



# MONROE THIS WEEK

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*Thank you for reading Monroe This Week.*

*This week's edition includes details on Groundhog Day 2021, limited in-person services offered by the Monroe Community Senior Center, progress of COVID-19 vaccination distribution in Snohomish County, the election of Chairperson for two City Council legislative committees, the reopening of the Monroe Historical Museum, and the completion of the Rotary Field netting installation project.*



*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

## PUNXSUTAWNEY PHIL PREDICTS SIX MORE WEEKS OF WINTER

On Tuesday, February 4, Punxsutawney Phil emerged from his burrow to perform his annual duty. Seeing his shadow, Phil predicted six more weeks of wintery weather. As the tradition of Groundhog Day says, if Phil had not seen his shadow, that would have meant spring was coming early.



The tradition of Groundhog Day at Punxsutawney, Pennsylvania dates back to 1887. While the COVID-19 pandemic turned the event mostly virtual this year, the annual festival was still held, with members of Phil's Inner Circle physically present. Cardboard cutouts, purchased by over 150 festivals fans and featuring pictures of themselves sporting Groundhog Day apparel, were placed across the Punxsutawney hillside; a livestream of the event registered over 15,000 views.

## SENIOR CENTER OFFERING IN-PERSON SERVICES BY APPOINTMENT

The [Monroe Community Senior Center](#) (MCSC) is offering limited in-person services by appointment. Services currently available include:

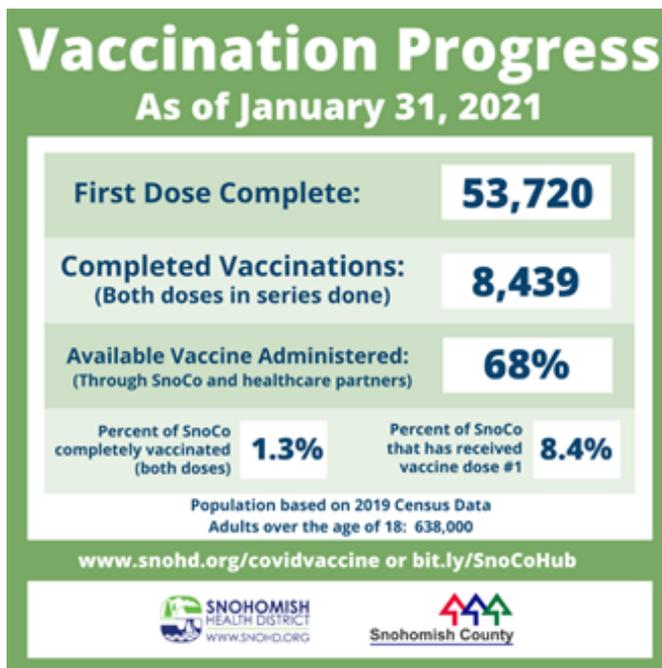
- Foot Care
- Haircuts
- Teeth Cleaning
- Tech Help
- 2-1-1 Assistance
- Hearing Clinic
- Reflexology
- AARP Tax Aid
- Legal Help
- Notary Services

In addition to these services, sack lunches are available at 12:00 noon Monday thru Friday at the MCSC front door; the Thrift Store is also open Monday thru Friday from 10:00 a.m. to 2:00 p.m., and is accepting donations. To schedule an appointment for any of the above services, or to schedule transportation to the grocery store, doctor, or pharmacy, please call the MCSC at (360) 794-6359.



## FIRST VACCINE DOSE ADMINISTERED TO MORE THAN 53,000 COUNTY RESIDENTS

As of January 31, 2021, more than 53,000 Snohomish County residents have received at least the first dose of the COVID-19 vaccination. As reported by the Snohomish Health District, 53,720 first doses were administered in January, with an additional 8,439 second doses administered. Demand for the vaccine has been high, with 88% of available first doses administered. Visit the Health District's [COVID Vaccine Info webpage](#) for more data and to determine your eligibility phase for the vaccine.



## 2021 CHAIRPERSONS ELECTED FOR TWO CITY COUNCIL COMMITTEES

As I shared in a recent edition of *Monroe This Week*, at its January 12, 2021 Regular Business Meeting, the Monroe City Council confirmed members to its four legislative committees for 2021. On January 19 and January 26, the Transportation/Planning, Parks & Recreation, and Public Works (P3) Committee and the Public Safety Committee held their first meetings of the year. Councilmember Heather Rousey was elected Chairperson of the P3 Committee, and Councilmember Ed Davis was elected Chairperson of the Public Safety Committee; both committees also approved their respective 2021 work plans. I thank Councilmembers Rousey and Davis for agreeing to serve as Chairperson of these committees, and all seven Councilmembers for their



service to our community. Chairpersons of the Legislative Affairs Committee and the Finance and Human Resources Committee will be elected at their meetings on February 9 and February 16.

## MONROE HISTORICAL MUSEUM REOPENS SATURDAY

Tomorrow, Saturday, February 6, the Monroe Historical Museum reopens. Featuring the elements instrumental to the settlement of Monroe, the Museum will be open between 12:00 noon and 3:00 p.m. Due to the small space of the museum building, visitors will be limited to five at a time, facial coverings will be required, and the standard COVID-19 guidelines will be followed. Admission is free of charge, but donations are greatly appreciated.



## ROTARY FIELD NETTING INSTALLATION PROJECT COMPLETED

In December 2020, the Parks Department completed the installation of new netting at Rotary Field. Funded through the Parks Capital Improvement fund, this new 20-foot-high netting will protect the adjacent parking lot. The contracted company, All City Fence Company, installed 200 lineal feet of netting, which will protect vehicles from potential damage from batted balls. I



would like to thank the dedicated professionals of the Parks Department and All City Fence Company for seeing this project through to completion!

## UPCOMING CITY COUNCIL MEETING SCHEDULE

The City Council will meet in a Regular Business Meeting on Tuesday, February 9, 2021. The meeting will be held via the Zoom remote meeting platform and participation information will be posted with the February 9 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  
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