



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 celebrates Earth Day (April 22, 2018) and Arbor Day (April 27, 2018)!

To celebrate Earth Day and Arbor Day, Students of Mrs. Wood's 3rd Grade Class from Fryelands Elementary School will assist me, and other Monroe Officials, in the ceremonial planting of an Arbor Day tree at Lake Tye Park, located at 14964 Fryelands Blvd., Monroe, Washington on Friday, April 27, 2018, at 1:15 p.m. The general location of the tree planting will be near the park concessions building and playground area. This Arbor Day tree planting event will be an annual event.

In the lead-up to this Arbor Day event, I read a proclamation commemorating Earth Day and Arbor Day at the Monroe City Council meeting last Tuesday evening; which was presented to representative from the School District, Park Board, and Historical Society.

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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Pictured (left to right): Fryelands 3rd Grade Teacher Jennifer Wood, Councilmember Hanford, Fryelands 3rd Grade Student Evie Lunsford, Councilmember Scarboro, Fryelands Elementary School Principal Jeff Presley, Mayor Thomas, Councilmembers Rasmussen and Kamp; and Park Boardmember Tami Kinney.

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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: 30
 '18 to 03/31/17: 30

Multi-Family Permits (#units)

'17 to 03/31/17: 0
 '18 to 03/31/18: 0

Inspections YTD

'17 to 03/31/17: 313
 '18 to 03/31/18: 146

(Earth Day and Arbor Day, continued)

In the spirit of this event, we are announcing two new programs in the City of Monroe:

First, the Monroe Park Board is launching a **Heritage Tree Program**, encouraging residents of all ages to seek out significant trees within the City and nominate them for recognition. Nomination forms for the Heritage Tree contest will be available this fall with a deadline of December 31, 2018, to allow the Park Board to review the nominations, select a winner or winners and make the award announcement the following April to commemorate Earth Day and Arbor Day 2019. To kick off the Heritage Tree contest, the Park Board and City of Monroe selected the first tree for recognition. The approximately 55-foot high Coast Redwood, estimated to be over 45 years old, is located at Highway 2 and East Main in Traveler's Park will receive Heritage status for its size and rarity in the area. Adorned with lights, it served as the community Christmas Tree last year for Monroe's annual tree lighting and will be used again for the 2018 event.

Second, the City is launching a **Living Christmas Tree Replanting Program**. Starting this year, Monroe residents who use living Christmas trees may donate suitable trees to the City for planting in our parks and open spaces after the holidays.

Please join me at Earth Day and Arbor Day events, and consider being a part of our Heritage Tree and Living Christmas Tree Replanting Programs in 2018, and beyond!

COUNCIL HAPPENINGS

The Tuesday, April 24, 2018, Monroe City Council Regular Business Meeting & Study Session includes a public hearing on the extension of the East Monroe Interim Zoning Ordinance; presentations from the Monroe Chamber of Commerce and the City's Economic Development Specialist James Palmer; discussion of transit service between Monroe and Duvall; and the **Recognition of Service and Retirement of Police Chief Tim Quenzer**.

Click [here](#) for more information!

CITY HAPPENINGS

Monroe TBD 2017 Annual Report

The Monroe Transportation Benefit District (TBD) is hard at work for you. During 2017, the TBD paved 7 lane miles of roadway, chip sealed an additional 3 lane miles, and improved 46 curb ramps throughout the City. The TBD plans to pave 5.5 lane miles of roadway and improve 44 curb ramps in 2018. The full 2017 TBD annual report may be found on the City's web site at monroewa.gov/tbd. (Lane miles is the length of paved road multiplied by the number of lanes.)

Appointment Openings

LTAC Member (Hotelier)
 Ethics Boardmember (3)
 Park Boardmember
 Salary Commissioner
www.monroewa.gov/vacancies

Job Openings

Customer Service Assistant
 Accounts Payable/Purchasing Assistant
 Parks Seasonal
 Lateral Police Officer
www.monroewa.gov/jobs

EVENT HAPPENINGS

04/21	<p><i>Community Breakfast, Monroe Community Senior Center, 8-10AM</i></p> <p><i>Unlimiteds Northwest Model Boat Races, Lake Tye Park, 9AM-4PM</i></p> <p><i>YMCA Healthy Kids Day, Monroe YMCA, 10AM-1PM</i></p> <p><i>Sky Valley Little League Jamboree, Sky River Park, 9AM-6PM</i></p>
04/22	<p><i>Monroe Rest Easy Hair Clinic Ribbon-Cutting/Grand Opening, 11AM</i></p> <p><i>Bliss Yoga Studio Monroe Ribbon-Cutting, 4PM</i></p>
04/23	<p><i>Planning Commission Regular Meeting, City Hall, Council Chambers, 7-9PM</i></p>
04/24	<p><i>City Council Transportation/ Planning, Public Works, Parks & Recreation, and Public Safety Committee, City Hall, Council Chambers, 6PM</i></p> <p><i>City Council Regular Study Session, City Hall, Council Chambers, 7PM</i></p>

