



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

HPAC

Thank you to Executive Dave Somers, Mark Smith from the Housing Consortium of Everett and Snohomish County, and John Hull from the Everett Gospel Mission for coming out to the Homelessness Policy Advisory Committee meeting last night to speak on the Housing Affordability Regional Task Force. We have discussed the HPAC vision and the "pillars" associated with that vision. I am thankful for the group's input and look forward to their continued work.

Downtown Business Open House

On Wednesday, June 19, 2019, City staff held a Downtown Business Open House for downtown business owners to learn more about what is happening in the City and answer their questions. Members from the Economic Development Advisory Board who also have businesses in the downtown area were present to discuss. Thank you to all who came out, and to City staff who coordinated the Open House. The next one is planned for October 2019. Stay tuned for details.

Temporary Encampments

At the Tuesday, June 11, 2019, City Council meeting, we discussed regulations for temporary homeless encampments. The updated ordinance is in line with the state regulations and details specific items that temporary encampments have to provide in order to receive approval (i.e. running water, sewer capabilities, length of time for the encampment). For more information regarding temporary encampments please click [here](#).

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EVENT HAPPENINGS

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| 06/25 | City Council P3 Committee Meeting, City Hall, Council Conference Room, 6PM City Council Regular Business Meeting, City Hall, Council Chambers, 7PM |
| 06/27 | EDAB, Council Chambers, 8-9:30AM |
| 06/29 | Tri-Monroe, Lake Tye, 7am-2PM |

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 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

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 an open house on June 26, 2019 to answer questions from potential applicants. The session 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.

New Play Equipment for Lewis Street Park

A ribbon cutting ceremony for the new play equipment at Lewis Street Park is scheduled for Thursday July 11th, 2019 at 4:30pm.

The new play equipment includes features that encourage multi-generational play, are ADA inclusive and intentionally break down physical and social barriers to play. Advanced climbing challenges and motion activities appeal to older children who seek a more adventurous play experience. Another unique feature includes a MusicBall, which will be the first of its kind in the Northwest. It is an inclusive, human-powered sensory-play. Rubberized surfacing is also part of the playground design.

Join us as we celebrate the new play equipment at Lewis Street Park.

Congratulations Officer Justin Springer!

At the Tuesday, June 18, 2019, City Council meeting, Chief Jolley recognized Officer Justin Springer's six plus years as the Student Resource Officer (SRO) at Monroe High School Monroe, WA with a Distinguished Service Award. The school district also presented Officer Springer with a Challenge Coin and certificate of appreciation.

This is Officer Springer's last year as the SRO as he has just accepted a new position in the department as the Community Outreach Officer. Officer Springer will partner with Embedded Social Worker Elisa Delgado as the team that goes out into our community working with homeless individuals who are in need of services.

Justin has been with the Monroe Police Department for 12 years and was the SRO since January of 2013. Justin, thank you for your years of service at Monroe High School! You have made a difference in many students' lives.

North Kelsey/Blueberry Open House

You're invited to come share your thoughts about the Kelsey Street/Blueberry Lane intersection project. The open house will be held Wednesday, June 26, 2019 at 769 Village Way from 5-7 p.m. This is your opportunity to come ask questions and let us know your concerns. Click [here](#) for more information.



COUNCIL HAPPENINGS

The Tuesday, June 25, 2019, City Council Regular Business Meeting includes the following items: Proclamations: Parks and Recreation Month; Tri-Monroe, Resolutions, Ordinances, and Department Reports. 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!



Kevin Hanford



Ed Davis



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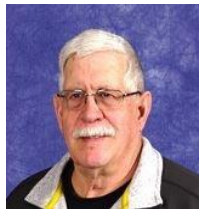
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