



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

The Monroe Community Coalition has worked tirelessly with Monroe School District and community partners to build a strong behavioral support system that keeps vulnerable students from falling through the cracks. Mayor Thomas met two of those supports during March 19th's Safe & Connected in Monroe event. He asked them, "What is your role and how do you impact student resiliency?"

Erin Wood, a licensed Mental Health Counselor and Monroe School District's Behavioral Health Specialist, responded first. "My role is to help support our students who require interventions for mental health related needs. By meeting with students who are struggling with self-harm behavior, thoughts of suicide or other serious symptoms of anxiety or depression, I work to stabilize them and connect them with long-term mental health supports in our community.

I also lead our school district's Suicide Prevention Team, which is focused on implementing programs and strategies aimed at improving emotional, mental, and behavioral support services for all students. We have a prevention mindset, working toward identifying risk factors and warning signs, response strategies, breaking the code of silence, and equipping our students with skills they need to seek help for themselves and others."

Lorena Lee is one of Monroe School District's two school-based Social Workers, called a Student Support Advocate. She said, "My primary focus is working with students and families who are struggling with mental health and substance abuse issues, or other problems that impact attendance and engagement at school. I work with them to find treatment and other helpful and appropriate services in the community. Part of my support includes home visits, doctor appointments, food, housing, job searches and wrap around services. A Student Support Advocate's goal

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EVENT HAPPENINGS	
04/07 - 04/08	Jurassic Tour, Evergreen Fairgrounds, 10AM – 7PM, \$23
04/07	Salute to Cities: Coastal Community Bank, Evergreen Speedway, 6PM, \$16
04/10	City Council Finance/HR Committee Meeting, City Hall, 6PM City Council Regular Study Session, City Hall, Council Chambers, 7:00PM
04/11	LTAC Meeting, City Hall, Council Chambers, 5:30PM

City of Monroe
Year-to-Date Comparisons

Sales Tax Revenues

'17 to 03/31/17: \$1,271,570

'18 to 03/31/18: \$1,272,138

UP \$614 or .04%

Real Estate Excise Tax

'17 to 03/31/17: \$206,988

'18 to 03/31/18: \$427,304

UP \$220,316 or 106.43%

Lodging Tax Revenues

'17 to 03/31/17: \$12,878

'18 to 03/31/18: \$13,626

Up \$748 or 5.80%

Business License Fees

'17 to 03/31/17: \$13,071

'18 to 03/31/18: \$13,109

UP \$38 or .29%

Building Permit Revenues

'17 to 03/31/17: \$139,660

'18 to 03/31/18: \$121,081

DOWN \$18,579 or -13.30%

Planning Fee Revenues

'17 to 03/31/17: \$7726

'18 to 03/31/18: \$2650

DOWN \$5076 or -65.70%

SFR Permits YTD

'17 to 03/31/17: 20

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Multi-Family Permits (#units)

'17 to 03/31/17: 0

'18 to 03/31/18: 0

Inspections YTD

'17 to 03/31/17: 231

'18 to 03/31/18: 146

(Coalition continued) is to meet families when and where they're at, and that often means that our services extend beyond what schools are traditionally able to do. Our goal is to keep kids learning, in school, on track to graduate." Thank you to the Monroe Community Coalition for all your hard work.

**Sky River Park Playground Equipment
Groundbreaking**



Thank you to everyone who came out for the Sky River Park Playground Equipment Groundbreaking. The Monroe Boys and Girls Club came out to help celebrate the beginning of this new project.

Thank you to the Monroe City Council for their support and approval in funding \$350,000 for the replacement of the twenty-year old playground equipment.

Thank you to the Monroe Park Board, who reviewed the old playground equipment, provided input for the design criteria that in turn gave direction for a public open house, and recommended City Council approval for the new design.

Thank you to Sitalines Park & Playground Equipment Inc. of Everett, who was tasked with the design of the new playground in the existing playground footprint. Thank you to Gary Max and his staff for the design work they have done.

The design established for the new playground will feature and encourage multi-generational use, ADA inclusive play spaces, playful art that will create a visual appeal, and advanced climbing challenges and motion activities that will appeal to older children.

Thank you to the Monroe Parks Department staff for helping see this project move forward and for all your work in seeing this come to life.

Thank you to the Monroe community for your support in this endeavor. It is a community like ours that helps bring projects like this to life. We are excited to watch this project being built and constructed and are excited for the final product. This is not only an investment into our kids' lives today, but will be an investment into future generations.

COUNCIL HAPPENINGS

The Tuesday, April 10, 2018, Monroe City Council study session includes a Presentation: DMA Quarterly Report and Discussion Items: PW Shop Update & N. Kelsey Vision. The Finance/HR Committee meeting will discuss the Debt Policy and Lake Tye Ballfields Funding Efforts. Click [here](#) for more information.

Appointment Openings

LTAC Member (Hotelier)

Ethics Boardmember (3)

Salary Commissioner

www.monroewa.gov/vacancies

Job Openings

Lateral Police Officer

www.monroewa.gov/jobs

CITY HAPPENINGS

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: eadkission@monroewa.gov; 360-863-4538.

Choose Monroe Visitor's Guide

The City of Monroe is excited to be working with Philips Publishing to create a *Choose Monroe* visitors guide! This guide will be mailed out to City residents, distributed around Monroe businesses, Leavenworth, Wenatchee, and the ferry terminals. It will help visitors and residents know the opportunities to Eat, Play, and Stay in Monroe. This will be a twice a year publication; Spring and Fall. If you are a business and want to advertise with us, please contact julie@philipspublishing.com. Have an idea for the editorial content? Contact pamb@monroewa.gov.

