



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

Board and Commission Vacancies

The City of Monroe is currently seeking applicants to fill the following City Board and Commission open positions:

- 1 – Salary Commissioner:
Vacant term ending 12/31/2018
- 3 – Ethics Boardmembers:
Vacant term ending 12/31/2017
Vacant term ending 12/31/2017
Vacant term ending 12/31/2019

For additional information regarding board/commission qualifications, duties, and meeting times, please contact the City Clerk's Office at 360-863-4538.

COUNCIL HAPPENINGS

Upcoming agenda items for the Tuesday, April 25, 2017, City Council Meeting include a WWTP Outfall Repair Agreement, RR Crossing Sidewalks Project Agreement, and a Recognition of Service for Dianne Nelson.

EVENT HAPPENINGS



Kids Fishing Day

Save The Date! Sunday, April 23, 2017, at Lake Tye Park will be the annual Kids Fishing Day! The fun starts at 8 a.m. and runs till 1 p.m. It is open to kids 12 and under. The best thing...this event is FREE!

Spring Clean-Up Event

It's that time of year again! As everyone is preparing for spring cleaning, the City of Monroe, in partnership with Republic Services, is hosting the annual spring clean-up event on **May 13, 2017, from 9 a.m. to 1 p.m.** The event will be held at **Monroe High School, 17001 Tester Road.**

To participate, you must be a garbage customer within Monroe City limits. An event flyer/release form will be included with your April utility bill. This form must be presented on

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Geoffrey Thomas

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Councilmembers

Jeff Rasmussen, Mayor Pro Tem

Kirk Scarboro

Patsy Cudaback

Kevin Hanford

Ed Davis

Jim Kamp

Jason Gamble

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Appointment Openings

Salary Commissioner

Ethics Boardmember (3)

www.monroewa.gov/vacancies

Job Openings

Permit Specialist (Comm. Dvpt)

PW O&M Seasonal Laborer

Parks Seasonal

Lateral Police Officer

EVENT HAPPENINGS

04/22	<i>Nissanfest 2017, Evergreen Speedway, 11AM</i>
04/23	<i>Kids Fishing Day, Lake Tye Park, 8AM-1PM</i>
04/25	<i>City Council Regular Business Meeting, City Hall, Council Chambers, 7PM</i>

City of Monroe
Year-to-Date Comparisons

Sales Tax Revenues

'16 to 03/31/16: \$1,100,427

'17 to 03/31/17: \$1,271,570

UP \$171,143 or 15.55%

Real Estate Excise Tax

'16 to 03/31/16: \$205,780

'17 to 03/31/17: \$206,988

UP \$1,208 or 0.59%

Lodging Tax Revenues

'16 to 03/31/16: \$13,813

'17 to 03/31/17: \$12,878

Down \$935 or -6.77%

Business License Fees

'16 to 03/31/16: \$14,221

'17 to 03/31/17: \$13,071

DOWN \$1,150 or -8.09%

Building Permit Revenues

'16 to 03/31/16: \$85,216

'17 to 03/31/17: \$139,660

UP \$54,444 or 63.89%

Planning Fee Revenues

'16 to 03/31/16: \$7,625

'17 to 03/31/17: \$7,726

UP \$101 or 1.32%

New House Permits

'16 to 03/31/16: 19

'17 to 03/31/17: 37

UP 18 units or 94.74%

Multi-Family Permits (# units)

'16 to 03/31/16: 2

'17 to 03/31/17: 0

DOWN 2 units or -100.0%

Building Division Inspections

'16 to 03/31/16: 154

'17 to 03/31/17: 313

UP 159 or 103.25%

the day of event as proof of residency. Items which will be accepted include regular household garbage, furniture, and scrap metal. While not a complete list, hazardous waste, yard waste, construction debris, roofing materials, and tires will not be accepted. Check the flyer for a list of what can and cannot be accepted at this event. The flyer information is also posted on our website at www.monroewa.gov.

For further information regarding the spring clean-up event, contact Republic Services at 800-942-5965.

Passport Day – Saturday June 10th

The City of Monroe's Finance Department will be hosting a "Passport Day" on Saturday, June 10, 2017 from 9 a.m. to 1 p.m. at the Monroe City Hall. If you are interested in applying for your passport, but can't come during the week, here's your chance. Applications will be processed on a first come, first serve basis and the doors will be closed at 1 p.m. to insure that all accepted applications will get to the post office in time, so plan to come early. If you have any questions regarding passport applications, visit our web site at www.monroewa.gov under Government Services or call us at 360-794-7400.



CITY HAPPENINGS

The 2016 Annual Financial Report Is Now Available

The City of Monroe's 2016 unaudited annual report is now available for review and download from our web site for those interested in the financial happenings of the City. To access the report, go to our web site at www.monroewa.gov, click on Government, then Departments (on the left menu), then Finance, then Budget & Financial Reports. This critical document reports on the city's financial performance over the course of our fiscal year, which runs January 1st through December 31st.

For our citizens who are accountants, you will notice that the City reports its financial activities on a cash basis. This is an allowable and prescribed method of reporting through the Washington State Auditor's office. In addition, this report is due to the State Auditors by May 30th of each year in order to help the auditors facilitate our annual audit, expected to be in July. However, in our quest to continue to improve our communications, especially with our finances, we have an internal goal of completing and publishing this report by the end of April each year.

As you review the report and its accompanying notes, should you have questions, feel free to contact the Finance Department at 360-794-7400. Happy reading!

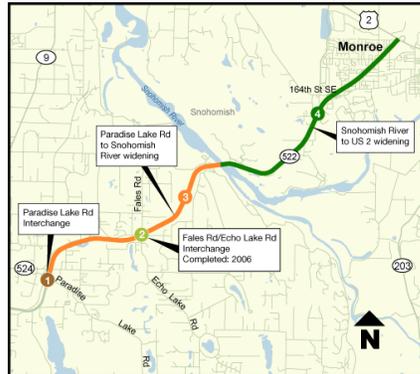
Congratulations Monroe Police Department!

On Monday, April 17, 2017, the Monroe Police Department was recognized at the Washington State Special Olympics Law Enforcement Torch Run conference for their 2016 efforts in fundraising for Special Olympics. Receiving the "Bronze" level award in the Circle of Honor for the department was Sergeants Rick Dunn and Brian Johnston, along with Officers Derrick Lether and Darryl Stamey. Annual fundraising events include Tip-A-Cop at Adam's Bistro, Tip-A-Cop at Red Robin and Wings N Wheels, an automobile and airplane show held at First Air Field.

STATE-WIDE HAPPENINGS

Legislative Update - SR-522 & Synthetic Turf Fields at Lake Tye Park

As the state legislative session enters its last two weeks, a couple of the City of Monroe's top 2017 Legislative Priorities are faring well. While these have not yet made it all the way to the "finish line" in Olympia, we are encouraged and appreciative of the progress made on these proposals. The following information is subject to change. We will provide an update when the legislative session ends. The following is where proposals for SR-522 and synthetic turf fields at Lake Tye Park currently stand:



SR-522

Both the Senate and the House have adopted Transportation Budget proposals that include \$750,000 for the design of SR-522 for widening and interchange improvements. The Senate and House will now review differences between the two budgets and negotiate a final Transportation Budget. If these funds make it into the final adopted Transportation Budget, it would be a significant step forward toward improvements on SR-522.

Synthetic Turf Fields at Lake Tye Park

The House passed its Capital Budget proposal that includes \$800,000 for Lake Tye Park Athletic Fields. This budget will now move to the Senate for adoption for final Capital Budget negotiations. If this item remains in the final Capital Budget, it would provide funding for the first phase of renovating the Lake Tye Park athletic fields to all-weather facilities.



THANK YOU!!

Advancing these legislative priorities is a result of a team effort.

We deeply appreciate the work of our legislative delegation - Senator Pearson, Representative Kristiansen, and Representative Koster. We thank them for their strong support and leadership on these important budget priorities for the City of Monroe.

In addition to our appreciation to our legislative delegation on SR-522, we thank our partners and other stakeholders including Snohomish County Executive Somers, the Snohomish County Council, including District 5 Councilmember Sam Low, Legislative District 1's Senator Guy Palumbo, and the businesses and organizations that have provided supportive comments.

As noted above, these are the current budget proposals that are subject to change. We will provide an update when the budgets are finalized.