



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

Economic Development Advisory Board

The City of Monroe is accepting applications from business owners to serve on the City's newly formed Economic Development Advisory Board. The Board is expected to meet from approximately November 2017 through June 2018. Applications are available on the City's [website](#) and at City Hall located at 806 West Main Street. **The deadline to apply is Friday, October 20, 2017.**

The City is looking for local business owners and managers with experience or expertise in retail, commercial, professional, recreation/tourism, lodging, commercial real estate, and homebased businesses throughout the City.

The purpose of the Economic Development Advisory Board is to review and prioritize the list of recommended actions included in the city's Economic Development Plan. The Board will identify short term, mid-term, and long-term priorities. The goal is to have a list of prioritized actions and funding recommendations for the City Council to consider as part of the Mayor's Recommended 2019 Budget.

I will review applications and make recommendations for City Council confirmation on November 14, 2017.

For more information contact City Administrator Deborah Knight at 360-863-4500 or dknight@monroewa.gov.

Mayor

Geoffrey Thomas

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Jeff Rasmussen, Mayor Pro Tem

Kirk Scarboro

Patsy Cudaback

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EVENT HAPPENINGS

10/13	Oktoberfest BINGO, East County Senior Center, 6-9PM
10/14	Snohomish County FD7 Open House, 163 Village Court, 10AM-2PM
10/17	City Council P4 Committee Meeting, City Hall, PAC, 6PM CANCELLED City Council Regular Business Meeting, Council Chambers, City Hall, 7PM

Appointment Openings

Civil Service Commissioner

Economic Development Advisory Board

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 09/30/16: \$3,304,016

'17 to 09/30/17: \$3,819,710

UP \$515,694 or 15.60%

Real Estate Excise Tax

'16 to 09/30/16: \$650,438

'17 to 09/30/17: \$1,207,408

UP \$556,970 or 85.62%

Lodging Tax Revenues

'16 to 09/30/16: \$56,852

'17 to 09/30/17: \$45,506

Down \$870 or -1.52%

Business License Fees

'16 to 09/30/16: \$35,174

'17 to 09/30/17: \$37,742

UP \$2,568 or 7.30%

Building Permit Revenues

'16 to 09/30/16: \$496,778

'17 to 09/30/17: \$536,829

UP \$40,051 or 8.06%

Planning Fee Revenues

'16 to 09/30/16: \$92,900

'17 to 09/30/17: \$29,021

DOWN \$63,879 or -68.76%

New House Permits

'16 to 09/30/16: 93

'17 to 09/30/17: 119

UP 26 units or 27.96%

Multi-Family Permits (# units)

'16 to 09/30/16: 4

'17 to 09/30/17: 12

UP 8 units or 200.0%

Building Division Inspections

'16 to 09/30/16: 260

'17 to 09/30/17: 245

DOWN 15 or -5.77%

COUNCIL HAPPENINGS

The Tuesday, October 17, 2017, Monroe City Council Regular Business Meeting agenda includes a Public Hearing for an East Monroe Interim Rezoning Extension, Ordinances for Setting 2018 Property Tax Levy and Comprehensive Plan Amendments, and LTAC Awards Agreement. For more information click [here](#).

CITY HAPPENINGS

Red Robin Tip-A-Cop

The Monroe Police Department will be at the Monroe Red Robin on Saturday, October 21, 2017, from 11 a.m. to 9 p.m. for the annual Red Robin Tip-A-Cop fundraising event for Special Olympics benefiting Washington athletes. This is a great opportunity to meet our Officers, explore some of the patrol vehicles, and help a great cause. Donations are also accepted at the department.

Development Code Renovation

The City of Monroe is in the process of renovating its development code. This renovation would replace the existing development code, which is currently located in Titles 17, 18, 19, 20, and 21 of the Monroe Municipal Code (MMC) with one unified, user-friendly set of rules. The purpose of the development code renovation is to simplify its content, streamline the City's permitting process, and increase flexibility.

You may be asking yourself - How does this affect me?

You may never notice most of the potential changes to the development code. However, other modifications could impact Monroe in visible ways. The following topics may be of interest to many residents:

- Changes to residential density, which is the number of lots and/or housing units allowed for each acre;
- Ways to protect and preserve the existing tree canopy;
- Design standards to provide aesthetic consistency for building exteriors throughout various parts of the City;
- Deciding which types of land uses are permitted to locate where;
- Landscaping standards for new and existing developments;
- Subdivision and Planned Residential Development (PRD) requirements; and
- Standards for walls and fences.

Then asking - How can I help?

The City wants YOU to get involved! There will be many opportunities to participate by speaking and offering input, including:

- Attending Planning Commission meetings regularly. These are scheduled for the second and fourth Mondays of each month. The meetings begin at 7 p.m. in the Council Chambers in City Hall at 806 West Main Street, Monroe, WA 98272;
- Attending the Open House on October 23, 2017, at 6 p.m. This will also be in the City's Council Chambers. A Planning Commission meeting will be held immediately after the open house and the public will be given an opportunity to speak; and
- Asking to be put on the mailing list to receive updates. To request to be on the mailing list, please email Shana Restall, Senior Planner, at srestall@monroewa.gov.

For more information, click [here](#).

Fire Prevention Week

Fire District No. 7 is hosting an Open House to promote fire and life safety! There is an Open House at Station No. 31 (163 Village Court, Monroe, Washington) on Saturday, October 14, 2017, from 10:00 a.m. to 2 p.m. These events will have car extrication demonstrations, live fire extinguisher training, firefighter challenge courses for the kids, and more! Bring the whole family for a fun interactive event!