



MONROE THIS WEEK

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GREETINGS FROM MAYOR THOMAS

Hello! Thank you for reading Monroe This Week. Learn what is happening and has happened during the week. If you have any suggestions, questions, or comments for "Monroe This Week" or the articles included, please do not hesitate to contact me.

I can be reached at gthomas@monroewa.gov
Thank you!
Yours in Service,

Mayor Geoffrey Thomas



MAYOR HAPPENINGS

Happy Mother's Day

On Tuesday, May 7, 2019, I recognized Mother's Day with a proclamation at the City Council Meeting. Thank you to all the mothers who sacrifice daily and help set us on the road to success. You can read the full proclamation [here](#).

State of the City

On Tuesday, May 14, 2019, I will be presenting the State of the City address at the Monroe Chamber of Commerce Lunch. You are invited to come listen to what Monroe is doing. The lunch is held at the The Rock Church located at 16891 146th St SE, from 11:30 a.m. to 1:00 p.m.

Economic Development Forum

On the recommendation from the Economic Development Advisory Board (EDAB), the City of Monroe is hosting a periodic economic development forum. On Wednesday, May 8, 2019, the first forum was held at City Hall which focused on workforce development.

Everett Community College East Campus attended the meeting to present how EVCC teaches and trains people to work in a number of areas including those professions within the City of Monroe. Thank you to East County Campus Director Dr. Ciera Graham and Herman Calzadillas from EVCC's Corporate and Continuing Education Center for your presentations and for listening to recruiters from our local businesses. Local business were able to express some of their needs, including certifications in the medical field and developing soft skills such as how to function in the work force. Thank you to the following employers who participated in this forum:

- Canyon Creek Cabinets
- Evergreen Health Monroe
- Housing Hope
- Original Pilot House Coffee
- Prestige Medical Billing
- Premier Polaris
- Port Gardner Supply

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Geoffrey Thomas
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Kevin Hanford, Mayor Pro Tem
Patsy Cudaback
Ed Davis
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EVENT HAPPENINGS	
05/14	City Council Finance/HR Meeting, City Hall, Council Conference Room, 5:30PM Vision 2050 Selection Committee Meeting, MCC, Emergency Management Conference Room, 6:30PM City Council Regular Business Meeting, City Hall, Council Chambers, 7PM
05/16	HPAC, Monroe Coordination Center, 6:00-8PM

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City of Monroe
Year-to-Date Comparisons

Sales Tax Revenues

'18 to 04/30/18: \$1,627,483

'19 to 04/30/19: \$1,665,204

UP \$37,720 or 2.31%

Real Estate Excise Tax

'18 to 04/30/18: \$486,811

'19 to 04/30/19: \$332,943

DOWN \$153,868 or -31.60%

Lodging Tax Revenues

'18 to 04/30/18: \$18,639

'19 to 04/30/19: \$18,452

DOWN \$187 or -1%

Business License Fees

'18 to 04/30/18: \$16,834

'19 to 04/30/19: \$21,923

UP \$5,089 or 30.23%

Building Permit Revenues

'18 to 04/30/18: \$192,668

'19 to 04/30/19: \$219,953

UP \$27,285 or 14.16%

Planning Fee Revenues

'18 to 04/30/18: \$8,775

'19 to 04/30/19: \$28,346

UP \$19,571 or 223.03%

SFR Permits YTD

'18 to 04/30/18: 47

'19 to 04/30/19: 56

Multi-Family Permits (#units)

'18 to 04/30/18: 0

'19 to 04/30/19: 3

Inspections YTD

'18 to 04/30/18: 623

'19 to 04/30/19: 1,087

(Forum continued) Thank you to our Economic Development Advisory Board members Allan Dye and Heather Rousey for attending and participating in the forum. Thank you also to our Economic Development Specialist James Palmer for organizing this event.

Homelessness Policy Advisory Committee (HPAC)

On May 16, 2019, the Monroe Police Department will present on how our PD is responding to homelessness and issues related to homelessness. The meeting will be held in the Monroe Coordination Center at 6 p.m.

For more information on Homelessness in Monroe, click [here](#). For more information about the HPAC, click [here](#).

EDAB

On Thursday, May 9, 2019, the Economic Development Advisory Board discussed gateway and wayfinding signs, sign design, and bringing a recommendation to Council to begin the process of updating and implementing wayfinding signs in Monroe. For more information about EDAB click [here](#).

CITY HAPPENINGS

Spring Clean-Up Event Scheduled for May 11th

It's that time of year again! As everyone is preparing for spring cleaning, the City of Monroe, in partnership with Republic Services, is hosting the annual spring clean-up event on May 11, 2019, from 9 a.m. to 1 p.m. **The event location has changed and will be held at Evergreen Farigrounds.** To participate, you must be a garbage customer within our city limits. An event flyer/release form was included with your May utility bill and must be presented on the day of event as proof of residency. Items which will be accepted include regular household garbage, furniture, and scrap metal. While not a complete list, hazardous waste, yard waste, construction debris, roofing materials, and tires will not be accepted. Check the flyer for a list of what can and cannot be accepted at this event. The flyer information is posted on our website at www.monroewa.gov.

For further information regarding the spring clean-up event, please contact Republic Services at 800-942-5965.

2019 Lodging Tax Funding Round Starting Soon!

It's that time of year again. The Lodging Tax Advisory Board will be soliciting applications for 2020 tourism activities/festivals beginning this July. To help prepare for this year's funding round, the City will be hosting two open houses - June 19 and June 26, 2019 - to answer questions from potential applicants. Both sessions will be held at the City Hall Council Chambers from 5:00 p.m. to 6:00 p.m. If you are thinking about applying but aren't sure if your event qualifies, or you have questions regarding the application itself, feel free to stop by an open house to chat with the advisory board's staff liaison Becky Hasart.

This year's funding timeline and application packet can be found on the City's website. Just go to www.monroewa.gov, then click on Government, then Boards & Commissions, then Lodging Tax Advisory Committee. While the official call for applications won't begin until July 1, 2019, feel free to download the application early so you can be sure to get your questions answered at an open house.



Congratulations Sergeant Chuck Fuller!

Officer Chuck Fuller was promoted to rank of Sergeant and the May 7, 2019 City Council meeting. Sergeant Fuller began his career with the City of Monroe in 2000 as a police officer. In his 19 years with the department he has served in other capacities to include: a member of the agency and regional SWAT team, Field Training officer, and the

department’s Less Lethal Instructor which included Taser and 40mm. Congratulations on your promotion!

Lewis Street Park Playground Equipment Replacement

You are invited to attend the Ground Breaking Ceremony – Lewis Street Park Play Equipment Replacement!

What: Ground Breaking Ceremony – Lewis Street Park Play Equipment Replacement

When: Thursday May 16, 2019 @ 4:30pm

Where: Lewis Street Park, 561 S. Street, Monroe WA 98272

The Public is invited to attend the Ground Breaking Ceremony for the play equipment replacement at Lewis Street Park. Monroe’s oldest city park is set within a stand of mature evergreen trees, with picturesque views of the wild Skykomish River. This exciting new parks capital improvement project is funded for this year and anticipated to be completed this summer.

Questions? Contact Parks & Recreation Director Mike Farrell at 360-863-4557 or mfarrell@monroewa.gov

Urban forestry project helps City of Monroe improve tree health and Puget Sound water quality

A Puget SoundCorps team will prune trees and remove invasive weeds at five city-owned park and open space sites in Monroe starting at 10 a.m. Monday, May 13 through Thursday, May 16, as part of an ongoing effort to restore and protect our urban forestry tree canopy and improve water quality.

The Puget SoundCorps team will work with city staff to perform the following tasks:

- Al Borlin Park - Prune trees and shrubs for trail clearance, line of sight visibility and renovation.
- Lake Tye Park - Maintenance of restoration site on north end of the lake. Light pruning, remove invasive plants. Structural pruning of a few landscape trees along trail.
- Monroe Rotary Field - Maintenance of forested riparian mitigation site. Structural pruning of recently planted trees.
- Lewis Street Park - Remove invasive plants and dense shrubs along fenceline. Prune trees for visibility where possible.
- Maintenance and survey of forested wetland mitigation site north of Highway.

“I am pleased to report that Monroe is receiving assistance from DNR’s Puget SoundCorps crew,” said City of Monroe Mayor Geoffrey Thomas. “The Urban Forestry Restoration Project provides restoration and protection of our community’s urban forest tree canopy and wetland areas.”

The Urban Forestry Restoration Project is offered by the Washington State Department of Natural Resources (DNR) Urban and Community Forestry Program to provide Puget SoundCorps teams to communities throughout the Puget Sound region to assist their urban forestry efforts. Through good urban forestry management, healthy trees improve quality of life, help communities manage stormwater runoff and improve air and water quality.

DNR’s Urban and Community Forestry Program is made possible through a partnership with the USDA Forest Service. Puget SoundCorps is part of the broader Washington Conservation Corps program administered by the Washington State Department of Ecology. Puget SoundCorps crews work on projects that help restore and protect water

City of Monroe Boards & Commissions Openings

- Ethics Boardmember (4)
- LTAC Member (Hotelier)
 - Salary Commissioner

www.monroewa.gov/vacancies

Job Openings

- Lateral Police Officer
- Construction Inspector
 - WWTP Operator

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(Forestry continued) quality in Puget Sound. The Washington Conservation Corps is supported through grant funding and Education Awards provided by AmeriCorps.

COUNCIL HAPPENINGS

The Tuesday, May 14, 2019, City Council Regular Business Meeting includes the following items: a Public Hearing: Surplus Property; a Proclamation for Public Works Week 2019, Presentation: Introduction to K-9 Tango; and the following business items: Downtown Art Sculpture Selection, Updated 2020 Budget Calendar, Agreements, Resolutions, Ordinances, and Department Reports.

This meeting begins at 7 p.m., and is held at City Hall in the Council Chambers. For more information click [here](#).

Have a question for your Councilmembers? Contact them at councilmembers@monroewa.gov!!



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