



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

Coffee with the Mayor

Come join me for coffee Saturday, July 22, 2017, from 8-10 a.m. at Artisan Foodworks (formerly The Dashing Dutchman Deli). Stop by to say "Hi" and have a cup of coffee. I look forward to seeing you!

COUNCIL HAPPENINGS

Upcoming agenda items for the Tuesday, July 25, 2017, City Council Meeting include: an ordinance amending floodplain regulations, and Park Master Plan Agreements. For more information on these items and the full agenda, please visit: <http://monroewa.gov/AgendaCenter/Home/MostRecent/City-Council-3-3>.

CITY HAPPENINGS

Music in the Park Happening Tonight!

Come out **TONIGHT, Friday, July 21st**, to watch the **Nate Botsford** at 7 p.m. at Lake Tye Park. It's sure to be a fun time by all. Food and drinks will be available for purchase. Here's the rest of the line-up for this month:

- July 28, 2017 – Massy Ferguson

Thank you to all the sponsors that help with these events!

- Sam's Cats and Dogs
- Monroe Boys and Girls Club
- Monroe Digital Copy Center
- Monroe Chamber of Commerce
- City of Monroe

Come out and enjoy beautiful Lake Tye for a fantastic evening! See you there!

Mayor

Geoffrey Thomas

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Jeff Rasmussen, Mayor Pro Tem

Kirk Scarboro

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EVENT HAPPENINGS

07/21	Music in the Park, Nate Botsford, Lake Tye Park, 7PM
7/21-7/22	Summer Showdown, Evergreen Speedway, 3-10PM
07/25	City Council Regular Business Meeting, City Hall, Council Chambers, 7PM
07/26	Farm to Table Farmers Market, Lake Tye Park, 9AM-2PM

Appointment Openings

Civil Service Commissioner

Ethics Boardmember (3)

Salary Commissioner

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 06/30/16: \$2,128,692
'17 to 06/30/17: \$2,448,392
UP \$319,701 or 15.01%

Real Estate Excise Tax

'16 to 06/30/16: \$438,503
'17 to 06/30/17: \$834,026
UP \$395,523 or 90.19%

Lodging Tax Revenues

'16 to 06/30/16: \$30,044
'17 to 06/30/17: \$29,296
Down \$748 or -2.49%

Business License Fees

'16 to 06/30/16: \$23,984
'17 to 06/30/17: \$26,717
UP \$2733 or 11.39%

Building Permit Revenues

'16 to 06/30/16: \$366,658
'17 to 06/30/17: \$369,850
UP \$3,192 or 0.87%

Planning Fee Revenues

'16 to 06/30/16: \$49,390
'17 to 06/30/17: \$14,401
DOWN \$34,989 or -70.84%

New House Permits

'16 to 06/30/16: 59
'17 to 06/30/17: 95
UP 36 units or 61.02%

Multi-Family Permits (# units)

'16 to 06/30/16: 2
'17 to 06/30/17: 0
DOWN 2 units or -100.0%

Building Division Inspections

'16 to 06/30/16: 215
'17 to 06/30/17: 317
UP 102 or 47.44%

New Distracted Driving Law

Effective July 23, 2017, No hand-held cell phone use while driving. Even when stopped in traffic or at traffic light. Includes all electronic devices even tablets, laptops and video games. No typing messages or accessing information. No watching videos or using cameras. You CAN use your device if you are: Hands-free and can start use by a single touch or swipe of your finger. Parked or out-of-the-flow of traffic. Contacting emergency services.

Coffee with a Cop – or it may be Kool-Aid...

Come meet our officers at the Monroe Boys and Girls Club next Tuesday, July 25, 2017 from 10 – 11 am as we “hang out” for an hour interacting with about 50 kids as well as greeting the public. There will still be coffee served as well as a drink for kids. Kids will also have the opportunity to play some games or shoot some hoops with our officers.

The newest member of the Monroe Police Department

The Monroe Police Department introduced their latest member of the force to council this past Tuesday night. K-9 “Sam” a yellow Labrador just finished training with his partner Officer Devin Tucker. Sam is trained to detect narcotics in vehicles, buildings and other places. Sam is the first narcotics K-9 that is not trained to detect marijuana after the recent changes in the laws. Welcome Sam!



New Downtown Furniture



City staff have begun installing new furniture in the downtown. In 2016 the City Council authorized 2017 funding of \$30,000 to purchase new furniture for downtown Monroe along Main Street. Staff met with representatives from the Downtown Monroe Association and Monroe Chamber of Commerce to review designs and select new furniture including benches, litter receptacles and bicycle racks. The review team selected new furniture that compliments both the historical elements of the downtown and its recent streetscape improvements.

National Night Out is August 1st!

National Night Out Against Crime is coming up on Tuesday, August 1st! Join the Snohomish County Fire District 7, along with law enforcement for a fun evening of activities, food, and information about how to keep your family safe! We will be at Buffalo Park with Mill Creek Police Department, Willis Tucker Park with the Snohomish County Sheriff's Office, and Lake Tye Park with Monroe Police Department. For more information visit our website www.snofire7.org. Hope to see you there!