



# MONROE THIS WEEK

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## GREETINGS FROM MAYOR THOMAS

*Hello! Thank you for reading my weekly newsletter. I am grateful to serve the Monroe community and look forward to hearing from you. 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

It's a new year so we wanted a new look to "Monroe This Week". Take a look around and if there is something that can be improved upon, please let us know. We look forward to hearing from you!

### New Interim City Administrator!

Welcome Monroe's new Interim City Administrator, David Moseley! David comes to us with a wealth of knowledge and we are excited he is with us. Prior to coming to Monroe, David was the Assistant Secretary for Washington State Departments of Transportation Ferries Division, City Manager for Federal Way, Ellensburg, and Town Administrator for the Town of Steilacoom. His hobbies include reading, cooking, and golf. I am excited to work with him and his experience he brings as we continue to search for a permanent City Administrator.



### Coffee with the Mayor

Mark your calendars! I will be at Original Pilot House Coffeehouse on Saturday, January 21, 2016 from 8-9:30 a.m. I enjoy the opportunity to meet members of the community and listen to your comments and concerns and answer any questions you may have. The address is 408 W. Main St. I look forward to meeting and talking with you.

EVENT HAPPENINGS	
01/07	Downtown Art Sculpture Dedication, 100 W. Main St. 10AM
01/07	Sharinabeen's Ribbon-Cutting Grand Opening, 103 W. Main St, 11AM
01/10	City Council Regular Business Meeting, City Hall, Council Chambers, 7PM
01/12	Blueberry/N. Kelsey Open House, Monroe Public Library, 5-7PM

<u>Appointment Openings</u> Salary Commissioner Ethics Boardmember (3)
<u>Job Openings</u> Associate Planner Community Development Director Lateral Police Officer Parks Operations Supervisor <a href="http://www.monroewa.gov/jobs">www.monroewa.gov/jobs</a>

<u>Mayor</u> Geoffrey Thomas <a href="mailto:gthomas@monroewa.gov">gthomas@monroewa.gov</a>
<u>Councilmembers</u> Patsy Cudaback Kevin Hanford Ed Davis Jason Gamble Jim Kamp Jeff Rasmussen Kirk Scarboro <a href="mailto:councilmembers@monroewa.gov">councilmembers@monroewa.gov</a>

**City of Monroe**  
**Year-to-Date Comparisons**

Sales Tax Revenues

'15 to 12/31/15: \$4,064,056

'16 to 12/31/16: \$4,503,844

**UP \$439,789 or 10.82%**

Real Estate Excise Tax

'15 to 12/31/15: \$775,207

'16 to 12/31/16: \$947,562

**UP \$172,355 or 22.23%**

Lodging Tax Revenues

'15 to 12/31/15: \$70,274

'16 to 12/31/16: \$83,512

**UP \$13,238 or 18.84%**

Business License Fees

'15 to 12/31/15: \$48,886

'16 to 12/31/16: \$48,153

**DOWN \$733 or -1.50%**

Building Permit Revenues

'15 to 12/31/15: \$311,092

'16 to 12/31/16: \$661,118

**UP \$350,026 or 112.52%**

Planning Fee Revenues

'15 to 12/31/15: \$61,665

'16 to 12/31/16: \$111,680

**UP \$50,015 or 81.11%**

New House Permits

'15 to 12/31/15: 60

'16 to 12/31/16: 140

**UP 80 units or 133.33%**

Multi-Family Permits (# units)

'15 to 12/31/15: 13

'16 to 12/31/16: 6

**DOWN 7 units or -53.8%**

Building Division Inspections

'15 to 12/31/15: 1,728

'16 to 12/31/16: 2,546

**UP 818 or 47.3%**

## COUNCIL HAPPENINGS

Upcoming Council Meeting Agenda Items include appointing a Mayor Pro Tem, Council Committees, and Regional Representatives to represent Monroe. A confirmation for Finance Director is listed as well.

## PROJECT HAPPENINGS

### Open House

Mark your calendars for Thursday, January 12, 2017 and January 26, 2017 for an Open House. On January 12<sup>th</sup>, City staff will be presenting three options for improvements for Blueberry and N. Kelsey St. The January 12, 2017 Open House will be held at the Monroe Library in their meeting room and will be held from 5-7 p.m.

The January 26, 2017, Open House, staff will be presenting options for the 191<sup>st</sup> extension. The meeting location is TBD, so we will keep you posted when we have more information.

### New Banners

Parks & Recreation staff are installing 83 tourism-branded street pole banners for the historic downtown and North Kelsey shopping, lodging and restaurant retail areas in Monroe that were purchased through a Snohomish County Hotel/Motel Tax Fund grant. As part of the grant conditions, City staff collaborated with the Snohomish County Tourism Bureau, Monroe Chamber of Commerce and Downtown Monroe Association in the design guidelines for the banners that reflect a tourism-related themes.

This will help introduce hidden assets in our community and bring together our historic downtown, the North Kelsey shopping area and the Evergreen State Fairgrounds as tourist destinations in Snohomish County. Existing and new events held in the greater Monroe area will benefit from the tourism imagery that the banners display, as well as area restaurants, lodging and shopping districts.



### Event Happenings

The Public is invited to the dedication of "Wagner Swifts" by artist Kevin Pettelle. Twice a year, thousands of migrating Vaux's Swifts roost in the chimney of Frank Wagner Elementary. Each September, the City of Monroe's annual "Swift Night Out" celebrates their arrival. The sculpture represents the Vaux's Swifts as they fly and swirl into the Frank Wagner Chimney. Join us as we celebrate the dedication of this art sculpture in downtown Monroe.

**What:** Dedication ceremony for public art titled "Wagner Swifts" by artist Kevin Pettelle.

**When:** Saturday, January 7, 2017 at 10:00am

**Where:** 100 W. Main Street, (NW corner of Main and Lewis Streets in Downtown Monroe).