



MONROE THIS WEEK

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PAYCHECK PROTECTION PROGRAM

Thank you for reading Monroe This Week.

This week's edition includes details on a temporary new look for Monroe utility bills, open positions with the City, the Sky Valley Cold Weather Shelter season review, a congressionally-approved extension of the Paycheck Protection Program, grants for shuttered performance venues, and the Downtown Easter Egg Hunt hosted by the Monroe Chamber of Commerce.



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

MONROE UTILITY BILLS HAVE TEMPORARY NEW LOOK

Due to technical difficulties with our third-party bill printer, the City of Monroe's utility bills appear different from prior bills you may have received. The four most notable differences are: the monthly water consumption information is presented differently – it is now in color in a graph format; the Salvation Army donation box is not on the bill; the online bill pay website link is not on the temporary bill; and any past due account information is not currently highlighted in red ink.



Although the link is not currently on the bill, the online payment option is unaffected and still available. Just go to www.monroewa.gov/pay to utilize this option. You can also call City Hall customer service at (360) 794-7400 to make a payment, or drop your payment into the payment drop box outside of City Hall's main entrance. Please also call customer service if you need information about any potential late payments, or you wish to make a donation to the Salvation Army Community Chest; we are more than happy to help.

The City is working with our third-party vendor to resolve this issue as quickly as possible. We apologize for any inconvenience this may cause. If you have any questions or need information not currently reflected on your bill, feel free to contact customer service; that phone number again is (360) 794-7400.

CITY ACTIVELY RECRUITING FOR CITY CLERK, POLICE COMMANDER, AND SEASONAL POSITIONS

The [City of Monroe](#) is actively recruiting for a City Clerk. This position will perform administrative duties of the City Clerk's office, act as Public Records Officer and administer the City's records management program, serve as the City's official parliamentarian, and provide executive support to myself as Mayor.



The [Monroe Police Department](#) is currently recruiting for a Commander. This position will direct, manage, supervise and coordinate the daily activities of a major division of the Police Department, assist the Chief of Police with planning and research, budget preparation, personnel issues and supervision, and coordinate assigned activities with other City departments and outside agencies.

The City is also recruiting for seasonal positions in the [Public Works](#) and [Parks](#) Departments. These positions may last for up to 5 months, and the pay rate is \$18-\$20 per hour, depending on experience. Typical duties for Parks positions include maintaining grounds and facilities to include mowing, raking, weeding, and janitorial duties. For Public Works positions, typical duties include mowing, painting, traffic control, and providing support for utility maintenance activities. Minimum qualifications: Must be at least 18 years of age. Positions require the use of City vehicles. Individuals must possess a valid Washington State driver's license and have an acceptable driving record. For more information and to apply, please visit the City's [website](#).

La Ciudad de Monroe desea contratar personal para varios puestos de trabajo de temporada en el Departamento de Obras Públicas (Public Works) y en el Departamento de Parques (Parks). La duración de los contratos de los puestos de trabajo podría ser de hasta cinco 5 meses. El pago por hora es de US\$18-20 dependiendo del nivel de experiencia. Las funciones típicas para los puestos de trabajo en el Departamento de Parques incluyen: el mantenimiento de los terrenos e instalaciones, incluyendo cortar el pasto, rastrillar, desherbar y realizar servicios de limpieza. Para los puestos de trabajo en el Departamento de Obras Públicas, las funciones típicas incluyen: cortar el pasto, pintar, controlar el tráfico y proporcionar apoyo para las actividades del mantenimiento de los servicios públicos. Requisitos mínimos: Debe tener por lo menos 18 años de edad. Estos puestos de trabajo requieren el uso de vehículos del municipio. Los candidatos deberán poseer una licencia válida de conducir del Estado de Washington y tener un expediente de conducción aceptable. Para obtener más información y para presentar una solicitud de trabajo, por favor visite [el sitio web](#) de la Ciudad.

COLD WEATHER SHELTER SEASON REVIEW

At its [March 23 meeting](#), the Monroe City Council received the 2020-2021 Cold Weather Shelter Season Review. Managed this year by [Volunteers of America Western Washington](#) (VOAWW), the Sky Valley Cold Weather Shelter was hosted at the Evergreen State Fair Park in the 4H Building. As reported by VOAWW Executive Director Lynsey Gagnon, the shelter ran from October 23, 2020 through March 15, 2021 and was open 52 nights during that period. In that time, 61 unduplicated individuals were served over a total of 281 bed nights.

SKY VALLEY COLD WEATHER SHELTER

The shelter was made possible by the efforts of VOAWW, [Take the Next Step, the City](#), [Snohomish County](#), [Medical Reserve Corps](#), [EvergreenHealth Monroe](#), and countless community groups and volunteers. I thank the team members from each of these agencies and groups for the help they provided to our residents experiencing homelessness during the cold winter months.

CONGRESS APPROVES EXTENSION OF PAYCHECK PROTECTION PROGRAM

Yesterday, March 25, the United States Senate approved a bill extending the application deadline for the Paycheck Protection Program; the bill was previously approved by the House of Representatives, with bipartisan support in both chambers, and now heads to President Joe Biden to be signed into law. Once signed, the program will be extended to May 31, 2021; the current deadline for the program is next Wednesday, March 31. Administered by the federal [Small Business Administration](#), the Paycheck Protection Program offers forgivable loans to small business to assist them in keeping their employees on payroll. Paycheck Protection Program loans are forgiven if the recipient spends at least 60% of funds on payroll expenses, and applies for forgiveness. For additional information and to find an approved lender, please visit the [Paycheck Protection Program webpage](#).



SMALL BUSINESS ADMINISTRATION OFFERING GRANTS TO SHUTTERED VENUES

The federal [Small Business Administration](#) has established a grant program to assist shuttered performance venues. The Shuttered Venue Operators Grant (SVOG) will award over \$16 billion to eligible entities, including:



U.S. Small Business Administration

- Live venue operators or promoters
- Theatrical producers
- Live performing arts organization operators
- Museum operators, zoos and aquariums
- Motion picture theater operators

To be eligible for a grant, venues must have been in operation as of February 29, 2020. For those in operation on or before January 1, 2019, grants will be for an amount equal to 45% of their 2019 gross earned revenue OR \$10 million, whichever is less. Venues that entered operation after January 1, 2019 will be eligible for a grant for the average monthly gross earned revenue for each full month in operation during 2019 multiplied by six (6) OR \$10 million, whichever is less. Grant funds may be used for specific expenses, which include payroll, rent/mortgage, utility, and debt payments. For further details, and the award schedule, visit the [SVOG webpage](#).

CHAMBER OF COMMERCE HOSTING DOWNTOWN EASTER EGG HUNT

As I shared in last week's edition of [Monroe This Week](#), the City has made the difficult decision to cancel the Community Easter Egg Hunt. To help fill the void, the Monroe Chamber of Commerce is hosting a [Downtown Easter Egg Hunt](#) next Sunday, April 4. Attendees are encouraged to visit downtown businesses to look around for sweets, treats, and prizes! The event starts at 11:00 a.m. and will run until all eggs are accounted for.



UPCOMING CITY COUNCIL MEETING SCHEDULE

There will not be a meeting of the Monroe City Council on Tuesday, March 30 as it is a 5th Tuesday, and the Tuesday, April 6 City Council Meeting is CANCELLED.

The City Council will next meet in a Regular Business Meeting on Tuesday, April 13, 2021. The meeting will be held via the Zoom remote meeting platform and participation information will be posted with the April 13 agenda, which can be accessed by clicking the button below.

[Council Agendas/Minutes](#)

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Contact them at councilmembers@monroewa.gov



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