



MONROE THIS WEEK

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Thank you for reading Monroe This Week.

This week's edition includes details on Broadband Access Week, open positions with the City, the Chain Lake Road Shared Path Extension project, expanded eligibility for the COVID-19 vaccine, a wildfire safety message from Snohomish Regional Fire & Rescue, and a reminder about this Sunday's Downtown Easter Egg Hunt.



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

BROADBAND ACCESS WEEK ENDS TODAY

Broadband Access Week concludes today, but there's still time for Monroe residents to help identify and fund gaps in broadband access. In 2019, the state legislature enacted a bill which recognized that broadband access is critical to all residents of our state, and directed three state agencies to work in collaboration to meet the goal of providing access to affordable broadband to all residents. The one-minute [Washington State Broadband Access and Speed Survey](#) will help the state identify gaps in high-speed internet service and areas of broadband infrastructure needs, and further the goal of having universal broadband access in Washington by 2024. Please take the survey today!



CITY RECRUITING FOR SEVERAL OPEN POSITIONS

In the past week, the [City of Monroe](#) has opened recruitment for the following new positions:

- Information Technology Manger. This this position will plan, organize, manage, and evaluate the information technology department, and ensure the department provides efficient and effective technical support services. 6-8 years progressively responsible experience in information technology, with at least 3 years of supervisory experience, is required.
- Waste Water Treatment Plant Operator. This position will perform work in the operation and maintenance of the Monroe Wastewater Treatment Plant (WWTP) and pump stations (PS). Prior experience in a sewage treatment plant is required, and Group II Washington State Wastewater treatment plant operator certification is preferred.
- Senior Accountant. This position performs complex accounting activities, analyzes and audits financial records for completeness and conformance to policies and procedures, and recommends policies and procedures. Six years progressively responsible experience in governmental accounting, or any equivalent combination of education and experience, is required.
- Paid internships. Interns will provide administrative support to the Executive and Human Resources Departments, city programs, and



policies pertaining to all areas of local government, with particular responsibilities in policy analysis, community outreach, strategic planning, and organizational change. We anticipate these positions to last for 12-16 weeks. Successful candidates will possess or be enrolled in a bachelor's degree program in public administration, business administration, or related field required, and have some experience with project management, and research, analysis, and development of public policy.

In addition to these, the City is actively recruiting for a City Clerk, Police Commander, Lateral Police Officer, and seasonal positions in the Parks and Public Works Departments. For more information on these positions and to apply, please visit the City's [website](#).

CHAIN LAKE ROAD SHARED PATH EXTENSION PROJECT OUT FOR BID

The Chain Lake Road Shared Path Extension project is currently at bid to begin construction in the spring of 2021. In 2017, the City received federal grant money through WSDOT to purchase additional right-of-way and design a shared path extension along Chain Lake Road ending at Brown Road. The extension provides approximately 3,000 feet of additional pathway that will match the existing sidewalk in the vicinity of Rainer View Road. The extension will provide walking and bike access to nearby retail. To follow project status updates, please visit the [project webpage](#).



VACCINE ELIGIBILITY EXPANDED TO ALL PERSONS AGE 16 AND UP

Earlier this week, Governor Jay Inslee [announced](#) that effective Thursday, April 15, COVID-19 vaccine eligibility will expand to all persons age 16 and up. Since the introduction of the vaccine, Washington has followed a tiered eligibility structure, with persons most at risk of hospitalization and death receiving the first doses. The expansion in eligibility is partly due to a recent uptick in COVID-19 cases statewide. To reduce the transmission rate, residents are encouraged to continue current health practices, such as the use of facial coverings, physical distancing, and handwashing.



SNOHOMISH REGIONAL FIRE & RESCUE REMINDS US TO PROTECT OUR COMMUNITY FROM WILDFIRES

Every year we are seeing an increase of wildfire danger, even in Snohomish County. Communities in Western Washington are not used to seeing this kind of wildfire activity. You can help Snohomish Regional Fire & Rescue by making your home and neighborhood safer from wildfires. As the weather becomes nicer, homeowners are able to get outside and clean up their yard of debris from the winter storms. You can start preparing now by creating defensible space around your home and using sound landscaping techniques. The [National Fire Protection Association](#) has more information on how to make your home safer from wildfires.



For more local information visit www.SRFR.org, or contact Public Information & Education Officer Heather Chadwick at hchadwick@snofire7.org or (360) 282-3962.

REMINDER: DOWNTOWN EASTER EGG HUNT THIS SUNDAY HOSTED BY CHAMBER OF COMMERCE

As I shared in last week's edition of [Monroe This Week](#), the Monroe Chamber of Commerce is hosting a [Downtown Easter Egg Hunt](#) on Sunday, April 4. Attendees are encouraged to visit downtown businesses to look around for sweets, treats, and prizes! 1,300 eggs will be placed throughout downtown for attendees to find. The event starts at 11:00 a.m. and will run until all eggs are accounted for.



UPCOMING CITY COUNCIL MEETING SCHEDULE

The April 6, 2020 Monroe City Council Study Session Meeting has been 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

CITY COUNCIL MEMBERS



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