



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

Monroe & Sultan: Trail Town Connections on the Proposed Sky to Sound Water Trail Community Design Workshop June 2-3, 2017

Last Friday and Saturday, June 2 and June 3, 2017, two design teams representing a mix of landscape architects, local and regional stakeholders focused on the two trail towns of Sultan and Monroe. The groups conducted a site tour of public access sites along the Skykomish River and worked in design charrette settings to work on design ideas for the respective towns in three areas:

- Town to Trail Connections
- River Access Sites & Facilities
- The Trail town Concept: A Hub for Water Trail Information & Connections to Surrounding Areas

The ideas and designs were presented to the public in an open house held last Saturday evening in Sultan. The information from the design workshop will be compiled by Snohomish County and can be used to spark community dialogue and action, guide trail town projects and promotion; and inspire collaboration among all trail towns in the Skykomish and Snohomish river corridors.

For Monroe, the information gathered can be helpful as the City master plans park improvements along the river, improve connections from Downtown Monroe to public access sites on the river and promotes connecting river users and other visitors to our town services. Out from completion and these steps will help move the projects along. Thank you to everyone who attended these meetings!

Mayor

Geoffrey Thomas

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Councilmembers

Jeff Rasmussen, Mayor Pro Tem

Kirk Scarboro

Patsy Cudaback

Kevin Hanford

Ed Davis

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EVENT HAPPENINGS

06/10	<p>Unlimited's NW Radio Controlled Model Boat Races "Molson Thunderfest", Lake Tye Park, 9AM</p> <p>Touch-A-Truck, Monroe Christian School, 10AM-2PM</p>
06/13	<p>City Council Legislative Affairs Committee Meeting, City Hall, 6PM</p> <p>City Council Regular Business Meeting, City Hall, Council Chambers, 7PM</p>

Appointment Openings

Salary Commissioner

Ethics Boardmember (3)

www.monroewa.gov/vacancies

Job Openings

Lateral Police Officer

www.monroewa.gov/jobs

City of Monroe
Year-to-Date Comparisons

Sales Tax Revenues

'16 to 05/31/16: \$1,775,685
'17 to 05/31/17: \$2,019,500
UP \$243,815 or 13.73%

Real Estate Excise Tax

'16 to 05/31/16: \$374,770
'17 to 05/31/17: \$653,883
UP \$279,112 or 74.47%

Lodging Tax Revenues

'16 to 05/31/16: \$23,437
'17 to 05/31/17: \$22,882
Down \$555 or -2.36%

Business License Fees

'16 to 05/31/16: \$21,029
'17 to 05/31/17: \$20,642
DOWN \$387 or -1.83%

Building Permit Revenues

'16 to 05/31/16: \$202,753
'17 to 05/31/17: \$308,745
UP \$105,992 or 52.27%

Planning Fee Revenues

'16 to 05/31/16: \$36,290
'17 to 05/31/17: \$12,176
DOWN \$24,114 or -66.44%

New House Permits

'16 to 05/31/16: 52
'17 to 05/31/17: 80
UP 28 units or 79.0%

Multi-Family Permits (# units)

'16 to 05/31/16: 2
'17 to 05/31/17: 0
DOWN 2 units or -100.0%

Building Division Inspections

'16 to 05/31/16: 164
'17 to 05/31/17: 302*
UP 93 or 56.71%
***2016 YTD number**
unavailable at time

COUNCIL HAPPENINGS

Upcoming agenda items for the Tuesday, June 13, 2017, City Council meeting include a Proclamation for Father's Day, a Public Hearing for the 2018-2023 Transportation Improvement Plan, setting the date to consider the Worthington Heights Rezone, and an ordinance amending Traffic Impact Fees. For more information about these, please visit: <http://www.monroewa.gov/AgendaCenter/ViewFile/Agenda/565?html=true>.

CITY HAPPENINGS

2018 Lodging Tax Funding Round Starts Soon!

It's that time of year again. The Lodging Tax Advisory Committee will be soliciting applications for the 2018 tourism activities/festivals beginning this July. To help prepare for this year's funding round, the City will be hosting two open houses, June 14, and June 21, 2017, to answer questions from potential applicants. Both sessions will be held in the City Hall Council Chambers, from 5 to 6:30 p.m. If you are thinking about applying, but are not sure if your event would qualify, or you have questions regarding the application itself, feel free to stop by our open houses to chat with the advisory board's staff liaison: Finance Director Becky Hasart.

This year's funding timeline and application can be found on the City's website. Visit www.monroewa.gov/ltac for more information. While the official call for applications begins July 3, 2017, download the application now so you can get your questions answered at the open houses!

Passport Day!

The City of Monroe Finance Department will be hosting a "Passport Day" THIS 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.



Coffee with a Cop

Officers and staff will be at the Monroe YMCA on Tuesday, June 13th, 10 to 11 am, for the next "Coffee with a Cop" event. The Monroe Police Department is looking forward to meeting with the community, sharing ideas, and exchanging information on issues that impact our City. Please stop by and say "Hi!"