



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. 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 Finance Director!

Congratulations Rabecca Hasart! On Tuesday, January 10, 2017, City Council confirmed Ms. Hasart as the new Finance Director, effective May 1, 2017. She comes to the City with over seventeen years of experience working with municipal entities. City staff and I are excited to work with her as Dianne Nelson transitions into retirement. Welcome Rabecca!



Coffee with the Mayor

Mark your calendars! I will be at Original Pilot House Coffeehouse on Saturday, January 21, 2017, 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 West Main Street, Monroe. I look forward to meeting and talking with you.

EVENT HAPPENINGS

01/16	MLK Day, City Hall Closed
01/17	City Council Regular Business Meeting, City Hall, Council Chambers, 7PM
01/21	Coffee with the Mayor, Original Pilot House Coffee, 8-9:30AM
01/29	Officer Jayme Biendl Memorial Run, Sky River Park, 10AM-12PM
01/31	1 st Annual "Monroe Chili Bowl", East County Senior Center, 5-7:30PM

Appointment Openings

Salary Commissioner
Ethics Boardmember (3)
www.monroewa.gov/vacancies

Job Openings

Associate Planner
Community Development Director
Lateral Police Officer
Parks Operations Supervisor
www.monroewa.gov/jobs

Mayor

Geoffrey Thomas
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Councilmembers

Patsy Cudaback
Kevin Hanford
Ed Davis
Jason Gamble
Jim Kamp
Jeff Rasmussen
Kirk Scarboro
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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

January 17, 2017, Council Meeting Agenda Items include a continued discussion on term limits and a Commute Trip Reduction ordinance. The January 24th Meeting will include a discussion on the Blueberry/North Kelsey Improvements Open House.

PROJECT HAPPENINGS

Open House

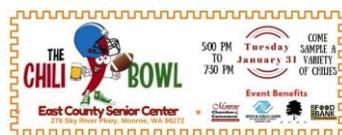
Mark your calendars for Thursday, January 26, 2017, for an Open House on potential 191st Street extension options. City staff will be presenting four concepts for the extension connecting Rainer View Road SE to Chain Lake Road. The meeting location is TBD, but we will keep you posted when we have more information. Stay tuned!

Event Happenings

Officer Jayme Biendl Memorial Run

Come out and show your support for this great cause! Pre-register now to be guaranteed a shirt. If you register the day-of there may not be a shirt selection left. This event is sponsored by the Behind the Badge Foundation, Monroe Police Department, Department of Corrections, Monroe Correctional Complex, Monroe Rotary Club, Sam's Cats & Dogs Naturally, Big Dog Music, Quality Family Dentistry, Teamsters and many behind the scenes, in Memory of Officer Jayme Biendl. For more information and to register for the run, please visit: <https://www.eventbrite.com/e/2017-jayme-biendl-memorial-5k-fun-run-registration-28384918054?aff=es2iendl>

First Annual Chili Bowl



The First annual Chili Bowl is a new event that will be held at the East County Senior Center. It benefits the Monroe Chamber of Commerce, Monroe Boys and Girls Club, East County Senior Center, and the Sky Valley Food Bank.

Join in the fun and show off your famous chili recipe! Register to be a part of this year's chili cook-off competition!

Chili cookers are to make one large crock pot of chili and should come to the event between 4 and 4:30 p.m. on January 31, 2017, to set up. You and your team of chili cookers can choose a theme for your table, decorate, and dress accordingly. This is sure to be a great time by all!

Safety Happenings

Safety/Wellness Reminder:

With kids going back to school after winter break it is often a time for sickness and the flu to spike. Our hospitals and emergency departments are already seeing an increase in these types of calls and are already becoming overwhelmed with sick patients. Fire District 7 wants to remind citizens that we can all do our part to help stop the spread of germs by consistently washing our hands and to stay home when not feeling well. For more tips on keeping germs away visit www.cdc.gov/ounceofprevention/.