



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

Memorial Day

Monday, May 29, 2017, is Memorial Day. Thank you to all the serviceman and women who have, will, and continue to defend our country. May we never forget the valor and distinction of the men and women who defend freedom, justice and peace.

Sky to Sound Water Trail

The public are invited to attend a Community Open House sponsored by the Sky to Sound Water Trail Coalition on Saturday, June 3, 2017, at 6 p.m., located at Mountainview Christian Fellowship Church, 211 6th Street, Sultan, WA 98294. The open house is designed to raise community awareness of the water trail, and generate ideas for creating trail town identities and connections to the water trail for two towns, Monroe and Sultan, in the heart of the Sky Valley. For more information about the water trail, please visit the Snohomish County website link. <https://snohomishcountywa.gov/3588/Sky-to-Sound-Water-Trail>.

Proclamations



At the Tuesday, May 24, 2017, City Council Meeting, Mayor Thomas proclaimed the Thirteenth Annual Traditional Pow Wow, which will be held at Monroe High School on Saturday, May 27, 2017, with grand entries happening at 1 p.m. and 6 p.m.

Mayor Thomas also proclaimed the recognition of Memorial Day on Monday, May 29, 2017 and encouraged residents of Monroe to remember those who sacrificed their lives, and those who go ahead of us to defend America and pray for permanent peace.

<u>Mayor</u>	
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<u>Councilmembers</u>	
Jeff Rasmussen, Mayor Pro Tem	
Kirk Scarboro	
Patsy Cudaback	
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EVENT HAPPENINGS	
05/27	Flags For Our Fallen 5K, Lake Tye Park, 10AM-12PM Galloway 150, Evergreen Speedway, 6PM
05/28	Sean Peters Memorial Truck Derby, Evergreen Speedway, 6PM
06/03	Sky to Sound Water Trail Community Open House, Mountainview Christian Fellowship Church, 211 6 th St., Sultan, 6PM

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%

COUNCIL HAPPENINGS

At the May 23, 2017, Council voted to extend the Downtown Fee Waiver Program for another year. No City Council Meeting on Tuesday, May 30, 2017, as it is the fifth Tuesday of the month.

CITY HAPPENINGS

Downtown Fee Waiver Program

While permits are still needed, to encourage private investment in Downtown Monroe, the City Council extended the temporary waiver for certain permit fees in the Downtown Area, reducing development costs to building owners, business owners, and developers. The goal of this fee waiver is to support private investment in downtown; create an attractive, unique place for people to shop and dine; and promote revitalization of the Downtown area. Now is the time to consider investing in projects like façade restoration, signage upgrades or starting a business.



Lake Tye Park Playground Update!

The Lake Tye Park playground project is nearing completion! The rubberized surfacing was applied earlier this week, and has been curing. We hope to open the playground up for play by this Friday afternoon!! Join us as we celebrate the dedication of this exciting new play facility in Lake Tye Park next Thursday June 1st, 2017. The City Council authorized Parks Capital Improvement Project (CIP) funding this year for replacement of the twenty-year old playground. The old playground had 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. Design criteria established for the new playground include features that encourage multi-generational play, ADA inclusive play spaces and surfacing areas that intentionally break down physical and social barriers to play, playful public art that enhances the visual appeal of the park, and advanced climbing challenges and motion activities that appeal to older children who seek a more adventurous play experience. Thank you all for your patience during the construction phase.

Master Plans for Cadman Site, Lake Tye Park

The City of Monroe requested and received nine proposals from qualified planning firms to provide professional services in creating Master Park Plans for these two sites. Development of master plans for Lake Tye Park and the Cadman Site will help our community establish a vision for appropriate development and recreation use of the parks and guide the City's plans for future recreational investment.

Lake Tye Playground Improvements

The project to replace the playground at Lake Tye Park has been underway and we are getting close to completing the installation. Rubberized surfacing is scheduled to be installed next week and we anticipate that the new playground will be ready to open by the end of this month! The new playground will include features that encourage multi-generational play, ADA inclusive play spaces that intentionally break down physical and social barriers to play, playful public art that enhances the visual appeal of the park, and advanced climbing challenges

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Salary Commissioner
Ethics Boardmember (3)
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[Job Openings](#)
Senior Engineer – Dev. Review
Lateral Police Officer
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(Improvements continued) and motion activities that appeal to older children who seek a more adventurous play experience.

Passport Day!

The City of Monroe Finance Department will be hosting a “Passport Day” on Saturday, June 10, 2017, from 9 am to 1 pm at 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 pm 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.



SAFETY HAPPENINGS

Fire District 7’s water rescue team has been training on the Skykomish river all week. The weather reports show warmer temperatures but we want to remind citizens that this is not a good time of year to be out on the river. With the snow melt the rivers are very cold, they are high, and running very fast. Also, you don’t know what dangers are underneath the water. However, if you do plan to be on a boat this holiday weekend, please make sure everyone is wearing properly fitted life jackets. If you don’t have enough, visit Station 31 to borrow a life jacket.