



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

Meeting with Senator Pearson

On Wednesday, September 13, 2017, our City Administrator Deborah Knight and I met with State Senator Pearson. We caught up on the 2017 State Legislative Session, the capital budget, and the issues he sees in the 2018 State Legislative Session. I talked with him about supporting our request for the State Department of Transportation's approval of re-establishing 191st, expanding tools to address homelessness and to combat drugs, and identifying changes in state law to help cities annex areas in our urban growth areas. I thanked him for his work on SR-522 and on adding \$800,000 in the capital budget for synthetic turf fields at Lake Tye. I truly appreciate having Senator Pearson serve our community in Olympia. Thank you!!

Economic Development Approaches

At the Tuesday, September 12, 2017, City Council meeting, the City Administrator Deborah Knight presented an Economic Development Approach for 2018 to continue the progress that has been started and implement new strategies for Monroe. The proposed approach includes establishing an Economic Development Advisory Board, a regional Tourism Promotion and Marketing Plan, and building a Business Recruitment and Retention program. I look forward to working with Ms. Knight on the proposed approach for Economic Development in Monroe and will keep you updated on the progress.

Mayor

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EVENT HAPPENINGS

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| 09/15-09/16 | <i>Park Master Plan Pop-Up Studio, Monroe Boys and Girls Club, 11AM-3PM</i> <i>Park Master Plan Open House, Monroe Boys and Girls Club, 6-8PM</i> |
| 09/16 | <i>Coffee with the Mayor, Paesano's</i> <i>Police vs. Fire Flag Football Game, Monroe High School, 12PM</i> |
| 09/19 | <i>Transportation Benefit District Board Special Meeting, City Hall, Council Chambers, 6:30PM</i> <i>City Council Regular Business Meeting, Council Chambers, City Hall, 7PM</i> |
| 09/21 | <i>East County Job Fair, Monroe Boys and Girls Club, 10AM-1PM</i> |

Appointment Openings

Civil Service Commissioner

Ethics Boardmember (3)

Salary Commissioner

www.monroewa.gov/vacancies

Job Openings

Lateral Police Officer

www.monroewa.gov/jobs

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%

Coffee with the Mayor

Come join me for coffee TOMORROW, Saturday, September 16, 2017 at Paesano's. Bring your questions and comments and have some coffee. I look forward to seeing you!

Garlic Jims Ribbon Cutting

On Thursday, September 14, 2017, I helped cut the ribbon at the Grand Opening of Garlic Jim's Famous Gourmet Pizza at 14957 N. Kelsey Street. It is exciting having this returning business in town! Thank you Garlic Jim's!



Monroe Listens



Did you know there is an easy way to send your questions, concerns, requests, and compliments regarding the City? Click www.monroewa.gov/monroelistens, provide contact information, enter your request, and it will be directed to the appropriate department. City staff will look into your request and will respond back to you with an answer. You are also able to track your request. We look forward to helping you out!

COUNCIL HAPPENINGS

The Tuesday, September 19, 2017, Monroe City Council Regular Business Meeting agenda includes a presentation from the State Auditor, School Resource Officer Interlocal Agreement, and LTAC Grant Recommendations. There will also be a special business meeting for the Transportation Benefit District at 6:30 p.m. For more information click [here](#).

CITY HAPPENINGS

Recognition of Jon Richardson

At the Tuesday, September 12, 2017, City Council Meeting, Officer Jon Richardson was recognized for his service to the Monroe Police Department. Officer Richardson is retiring after 32 years with the Monroe Police Department! Congratulations and Happy Retirement!!



Police vs. Fire Flag Football Game

The Fourth Annual Police vs Fire Flag Football Game, benefitting the Monroe Boys & Girls Club will be held tomorrow, September 16th at noon at the Monroe High School. Gates will open at 11 am. Tickets are available at the police and fire departments as well as the Monroe Boys & Girls Club. Pre-sale is \$5 or \$8 at the gate.

East County Job Fair

The Monroe Boys & Girls Club is hosting the East County Job Fair on September 21st from 10 a.m. to 1 p.m. The job fair will provide job and intern seekers access to employers seeking talented candidates in almost every discipline, from hospitality and health care to finance, education and everything in between. Nearly FIFTY local employers and employment resource organizations will be participating. For more information, please visit, www.eastcountyjobfair.com.