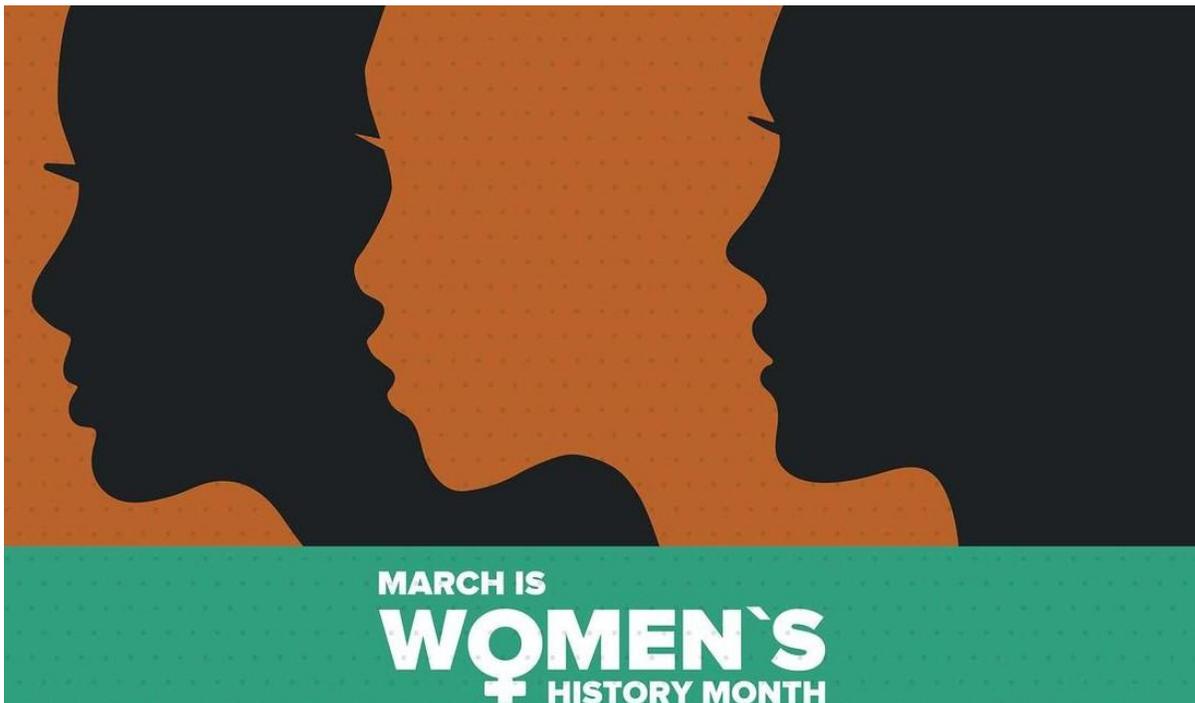




MONROE THIS WEEK

February 26, 2021 • Volume 7/Edition 8



Thank you for reading Monroe This Week.

This week's edition includes details on our local recognition of Women's History Month and International Women's Day, the City seeking volunteers for a Hospitality Task Force, an upcoming virtual shred event hosted by the Washington State Recycling Association, the 2021 return of the Monroe Farmers Market, local and national recognitions of the over 500,000 lives lost to COVID-19, and the cancellation of the March 2 City Council meeting.



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

CITY RECOGNIZES WOMEN'S HISTORY MONTH AND INTERNATIONAL WOMEN'S DAY

At the **February 23, 2021** City Council Regular Business Meeting, I issued a **Proclamation** recognizing the month of March as **Women's History Month**, and March 8 as **International Women's Day**. In 1987 Congress designated the month of March as Women's History Month, to honor women's contributions through history. International Women's Day is dedicated to the global celebration of women's achievements, the recognition of biases against women, and a call for action for equality, equity, inclusion, and justice for women everywhere. Here in Monroe, women serve in our community in many places including in businesses, nonprofits, and government, and I am thankful for the contributions of each of the women working for the City of Monroe, including the following women in leadership roles: Councilmember Patsy Cudaback, Councilmember and Mayor Pro Tem Heather Rousey, Judge Jessica Ness, City Administrator Deborah Knight, Finance Director Becky Hasart, Court Administrator Pam Haley, and Administrative Bureau Director Debbie Willis. I encourage all residents to read the full text of the Proclamation, and I call upon everyone to listen to women's voices, to genuinely honor the inherent value of every woman, and to take actions to remove inequities, unjust rules, and cultural norms that limit women from realizing the blessings of liberty in all its forms as men can.



CITY SEEKING HOSPITALITY PROFESSIONALS FOR VOLUNTEER TASK FORCE

As we are hopefully seeing the light at the end of the tunnel of the COVID-19 pandemic, the City is giving careful consideration to what recovery will look like in Monroe. Economic forecasts are predicting a surge of travel once people begin to move and mingle again. An increase in day trips and weekend getaways bodes well for Monroe, which has long benefited from travelers who traverse Highway 2 on their way to and from the Cascades and surrounding areas. One aspect of our recovery strategy is to get more travelers off Highway 2 and into the Downtown hospitality district. While not detracting from the hardships all businesses have faced, the hospitality sector has been one of the most



severely affected. As we attempt to bolster this sector, we are asking for restauranteurs, brewers, wine tasting rooms, and other hospitality business owners/managers to come together in a Hospitality Task Force to work together on this strategy. If you would like to participate, please contact Economic Development Specialist James Palmer either by phone at (360) 631-0050, or by email at JPalmer@MonroeWA.gov.

TO SHRED OR NOT TO SHRED?

Did you know you can't put shredded paper in your recycling cart? Have you ever wondered what you should do with shredded paper, and what shredding companies do with it? Get answers to these questions and more at a virtual Washington Recycles Every Day (WRED)



shred event hosted by the Washington State Recycling Association. Coinciding with National Consumer Protection week and tax season, the event is scheduled for Wednesday, March 3 from 9:30 to 11:00 a.m. The Washington State Attorney General's Office will present on which documents should be shredded and common misconceptions about sensitive material, while Shred-It and paper mill NorPac will trace what happens next: how shredded paper is recycled into paper plates, napkins, and other everyday products and the challenges they face. This live online event will be free to all, but registration is required to attend and limited to 500 attendees. [Register online](#) today!

FARMERS MARKET RETURNS THIS SUMMER

Earlier this week, the Monroe Chamber of Commerce officially announced the return of the Monroe Farmers Market this summer. Slated to open on May 26 and run through September 1, the Monroe Farmers Market will again feature fresh produce, artisan products, and arts and crafts. The market will take place weekly on Wednesdays from 2:30 to 7:00 p.m in the Galaxy Theatres parking lot. Applications are currently be accepted [online](#) for 2021 vendors.



CITY HONORS THE LIVES LOST TO COVID-19

This week, flags across our nation have flown at half-staff in honor of the over 500,000 Americans who have died from the COVID-19 virus. Here in Monroe, we joined in solidarity by lowering flags to half-staff at all City facilities, including City Hall, the Monroe Police Department, on Main Street, and in our local parks. In this solemn week, we reflect on their loss and on their loved ones left behind, so that we as a Nation can begin to heal and find renewed purpose.



MARCH 2 CITY COUNCIL MEETING CANCELLED

Earlier this week, the City issued [notice](#) that the March 2, 2021 Regular Study Session Meeting of the Monroe City Council has been cancelled. The next scheduled meeting of the City Council is a Regular Business meeting on Tuesday, March 9 at 7:00 p.m. Please feel free to contact the City at (360) 794-7400 for any additional information. The City Council's 2021 Meeting Schedule is available on the [City website](#).



UPCOMING CITY COUNCIL MEETING SCHEDULE

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

Councilmember
Heather Rousey

Have a question for your Councilmembers?
Contact them at councilmembers@monroewa.gov



City of Monroe | (360) 794-7400 | 806 West Main Street, Monroe, WA 98272

[Unsubscribe {recipient's email}](#)

[Update Profile](#) | [Customer Contact Data Notice](#)

Sent by rhuebner@monroewa.gov powered by



Try email marketing for free today!