



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

New Community Development Director

Congratulations to Mr. Ben Swanson! On Tuesday, February 21, 2017, the City Council confirmed Mr. Swanson as the new Community Development Director, effective March 6, 2017. He comes to the City with over ten years of experience developing and implementing land use and related short and long range city plans and policies. Mr. Swanson has worked with the City of Snoqualmie, City of Duvall, and even the City of Monroe! He is a Certified Erosion and Sediment Control Lead and Certified Floodplain Manager. He has also spent six years in the U.S. Coast Guard. Welcome Ben Swanson! We are excited you are here!



Downtown Monroe Association Agreement

On Tuesday, February 21, 2017, the City Council approved an agreement between the City and the Downtown Monroe Association. This will allow the DMA to hire a part-time Executive Director that will help with administration, community relations, grant writing, and advocating for the downtown revitalization of Main Street. I am excited to partner with the DMA and continue to work with them. Thank you to the City Council for investing into Main Street!

EVENT HAPPENINGS

02/28	City Council Regular Business Meeting, City Hall, Council Chambers, 7PM
03/07	City Council Finance/HR Committee Mtg, City Hall, 6PM City Council Regular Business Meeting, City Hall, Council Chambers, 7PM

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

Job Openings
 Engineering Administrative Specialist
 Lateral Police Officer
www.monroewa.gov/jobs

Mayor
 Geoffrey Thomas
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Councilmembers
 Jeff Rasmussen, Mayor Pro Tem
 Kirk Scarboro
 Patsy Cudaback
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City of Monroe

Year-to-Date Comparisons

Sales Tax Revenues

'16 to 01/31/16: \$308,703

'17 to 01/31/17: \$371,743

UP \$63,040 or 20.42%

Real Estate Excise Tax

'16 to 01/31/16: \$74,152

'17 to 01/31/17: \$59,971

DOWN \$14,181 or -19.12%

Lodging Tax Revenues

'16 to 01/31/16: \$5,407

'17 to 01/31/17: \$4,581

Down \$826 or -15.28%

Business License Fees

'16 to 01/31/16: \$5,229

'17 to 01/31/17: \$4,108

DOWN \$1,121 or -21.43%

Building Permit Revenues

'16 to 01/31/16: \$16,374

'17 to 01/31/17: \$39,220

UP \$22,846 or 139.52%

Planning Fee Revenues

'16 to 01/31/16: \$1,700

'17 to 01/31/17: \$625

DOWN \$1,075 or -63.24%

New House Permits

'16 to 01/31/16: 2

'17 to 01/31/17: 10

UP 8 units or 400.0%

Multi-Family Permits (# units)

'16 to 01/31/16: 2

'17 to 01/31/17: 0

DOWN 2 units or -100.0%

Building Division Inspections

'16 to 01/31/16: 131

'17 to 01/31/17: 242

UP 111 or 84.73%



191st Ave Extension Open House

At the February 21, 2017, City Council meeting, Council heard input from staff regarding the 191st Ave Extension Open House. Council expressed interest in Concept D, which is to follow the old abandoned roadbeds down 191st Avenue SE and then over to the roundabout. City Staff will continue to update council with progress that is made. Thank you to City Staff for all your hard work on this!

(Concept D is highlighted in green.)

SR522 Open House

I am pleased to announce that the City of Monroe will host WSDOT in an SR522

presentation at Monroe High School on March 8th from 7PM – 8:30PM. This will be an opportunity for you to talk with engineering staff from Washington State Department of Transportation and to learn about different options to construct the remaining phases of SR522. All are welcome to attend this meeting!



Passport Services

Did you know the City of Monroe offers passport application services in its Finance Department? If you need to apply for a new U.S. passport, and/or need a passport photo taken, you can do both at the Monroe City Hall. While we can help you with and accept applications for new passports, we do not process renewal applications.

If you are interested in apply for a new passport or in having a photo taken, our passport office hours are Monday through Thursday 9 a.m. to 4 p.m. We also accept applications on Fridays from 9:00 a.m. to 12:00 p.m. However, if you will be coming in between 12:00 and 2:00 p.m., or you will need more than four (4) passport applications processed, we ask that you make an appointment so we can insure that we have adequate staff available to help.

To help save you time and avoid multiple trips for your application, you will need the following items when applying for your passport:

- A completed passport application form DS-11, available on-line at www.travel.state.gov or at City Hall.
- Proof of citizenship – a certified birth certificate with current photo identification or an expired passport book or naturalization paperwork.
- Passport quality photo – we can take the photo at City Hall for a \$15 fee.
- Check or money order payable to the US Department of State. Please note that each individual application must have a check or money order attached so when making multiple applications, have separate checks for each individual.
- An additional form of payment – the City charges a \$25 per application processing fee.
- Parents present for applications for minor children – both parents must be present for children under 16 years old. One parent must be present for children between 16 and 17 years old.

Additional information regarding passport services may be found on our website at monroewa.gov. Just click on Government, then the Services link, then Passports. Happy travels!

COUNCIL HAPPENINGS

On the Tuesday, February 28, 2017, City Council Meeting, upcoming agenda items include a presentation of the 2016 Police Department Awards, Recognition of Thirty Years of Service of Public Works Director Brad Feilberg, and the Lake Tye Park Playground.

EVENT HAPPENINGS

Movie schedule for Movies Under the Moon is out!

Come out to Lake Tye Park on select Friday evenings in August and enjoy Movies Under the Moon! These free events are sponsored by Republic Services, City of Monroe, Monroe Arts Council, Monroe Concert Band, Monroe Family YMCA & Monroe Boys & Girls Club.

- Friday, August 4: **The Lego Batman Movie**
- Friday, August 11: **Sing**
- Friday, August 18: **The Jungle Book**
- Friday, August 25: **Rogue One: A Star Wars Story**

New Playground for Lake Tye Park!

The Monroe City Council authorized 2017 Parks Capital Improvement Project (CIP) funding for replacement of the 20-year old playground at Lake Tye Park, which is a listed project in the Park Plan. The playground has outlived its service life, replacement parts were becoming non-existent, and features were dated and lacking the inclusive, challenge and motion elements that the playground industry of today offers. A presentation of an exciting new design was made to the Park Board and invited public on February 23, 2017, at Frylands Elementary School. After the presentation, the Park Board recommended that the Monroe City Council approve purchase of the equipment as designed for the park. The Monroe City Council will consider approval at the next scheduled meeting on Tuesday, February 28, 2017. This exciting new park project is anticipated to be completed before the end of May 2017.