



# MONROE THIS WEEK

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## AMERICAN RESCUE PLAN ACT OF 2021

*Thank you for reading Monroe This Week.*

*This week's edition includes details on Round 4 of the Working Washington Small Business Emergency Grants, American Rescue Plan Act funds dedicated to restaurants and bars, a vacancy on the Monroe Civil Service Commission, the relocation of 65 young trees to Miracle League Field, an update on week 3 of the Lake Tye Park All Weather Lighted Fields project, the cancellation of the 2021 Community Easter Egg Hunt, and the Monroe School District Incoming 6th Grade Information Nights.*



*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*

## WORKING WASHINGTON GRANT ROUND 4 ANNOUNCED

This week, the state Department of Commerce announced Round 4 of the Working Washington Small Business

Emergency Grant. Throughout 2020, the state connected small businesses with more than \$125 million in grants to address the economic impact of COVID-19; this effort continues with the new round. The application portal is scheduled to open March 29.

## WORKING WASHINGTON SMALL BUSINESS EMERGENCY GRANTS

Working Washington Round 4 offers grant relief funds to small for-profit businesses, especially those that were required to close due to public health and safety measures. Priorities for funding are:

- Businesses required to close.
- Businesses with lost revenue as a result of closure.
- Businesses with added expenses to maintain safe operations.
- Equitable distribution of grant funds across the state and to businesses owned and operated by historically disadvantaged individuals.

[Frequently asked questions](#) are posted online, as is information about [eligibility](#) and [required documentation](#). To sign up for an email notification when the application portal opens, visit the [Round 4 webpage](#).

## AMERICAN RESCUE PLAN ACT PROVIDING DEDICATED FUNDING FOR RESTAURANTS AND BARS

Last Thursday, March 11, the American Rescue Plan Act was signed into law. Recognizing the impact that the COVID-19 pandemic has had on the hospitality industry, the legislation includes \$28.6 billion to be directly dedicated to restaurants and bars. Grants of up to \$5 million, or \$10 million for operations with multiple locations, will be issued to establishments in need. A recipient's eligibility amount will be determined by subtracting the applicant's 2020 sales from its 2019 revenues, with the aim of compensating them for what was lost while businesses were closed and the population was advised to stay at home; for businesses that were not open for the full 2019 year, a projected revenue amount, based on revenues recorded in the months the business was open, will be used. A provision in the bill will earmark funds especially for smaller establishments with annual revenues under \$500,000. Stay tuned for more information on how to access these funds as details are released.



## CITY ACTIVELY RECRUITING FOR A VOLUNTEER FOR CIVIL SERVICE COMMISSION

The City of Monroe is actively recruiting for one seat on the [Civil Service Commission](#). The Monroe Civil Service Commission assures that police officers are recruited through open

competition, are hired and promoted on the basis of merit, and are demoted, suspended, or discharged for cause; it oversees civil service examinations and certifies eligibility lists. Meetings are held on the third Monday of each month at 4:30 p.m. To apply, please visit the Boards and Commissions vacancies [webpage](#); for more information, please contact Human Resources Director Ben Warthan at [BWarthan@MonroeWA.gov](mailto:BWarthan@MonroeWA.gov).



## CITY RELOCATES 65 YOUNG TREES TO MIRACLE LEAGUE FIELD

Last month, the City's Public Works Department partnered with Snohomish Conservation District's Veteran Program to relocate 65 young Douglas Fir and Western Red Cedar trees. These trees were growing within the footprint of a City managed stormwater pond, and would begin to threaten the integrity of the pond's slope structure as they matured. Douglas Fir reproduces through the seeds on its fallen cones, and Western Red Cedar is able to reproduce in the same way, as well as through the rooting of its fallen limbs; it's likely that the trees were the result of wind-blown seedlings. In an effort to utilize the trees, which are a highly valued restoration resource, a small work party was coordinated to transport the trees to Miracle League Field. The trees were planted in a riparian area adjacent to the Skykomish River, where they can help to provide shade and habitat to wildlife as they continue to mature. To learn more about Snohomish Conservation District's Veteran Program, please visit the program [webpage](#).



## LAKE TYE PARK ALL WEATHER LIGHTED FIELDS PROJECT UPDATE

We've entered into week 3 of the Lake Tye Park All Weather Lighted Fields project, and it is coming along nicely. Our Parks Department staff will be taking weekly photos and video to keep the public informed about this exciting project. For more details on the project, contact information for questions, and to watch progress videos, please visit the Parks Department [webpage](#).



## 2021 COMMUNITY EASTER EGG HUNT CANCELLED

This week, the City made the sad announcement that the 2021 Community Easter egg hunt has been cancelled due to the current phase restrictions in Governor Inslee's Roadmap to Recovery. The City is very much looking forward to hosting this annual community event again next year. In place of the Community Egg Hunt, the Chamber of Commerce will be hosting a scavenger Hunt in historic downtown. We thank the Chamber and their partners for organizing a COVID-19 safe event. Watch for more details at [Choose Monroe](#). Please call (360) 863-4519 with any questions.



## MONROE SCHOOL DISTRICT SCHEDULES INCOMING 6TH GRADE INFORMATION NIGHTS

The [Monroe School District](#) is inviting all current 5th grade students and their families to Incoming 6th Grade Information Nights next week. Hidden River Middle School's event will be on Tuesday, March 23, and Park Place Middle School's event will be on Wednesday, March 24. Both events will be held virtually, at 6:00 p.m. on their respective evening; to join the Hidden River MS event, click [here](#), and to join the Park Place MS event, click [here](#).



# UPCOMING CITY COUNCIL MEETING SCHEDULE

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

Council Agendas/Minutes

## CITY COUNCIL MEMBERS



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Patsy Cudaback



Councilmember  
Kevin Hanford



Councilmember  
Ed Davis



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Jason Gamble



Councilmember  
Jeff Rasmussen



Councilmember  
Kirk Scarboro



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