



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

City Hall Closed - November 23-24, 2017

City Hall offices will be closed on Thursday and Friday, November 23-24, 2017. Have a wonderful Thanksgiving holiday!

COUNCIL HAPPENINGS

The Tuesday, November 21, 2017, Monroe City Council Regular Business Meeting agenda includes: presentations from Snohomish Health District and Downtown Monroe Association, confirmation of the Municipal Court Judge, an ordinance adopting the 2018 Budget, and a discussion of WATV regulations. For more information click [HERE](#).

CITY HAPPENINGS

Light Up Monroe

The Monroe Chamber of Commerce invites everyone to the Light Up Monroe celebration to be held Sunday, November 26, 2017, at Travelers Park from 4:30 to 5:30 p.m. Travelers Park is located at the intersection of Main Street and US 2. For a full schedule of events contact the Monroe Chamber of Commerce. (360-794-5488; www.ChooseMonroe.com)

We would like to extend a huge THANK YOU to the following area businesses: **Windermere Real Estate/Monroe, Speedway Chevrolet, American Family Insurance – Sally Petty, The Church at**

Monroe, Jones Family Orthodontics, and Penrith Home Loans for their generous donations for the purchase and installation of new LED holiday lights for the Monroe Community Christmas Tree! These in-kind donations are valued at \$3,000 from each donor for a total donation value of \$18,000. These lights will be

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Jeff Rasmussen, Mayor Pro Tem

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EVENT HAPPENINGS

11/21	City Council P4 Committee Mtg City Hall, Permit Center Open Area, 6PM CANCELLED City Council Regular Business Meeting, City Hall, Chambers, 7PM
11/23 & 11/24	City Hall Closed, Thanksgiving Weekend
11/26	Light-Up Monroe, Sky River Park/Travelers Park, 4-6PM

Appointment Openings

Civil Service Commissioner
Economic Dev. Advisory Board
Ethics Boardmember (3)
Salary Commissioner (2)
www.monroewa.gov/vacancies

Job Openings

Parks Maintenance Worker
Lateral Police Officer
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%

(*Light Up Monroe continued*) installed on the prominent mature Sequoia tree at Travelers Park in time for the Light Up Monroe celebration.

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.

Monroe Police Department Recognition

This week we welcomed a new officer, Natalie Steinbach, to the department. Natalie will be working at the department until there is an opening at the academy which is anticipated to be in March of 2018. She joins two additional officers that have recently been hired on and are in the academy now.

At the Tuesday, November 14, 2017, City Council meeting, Detective Sergeant Barry Hatch was recognized for his recent promotion to the rank of sergeant. He will be overseeing investigations.

Officer Joe Stark was recognized for his "July 2017 Stop Stick of the Month Award". This National award was presented for his efforts in stopping a vehicle that was being pursued after reports that the drivers was going to harm his female passenger. After the successful deployment of the stop sticks, the vehicle was stopped on N Kelsey St near Blueberry Lane. His passenger who was found to be doused in gasoline was rescued from this situation and the driver was taken into custody.