



MONDAY MORNING NEWS

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No Meetings Scheduled

INSLEE EXTENDS SAFE START PROCLAMATION, EVICTION MORATORIUM

Governor Jay Inslee, announced the extension of [proclamation 20-25](#), Washington's Safe Start Phased Reopening Plan. This extension changes guidance and regulations for activities shown to provide a higher risk of COVID-19 exposure, including restaurants, bars, and fitness centers, as well as weddings and funerals. The changes will also affect family entertainment centers, movie theaters and card rooms. The proclamation also adopts the updated facial covering order, [20-03.1](#), issued by the Secretary of Health. The proclamation, which is effective until amended or rescinded, is available [here](#).

NECA'S ON-DEMAND COVID-19 JOB SITE SAFETY TRAINING AVAILABLE NOW

Designed for all individuals on a construction site, NECA's COVID-19 Construction Site Safety Training Program was developed to help individuals better prepare themselves to prevent the spread of COVID-19 in the workplace. This course incorporates Centers for Disease Control and Prevention, World Health Organization, and OSHA requirements and regulations. The course is divided into six modules that will address: background on coronavirus, controlling the spread, owner and general/electrical contractor responsibilities, personal protective equipment and other protective measures, construction site operational safety standards and COVID-19 protocols, state and/or local orders and guidance.

Following the completion of the course, participants will complete a short quiz and program survey and obtain a certificate of completion. The total course length is 2 hours, 45 minutes.

Registration for this essential training is \$20 for non-NECA members and free for NECA members.

[Click here](#) for more details and to register.

SBA SETS DATE TO OPEN PPP LOAN FORGIVENESS PLATFORM

Lenders can begin submitting applications for Paycheck Protection Program loan forgiveness August 10th. The Small Business Administration, which oversees the Covid-19 relief program, announced the update Thursday in a document outlining procedures for the loan forgiveness process. Confirmation of a portal and its opening date are the main revelations from the procedural notice, said Wisconsin Bankers Association president and chief executive officer Rose Oswald Poels. Only lenders will have access to the portal, the notice says. Much of the rest of the information in the document repeats and consolidates other details the SBA has previously released about the forgiveness process.

Oswald Poels encouraged businesses that have spent all their PPP proceeds to start working with their lender on the forgiveness application.

The WBA is among the parties advocating for a more streamlined forgiveness process, including asking for automatic forgiveness of loans worth \$150,000 or less.

Businesses that took out PPP loans of that size might consider waiting on the application, Oswald Poels said. A bill in Congress, the Paycheck Protection Small Business Forgiveness Act, proposes blanket forgiveness for loans of up to \$150,000. The American Bankers Association, Bank Policy Institute and Consumer Bankers Association asked in a joint letter for blanket forgiveness for loans of up to \$350,000. The PPP has been the centerpiece of the federal government's efforts to support small businesses hurt by the pandemic. The program was intended to incentivize employers to keep workers on the payroll. As of Thursday evening, the SBA said it had guaranteed \$519.02 billion to serve close to five million borrowers.

L&I DELAYS IMPLEMENTATION OF NEW ELECTRICAL RULES

In May, L&I adopted changes to the state's electrical rules that will amend new safety codes, update and clarify existing rules and make housekeeping and other rule changes. The changes affect "[chapter 296-46B WAC Electrical Safety Standards, Administration, and Installation](#)."

The [Washington State Department of Labor & Industries](#) (L&I) will delay implementation of the 2020 National Electrical Code (NEC) and new electrical rules through October 28th.

Existing electrical rules and the 2017 NEC will remain in effect until that time. L&I is taking the action as a response to customer needs due to the coronavirus (COVID-19) outbreak.

SEAFAIR – WE WILL MISS YOU BUT LOOK FORWARD TO 2021

The Unlimited Hydro's won't race on Lake Washington next weekend. Perhaps some people won't care, but for many, especially those who lived here in the 1950s and '60s, the lack of a Seafair race will cause a special void. It will be missed because hydroplanes were once the city's greatest passion, a reason to yearn for the coming of summer each year. Before the Sonics, Mariners, Seahawks, Sounders or Storm, we had hydroplanes. It was the biggest game in town. It took a worldwide pandemic to sink 70 years of Seattle hydroplane tradition. Younger generations have had sports heroes such as Gary Payton, Ken Griffey Jr., Sue Bird and Russell Wilson, but kids growing up in the Puget Sound area then had Bill Muncey, Jack Regas, Mira Slovak and Ron Musson — hydroplane drivers.

We were captivated by the boats. We stood awestruck if we saw one on display at a shopping center or at the boat show, and we loved watching them in action, throwing spray high into the air and making a thunderous roar that rattled windows 3 miles away. That's why this year's scene at Stan Sayres Memorial

Park boat launch will be eerily quiet. Summer at the park that honors local hydroplane racing legend Stan Sayres can't feel the same in the midst of a pandemic. With Seafair canceled, there won't be thundering hydros gliding over the water or devoted fans crowding the Seward Park shoreline to watch. But the spectacular setting hasn't changed. On those few days in August when this shoreline normally becomes a giant outdoor arena, locals will continue to enjoy the park like the rest of the year, playing in the sun and perhaps, daydreaming about next summer.



ON THIS DAY IN HISTORY 1949 – The world's first jet-propelled airliner, the British De Havilland Comet, makes its maiden test-flight in England. The jet engine would ultimately revolutionize the airline industry, shrinking air travel time in half by enabling planes to climb faster and fly higher.



“It takes no more time to see the good side of life than it takes to see the bad.”

-Jimmy Buffett

As of Friday, July 24th, there are 240 JW on Book 1 and 114 JW on Book 2. There are 14 unfilled Commercial, 3 unfilled S&C and 0 unfilled Residential Apprentice requests. 11 Commercial bootcamp graduates will be available for dispatch on July 27th. 20 Sound and Communication bootcamp graduates will be available August 11th.