



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

Labor Day – City Offices Closed

Monday, September 4, 2017, City Hall offices will be closed in observance of Labor Day. City offices will reopen on Tuesday, September 5, 2017, at 8 a.m. Enjoy your weekend!

School Starting Back Up!

School begins on Tuesday, September 5, 2017. As a reminder:

1. Watch for students walking to and from school;
2. Stop for busses when red lights are flashing; and
3. Adhere to the speed limit in school zones.

Both items 2 and 3 can carry hefty fines if stopped by Police. Failure to stop for flashing red lights on a school bus will cost you a \$419 ticket and school zone speeding is a \$234 ticket; both are not reducible. Help keep our kids safe!

COUNCIL HAPPENINGS

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, resolutions amending the Master Fee Schedule and Parking Restrictions, and discussion items regarding the City's Real Estate Brokerage Contract, Economic Development, Fireworks, and No Parking at Cluster Mailboxes. Click [here](#) for the extended agenda.

Mayor

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Councilmembers

Jeff Rasmussen, Mayor Pro Tem

Kirk Scarboro

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EVENT HAPPENINGS

09/04	Labor Day, City Hall Closed
09/09	Swifts Night Out, Frank Wagner Elementary, 4PM- Dusk

Appointment Openings

Civil Service Commissioner

Ethics Boardmember (3)

Salary Commissioner

www.monroewa.gov/vacancies

Job Openings

Parks Maintenance Worker II

Lateral Police Officer

www.monroewa.gov/jobs

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%

CITY HAPPENINGS

Master Plans for Cadman Site, Lake Tye Park

Mark Your Calendars!! The City of Monroe is starting the master planning process for the long-term vision for Lake Tye Park and a future park at the Cadman Site, which is located adjacent to Sky River Park. Please come join us for a "Pop-Up Studio" during the day anytime from anytime from 11 a.m. to 3 p.m. and an Open House each evening from 6 to 8 p.m. at the Monroe Boys and Girls Club, located at 261 Sky River Parkway, on September 15 and 16, 2017. Come share your expectations and ideas for activities and design with our team. Your contribution will help shape the future of your parks! We also want to hear from you!

Please take the Online Community Survey [here!](#)

Share this with your Monroe friends and neighbors. Your input will guide the development of the master plans for these parks. Initial concepts will be developed in the fall and finalized around the end of this year.

Swifts Night Out!

Save the Date! Swifts Night Out is Saturday, September 9, 2017! Come out and watch thousands of Vaux's Swifts descend into the chimney at Frank Wagner Elementary. The fun starts at 4 p.m. and goes until dusk. The event is free with activities for the kids and there is an optional spaghetti dinner for \$6.50. See you there!



City Staff Celebrates Blue Thursday!

City staff members love to show their Seahawk Spirit! As preseason wrapped up with the Hawks being 4-0, staff wanted to show off their gear on Blue Thursday. (Yes, non-Hawk fans are allowed to wear their team colors.) What a great looking group! GO HAWKS!

