



# MONROE THIS WEEK

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*Thank you for reading Monroe This Week.*

*This week's edition includes details on a Senior Center COVID-19 vaccination assistance program, tips to spot vaccination scams, the latest vaccination distribution statistics, Benson Boone on his way to Hollywood, a Monroe DECA fundraiser benefitting the Sky Valley Food Bank, the election of Chairpersons for the four City Council legislative committees, and a reminder of next week's Public Hearing.*



*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

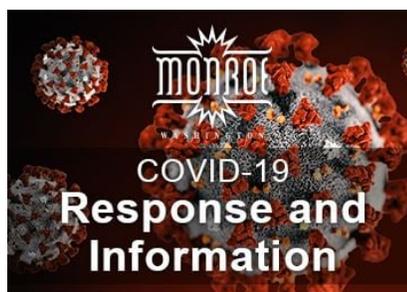
## SENIOR CENTER OFFERING ASSISTANCE TO SENIORS IN NEED OF VACCINE

The [Monroe Community Senior Center](#) is partnering with [Pharm-A-Save Monroe](#) to compile a list of seniors in our community, age 65+, who are in need of their **first** COVID-19 vaccine shot. Efforts are underway to establish a vaccination clinic at the Senior Center, and those on the list will be contacted when that clinic becomes available. To get on the list, please contact the Senior Center either by phone at (360) 794-6359, or by email at [programs@mcsc.org](mailto:programs@mcsc.org).



## BEWARE OF COVID-19 VACCINATION SCAMS

As area residents are eager to be vaccinated against COVID-19, [Snohomish County](#) and the [Snohomish Health District](#) have issued a warning to beware of potential vaccination scams. Importantly, please remember that you should not be asked to pay out of pocket to reserve a COVID-19 vaccine or make an appointment. Below is a graphic from the County and Health District with other important factors to help spot a vaccine scam.





# WARNING:

## LEARN TO SPOT VACCINATION SCAMS

- COVID-19 vaccines are available at healthcare providers, pharmacies and mass vaccination sites in Snohomish County.
- There are no pre-payments required to "get in line" for vaccinations.
- Vaccines are NOT available for purchase online.
- You cannot pay for early access.
- Vaccines must be administered by licensed medical professionals.
- You should not be charged for your vaccine.
- If you have questions, please contact the COVID call center at 425-339-5278.

*Turn to your doctor, clinic, or other reliable sources if you are uncertain whether a message or email about COVID vaccine is legitimate.*



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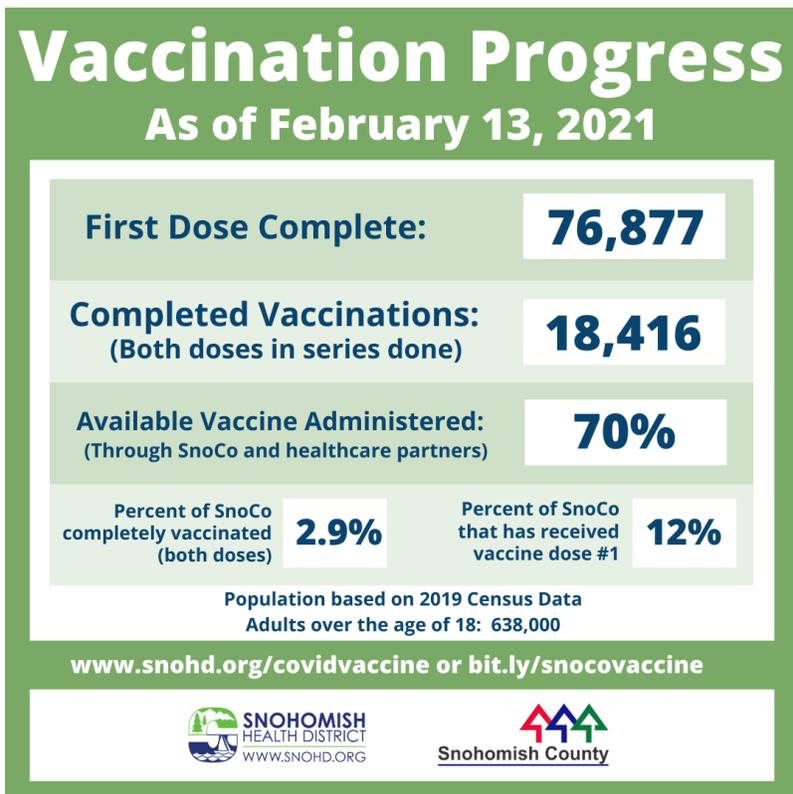
## COVID-19 VACCINE DISTRIBUTION UPDATE

As of February 13, 2021, more than 76,000 Snohomish County residents have received at least the first dose of the COVID-19 vaccination, and over 18,000 have received the second dose.



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HEALTH DISTRICT

As reported by the Snohomish Health District, 70% of available doses have been administered. Visit the Health District's [COVID Vaccine Info webpage](#) for more data and to determine your eligibility phase for the vaccine.



## MONROE HIGH SCHOOL ALUM BENSON BOONE ON HIS WAY TO HOLLYWOOD

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## MONROE DECA RAISING FUNDS TO SUPPORT SKY VALLEY FOOD BANK

Next Thursday, February 25, Monroe High School DECA will be hosting a fundraiser benefitting the [Sky Valley Food Bank](#). Hosted at and in conjunction with [Monroe Pizza and Pints](#), proceeds from sales will directly benefit the Food Bank. In addition to pizza, salads and baked pastas will also be available for purchase.

DECA is a nationwide career and technical student organization that prepares emerging leaders and entrepreneurs in marketing, finance, hospitality, and management.



## CHAIRPERSONS ELECTED FOR ALL FOUR CITY COUNCIL COMMITTEES

On February 9, 2021, the City Council's Legislative Affairs Committee elected Councilmember Kevin Hanford as Chairperson for 2021. Councilmember Hanford joins the previously elected chairs of the Finance/HR Committee (Councilmember Jason Gamble), the Transportation/Planning, Parks & Recreation, and Public Works (P3) Committee (Councilmember Heather Rousey), and the Public Safety Committee (Councilmember Ed Davis).



As I shared in a recent edition of [Monroe This Week](#), these four [Council Committees](#) formulate policy recommendations and gather policy information for the City Council in order to provide for more efficient and effective use of City Council meeting time. The memberships of the four committees are:

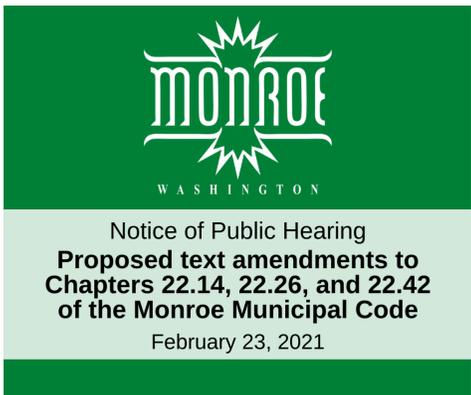
- Finance and Human Resources Committee
  - Councilmembers Cudaback, Gamble (Chair), and Scarboro
- Legislative Affairs Committee
  - Councilmembers Davis, Hanford (Chair), and Scarboro
- Public Safety Committee
  - Councilmembers Cudaback, Davis (Chair), and Rousey
- Transportation/Planning, Parks & Recreation, and Public Works (P3) Committee
  - Councilmembers Davis, Rasmussen, and Rousey (Chair)

I thank all seven Councilmembers for their continued service to the Monroe community, and their willingness to serve on these committees.

## PUBLIC HEARING TAKING PLACE TUESDAY NIGHT

As I shared in last week's edition of [Monroe This Week](#), the City will be holding a public hearing this Tuesday, February 23, 2021, at approximately 7:00 p.m., during the City Council Meeting. The purpose of

this public hearing is to consider proposed text amendments to Chapters 22.14, 22.26, and 22.42 of the Monroe Municipal Code. The proposed amendments, if enacted, would revise the Monroe Zoning Map and the North Kelsey Development Plan Design Guidelines to allow stand-alone multi-family residential development.



A public comment period will be available during the public hearing, and anyone may provide public testimony during that period. Written comments can also be submitted by emailing Becky Hasart, Finance Director/Interim City Clerk, at [BHasart@MonroeWA.gov](mailto:BHasart@MonroeWA.gov), and must be received prior to the public hearing. For additional information, please contact the Community Development Department at (360) 863-4501.

## UPCOMING CITY COUNCIL MEETING SCHEDULE

The City Council will meet in a Regular Business Meeting on Tuesday, February 23, 2021. The meeting will be held via the Zoom remote meeting platform and participation information will be posted with the February 23 agenda, which can be accessed by clicking the button below.

### Council Agendas/Minutes

## CITY COUNCIL MEMBERS



Councilmember  
Patsy Cudaback



Councilmember  
Kevin Hanford



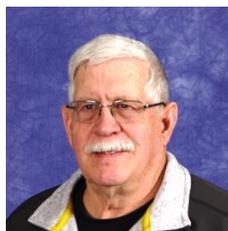
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Have a question for your Councilmembers?  
Contact them at [councilmembers@monroewa.gov](mailto:councilmembers@monroewa.gov)



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