



MONROE THIS WEEK

June 14, 2019 806 W. Main Street, Monroe WA, 98272
Phone - 360-794-7400

Vol 5/Edition 21



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

#Finish522

Thank you to everyone who attended the #Finish522 wrap-up meeting at city hall on Wednesday, June 12, 2019. Amir Rasaie, Assistant Regional Administrator for the Washington State Dept. of Transportation (WSDOT) reported the department received \$22.8 million over four years to complete the design of the Paradise Lake Road intersection and roadway widening between the Snohomish River bridge and Echo Lake Road. If funding is available, WSDOT expects to be ready for construction by 2023. State Representatives Carolyn Eslick, Shelly Kloba, and Derek Stanford shared the importance of continuing to advocate as a community for funding to finish SR 522. The message is clear. We need to keep the pressure on to put money in the budget to fund construction.

The State Legislature reconvenes in January 2020. During the summer and fall, we will continue to look for business and community partners to build support to #Finish522. If you (or your business) is impacted by congestion on SR522, I urge you to contact me at gthomas@monroewa.gov to share your story. We will have a kick-off meeting to plan for the 2020 legislative session in January. I hope you can join us and help #Finish522.

Tarragon Proposal

The Planning Commission and Economic Development Advisory Board held a joint meeting on Monday, June 10, 2019, to discuss the conceptual site plan proposed by Tarragon for the North Kelsey [site](#). The North Kelsey site is located north of Tjerne Place in front of Lowes. Tarragon is proposing to build a 180 unit, market rate, multi-family development on the site plus 15,000 square feet of retail/commercial. During the joint meeting, the Planning Commission and Economic Development Advisory Board (EDAB) members asked

THE ADVENTURE STARTS HERE!

Mayor

Geoffrey Thomas

gthomas@monroewa.gov

Councilmembers

Kevin Hanford, Mayor Pro Tem

Patsy Cudaback

Ed Davis

Jason Gamble

Jim Kamp

Jeff Rasmussen

Kirk Scarboro

councilmembers@monroewa.gov

EVENT HAPPENINGS

06/18	City Council Finance/HR Committee Meeting, City Hall, Passport Table, 5:30PM
	City Council Regular Study Session, City Hall, Council Chambers, 7PM
06/20	HPAC, Monroe Coordination Center, 6-8PM

City of Monroe
Year-to-Date Comparisons

Sales Tax Revenues

'18 to 05/31/18: \$2,076,673
 '19 to 05/31/19: \$2,139,773
UP \$63,100 or 3.03%

Real Estate Excise Tax

'18 to 05/31/18: \$563,595
 '19 to 05/31/19: \$452,242
DOWN \$111,354 or -19.75%

Lodging Tax Revenues

'18 to 05/31/18: \$24,518
 '19 to 05/31/19: \$24,719
UP \$201 or 0.82%

Business License Fees

'18 to 05/31/18: \$20,842
 '19 to 05/31/19: \$27,359
UP \$6,517 or 31.26%

Building Permit Revenues

'18 to 05/31/18: \$264,257
 '19 to 05/31/19: \$269,480
UP \$5,222 or 1.97%

Planning Fee Revenues

'18 to 05/31/18: \$11,645
 '19 to 05/31/19: \$31,195
UP \$19,550 or 167.88%

SFR Permits YTD

'18 to 05/31/18: 47
 '19 to 05/31/19: 56

Multi-Family Permits

'18 to 05/31/18: 0
 '19 to 05/31/19: 3

Inspections YTD

'18 to 05/31/18: 623
 '19 to 05/31/19: 1,087

(Tarragon continued) questions about parking, traffic, building heights, mixed-use development, and affordable housing. At the end of the discussion, several Planning Commissioners commented they liked the urban look of the proposed development and felt it was a good fit for the site. The Commission noted the site was appropriate for a market-rate, multi-family development. The Commission recommended the City Council hold Tarragon to purchasing the entire site and provide a minimum of 15,000 square feet of retail development at the corner of Tjerne and Chain Lake Rd. The City Council will further discuss the Tarragon proposed site design at its next meeting on Tuesday, June 18, 2019. Tarragon is expected to provide its final site design at the City Council meeting on June 25, 2019.

City of Monroe Boards & Commissions Openings

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

www.monroewa.gov/vacancies

Job Openings

- Lateral Police Officer
- Parks Seasonal

www.monroewa.gov/jobs

CITY HAPPENINGS

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. 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.

COUNCIL HAPPENINGS

The Tuesday, June 18, 2019, City Council Regular Study Session includes the following items: Proclamations recognizing Smole Ready Communities Day and Speed Week and Discussion items: School Safety and Tarragon Proposal The meeting will be held at 7 p.m.; City Hall; Council Chambers. For more information click [here](#).

Have a question for your Councilmembers? Contact them at [councilmembers@monroewa.gov!](mailto:councilmembers@monroewa.gov)



Kevin Hanford



Ed Davis



Patsy Cudaback



Jason Gamble



Jim Kamp



Jeff Rasmussen



Kirk Scarborough