



# 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

### Governor Inslee Visits Monroe

On Thursday, September 7, 2017, the City of Sultan Mayor, Carolyn Eslick, City of Snohomish Mayor, Tom Hamilton, and I, had the pleasure and opportunity to speak with Governor Jay Inslee about finalizing the capital budget for Washington and the capital projects our cities want to see completed. I was able to speak to him about our synthetic turf fields at Lake Tye Park and what that would mean to the Monroe community, as well as advocate the completion of SR522. School Board president, Darcy Cheesman, also stressed the importance of completing SR522 as it impacts student learning. Mayor Eslick added the importance of improving US2. THANK YOU BOTH! Thank you to all the leaders of the youth organizations who came out to support Lake Tye and the synthetic turf fields: Monroe Parks & Recreation, Snohomish County Parks: Recreation & Tourism, Snohomish County Sports Commission, Legends Baseball Club, Monroe Lacrosse Club, Sky River Soccer Club, Snohomish County Adult Soccer Association, Sky Valley Little League, Monroe Youth Football, Monroe School District, Monroe YMCA, and Stars Unlimited! Your turn out to this showed that these projects are more than words and numbers - they are assets that build and enhance our community. I appreciate and am thankful for the time that Governor Inslee was able to speak with us and update us on the status of the capital funds.

(Left to Right: Monroe Mayor Geoffrey Thomas, Sultan Mayor Carolyn Eslick, Snohomish Mayor Tom Hamilton, and Governor Jay Inslee)

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## EVENT HAPPENINGS

09/09	Swifts Night Out, Frank Wagner Elementary, 4PM-Dusk
09/10	Color Walk/Run Fundraiser, Sky River Park, 8-10AM
09/12	<del>City Council Legislative Affairs Committee Meeting, PAC, 6PM-CANCELLED</del> City Council Regular Business Meeting, Council Chambers, City Hall, 7PM
09/15 - 09/16	Park Master Plan Pop-Up Studio, Monroe Boys and Girls Club, 11AM-3PM Park Master Plan Open House, Monroe Boys and Girls Club, 6-8PM



**City of Monroe**  
**Year-to-Date Comparisons**

Sales Tax Revenues

'16 to 08/31/16: \$2,917,017  
'17 to 08/31/17: \$3,535,036  
**UP \$618,019 or 21.18%**

Real Estate Excise Tax

'16 to 08/31/16: \$588,317  
'17 to 08/31/17: \$1,104,224  
**UP \$515,907 or 87.69%**

Lodging Tax Revenues

'16 to 08/31/16: \$47,088  
'17 to 08/31/17: \$45,506  
**Down \$1,582 or -3.35%**

Business License Fees

'16 to 08/31/16: \$31,016  
'17 to 08/31/17: \$33,617  
**UP \$2,601 or 8.38%**

Building Permit Revenues

'16 to 08/31/16: \$454,437  
'17 to 08/31/17: \$501,952  
**UP \$47,515 or 10.45%**

Planning Fee Revenues

'16 to 08/31/16: \$71,080  
'17 to 08/31/17: \$24,311  
**DOWN \$46,769 or -65.79%**

New House Permits

'16 to 08/31/16: 85  
'17 to 08/31/17: 111  
**UP 26 units or 30.59%**

Multi-Family Permits (# units)

'16 to 08/31/16: 2  
'17 to 08/31/17: 0  
**DOWN 2 units or -100.0%**

Building Division Inspections

'16 to 08/31/16: 324  
'17 to 08/31/17: 307  
**DOWN 17 or -5.25%**

**PSRC Economic Development District Meeting**

I represent all Snohomish County cities on the Puget Sound Regional Council's Economic Development District Board. On Wednesday, September 6, 2017, I attended the board meeting in Seattle and they adopted the economic development strategy for the region. As part of that deliberation, I ensured that cities like Monroe were properly identified as cities that provide opportunities that support regional needs for housing, manufacturing, businesses, recreation, and tourism. It is important that cities like Monroe have a voice at this table. If we were not represented at the Puget Sound Regional Council, we lose out on opportunities for grants and projects that support transportation and infrastructure improvements and promote business and economic development.

**Walmart Mobile Shopping App**

On Thursday, September 7, 2017, I helped cut the ribbon at Walmart for their new mobile app for online personal shopping capabilities. The Monroe Walmart is the 1,000th store to have a mobile app online personal shopping capabilities. This will help busy families with shopping as they are able to select and purchase they need and pick them up once they arrive. Thank you for this opportunity Monroe Walmart!

**COUNCIL HAPPENINGS**

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 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.

**CITY HAPPENINGS**

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

On September 15th & 16th, the City of Monroe will host two pop-up parks planning studios and two evening open houses to review work produced during the pop-up studios. The City is taking time now to prepare these parks master plans, getting ready for 2018 and the eventual development of the Cadman park and improvements to Lake Tye Park.

The studios, set to run from 11 a.m. to 3 p.m. both days at the Boys & Girls Club and Lake Tye Park, will focus on master planning for Lake Tye Park and the Cadman park site. They are a "drop-in" format, encouraging passers-by to speak with the planning team and participate in the planning process. All ideas are welcome, and the conversations add detail and nuance to the project, ensuring that plan recommendations really fit Monroe. The first day will concentrate on generating alternative approaches to the Lake Tye and Cadman sites. The second day will focus on vetting those alternatives, exploring community priorities for each park site and setting early direction.

The open houses, from 6 to 8 p.m. on both Friday and Saturday at the Boys & Girls Club, will seek public ideas on the park concepts. Public suggestions will help create the preferred master plans for both parks.

Public comment is also being solicited through a community survey, available through the City's website and at the following link <https://www.surveymonkey.com/r/monroe-parks>.

[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  
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