



# 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](mailto:gthomas@monroewa.gov)

Thank you!

Yours in Service,

Mayor Geoffrey Thomas



## MAYOR HAPPENINGS

### Support for Prosecution of Felony Level Drug Possession

Our County Prosecuting Attorney, Adam Cornell, asked Police Chiefs and Cities to support his request for more resources so he can prosecute for lower level felony drug offenses.

This week, the Monroe City Council sent the attached letter to ask Snohomish County to support Mr. Cornell and give him the resources he needs to prosecute lower level felony drug offenses. Mayor Thomas and the Monroe Police Department thank our City Council for their support!

Because the County does not prosecute for lower level drug offenses, at the direction of Mayor Thomas, and with full support of the City Council, Monroe pays for costs including prosecution, public defense, and incarceration, so that people found with smaller amounts of drugs will be held accountable. State law does not allow Cities to prosecute people for felonies, so the City can only prosecute these felony charges as misdemeanors. Misdemeanors carry lighter sentences than felonies.

Mr. Cornell, our County Prosecutor, has asked for the resources to prosecute these offenses as felonies. As felonies, the burden of cost for prosecution and incarceration is paid for by the County instead of the City AND felony charges can result in stiffer penalties than misdemeanors. View the letter [here](#).

### 2020 Mayor's Recommended Budget Available Now

It is with great pleasure that I can announce that the 2020 Mayor's Recommended City of Monroe Budget is available for review now. This document is the culmination of a significantly collaborative and inclusive process that included the Monroe City Council, Planning Commission, Park Board, 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 provide comments on the Recommended Budget, a public hearing is scheduled for Tuesday, October 8th at 7:00 p.m. in the Council Chambers located at Monroe City Hall, 806 W. Main Street in Monroe

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## EVENT HAPPENINGS

10/01	City Council Public Safety Committee Meeting, City Hall, Passport Table, 6PM  City Council Regular Study Session, City Hall, Council Chambers, 7PM
10/03	HPAC, Council Chambers, 6-8:00PM

## 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

## 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!

## 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.

## CITY HAPPENINGS



### Upgrades to Wiggly Field Off-Leash Dog Park

The dog drinking fountain at Wiggly Field Off-Leash Dog Park is installed and complete. Thank you to all the volunteers who have been supplying drinking water at the dog park until we were able to complete this project.

New dog agility equipment has also been installed at the Park as part of an Eagle Scout project. We are excited to continue updating and improving the off-leash dog park. Be sure to stop by and check out these cool new features!

## Bat Houses at Rotary Field

As part of an Eagle Scout project a few weeks ago, bat houses were completed and installed at Rotary Field. Thank you to everyone who helped complete this project.

## Fire Prevention week is fast approaching – Not every her wears a cape. Plan and Practice your Escape!

Snohomish County Fire District No. 7 is hosting the annual Fire Prevention Week Open Houses to promote fire and life safety! The Open House is at Station No. 31 (163 Village Court, Monroe) on Saturday, October 12th from 12 to 4 p.m. The event will have rescue demonstrations, live fire extinguisher training, emergency preparedness information, firefighter challenge courses for the kids, and more! Bring the whole family for a fun interactive event! For more information visit [www.Snofire7.org](http://www.Snofire7.org), or contact Heather Chadwick at [hchadwick@snofire7.org](mailto:hchadwick@snofire7.org) or (360) 282-3962.

### 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](http://www.monroewa.gov/vacancies)

### Job Openings

- Building Inspector
- Part-Time Clerical Specialist
- Lateral Police Officer

[www.monroewa.gov/jobs](http://www.monroewa.gov/jobs)



## COUNCIL HAPPENINGS

The Tuesday, October 1, 2019, City Council Regular Study Session includes: a presentation from the Snohomish Health District and a discussion of Monroe Municipal Campus - Final Facilities Assessment. For more information click [here](#).

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



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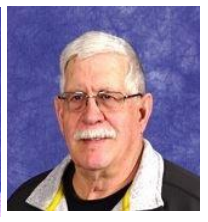
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