



MONROE THIS WEEK

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Thank you for reading Monroe This Week.

This week's edition includes details on the American Rescue Plan Act (ARP) Applicant Workshop, the City accepting lodging tax award applications, the upcoming deadline for the 2021 Monroe Business Survey, Snohomish County Arts & Culture Grant opportunities, Ben Franklin's Founder's Day Celebration, and a summary of the February 22 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

AMERICAN RESCUE PLAN ACT APPLICANT WORKSHOP NEXT WEDNESDAY

The City of Monroe will host a virtual workshop next Wednesday, March 2, at 6:00 p.m. for prospective American Rescue Plan Act (ARP) applicants. This workshop will review the City's



ARP application, and the federal requirements for accepting funds and reporting expenses. Federal requirements include paying prevailing wage for construction work, meeting state, federal, and local purchasing requirements, and ethics laws. All applicants are encouraged to attend the workshop. Additional information and a participation link can be found [here](#).

CITY ACCEPTING LODGING TAX AWARD APPLICATIONS

The City of Monroe is accepting applications for 2022 lodging tax awards. Applications are due no later than 4:30 p.m. on Friday, April 8, 2022. For further details and to download the application, please visit [our website](#).



To be considered for funding, the request must be used for one of the following activities, as specified in [Chapter 67.28.1816](#) of the Revised Code of Washington:

- Tourism marketing;
- Marketing and operations of special events and festivals designed to attract tourists;
- Operations of tourism-related facilities owned or operated by nonprofit organizations as defined by the IRC 501(c)(3) or 501(c)(6).

Verification of nonprofit status will be required. Priority consideration will be given to applications that feature events scheduled from July 2022 through April 2023, and that promote tourism activities during the same time period.

2021 BUSINESS SURVEY DEADLINE NEXT MONDAY

The deadline for responses to the 2021 Monroe Business Survey is next Monday, February 28, 2022. If you own or operate a business in Monroe, please take the Survey! Open to Monroe business

owners and managers, your participation is very important. Businesses and residents have faced and continue to face unprecedented challenges brought on by COVID-19; the survey helps zero in on the impacts of these issues. Survey results will be presented to the City Council at its March 15, 2022 Study Session meeting and then published to the City's website. Results will assist the City Council and myself to craft policies and programs aimed at supporting local businesses. **No personal or contact information will be included in the published results, and all questions are optional.** The survey has been streamlined to focus on essential data and will take approximately 10 minutes to complete. If you are a local business owner or manager, please [take the survey](#) today!



SNOHOMISH COUNTY TO ACCEPT ARTS AND CULTURE GRANT APPLICATIONS

Applications for Snohomish County Arts and Culture Grants will open on Monday, February 28. The County's 1% for the Arts Fund will reimburse up to \$2,000 in expenses for projects completed by December 31, 2022.



Governments and 501(c)(3) non-profit agencies can apply directly for grants and/or act as required agency sponsors for applicant groups and individuals. All applicants must be over the age of 18 years old at the time of application.

Projects for underserved populations and first-time applicants will receive priority consideration. All applicant projects must fall within one of three grant categories:

- Arts Learning: support responsive learning opportunities for K-12 students
- Cultural Enrichment: support individuals, groups, and organizations that operate, produce, curate, and otherwise provide cultural arts activities, programs, and venues open to the public
- Fellowship Grants: support new, emerging, and experienced creators

Applications are due March 25, 2022. For more information, email [Annique Bennett](#) or visit the County's Arts Commission [webpage](#).

NEIGHBORS HELPING NEIGHBORS

Today and tomorrow, February 25 and 26, is Ben Franklin's Founder's Day Celebration honoring Adrian J. Taylor, Sr. This weekend you can "Round-Up" at the register and the [Sky Valley Food Bank](#) will be the recipient

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of these donations. On these days, Ben Franklin will match any cash donations up to \$100 per customer. Canned or boxed food donations will also be accepted both days. The food bank is very grateful to be chosen by their friends at [Ben Franklin Crafts and Frame Shop](#), as they have been long time supporters of many charitable organizations here in the Sky Valley. The Food Bank will also have a donation barrel at their building if you have any non-perishables you would like to donate. Please swing in, shop and donate!

FEBRUARY 22 CITY COUNCIL MEETING SUMMARY

The City Council met in a Regular Business Meeting on Tuesday, February 22. The following items were discussed and acted upon during the meeting:



Consent Agenda – Items considered routine and approved by one vote:

- Accounts Payable/ACH payments through February 16, 2022
- City Council Meeting Minutes for February 8, 2022
- January 2022 Payroll
- Ordinance 003/2022 granting a five-year non-exclusive telecommunications franchise to Astound Broadband, LLC
- Acceptance of Woods Creek Road Water Main Replacement Project and begin 45-day lien period
- Consultant Contracts with:
 - Toole Design for 179th Avenue Sidewalk Design and Right-of-Way Services
 - EnviroIssues, Inc. for Imagine Monroe Community Engagement

New Business – reviewed, discussed and approved the following new items:

- Consultant Agreement with MIG for Comprehensive Plan Consultant Services
- First reading of Ordinance 007/2022, Amending Chapter 4.50 of the Monroe Municipal Code (MMC) pertaining to the Monroe Park Board

Final Action – took final action to approve these items that have been previously discussed:

- Ordinance 005/2022, adopting the 2022 PROS Plan and amendments to Chapter 7 of the Monroe Comprehensive Plan
- Ordinance 006/2022, adopting Amendments to Title 3 of the Monroe Municipal Code pertaining to Park Impact Fees

Public Hearings – conducted public hearings on the following items:

- Adopted Ordinance 001/2022 pertaining to the proposed pre-annexation zoning of a 0.85 acre parcel located along Tester Road
- First Reading of Ordinance 008/2022 pertaining to Wireless Communication Facilities
- First Reading of Ordinance 009/2022 pertaining to Franchise Code Amendments

Staff Reports – received reports from City staff members in the following departments:

- Community Development
- Economic Development
- Finance
- Human Resources & Information Technology
- Human Services (2021 Annual Report)
- Police

UPCOMING CITY COUNCIL MEETING SCHEDULE

The City Council will next meet in a Regular Study Session Meeting on Tuesday, March 1, 2022. The meeting will be held via the Zoom remote meeting platform. Participation information will be posted with the March 1 agenda, which can be accessed by clicking the button below.

Council Agendas/Minutes

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Kevin Hanford

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Ed Davis

Councilmember
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Councilmember
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