HOLIDAYS EVENT NEXT SUNDAY

Stars Unlimited, a Monroe-based nonprofit agency, will be hosting a [Hope for the Holidays](#) event next Sunday, December 13 from 4:00 p.m. to 6:00 p.m. This free event is open to all those in need this holiday season. Attendees will receive a catered to-go meal, a care package, toys, and a free socially-distanced Santa photo. Santa will be behind a window, and families can great creative with their photos.



Hope for the Holidays will take place at the Song River Banquet & Event Center. Stars Unlimited is working with the Snohomish Health District to ensure a safe environment for all. Social distancing will be observed, and attendees are reminded to wear a facial covering. Complimentary facial coverings will be provided to those who do not own one.

POP-UP BLOOD DONATION EVENT A SUCCESS

As I mentioned in a recent edition of [Monroe This Week](#), Bloodworks Northwest recently hosted a Pop-up Blood Donation Center in Monroe on November 23rd and 28th. Over the course of the two days, 72 donors, including 8 first-time donors, donated blood. In all, 60 units of blood was collected, which will impact 180 lives. Bloodworks Northwest provides 95% of the blood to our region, so these donations will impact patients locally. Bloodworks Northwest expresses sincere thanks to the Monroe community for their support of the Pop-up Donation Center. A monthly Pop-up is being planned, so watch for event announcements in future editions of *Monroe This Week*.



YOUR IMPACT IS HUGE:

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60 UNITS OF BLOOD COLLECTED

8 FIRST TIME DONORS

180 LIVES IMPACTED

REMINDER: SKY VALLEY COLD WEATHER SHELTER AT EVERGREEN STATE FAIR PARK

As I shared in a recent edition of [Monroe This Week](#), the Sky Valley Cold Weather Shelter has opened

for the season. Hosted in the 4H Building at the Evergreen State Fair Park, the Shelter opens at 8:30 p.m. on evenings in which the temperature is forecasted below 34 degrees. 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. Flyers are available with details on accessing the shelter both for those [with a vehicle](#) and those in [need of transportation](#).

Sky Valley Cold Weather Shelter
2020/2021
 Evergreen State Fairground
 4H Building
 14405 179th Ave SE, Monroe, WA 98272

UPCOMING CITY COUNCIL MEETING SCHEDULE

The City Council will meet in a Regular Business Meeting on Tuesday, December 8, 2020. The meeting will be held via the Zoom remote meeting platform and participation information is posted with the December 8 agenda, which can be accessed below.

The December 8 meeting is the last City Council meeting of 2020. The City Council will next meeting in a Regular Business Meeting on Tuesday, January 12, 2021.

Council Agendas/Minutes

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