



# 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](mailto:gthomas@monroewa.gov).

Thank you!

Yours in Service,

Mayor Geoffrey Thomas



## MAYOR HAPPENINGS

### Panhandling

Panhandling is allowed in Monroe, BUT "Aggressive" panhandling and solicitation is not allowed anywhere in Monroe. "Aggressive" panhandling and solicitation is when someone:

- Asks you for something, including money, in a threatening or forceful way;
- Keeps asking you for something after you said "no;" or
- Blocks your path to try to get something from you.

If you feel aggressive panhandling has happened:

1. Get to a safe place,
2. CALL 911, and
3. Provide a report to the responding officer.

### Proclamations

At the Tuesday, August 22, 2017, City Council Meeting, I proclaimed two annual events which are traditions in Monroe; Monroe Fair Days and Swift Night Out. Thank you to the Monroe School District, Pilchuck Audubon Society, Vaux's Happening, and Monroe Arts Council for partnering for Swift Night Out, and Snohomish County, Evergreen Fairgrounds, and Monroe Chamber of Commerce for all you do for Monroe Fair Days! Thank you all for keeping the traditions alive and well in Monroe!



### 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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Jason Gamble

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## EVENT HAPPENINGS

08/25	Movies Under the Moon, ROGUE ONE, Lake Tye Park, 8-11PM
08/26	Monroe Fairs Days Parade, Main Street, 11AM Monroe Fair Days Market, Frank Wagner Elementary, 9AM
08/30	Farm to Table Farmers Market, Lake Tye Park, 3PM-7PM
08/24 - 09/04	Evergreen State Fair, Evergreen State Fairgrounds, 10AM-10PM

**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**

There is no meeting on Tuesday, August 29, 2017, as it is the fifth Tuesday of the month. The September 5, 2017, Monroe City Council Regular Business Meeting has been cancelled. The Tuesday, September 12, 2017, Monroe City Council Regular Business Meeting agenda includes a Public Hearing regarding the 2017-18 Comprehensive Plan Amendments Docket, an Ordinance for Change of Control of WDH Black Rock, LLC, and a discussion on No Parking at Cluster Mailboxes, Real Estate Brokerage Contract, Fireworks, and Economic Development. Click [here](#) for the extended agenda.

**CITY HAPPENINGS**

**FINAL NIGHT! Movies Under the Moon @ Lake Tye Park!!**

The 2017 Movies Under the Moon series concludes tonight! Tonight's showing will be:

***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!

**Monroe Fair Days!**

The Evergreen State Fair began Thursday, August 24, 2017! This year's theme is "Harvest the Memories" and what a great opportunity to make some fun memories. The annual Fair Day's Parade will be TOMORROW, Saturday, August, 26, 2017, beginning at 11 a.m. The Fair Days Market will also be in full swing at 9 a.m.

Come out and enjoy all the festivities the parade and fair has to offer!

**Master Plans for Cadman Site, Lake Tye Park**

The parks master plan process for Lake Tye Park and the Cadman site is kicking off. The City Council approved an agreement with HBB Landscape Architects of Seattle. The planning process will include public notice of several opportunities for input from our community in the form of open houses, surveys and other meetings for public comment. Information will be posted on the City website [www.monroewa.gov](http://www.monroewa.gov) and Facebook page.

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.

[Appointment Openings](#)  
Civil Service Commissioner  
Ethics Boardmember (3)  
Salary Commissioner  
[www.monroewa.gov/vacancies](http://www.monroewa.gov/vacancies)

[Job Openings](#)  
Parks Maintenance Worker II  
Lateral Police Officer  
[www.monroewa.gov/jobs](http://www.monroewa.gov/jobs)

