



MONROE THIS WEEK

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Thank you for reading Monroe This Week.

This week's edition includes details on the re-opening of the Paycheck Protection Program (PPP), COVID-19 vaccine availability and distribution phases, the City's active recruitment for a City Clerk and other open positions, the City's adoption of new Codes, a Monroe High School alum participating in a national competition, and an upcoming drive-thru food drive with a unique twist.



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

PAYCHECK PROTECTION PROGRAM ACCEPTING NEW APPLICATIONS

On Tuesday, January 19, the Paycheck Protection Program (PPP) re-opened to all lenders accepting PPP applications. Eligible small businesses can now submit PPP applications to any such lender. Administered by the [Small Business Administration](#), the PPP provides loans to help businesses keep their workforce employed during the ongoing COVID-19 pandemic. SBA is currently offering:



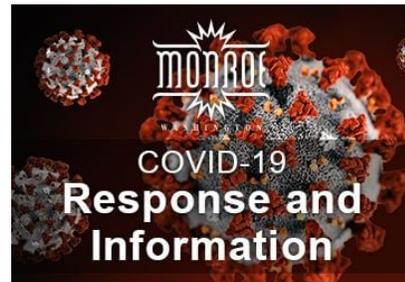
- First Draw PPP Loans for first time program participants
- Second Draw PPP Loans for certain businesses who have previously received a PPP loan

Business owners can visit the [PPP webpage](#) for additional program information, to find a participating lender, and to apply.

COVID-19 VACCINATIONS AVAILABLE TO SNOHOMISH COUNTY RESIDENTS IN TIERS 1A AND 1B1

COVID-19 vaccinations are currently being offered to Snohomish County residents in tiers 1A and 1B1. Persons in tier 1A are those who are:

- Workers in health care settings
- High-risk first responders
- Residents and staff of nursing homes, assisted living facilities, and other community-based, congregate living settings where most individuals over 65 years of age are receiving care, supervision, or assistance

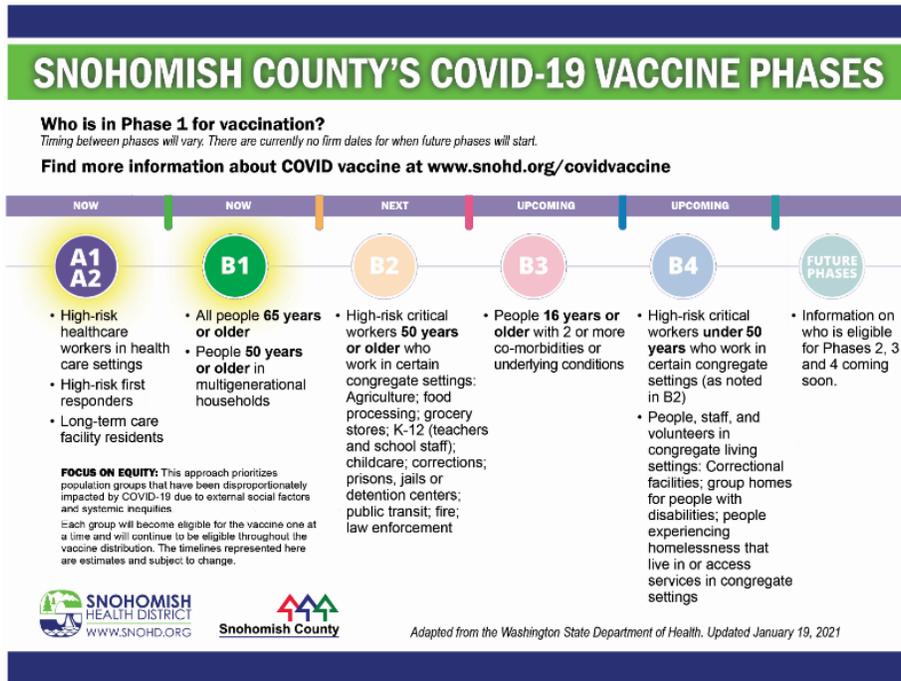


Persons in tier 1B1 are:

- All people 65 years or older
- People 50 years or older who live in multigenerational households (2 or more generations)
 - Example: An older adult who cannot live alone and is being cared for by a relative or in-home caregiver, or an older adult who shares the home with a grandchild.

If you are a member of these groups and have not been vaccinated, please contact your primary care doctor, or the Snohomish Health District either by email at COVIDVaccine@snohd.org or by phone at (425) 339-5278.

If you do not fall within one of the above tiers, you will be eligible in a future phase. You can find what phase you are in using the online [Phase Finder](#). A chart of the phases can also be found below.



CITY RECRUITING FOR CITY CLERK, TWO OTHER POSITIONS

The City of Monroe recently announced that it is recruiting for a City Clerk. This position will perform administrative duties of the City Clerk’s office, act as Public Records Officer and administer the City’s records management program, serve as the City’s official parliamentarian, and provide executive support to myself as Mayor.



Additionally, the City is actively recruiting for a Senior Parks Planner and a Lateral Police Officer. Prospective applicants are invited to review these [job openings](#) and apply online.

CITY ADOPTS NEW CODES

The City of Monroe has adopted the 2018 Codes with local amendments that will be implemented on February 1, 2021. Permit applications submitted on and after that date will need to comply with the 2018 Codes. We will be accepting complete applications under the 2015 Codes until January

31, 2021. For questions or assistance, feel free to contact the Permit Center at (360) 863-4501 or building@monroewa.gov.



The new codes adopted by the City are the 2018 editions of:

- The International Building Code
- The International Residential Code
- The International Existing Building Code
- The International Mechanical Code
- The International Energy Conservation Code
- The International Fuel Gas Code
- The Uniform Plumbing Code
- The International Fire Code
- The International Property Maintenance Code
- The International Swimming Pool and Spa Code

MONROE HIGH SCHOOL GRADUATE A CONTESTANT ON AMERICAN IDOL

Monroe High School graduate Benson Boone is competing on the musical competition series [American Idol](#). The upcoming 19th season will begin airing on Sunday, February 14, 2021. Benson has made it to the "Hollywood Round" of the competition. While it's too soon to start planning on voting for contestants, we can all watch and support Benson as he represents our community. Set your DVR's today!



EVERGREEN SPEEDWAY HOSTING DRIVE-THRU FOOD DRIVE

Next month, area residents will have the opportunity to support the [Sky Valley Food Bank](#) and take a spin on the [Evergreen Speedway](#) racetrack! On February 13, 2021, [Ragnarok's Garage](#) is sponsoring a drive-thru food drive from 9:00 a.m. to 12:00 p.m. at the Speedway. Any food donation comes with the opportunity to drive your car through the Auto X Course. On-track participants will be required to sign a liability waiver before driving on the track surface. Most requested items from food bank patrons are:

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| • Canned vegetables and fruits | • Toilet paper |
| • Peanut butter and jelly | • Paper towels |
| • Tuna and canned meats | • Feminine hygiene products |
| • Canned soups, stews and chili | • Diapers and baby wipes |
| • Canned tomatoes, paste, and sauce | • Dish and laundry soap |
| • Canned beans (all types) | • Shampoo and conditioner |
| | • Bath soap |

- Oatmeal and cereal
- Pasta and rice
- Masa corn flour
- Toothpaste
- Deodorant
- Gift cards



UPCOMING CITY COUNCIL MEETING SCHEDULE

The City Council will meet in a Regular Business Meeting on Tuesday, January 26, 2021. The meeting will be held via the Zoom remote meeting platform and participation information will be posted with the January 26 agenda, which can be accessed by clicking the button below.

Council Agendas/Minutes

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