



# 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

### City Hall Closed - November 10, 2017

City Hall offices will be closed on Friday, November 10, 2017, in observance of Veteran's Day. Thank you to all the men and women who have served, continue to serve, and have given their lives for our freedoms.

### Veteran's Day Recognition Event

Please join me **Saturday, November 11, 2017, at 8:30 a.m. at Lake Tye Park** to lay a wreath and recognize our Veteran's. Please come gather at the **Veteran's Memorial Monument** to honor those who have served and continue to serve.

## COUNCIL HAPPENINGS

The Tuesday, November 14, 2017, Monroe City Council Regular Business & Study Session Meeting agenda includes: a Police Department Promotion Ceremony, approval of consent agenda items, and discussion items on the 2018 budget. For more information click [HERE](#).

## CITY HAPPENINGS

### Centennial Trail Connection

The City of Monroe, along with other local governments and trail advocates, have continued to express support to Snohomish County for the Centennial Trail connection between Snohomish and Monroe. We are excited about the steps the County, City of Monroe, and other community partners have taken to extend the Centennial Trail eastward. This trail segment will be enjoyed by walkers, runners, bikers, and equestrians, while linking together Snohomish County communities. Extending the Centennial Trail up the Skykomish Valley will also enhance the region as a tourist destination and meet the County's long range tourism goals. To-date the City of Monroe has extended its hard surface trail system to the western most point of the City awaiting the arrival of the Centennial Trail connection.

### Mayor

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### Councilmembers

Jeff Rasmussen, Mayor Pro Tem

Kirk Scarboro

Patsy Cudaback

Kevin Hanford

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## EVENT HAPPENINGS

11/10	Veterans Day Observed, City Hall Closed
11/14	City Council Leg. Affairs Committee Mtg City Hall, Permit Center Open Area, 6PM CANCELLED  City Council Regular Business Meeting, City Hall, Council Chambers, 7PM

## Appointment Openings

Civil Service Commissioner  
Economic Development Advisory Board

Ethics Boardmember (3)

Salary Commissioner

[www.monroewa.gov/vacancies](http://www.monroewa.gov/vacancies)

## Job Openings

Lateral Police Officer

[www.monroewa.gov/jobs](http://www.monroewa.gov/jobs)

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

Sales Tax Revenues

'16 to 10/31/16: \$3,711,049  
'17 to 10/31/17: \$4,304,277  
**UP \$593,228 or 15.98%**

Real Estate Excise Tax

'16 to 10/31/16: \$777,544  
'17 to 10/31/17: \$1,320,866  
**UP \$543,322 or 69.87%**

Lodging Tax Revenues

'16 to 10/31/16: \$67,783  
'17 to 10/31/17: \$67,722  
**Down \$62 or -0.09%**

Business License Fees

'16 to 10/31/16: \$38,574  
'17 to 10/31/17: \$41,051  
**UP \$2,477 or 6.42%**

Building Permit Revenues

'16 to 10/31/16: \$561,003  
'17 to 10/31/17: \$578,676  
**UP \$17,673 or 3.15%**

Planning Fee Revenues

'16 to 10/31/16: \$104,485  
'17 to 10/31/17: \$40,816  
**DOWN \$63,669 or -60.93%**

New House Permits

'16 to 10/31/16: 93  
'17 to 09/30/17: 127  
**UP 34 units or 35.56%**

Multi-Family Permits (# units)

'16 to 10/31/16: 4  
'17 to 10/31/17: 12  
**UP 8 units or 200.0%**

Building Division Inspections

'16 to 10/31/16: 260  
'17 to 10/31/17: 454  
**UP 194 or 74.62%**

(Connection continued) We look forward to the design and construction of this connection between Monroe and Snohomish in the near future. Check out the KIRO 7 News story [here!](#)

**Exercise Stations at Sky River Park**

Parks staff are making preparations to install new exercise stations at Sky River Park! Earlier this year, in partnership with the Monroe Boys & Girls Club, a Snohomish County Small Capital Projects Partnership Grant application was submitted and awarded to purchase and install four basic trailside exercise stations along the walking trail at Skykomish River Park. The new exercise stations are being installed in the park this fall and will provide fun and exercise for users with varying abilities.



**Lake Tye/Cadman Parks Master Plan**

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. We would like to hear from YOU! Please Take the Online Community Survey and share the link with your Monroe friends and neighbors!

Link: <https://www.surveymonkey.com/r/monroe-parks-2>

This survey offers those that were unable to attend the November 1st Open House the chance to weigh in on emerging plans for both parks. We'll ask for feedback on the updated "vision" for each park first, then seek input on the actual designs for both schemes. Finally, we'll ask what types of features you think ought to be addressed first, helping develop phasing strategies for the City to tackle. Note that we've provided room for written comments - so please spend an extra few minutes to share your thoughts and insights. And because both plans cover a lot of space - and include many details - you'll want to see them on the largest screen you can manage. Hopefully, you'll be able to complete this questionnaire where you can see all of each plan, zoom in on details and read all the notes we've included. 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.

**Toys for Tots**

Our own Officer Shaun Van Eaton also serves as an active reservist with the U. S. Marine Corps and participates in the Toys for Tots campaign; which accepts new, unwrapped toys and distributes them as Christmas gifts to needy children in the community in which they were received. If interested in donating, there are bins in both the City Hall lobby and the Police Department's lobby located at 818 W Main Street in Monroe. The Monroe Police Department will be accepting donations through December 15th.

**Daylight Saving Time**

Daylight savings was this last weekend. When you changed your clocks did you also check your smoke alarm batteries? The National Fire Protection Association reports that three of every five home fire deaths resulted from fires in homes with no smoke alarms or no working smoke alarms. In fires that had smoke alarms present but did not operate, almost half of the alarms had missing or disconnected batteries. Partner with Snohomish Fire District No. 7 in protecting you and your family by making sure you have properly working smoke alarms in your home. It is also recommended to replace your smoke alarms every ten years. For more information on smoke alarms visit <http://www.nfpa.org/smokealarms>.