



# 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

### WATV's

At the March 13, 2018 City Council Meeting, Council discussed adopting an ordinance that would allow WATVs (wheeled all-terrain vehicles) on streets in the city. I received direction to bring forward an ordinance that would allow these on all city streets of 35MPH or



lower. Their use would be prohibited on SR522 (including the on and off ramps) and on portions of US2 that exceed 35MPH (e.g. in front of the Fairgrounds). Helmets would be required unless the WATV were equipped with a roll bar. A valid driver's license would be required, proof of insurance and they would be prohibited on sidewalks, in City parks, and along bike paths and trails. The ordinance will be presented to Council for consideration at a future meeting. For more information, check out the staff briefing at [here](#). If you have comments to share, please email [councilmembers@monroewa.gov](mailto:councilmembers@monroewa.gov).

### Chamber/City Meeting

On Friday, March 16, 2018, I met with Monroe Chamber of Commerce Boardmembers to continue to foster the positive relationship between the Chamber and the City. We discussed homelessness in our City and the Sit/Lie ordinance and the SODA (Stay Out of Drug Area) ordinance, upcoming legislative priorities for 2019 including SR522. We will continue to work with our partners to be even more effective with our legislative priorities and coordinate lobbying in Olympia. Thank you Monroe Chamber of Commerce for meeting together!

### 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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## EVENT HAPPENINGS

03/16	Quilters Anonymous 37 <sup>th</sup> Annual Quilt Show,
-	Evergreen Fairgrounds,
03/18	10AM-4PM
03/20	City Council Legislative Affairs Committee, City Hall, Council Chambers, 6:30PM
	City Council Regular Business Meeting, City Hall, Council Chambers, 7PM

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

Sales Tax Revenues

'17 to 02/28/17: \$869,788  
'18 to 02/28/18: \$891,661  
**UP \$21,873 or 2.51%**

Real Estate Excise Tax

'17 to 02/28/17: \$150,585  
'18 to 02/28/18: \$348,141  
**UP \$197,556 or 131.19%**

Lodging Tax Revenues

'17 to 02/28/17: \$8,592  
'18 to 02/28/18: \$9,553  
**Up \$960 or 11.17%**

Business License Fees

'17 to 02/28/17: \$8,150  
'18 to 02/28/18: \$8,575  
**UP \$425 or 5.21%**

Building Permit Revenues

'17 to 02/28/17: \$80,735  
'18 to 02/28/18: \$89,060  
**UP \$8,325 or 10.31%**

Planning Fee Revenues

'17 to 02/28/17: \$2325  
'18 to 02/28/18: \$1750  
**DOWN \$575 or -24.73%**

SFR Permits YTD

'17 to 02/28/17: 20  
'18 to 02/28/17: 21

Multi-Family Permits (#units)

'17 to 02/28/17: 0  
'18 to 02/28/18: 0

Inspections YTD

'17 to 02/28/17: 231  
'18 to 02/28/18: 146

**Appointment Openings**

LTAC Member (Hotelier)  
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)

**COUNCIL HAPPENINGS**

The Tuesday, March 20, 2018, Monroe City Council Regular Business Meeting agenda items includes a Presentation: Employer Support of the Guard and Reserve, TIB LED Streetlight Conversion Grant, and Resolutions for Purchasing Policy, Scan and Toss, and Sick Leave Policy. For more information about the City Council agenda and additional items, visit [www.monroewa.gov](http://www.monroewa.gov). The Legislative Committee will discuss Lobbying Service RFP. For more information click [here](#).

**CITY HAPPENINGS**

**Revitalization of the Cripple Creek Confluence**

Just to the East of the intersection of Fryelands Boulevard and State Route 2, a quiet revitalization of what was once a pristine natural area is occurring thanks to a grant award from the Department of Ecology and a partnership between the City of Monroe and Snohomish Conservation District.

Evidence of this revival can be found by spotting the thousands of “pink flags” surrounding the now visible Cripple Creek watercourse along the North side of SR2. The “pink flags” are live stakes designed to support the growth of freshly planted native vegetation, which when fully grown, will provide shade for the creek. Shade is necessary to discourage the continued growth of invasive plants such as reed canary grass which choke the flow of the creek. With increased flow, upstream flooding will be reduced, and dissolved oxygen levels will rise, providing a habitat in which aquatic wildlife is more likely to flourish.



If you would like to learn more about this project, or the natural area around the confluence, please contact the City of Monroe Public Works Department at 360-794-6100 or during normal business hours.

**22<sup>nd</sup> Annual Easter Egg Hunt!**

The 22nd Annual Monroe Community Egg Hunt will be held on Saturday, March 31st at Lake Tye Park. The event kicks off at 9:00 a.m. with lots of fun, free activities including face painting, fun games, arts and crafts and pictures with the Easter Bunny. The actual Egg Hunt starts at 10:00 a.m. sharp! All kids up through 10 years of age welcome to hunt for eggs. Be sure not to miss this great fun, family-oriented event!



**Spring Clean-Up Event Scheduled For May 12<sup>th</sup>**

It's that time of year again. As everyone is preparing for spring cleaning, the City of Monroe, in partnership with Republic Services, is hosting the annual spring clean-up event on May 12th from 9 am to 1 pm. The event will be held at Monroe High School, 17001 Tester Road.

To participate, you must be a garbage customer within our city limits. An event flyer/release form will be included with your April utility bill. This form must be presented on the day of event as proof of residency. Items which will be accepted include regular household garbage, furniture, and scrap metal. While not a complete list, hazardous waste, yard waste,

(*Spring Clean-up continued*) construction debris, roofing materials, tires will not be accepted. Check the flyer for a list of what can and cannot be accepted at this event. The flyer information will also posted on our website at [www.monroewa.gov](http://www.monroewa.gov) in April.

For further information regarding the spring clean-up event, contact Republic Services at 800-942-5965.