



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

State of the City Address

On Tuesday, May 9, 2017, I delivered the annual "State of the City" address at the Monroe Chamber of Commerce luncheon.

The City has continued to grow – a sign of an improving regional economy and a sign of our community being a place where people want to live and do business. As new growth is occurring in and around Monroe, our community is taking steps to provide the roads, parks, sidewalks, and city services to support today's and tomorrow's residents and businesses. Our policy will be to continue to put one-time revenue from new homes to fund improvements to our roads, parks, and other infrastructure rather than to on-going operations.

Our City, working with our partners in Olympia and at Snohomish County, are also making progress on our legislative agenda. The State's next Transportation Budget includes about \$750,000 for practical design for the SR522 corridor. While these funds will not construct the remaining two phases, the funds are a step closer. Council, staff, our lobbyist, and I will continue to work with our representatives in Olympia, Snohomish County, and DC to secure funding to complete SR522.

The current draft of the State House Capital Budget proposes \$800,000 toward synthetic turf fields at Lake Tye Park. This is a budget proposal and is subject to further deliberation and a final decision. We will not know how much of this will be funded until as late as June. However, we thank our legislators for including this in the draft budget proposal and are hopeful that funds will be appropriated in the State Budget toward these fields. Thank you!!

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EVENT HAPPENINGS

05/13	<p>Spring Clean-Up, Monroe High School, 9AM-1PM</p> <p>East County Senior Center Spring Bazaar, 9AM-2PM</p> <p>Monroe Garden Club Plant Sale, Eat County Senior Center, 9AM-2PM</p> <p>Think PINK, Evergreen Speedway, 4PM</p> <p>"Little Women", Monroe High School, 17001 Tester RD, 7PM</p>
05/16	<p>City Council P4 Meeting, City Hall, 6PM CANCELLED</p> <p>City Council Regular Business Meeting, City Hall, Council Chambers, 7PM</p>

City of Monroe
Year-to-Date Comparisons

Sales Tax Revenues

'16 to 04/30/16: \$1,418,456

'17 to 04/30/17: \$1,626,669

UP \$208,213 or 14.67%

Real Estate Excise Tax

'16 to 04/30/16: \$296,490

'17 to 04/30/17: \$558,360

UP \$261,871 or 46.89%

Lodging Tax Revenues

'16 to 04/30/16: \$18,403

'17 to 04/30/17: \$17,156

Down \$1,246 or -6.77%

Business License Fees

'16 to 04/30/16: \$18,163

'17 to 04/30/17: \$16,217

DOWN \$1,946 or -10.71%

Building Permit Revenues

'16 to 04/30/16: \$132,110

'17 to 04/30/17: \$209,949

UP \$77,839 or 58.91%

Planning Fee Revenues

'16 to 04/30/16: \$12,766

'17 to 04/30/17: \$11,301

DOWN \$1,465 or -12.95%

New House Permits

'16 to 04/30/16: 33

'17 to 04/30/17: 57

UP 24 units or 72.73%

Multi-Family Permits (# units)

'16 to 04/30/16: 2

'17 to 04/30/17: 0

DOWN 2 units or -100.0%

Building Division Inspections

'16 to 04/30/16: 164

'17 to 04/30/17: 257

UP 93 or 56.71%

(City Address Continued) Like other communities in our region, homelessness and issues contributing to homelessness exist in and around Monroe. Monroe has invested time and resources into responding to these issues. For the 2017 Budget, I requested and Council approved, adding an embedded social worker to make contact with people in need. This person works for Snohomish County and works half time in the City and half time outside the city. In her first month of work for the City, she made contact with a number of people and helped connect several people with services. I appreciate the work that our Parks Department, Public Works Department, Police Department, and Administrative staff have been doing to respond to these issues. I also appreciate the partnership with Snohomish County and support of our City Council.

I thank our Chamber of Commerce for hosting this annual State of the City Address.

For more information about the State of the City Address, please refer to the following links:

- Speech: <http://www.monroewa.gov/ArchiveCenter/ViewFile/Item/1841>
- PowerPoint: <http://www.monroewa.gov/ArchiveCenter/ViewFile/Item/1842>.

Werner Paddles is coming to Monroe!

Werner Paddles designs and builds paddles for kayaking, canoeing, and paddle boards. Their paddles are sold and used all over the world. Werner Paddles will employ about seventy-five people in its Monroe facility. Werner Paddles will make a great addition to our community. Their business is a great fit with Monroe's slogan - "Adventure Starts Here." Welcome, Werner Paddles, and thank you for choosing Monroe!!

You can check them out here: www.wernerpaddles.com

Proclamations

At the Tuesday, May 9, 2017, City Council meeting, Mayor Thomas proclaimed Building Safety Month and recognized Mother's Day. Accepting the proclamation for Building Safety Month is our new Building Official Jim Sherwood. Thank you for all your hard work Jim!



COUNCIL HAPPENINGS

Upcoming agenda items for the May 16, 2017, City Council Meeting include a Proclamation for Public Works Week and first reading of an ordinance extending the Downtown Fee Waiver program.

CITY HAPPENINGS

Coffee with a Cop

The Monroe Police Department will be at Sahara Pizza on Tuesday, May 16, 2017, at 10 a.m. for the first "Coffee with a Cop" event. The department is looking forward to meeting with the community, sharing ideas, and exchanging information on issues that impact our City.

[Appointment Openings](#)
Salary Commissioner
Ethics Boardmember (3)
www.monroewa.gov/vacancies

[Job Openings](#)
Senior Engineer – Dev. Review
Lateral Police Officer
www.monroewa.gov/jobs

Community Outreach Team

The Community Outreach Team had a successful week. Ten people were contacted and the team is working with seventeen active clients. The team is currently comprised of Sergeant Ryan Irving and an embedded social worker, Ms. Elisa Delgado. The team has been successful in checking the hard to reach areas in the City and DOT property where encampments are often found. The use of the side by side ATV vehicle has been invaluable in policing these areas.

Grant Award for Exercise Stations at Sky River Park

Earlier this year, in partnership with the Monroe Boys and Girls Club, a Snohomish County Small Capital Projects Partnership Grant application was submitted to purchase and install four basic trailside exercise station along the walking trail at Sky River Park. This month, the Snohomish County Council approved a grant award for this project. The new exercise stations will be installed in the park this fall and will provide fun and exercise for users with varying abilities. Thank you Snohomish County Council!!

EVENT HAPPENINGS

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 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.