



# 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

### Thank You Board and Commission Members!

On December 12, 2017, the Council Members and I held a reception to thank the volunteers on our Civil Service Commission, Planning Commission, Parks Advisory Board, and Ethics Board. People volunteering on these boards and commissions review plans, projects, and policies; and make recommendations to Council and myself. They put a lot of time and hard into work community. Thank you all!

### Congratulations the New Economic Development Advisory Board Members!

On December 12, 2017, Council Members confirmed appointments to the Economic Development Advisory Board. Thank you to the following board members for volunteering your time: Cynthia Chadwick, Linda Driscoll, Patti Gibbons, Sue Graafstra, Renee Jensen, Tami Beaumont Kinney, Tracy Minick, Heather Rousey, Delma Silva, Bridgette Tuttle, and Katy Woods.

The board will meet about once per month through the first half of 2018. Members will review the City's Economic Development Strategy and Comprehensive Plan. They will make recommendations on priorities for the next 1 to 2 years, 3 to 5 years, and 5+ years. Their recommendations will help improve business recruitment and expansion in Monroe. To stay informed about the work the economic development advisory board is doing, please click [here](#).

### Mayor

Geoffrey Thomas

[gthomas@monroewa.gov](mailto:gthomas@monroewa.gov)

### Councilmembers

Jeff Rasmussen, Mayor Pro Tem

Kirk Scarboro

Patsy Cudaback

Kevin Hanford

Ed Davis

Jim Kamp

Jason Gamble

[councilmembers@monroewa.gov](mailto:councilmembers@monroewa.gov)

## EVENT HAPPENINGS

12/15	Monroe Concert Band Presents "Winter Melodies", Wagner Performing Arts Center, 7-9PM
12/19	City Council Regular Business Meeting, City Hall, Chambers, 7PM
12/22	City Hall Closed at 12PM
12/25	Christmas Day – <b>CITY HALL CLOSED</b>
12/26	City Council Regular Business Meeting, City Hall, Chambers, 7PM -- <b>CANCELLED</b>
01/01	New Years Day – <b>CITY HALL CLOSED</b>
01/02	City Council Regular Business Meeting, City Hall, Chambers, 7PM -- <b>CANCELLED</b>

### Appointment Openings

Civil Service Commissioner

LTAC Member (Hotelier)

Ethics Boardmember (3)

Salary Commissioner (2)

[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 11/30/16: \$4,130,648  
'17 to 11/30/17: \$4,768,456  
**UP \$637,806 or 15.44%**

Real Estate Excise Tax

'16 to 11/30/16: \$854,484  
'17 to 11/30/17: \$1,451,475  
**UP \$596,991 or 69.86%**

Lodging Tax Revenues

'16 to 11/30/16: \$76,999  
'17 to 11/30/17: \$76,455  
**Down \$523 or -0.67%**

Business License Fees

'16 to 11/30/16: \$42,794  
'17 to 11/30/17: \$45,759  
**UP \$2,965 or 6.92%**

Building Permit Revenues

'16 to 11/30/16: \$602,615  
'17 to 11/30/17: \$591,020  
**DOWN \$11,595 or -1.92%**

Planning Fee Revenues

'16 to 11/30/16: \$109,180  
'17 to 11/30/17: \$40,516  
**DOWN \$68,664 or -62.89%**

New House Permits

'16 to 11/30/16: 117  
'17 to 11/30/17: 129  
**UP 12 units or 10.26%**

Multi-Family Permits (# units)

'16 to 11/30/16: 4  
'17 to 11/30/17: 12  
**UP 8 units or 200.0%**

Building Division Inspections

'16 to 11/30/16: 260  
'17 to 11/30/17: 454  
**UP 194 or 74.62%**

**Mayor's Meeting**

On December 14, 2017, Snohomish County Councilmember Sam Low, District 5, held a meeting of mayors with communities along the US 2 corridor. I appreciated hearing from other mayors about issues in their communities including transportation, homelessness, and illegal drugs. I look forward to future meetings with mayors and our other elected officials in the Sky Valley. Thank you, Councilmember Low, for hosting this meeting.

**2018 City Council Committees and Mayor Pro Tem**

Congratulations to Councilmember Jason Gamble being appointed to serve as 2018 Mayor Pro Tem, Councilmember Kamp to serve on the French Creek Flood Control Board, Councilmember Rasmussen to serve on the Snohomish Health District Board of Directors, and Councilmember Cudaback to serve on the Community Transit Board.

**Closing for 2017**

As a community, we have all done a lot this year. Thank you to our community partners, volunteers, Councilmembers, and City Staff for all the work that they have done to support and grow Monroe. What continues to impress me about our community is how we pull together to help one another and to get projects and programs done. Working together like this, we get so much more done if and when we work in silos and alone. My hope is that we will continue working in collaboration with one another into the New Year and 2018 will be even better than 2017. I hope you have time to celebrate with family and friends this holiday season.

**COUNCIL HAPPENINGS**

The Tuesday, December 19, 2017, Monroe City Council Regular Business Meeting agenda includes an Elected Officials Swearing-In Ceremony. Please join us as Mayor Thomas, Councilmember Hanford, Councilmember Cudaback, Councilmember Rasmussen, and Councilmember Scarboro are sworn in! For more information and additional agenda items, click [HERE](#).

**CITY HAPPENINGS**

**Republic Service Pick-Up**

Christmas Day and New Year's Day are a holiday for Republic Services which means all customers will have their garbage/recycle pick-up shift a day. Friday customers will have their pick-up on Saturday.

**Five Ways to Be More Environmentally Friendly This Holiday Season**

1. Enjoy that Holiday latte, just remember, your cup should be Empty, Clean and Dry before you toss it in the recycling container.
2. Shipping gifts? Reuse last year's bubble wrap and foam packing, or try using shredded paper instead.
3. When giving gifts, commit to reusing laminated bag, but it's okay recycle the paper ones.
4. After opening gifts, remember to recycle wrapping paper – even the sparkly stuff – but save or trash the ribbons and bows. Oh, and don't forget, Styrofoam packaging is not recyclable. Reuse or trash it.
5. If Santa brings you a new device, make sure your old phone or tablet does not get tossed in with the recycling.

## Utility Billing Rates Increasing January 2018

In order to be proactive in our ability to provide clean, safe, and cost effective water, sewer, and stormwater services, the City plans out its capital and maintenance needs over a multiyear horizon. Part of this planning is to also assess our revenue needs. As with the last few years, the water and stormwater rates are scheduled for an increase, while the sewer rate will remain the same.

Effective January 1, 2018, the base water rate will increase from \$19.06 per month to \$22.54 per month. Stormwater will increase from \$11.36 per month to \$11.81. But sewer will remain the same (no increase) and the utility tax charge will be removed. This means that for a household that stays within the base water consumption, the overall monthly utility bill for all three services will increase \$2.03. For a full listing of the new water and stormwater charges effective on January 1, 2018, visit our web site [here](#).

## Officer Jayme Biendl Memorial Run

Registration is open for the Officer Jayme Biendl Memorial 5K Run. Sign-up early to guarantee a shirt. All proceeds will benefit the Behind the Badge Foundation. You can register on-line [here](#) or through the Monroe Police Department.

# Officer Jayme Biendl Memorial Run Sunday, January 28, 2018

**Run Starts at 10:00 am**

**Proceeds will benefit Behind the Badge Foundation per family's request.**

**Entry fees:**

- \$30 for registration (includes shirt)
- Pre-registrants may pick up shirts on run day.
- Register early to guarantee a shirt.
- If you register on the day of the race, shirt sizes will be limited.

**Starting Point:** Sky River Park  
413 Sky River Parkway Monroe, Washington 98272  
Route will be down West Main Street, south on 177th through WSR grounds, back to E. Main Street and it will end at Sky River Park. There will be route markers on day of the run.

**You can register on line:**

<https://www.regonline.com/jaymebiendlmemorial5kfunru2018>

**Contact person: Vicky Stormo**  
Phone: 425-747-7523  
Fax: 425-270-3785  
Email: [vstormo@behindthebadgefoundation.org](mailto:vstormo@behindthebadgefoundation.org)

**Mail form and entry fee to:**  
Behind the Badge Foundation  
22525 SE 64th Place, Suite 140  
Issaquah, Washington 98027-0091

**Drop off/Walk-in**  
Monroe Police Department  
818 W. Main St Monroe, WA 98272

## 5k Fun Run/Walk

We are a family friendly/pet friendly run!



**Register early to be guaranteed a shirt!**

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