



# 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

### Coffee With The Mayor

Please join me Saturday, March 3, 2018, from 8-9:30 a.m. at the Original Pilot House (408 W. Main St) for coffee. Bring your ideas and questions and enjoy a cup of coffee with me. I look forward to seeing you!



### Railroad Quiet Zones

The City of Monroe is looking at establishing a rail road quiet zone. By adding additional safety measures, in addition to the flashing lights and gates, at rail road crossing the routine sounding of locomotive horns is not required. The City is currently investigating the use of curbs and delineators, similar to those already in place on Kelsey Street by Fred Meyer.

While these safety measure would most likely allow the establishment of a quiet zone they would restrict some traffic movements near the railroad crossings. For example, at Kelsey Street left turns would no longer be allowed to or from Denny's and the Rite Aid driveway on to Kelsey would be closed, as illustrated in the picture.

### Mayor

Geoffrey Thomas

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### Councilmembers

Jason Gamble, Mayor Pro Tem

Patsy Cudaback

Kevin Hanford

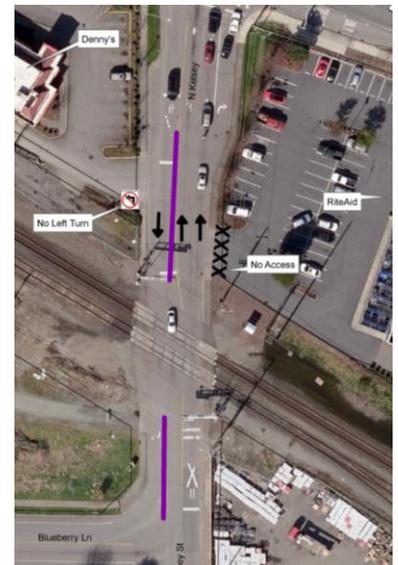
Ed Davis

Jim Kamp

Jeff Rasmussen

Kirk Scarboro

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Council will be bringing this back for discussion at a later date.

If you have any comments, questions, or concerns regarding the establishment of a quiet zone in Monroe, please let us know by email to [pamb@monroewa.gov](mailto:pamb@monroewa.gov).

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

Sales Tax Revenues  
 '17 to 01/31/17: \$371,743  
 '18 to 01/31/18: \$385,886  
**UP \$14,143 or 3.80%**

Real Estate Excise Tax  
 '17 to 01/31/17: \$59,971  
 '18 to 01/31/18: \$103,435  
**UP \$43,464 or 72.47%**

Lodging Tax Revenues  
 '17 to 01/31/17: \$4,581  
 '18 to 01/31/18: \$4,878  
**Up \$297 or 6.48%**

Business License Fees  
 '17 to 01/31/17: \$4,108  
 '18 to 01/31/18: \$4,554  
**UP \$446 or 10.85%**

Building Permit Revenues  
 '17 to 01/31/17: \$39,220  
 '18 to 01/31/18: \$41,962  
**UP \$2,742 or 6.99%**

Planning Fee Revenues  
 '17 to 01/31/17: \$625  
 '18 to 01/31/18: \$175  
**DOWN \$450 or -72%**

**COUNCIL HAPPENINGS**

The Tuesday, March 6, 2018, Monroe City Council Regular Business Meeting agenda items include: a Presentation: Police Department Awards, Ordinance Amending Critical Areas; Final Reading, Resolution, Supporting Funding of a New Countywide 911 Emergency Radio System, Ordinance Stay Out of Drug Areas, Authorize Mayor to Sign Contract with GovQA for Public Disclosure Tracking Software, and more. For more information about the City Council agenda and additional items, visit [www.monroewa.gov](http://www.monroewa.gov).

EVENT HAPPENINGS	
03/03	Passport Day, City Hall, 806 W Main St, 9AM-1PM  4-H Tack Sale & Consignment Sale, Evergreen Fairgrounds, 9AM-3PM
03/06	City Council Study Session Meeting, City Hall, Council Chambers, 7PM

**CITY HAPPENINGS**

**Passport Day**

The City of Monroe's Finance Department will be hosting a "Passport Day" on Saturday, March 3, 2018 from 9 a.m. to 1 p.m. at the Monroe City Hall. If you are interested in applying for your passport, but can't come during the week, here's your chance. Applications will be processed on a first come, first serve basis and the doors will be closed at 1 p.m. to insure that all accepted applications will get to the post office in time, so plan to come early. If you have any questions regarding passport applications, visit our web site at [www.monroewa.gov](http://www.monroewa.gov) under Government Services or call us at 360-794-7400.

<p><b><u>Appointment Openings</u></b>          LTAC Member (Hotelier)          Ethics Boardmember (3)          Salary Commissioner  <a href="http://www.monroewa.gov/vacancies">www.monroewa.gov/vacancies</a></p> <p><b><u>Job Openings</u></b>          Lateral Police Officer  <a href="http://www.monroewa.gov/jobs">www.monroewa.gov/jobs</a></p>
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**Sky River Park Playground Replacement Project Update**

In 2017 the City Council authorized 2018 Parks Capital Improvement Project (CIP) funding for replacement of the 25-year old playground at Skykomish River Park, which is a listed project in the 6-year CIP of the Park Plan. The playground has outlived its service life, replacement parts were becoming non-existent, and features were dated and lacking the inclusive, challenge and motion elements that the playground industry of today offers.

The Monroe Park Board reviewed the existing playground equipment at their November 2017 and February 2018 meetings. Park Board comments regarding the playground replacement included new active play features and improved ADA accessibility. A public Open House was held on January 31, 2018 in the Monroe City Hall. Participants viewed colorful information boards that displayed several feature options and concepts such as inclusive units, themes and freestanding and voted on their preferences and voiced comments and suggestions. The ideas and conversations from the open house have added detail and nuance to the final play equipment design.

Design criteria established for the new playground include features that encourage multi-generational play, ADA inclusive play spaces that intentionally break down physical and social barriers to play, playful public art that enhances the visual appeal of the park, and advanced climbing challenges and motion activities that appeal to older children who seek a more adventurous play experience. Surfacing improvements such as the use of rubberized surfacing is also part of the playground design. This exciting new project is anticipated to be completed this summer!

**Movie schedule for Movies Under the Moon is out!**

Come out to Lake Tye Park on select Friday evenings in August and enjoy **Movies Under the Moon!** These free events are sponsored by Republic Services, City of Monroe, Monroe Arts Council, Monroe Concert Band, Monroe Public Schools Foundation, Monroe Family YMCA & Monroe Boys & Girls Club.

- Friday, August 3: **Jumanji**
- Friday, August 10: **Coco**
- Friday, August 17: **Wonder**
- Friday, August 24: **Guardians of the Galaxy: Vol.2**