



MONROE THIS WEEK

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Thank you for reading Monroe This Week.

This week's edition provides details on an expansion of the City's outdoor dining program, a second round of a state business assistance grant, a Snohomish County non-profit assistance grant, the placement of American Flags on Main Street



for September 11, a new game at Lewis Street Park, and our local recognitions of Hydrocephalus Awareness and Hispanic Heritage months.

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

EXPANDED OUTDOOR DINING PROGRAM COMING SOON

As I shared in a recent edition of [Monroe This Week](#), the City of Monroe began issuing permits to local restaurants, allowing temporary outdoor dining areas on sidewalks and in private parking areas. In continued response to the rollbacks intended to slow the spread of COVID-19, the City is now in the process of implementing a new “Streatery” program



which will allow downtown restaurants or food establishments to temporarily utilize some of the city-owned parking in front of their business. Within these parking areas, businesses can create or expand outdoor dining areas while government-mandated indoor dining restrictions are in effect. Pictured is an outdoor Streatery area in Edmonds, where a similar program has been enacted. Monroe's program is free, and will include temporary fencing delivered at no cost. Stay tuned for how to apply and eligibility requirements.

SECOND ROUND OF STATE BUSINESS ASSISTANCE GRANTS ANNOUNCED

[Economic Alliance Snohomish County](#) has

announced that a second round of the Working Washington Small Business Emergency Grant will soon open. In this second round, a total of \$588,000 will be distributed countywide; up to 100 grants will be issued, with a maximum per grant of \$10,000. Eligible applicants will be for-profit businesses of 20 or fewer employees, located within Snohomish County, which have experienced a revenue loss of at least 25% directly attributable to COVID-19. Applications will be accepted starting mid-September, and will be open for seven calendar days or until 1,000 completed applications are received, whichever occurs first. Grants will be issued with federal CARES Act funds provided through the Washington State Department of Commerce. For details on eligibility, exclusions, application preparation, and to sign up to receive grant updates, visit the EASC [grant website](#).



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SNOHOMISH COUNTY ANNOUNCES NON-PROFIT GRANT

Snohomish County has announced that it will be making more than \$2 million available to non-profit organizations that serve County residents. Grants will support organizational stabilization and capacity-building for addressing the COVID-related needs of community members. The Non-Profit Stabilization and Capacity-Building grant program is part of the county's plan to use federal CARES Act resources to support local non-profit organizations impacted by the COVID-19 pandemic as they work to support community members in need. Each non-profit organization applying for grants under this program must:



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- Be registered as a non-profit organization in the State of Washington.
- Be designated by the IRS as a 501(c)(3) organization and not in suspense or debarment.
- Have a physical presence in Snohomish County.
- Be in operation for at least one year.
- Have experienced a reduction in revenue or increase in service demand attributable to the COVID-19 pandemic.

The grant is being administered by the

[Community Foundation of Snohomish County](#), and applications will be accepted through September 18. For further details and to apply, visit the [grant website](#).

MAIN STREET FLAGS COMMEMORATE SEPTEMBER 11

If you get a chance, drive through Historic Downtown Monroe today to see the American Flags lining Main Street. I'd like to personally thank the Tualco Grange No. 284 for undertaking this enormous volunteer project. This project has included setting up and taking down up to 180 flags on major holidays for the past 20+ years. I'd also like to thank Scout Troop 148 with the Pilchuck District Scouts BSA; Troop 148 suggested the placement of the flags in recognition of September 11, and have stepped in recently to help with set up and take down.



Tualco Grange is always looking for volunteers to help as it is becoming harder and harder for the organization to sustain this long-term volunteer project. If you, or your organization, is interested in helping, please email Katie Darrow at KDarrow@MonroeWA.gov.

NEW GAME AT LEWIS STREET PARK

The City of Monroe Parks Department recently installed a new game console called The GameNetic at Lewis Street Park. This toy was funded and purchased prior to the COVID-19 pandemic. To use the game, all you have to do is pump the foot pedal to power-up and follow the audio instructions for 4 diverse games. I'd like to thank the Parks Department staff for overseeing the purchase and installation of this family-friendly game in our community. To learn more about the game, and to see an informational video on how it's used, visit the [GameNetic website](#).



CITY RECOGNIZES HYDROCEPHALUS AWARENESS AND HISPANIC HERITAGE MONTHS

This week I issued two Proclamations recognizing important distinctions occurring in the months of September and October.

The month of September is recognized nationally as Hydrocephalus Awareness Month. Hydrocephalus is primarily characterized by excessive cerebrospinal fluid on the brain that results in abnormal widening of the spaces in the ventricles, which creates harmful pressure and can be fatal if left untreated. There is no cure for hydrocephalus, and the only treatment is brain surgery; many individuals require multiple surgeries throughout their lives to remain well. Hydrocephalus affects approximately one million Americans in every stage of life, from infants to the elderly. One out of every one thousand babies are born with hydrocephalus, making it as common as Down's Syndrome, and more common than spina bifida or brain tumors; it is the most common reason for brain surgery in children. I encourage all residents to read the [Proclamation](#), and to join the City Council and myself in this worthy observance. An updated copy of the Proclamation will be published once all elected officials have signed.



In 1988, the United States Congress adopted a resolution recognizing September 15 through October 15 as Hispanic Heritage Month, celebrating the culture and traditions of Spanish speaking residents. September 15 is the anniversary of independence for Costa Rica, El Salvador, Guatemala, Honduras, and Nicaragua; September 16 is the anniversary of independence for Mexico; and September 18 is the anniversary of independence for Chile. Our Hispanic community brings a rich cultural heritage representing many countries, ethnicities, and religious traditions that are interwoven into the fabric of America, and has a profound influence on our city and country. I encourage residents to read the [Proclamation](#), which is available in both English and Spanish, and during Hispanic Heritage Month to: learn more about the rich Hispanic culture, traditions and history, and celebrate the contributions that have been made to our country and our community by Hispanic Americans.



UPCOMING CITY COUNCIL MEETING SCHEDULE

The City Council will meet in a Study Session and Business Meeting on Tuesday, September 15, 2020. The meeting will be held via the Zoom remote meeting platform and participation information will be posted with the September 15 agenda, which can be accessed by clicking the button below.

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