



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

2020 Mayor's Recommended Budget Available Soon

It is with great pleasure that I can announce that the 2020 Mayor's Recommended City of Monroe Budget will be available for review beginning September 30. This document is the culmination of a significantly collaborative and inclusive process that included our Council, the Planning Commission, the Parks Advisory Board (PAB), the Economic Development Advisory Board (EDAB), and City staff at all levels of the organization. If you are interested in reviewing this document, you can download it from our website [here](#). And if you would like to share your thoughts on the 2020 Recommended Budget, the first public hearing is scheduled Tuesday, October 8th at 7:00 p.m. in the Council Chambers located at 806 W. Main Street in Monroe.

Business Survey

The 2019 Business Survey is officially open.

This is an annual undertaking that informs the City of issues that affect the business community. Your voice matters! The survey takes about twenty-five to thirty minutes complete and your contact information will not be shared. The results of the survey will be published on the City's website once the survey deadline has past. The deadline for survey responses is October 31, 2019. Here is a [link](#) to the survey. Thank you in advance for your participation!

CITY HAPPENINGS

Congratulations CSO Escalante!

On April 23, 2018, Monroe Community Service Officer (CSO) Gabriela Escalante responded to a residence in Monroe on report of animal abuse. The investigation, which recently resulted in felony convictions for Animal Cruelty 1st Degree and Possession of a Stolen Firearm, along (continued on next page)



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EVENT HAPPENINGS

09/17	City Council P3 Committee Meeting, City Hall, Passport Table, 5:30PM City Council Regular Study Session, City Hall, Council Chambers, 7PM
09/26	EDAB, Council Chambers, 8-9:30AM

City of Monroe
Year-to-Date Comparisons

Sales Tax Revenues

'18 to 07/31/18: \$2,907,002

'19 to 07/31/19: \$3,042,419

UP \$135,417 or 4.65%

Real Estate Excise Tax

'18 to 07/31/18: \$859,457

'19 to 07/31/19: \$699,777

DOWN \$159,679 or -18.57%

Lodging Tax Revenues

'18 to 07/31/18: \$38,851

'19 to 07/31/19: \$41,955

UP \$3,104 or 7.99%

Business License Fees

'18 to 07/31/18: \$28,323

'19 to 07/31/19: \$37,892

UP \$9,569 or 33.78%

Building Permit Revenues

'18 to 07/31/18: \$323,880

'19 to 07/31/19: \$323,233

DOWN \$5,497 or -1.46%

Planning Fee Revenues

'18 to 07/31/18: \$22,040

'19 to 07/31/19: \$38,865

UP \$16,825 or 76.33%

SFR Permits YTD

2018 to 8/2018: 109

2019 to 8/2019: 92

Multi-Family Permits (# units)

2018 to 8/2018: 0

2019 to 8/2019: 186

Inspections YTD

August 2018 – 1,528

August 2019 – 2,080

CITY HAPPENINGS – CONTINUED

with a subsequent felony charge from Lake Stevens Police Department for Attempt to Elude, resulted in a thirteen-month sentence. Found in the residence were ten puppies, five of which were rescued and provided care which led to better health and ultimately their quick adoption. The remaining five died as a result of being malnourished and improperly cared for. In recognition of her comprehensive and quality investigation, Pasado's Safe Haven awarded CSO Escalante the "Bucky Award" which is an annual award to raise awareness about crimes against animals and to recognize the officers who do exceptional work on these difficult cases.

Harvest Festival

Thank you to everyone who came out and enjoyed the Harvest Festival this past Wednesday at Galaxy Theater. This event wrapped up a successful farmers market season. We appreciate all the community's support for local businesses and we look forward to next year's market season!

Board and Commissions

Interested in serving on a City Board, Commission, or Committee? The City is looking to fill several positions on its boards, commissions, and committees. This is a great opportunity to become involved and learn about City government. For more information about the availabilities and the application please click [here](#). Candidates must reside in the city limits and are appointed by the Mayor and confirmed by the City Council.

Hazard Mitigation Plan Update

How can we make the City of Monroe safer, more prepared, and more resilient? We need your help!

Snohomish County, in partnership with the City of Monroe, is updating the County's Hazard Mitigation Plan and needs your help.

- What hazards are in your community?
- What hazards concern you the most?
- What activities and projects should Monroe prioritize?

Help us update the plan with your input at monroewa.gov/input. **Please share your thoughts by September 30, 2019.**

Why should we try to minimize hazards?

Natural and man-made disasters can cause injury, death, and property damage; and can impact individuals, families, and the economy. Recovery can take public funding and attention away from other priorities.

What is the County Hazard Mitigation Plan?

The County's Hazard Mitigation Plan will identify and update information about the County's hazard risks, such as earthquakes, storms, flooding, and landslides. The plan will also identify the people and facilities at risk and ways to prevent and minimize damage.

2020 City of Monroe Boards & Commissions Openings

- Ethics Boardmember (5)
- Park Boardmember (1)
- Planning Commissioners (2)
- Salary Commissioner (3)
- Economic Development Advisory Board (1)

www.monroewa.gov/vacancies

Job Openings

- Building Inspector
- Lateral Police Officer

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COUNCIL HAPPENINGS

The Tuesday, September 24, 2019, City Council Regular Business Meeting includes: Presentations: SCFD7; 2020 Preliminary Budget Distribution, Agreements, LTAC Recommendations, Resolutions, Ordinances, Department Reports, and Executive Session. For more information click [here](#).

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



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