



# MONROE THIS WEEK

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## Healthy Washington Phases by Region



*Thank you for reading Monroe This Week.*

*This week's edition includes details on our local recognition of National Black History Month, the Puget Sound Region's advancement to Phase 2 of Healthy Washington, support for the proposed Forward Washington transportation funding package, a Motorcycle Police Officer struck by a vehicle, two new police officers sworn in, and a resource for up-to-date Coronavirus information.*



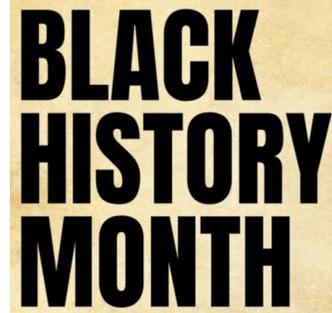
*Please contact me with any and all feedback regarding the articles below. I can be reached at [GThomas@MonroeWA.gov](mailto:GThomas@MonroeWA.gov).*

*Yours in Service,*

Mayor Geoffrey Thomas

## CITY RECOGNIZES NATIONAL BLACK HISTORY MONTH

At the January 26, 2021 Regular Business Meeting of the Monroe City Council, I formally issued a [Proclamation](#) recognizing the month of February as National Black History Month. Work toward an official recognition of Black and African American history began in 1926 by Carter G. Woodson. Using the foundation laid by Woodson, Black United Students and Black educators at Kent State University founded Black History Month in 1970; beginning in 1976, every president has declared the month of February as "Black History Month". Black and African Americans have made innumerable contributions that have enriched America and indeed the lives of every American, while experiencing and enduring the inhumanity of injustices and inequities, not just from societal and institutional biases and racism rooted in white supremacy, but also from other Americans. As Mayor, I call upon each of us, with humility and love for one another, to take action for true reforms in ourselves, our community, our culture, and our institutions.



Monroe resident Junelle Lewis and her family joined us virtually in the meeting to sing "Lift Every Voice". Thank you, Junelle and Lewis family, for your moving performance!

I invite you to read the full text of the Proclamation, and to actively support the abolishment of injustice and inequities that Black and African Americans still experience and endure today.

## PUGET SOUND REGION MOVING MONDAY TO PHASE 2

Yesterday, Governor Jay Inslee announced that the Puget Sound Region, consisting of Snohomish, King, and Pierce counties, including the City of Monroe, will move on Monday into Phase 2 in the Healthy Washington -- Roadmap to Recovery. In Phase 2, indoor dining is available at 25% capacity, and low and moderate risk sports competitions are permitted.

In announcing this move, Governor Inslee also [announced](#) that regions will now be eligible to advance phases by meeting three of the four, rather than all four, of the metrics I shared in a recent edition of [Monroe This Week](#). The first graphic below shows which three metrics the Puget Sound Region is currently meeting.

Graphics below provide further details on Phase 2 guidelines. More information will be shared leading into Monday. Please watch for updates on the City's [Facebook page](#) and [website](#).

**PATH TO PHASE 2** Roadmap to Recovery 3 Things You Should Know

**#1: We need to meet three of these metrics.**

Trend in 14-day rate of new COVID-19 cases per 100K population:	↑
Trend in 14-day rate of new COVID-19 hospital admissions per 100K population:	↓
Average 7-day percent occupancy of ICU staffed beds:	↓
7-day percent positive of COVID-19 tests:	↓

Our region will be evaluated for progress every other week.

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**#2: Phase 2 means more options for indoor dining and activities.**

- ✓ Restaurants open at 25% indoor capacity.
- ✓ Theaters may open at 25% indoor capacity.
- ✓ Indoor sports and fitness will move to new guidelines based on activity and risk.

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**#3: Phase 2 does NOT mean we stop following good sense guidelines.**

- Wear a mask.
- Wash your hands.
- Get vaccinated when it is your phase.
- Keep socially distant.
- Avoid crowds.

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## CITY SUPPORTS PROPOSED FORWARD WASHINGTON TRANSPORTATION FUNDING

Yesterday, January 28, I provided testimony at a state Senate Transportation Committee virtual hearing on the proposed Forward Washington transportation funding package. Within *Forward Washington* are numerous projects and initiatives that are important to our environment and to communities across our state. For the City of Monroe, and the Skykomish and Snoqualmie Valley communities, the transportation improvements to SR-522 and US-2 are critical. They are critical for the mobility of people and freight between our communities and the I-405 and I-5 corridors; they are critical for emergency response within our fire district and for getting students to and from school within the Monroe School District; and they are critical to connect the communities in the I-405 and I-5 corridors to Eastern



Washington. In my testimony, I shared the support of the Monroe community, City Council, and myself for *Forward Washington*.

## **POLICE MOTORCYCLE OFFICER STRUCK BY DUI DRIVER**

This week, a Monroe motorcycle police officer was rear-ended by a vehicle while traveling on US-2 near Lewis Street. Officer Javier Patton was taken to EvergreenHealth Monroe, treated for his injuries, and released to recuperate at home. The causing driver was arrested by the Washington State Patrol for driving under the influence. This is a sobering reminder of the consequences of drinking and driving. Officer Patton has received an outpouring of well wishes, cards, and support from our residents. The Monroe City Council and I are thankful for the response from the police and fire departments, public works, and surrounding agencies.



## **MONROE WELCOMES TWO NEW POLICE OFFICERS**

The City of Monroe welcomed two new officers in a swearing in ceremony on Wednesday, January 27. Our Municipal Court Judge, the Honorable Jessica Ness, administered the Oaths of Police Officer to Officer Kaitlin Fisher and Officer Travis Munguia.

Officer Fisher joined the department on January 11, 2021. She graduated from the Basic Law Enforcement Academy on October 23, 2017 and began her law enforcement career with the Duvall Police Department before her lateral transfer to the Monroe Police Department.

Officer Travis Munguia started his career with the Monroe Police Department in March of 2020 as an entry level recruit. He graduated from the Basic Law Enforcement Academy on January 26, 2021. Prior to coming to the department, Travis served in the United States Air Force and Air National Guard.

Unable to attend the swearing-in ceremony, colleagues of Officer Javier Patton shared this message to his new colleagues: "I was intending to go to the swearing in of our new officers because that is a very important thing. Please apologize to Officer Fisher and Officer Munguia for me not being there, and, pass on a message I wanted to tell them personally: Remember the Oath they swore in front of their families, coworkers and the People. In times of doubt, fear, or weakness, remember their oath, and it will get them through with honor."

I welcome Officer Fisher and Officer Munguia to the City of Monroe, and thank them for their service.



Officer Kaitlin Fisher



Officer Travis Munguia

## SNOHOMISH HEALTH DISTRICT PROVIDES UP-TO-DATE CORONAVIRUS INFORMATION

Are you looking for the latest information and status of COVID-19? The Snohomish Health District is tracking COVID-19 carefully and working with all communities in the County to reduce its impacts.



The Health District maintains a dedicated website with information and resources to help you stay informed and prepared. This webpage includes details on case counts and data, drive-thru testing locations, and vaccine distribution, as well as links to resources for businesses and residents alike. Click the graphic below to visit the COVID-19 information page.

**COVID-19 INFORMATION**  
**425-339-5278**  
 Mon.-Fri. 8:30 a.m. - 4:30 p.m.

**CLICK HERE FOR**

- Health information
- News and announcements
- Case counts and data
- Guidance and more

## UPCOMING CITY COUNCIL MEETING SCHEDULE

The City Council will meet in a Regular Study Session Meeting on Tuesday, February 2, 2021. The meeting will be held via the Zoom remote meeting platform and participation information will be posted with the February 2 agenda, which can be accessed by clicking the button below.

[Council Agendas/Minutes](#)

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