



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

Monroe Community Coalition Continued

At the March 19th's Safe and Supported in Monroe gathering at Monroe High School, a question was asked, "When we consider tragedies that have made national headlines, it always seems that clear warning signs were withheld from people who could have made a difference. What are we doing to break the "code of silence?"

Monroe School District's Safety and Risk Manager, Greg Burns, responded: "It's important to understand the context to this question. People do not just "snap". When needs aren't met, stress rises, and this is consistently reflected through words, appearance, and actions. Historically, we see shooters struggling with this stress until a triggering event: a lost job, a broken relationship, or the death of a loved one; these things can make the self-justification of a horrible act easier for the aggressor to internalize.

Breaking this code starts by having a conversation: we have to be willing to talk about early intervention in the classroom and over the dinner table, emphasizing how this is so key to saving lives and healing wounds of stress and brokenness. Without any doubt, it is a community effort. We are starting this conversation in our classrooms and providing technology tools available to help reporting become easy and anonymous (if necessary)."

Joanne Dickinson, the District's Human Resources Manager and Harassment, Intimidation and Bullying Coordinator, added, "Monroe School District has made an online program called Safe Schools Alert available to staff, students, parents and community members 24 hours per day, 365 days per year. This program allows for the reporting of bullying, intimidation, harassment, weapons, drug or alcohol concerns, drugs, threats, suicide concerns, vandalism, violence or any other safety concern. Information can be sent via the web, email, phone or text. Tips can be made anonymously or by identified individuals. The purpose of this program is to

have a safe reporting system for individuals to report concerns to the school district for investigation and corrective

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EVENT HAPPENINGS

03/31	22 nd Annual Easter Egg Hunt, Lake Tye Park, 9AM NW Sports Legends Night Season Opener, Evergreen Speedway, 6PM, \$20
04/03	City Council Regular Business Meeting, City Hall, Council Chambers, 7:00PM CANCELLED
04/05	Sky River Park Playground Equipment Groundbreaking, Sky River Park, 4:30PM

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

Job Openings

Lateral Police Officer

www.monroewa.gov/jobs

(Coalition continued) action as needed. Information is available on the district website at www.monroe.wednet.edu or by contacting the District Harassment, Intimidation and Bullying Coordinator at dickinsonj@monroe.wednet.edu”

Community Outreach Team Marks One Year

April 2018 will mark the one year anniversary of the Community Outreach Team that serves our city. Sergeant Ryan Irving and Social Worker Elisa Delgado have worked hard this past year building relationships and offering services to our homeless population. In 2017, this team assisted 84 clients; 23 of these clients completed their chemical dependency assessments and several then continued on to Intensive Outpatient Programs. Six clients completed detox and seven graduated from inpatient treatment. Seven clients are now housed in clean and sober housing and seven were referred to the YWCA housing program. Two clients received assistance with fares to family in other states. Please check out our webpage [here](#) for additional information.

In a recent awards ceremony, Chief Timothy Quenzer awarded Sergeant Irving the “Chief’s Award” for his outstanding work with this team. I am proud of the work that our Community Outreach Team has done. We are fortunate to have a wonderful team that is committed to making an impact in the lives of others and compassionately offering assistance to those who are less fortunate in our community.

Community Court Visit

On March 12, 2018, members of the Monroe Municipal Court as well as Sgt. Irving of the Monroe Police Department visited the Spokane Municipal Court’s very successful Community Court to learn new or alternative ways to address some of the repeat offenses common to Monroe’s downtown and business districts. This was among the first steps to determining the feasibility of a community court in Monroe.

Snoqualmie Valley Governments Association

On Wednesday, March 28, 2018, I attended the Snoqualmie Valley Governments Association meeting. This group incorporates our city partners along SR203. I talked with people about transit along SR203 from Monroe to North Bend, improvements to SR522, connecting Centennial Trail from Snohomish to Monroe/Monroe to the Snoqualmie Valley Trail in Duvall, and Vision 2050. I look forward to attending these meetings and working with our partner cities.

COUNCIL HAPPENINGS

The Tuesday, April 5, 2018, Monroe City Council Business Meeting is cancelled. Interested in Staff Reports? Click [here](#) for more information to learn what is happening in the different departments.

CITY HAPPENINGS

Vision 2050

Ready, Set, Plan Ahead

What kind of city will Monroe be in 2050? That is the question the city council and I discussed together with staff last Tuesday during the City Council Workshop. The city’s 20 year vision statement imagines Monroe as a regional center for the Skykomish Valley – with diverse commercial, dining, cultural, entertainment and housing options. Good cities don’t happen by

(*Vision continued*) accident. In order to make this vision a reality we need to begin planning now to welcome future residents who will make Monroe their home.

Monroe is joining other Snohomish County communities in planning for future residents and jobs. Every 10 years, Snohomish, King, Pierce and Kitsap Counties plan ahead for the next 30 years. The planning effort is coordinated through the Puget Sound Regional Council (PSRC) which is the federally designated regional planning organization for the Puget Sound. PSRC is overseen by elected officials from throughout the region. The Puget Sound Regional Council anticipates more than 1.4 million people will move to area between 2020 and 2050.

Staff and elected officials at PSRC begin planning for new residents and new jobs by developing a vision of what the region will look like in 2050. Topics covered include housing, the environment, transportation and economic development. These policies will shape where population and job growth will occur in the future. Each county is responsible for accommodating a percentage of future growth and development.

In order to prepare for new residents and jobs, the City Council discussed adding more housing types including mixed-use, multi-story residential housing near existing retail businesses in North Kelsey and downtown. The vision is to provide a community where residents can easily access parks and trails without getting in a car. Where good restaurants and entertainment are available within walking distance of where we live. It is important for me and the city council to stay engaged in VISION 2050 to ensure the policies developed by PSRC and Snohomish County help us achieve this vision. Please stay tuned. VISION 2050 is just getting underway. There are opportunities for local residents to weigh in on these discussion. For more information visit <https://www.psrc.org/vision>

22nd 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!



Sky River Park Playground Equipment Groundbreaking

The Public is invited to the ground breaking ceremony of the New Playground at Skykomish River Park!

The project to replace the playground at Skykomish River Park is starting up, with a ground breaking ceremony to take place at 4:30pm on Thursday April 5th, 2018.

The Monroe 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 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.

What: Ground breaking Ceremony
When: Thursday April 5th at 4:30pm
Where: Skykomish River Park 413 Skykomish River Parkway, Monroe WA 98272



Join us as we celebrate the ground breaking of this exciting new play facility in Skykomish River Park, which is anticipated to be completed this summer!

Boards and Commission Vacancies

The City of Monroe is currently seeking applicants to fill the following City Board and Commission open positions.

- 1 - **Ethics Boardmember** (Term ending December 2019)
- 2 - **Ethics Boardmembers** (Terms ending December 2020)
- 1 - **Salary Commissioner** (Term ending December 2018)

APPLICATION DEADLINE: Open until filled.

Ethics Board - investigates, conducts hearings, and renders advisory opinions concerning accusations against city officials of violations of ethics or conflicts of interest; also reviews and recommends periodic updates to the city's ethics Policy and its applicability.

Salary Commission – reviews and establishes the salaries of the mayor and the councilpersons and shall exercise the powers and perform the duties set forth by RCW 35.21.015. See Monroe Municipal Code 2.24.060; and City of Monroe Ordinance No. 001/2015 for additional information.

Ethics Board and Salary Commission members are appointed by the Mayor and confirmed by the City Council.

For additional information regarding board/commission qualifications, duties, and meeting times, please contact the City Clerk's Office: Email ; 360-863-4538.