



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, August 19, 2017, from 8-10 a.m. at Sharinabeen's on Main. Stop by to say "Hi" and have a cup of coffee. I look forward to seeing you!

Crosswalk Safety

Drivers may be familiar with the idea that they have to stop for pedestrians crossing the road at marked crosswalks, but many do not realize that they are also required to stop for pedestrians at 'unmarked crosswalks'. In Washington State, as in most states, all intersections of streets are normally considered to represent crosswalks, even when there is no painted markings. At these 'unmarked crosswalks', it is legal for pedestrians to cross. The relevant statute reads:

The operator of an approaching vehicle shall stop and remain stopped to allow a pedestrian or bicycle to cross the roadway within an unmarked or marked crosswalk . . . (RCW 46.61.235)

Drive safely and attentively on roads where pedestrians may be present. The law gives the pedestrians the right to cross the road at most intersection, and requires drivers to allow them to do so.



Many of the crosswalks around Monroe have pedestrian flags available to use when crossing a crosswalk. These brightly colored flags help drivers see pedestrians better and can reduce pedestrian/vehicle injuries. Use a flag and stay safe!

Mayor

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EVENT HAPPENINGS

08/11	Movies Under the Moon, SING, Lake Tye Park, 8-11PM
08/12	Lake Tye Triathlon, Lake Tye Park, 8AM-12PM Corks & Kegs Festival, Harry's at Tye Street, 3-11PM
08/15	City Council P4 Committee Mtg., City Hall, PAC, 6PM CANCELLED Regular Business Meeting, City Hall, Council Chambers, 7PM CANCELLED
08/16	Farm to Table Farmers Market, Lake Tye Park, 3PM-7PM

City of Monroe

Year-to-Date Comparisons

Sales Tax Revenues

'16 to 07/31/16: \$2,502,888

'17 to 07/31/17: \$2,868,938

UP \$366,049 or 14.62%

Real Estate Excise Tax

'16 to 07/31/16: \$506,042

'17 to 07/31/17: \$917,009

UP \$410,967 or 81.21%

Lodging Tax Revenues

'16 to 07/31/16: \$37,826

'17 to 07/31/17: \$36,577

Down \$1,250 or -3.30%

Business License Fees

'16 to 07/31/16: \$27,330

'17 to 07/31/17: \$29,579

UP \$2,249 or 8.22%

Building Permit Revenues

'16 to 07/31/16: \$418,462

'17 to 07/31/17: \$456,438

UP \$37,975 or 9.07%

Planning Fee Revenues

'16 to 07/31/16: \$61,200

'17 to 07/31/17: \$17,226

DOWN \$43,974 or -71.85%

New House Permits

'16 to 07/31/16: 75

'17 to 07/31/17: 102

UP 27 units or 36%

Multi-Family Permits (# units)

'16 to 07/31/16: 2

'17 to 07/31/17: 0

DOWN 2 units or -100.0%

Building Division Inspections

'16 to 07/31/16: 238

'17 to 07/31/17: 290

UP 52 or 21.85%

COUNCIL HAPPENINGS

The Tuesday, August 15, 2017, Monroe City Council Regular Business Meeting has been cancelled. The August 22, 2017, Monroe City Council Regular Business Meeting agenda includes an Oath of Office for City Administrator Knight, and a presentation from Evergreen Health Monroe.

CITY HAPPENINGS

Movies Under the Moon @ Lake Tye Park!!

Tonight, August 4, 2017, begins the 2017 Movies Under the Moon series. Each Friday in August will feature a fun flick for the whole family! Tonight's showing will be:

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Here is the line-up for the next two Fridays!

- **August 18th: The Jungle Book**
- **August 25th: Rogue 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!

Lake Tye Triathlon

The Lake Tye Triathlon is TOMORROW, Saturday, August 12, 2017. Come out and cheer on local athletes as they compete. Please note that Frylands Blvd will be closed tomorrow morning at 6AM and will reopen by 1PM for this event.

Community Meetup Spot!

The City of Monroe now has a Community MeetUp spot in the parking lot in front of the Monroe Police Department at 818 W Main Street. The two parking spots are designated by the green "MEETUP SPOT" signs for internet purchase or exchanges. This location has 24/7 video recordings and are open to the public for this type of activity. Thank you to OfferUp for their generous donation of equipment to get this up and running for our Community.

Appointment Openings

Civil Service Commissioner
Ethics Boardmember (3)
Salary Commissioner

www.monroewa.gov/vacancies

Job Openings

Lateral Police Officer

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