



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

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Thank you!

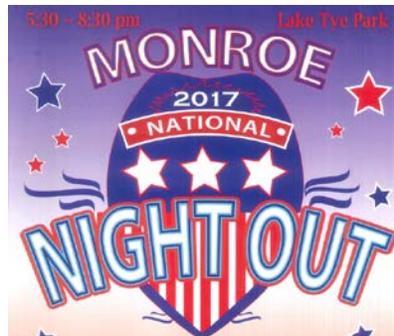
Yours in Service,

Mayor Geoffrey Thomas



MAYOR HAPPENINGS

National Night Out Against Crime – NEXT TUESDAY, August 1st!



The Monroe Police Department and the Monroe Rotary invite you to **National Night Out** on **Tuesday, August 1st, 5:30 to 8:00 pm at Lake Tye Park**. This is a fun, family event as we gather as a Community to focus on public safety. **Meet our local police and fire personnel** as well as many of our businesses, community organizations, and faith groups. There will be free food and giveaways, children's bouncy houses, police and fire demonstrations and the annual mascot "dance-off" contest. Please join me at this wonderful event!

COUNCIL HAPPENINGS

The Tuesday, August 1, 2017, Monroe City Council Regular Business Meeting has been CANCELLED. **See you at the National Night Out event at Lake Tye Park!**

CITY HAPPENINGS

FINAL Music in the Park - FRIDAY!

Come out **THIS Friday, July 28th**, to watch the **Massy Ferguson** 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. This is the FINAL Music in the Park Concert of 2017; be sure not to miss all the fun!

Thank you to all the sponsors of the 2017 Music in the Park series:

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

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07/28	FINAL PERFORMANCE! Music in the Park, Massy Ferguson, Lake Tye Park, 7PM
08/01	National Night Out Against Crime, Lake Tye Park, 5:30-8:30 PM
08/01	CANCELLED - City Council Regular Business Meeting, City Hall, Council Chambers, 7PM
08/02	Farm to Table Farmers Market, Lake Tye Park, 9AM-2PM
08/04	OPENING NIGHT! Movies Under the Moon, The Lego Batman Movie, Lake Tye Park, 8-10PM

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

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%

Community Outreach & Enforcement Team Update

The Monroe Police Department, and embedded social worker Ms. Elisa Delgado, have been working in our City two days a week offering assistance to homeless people. **Since the program began in April, the team has engaged a total of Forty-two clients!** They currently have one client who has graduated from treatment and is currently housed in clean and sober housing with employment lined up; two clients are in treatment with one getting ready to graduate and go into clean and sober housing; two clients have completed their assessments and are waiting for chemical dependency beds; four clients are currently enrolled in housing programs and one has already been placed in their own apartment; four clients have pending chemical dependency assessments for placement and treatment; and one client was assisted with out of state placement with family.

Appointment Openings
 Civil Service Commissioner
 Ethics Boardmember (3)
 Salary Commissioner
www.monroewa.gov/vacancies

Job Openings
 Lateral Police Officer
 Parks Seasonal
www.monroewa.gov/jobs

COMING SOON TO A PARK NEAR YOU: Movies under the Moon @ Lake Tye Park!

Mark your calendars for the 2017 Movies under the Moon series! Beginning August 4, 2017, each Friday in August will feature a fun flick for the whole family! Here's the line-up for 2017:

- **August 4th: The Batman Lego Movie**
- **August 11th: Sing**
- **August 18th: The Jungle Book**
- **August 25th: Rouge One: A Star Wars Story**

Thank you to all the sponsors of the 2017 Movies under the Moon series:

- Monroe Family YMCA
- Monroe Boys and Girls Club
- Monroe Arts Council
- City of Monroe
- Monroe Concert Band
- Republic Services

Movies begin at dusk and pre-event activities start at 8 p.m. Grab your chair, a blanket, and we'll see you at the movies!



REMINDER - New Distracted Driving Law!!!

Drivers be aware – the new Distracted Driving Law is now effective (as of July 23, 2017). This new law prohibits hand-held cell phone use while driving (even when stopped in traffic or at traffic light), and includes the use of 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.

Stay safe!