



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

North Kelsey Update

The City of Monroe is taking a new look at an old plan. In 2005, the City purchased approximately twenty-three acres of land from Snohomish County north of US 2. During this time the City adopted the North Kelsey Development Plan with a focus on developing retail, office space, and a public "village green" for community gatherings. The first property was sold to Lowe's (December 2006) just before the recession in 2008. Two additional properties were sold to Providence Medical Center (October 2012) and Walmart (September 2013). The remaining ten parcels, encompassing approximately eleven acres (located on Tjerne Place between Chain Lake Road and Kelsey Street), remain vacant.

To spur interest in the remaining eleven acres, City Council selected a new team – Rich and Chris Peterson, Lee and Associates, and Tiffini Connell, West Coast Commercial Realty, to market and sell the property. The City Council also approved contracts with Bob Stowe, former City Manager for Bothell, and John Owen, Makers, an architectural firm. Together with City staff, a new concept was developed for the eleven acres site that includes a mix of retail and multifamily housing.

The conceptual site plan for the reimagined "Tjerne Place" includes a combination of horizontal and vertical mixed-use, multi-family housing and retail space. The public open space ("village green") originally envisioned has been co-located on land adjacent to the detention facility on the south west side of Tjerne Place. The new concept follows existing market trends by placing housing in close proximity to goods and services. It also accounts for the impacts that online retail has had on traditional brick and mortar store fronts.

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EVENT HAPPENINGS

04/28	90 Minutes of Fear, Evergreen Speedway, 6PM, \$20
04/28	Kids Fishing Day, Lake Tye Park, 8AM – 1 PM, FREE
04/30	Planning Commission Special Meeting, City Hall, Council Chambers, 7-9PM
05/01	City Council Regular Business Meeting, City Hall, Council Chambers, 7PM

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

(N. Kelsey continued)

To implement the proposed changes, the City will begin the public process to amend the existing zoning code and revise the programmatic Environmental Impact Statement (EIS) completed in 2004. The programmatic EIS will bring certainty to potential buyers by proactively reviewing environmental impacts prior to the sale of the property and increase the City's ability to successfully market the site. City Staff will begin the programmatic EIS in the second quarter with the assistance of a planning consultant.

Welcome Rest Easy Hair Clinic

Welcome to Monroe Rest Easy Hair Clinic! I celebrated their grand opening on Sunday, April 22, 2018. The Rest Easy Hair Clinic specializes in the treatment of lice using natural non-toxic products. We are excited to have you in town and glad you chose Monroe as your next home.

Welcome Bliss Yoga Studio

Welcome, Bliss Yoga Studio Monroe, to downtown Monroe!!! Thank you for your Grand Opening/Ribbon Cutting, tree planting, live musician, yoga by Sky River, and litter clean up in Al Borlin Park on Sunday, April, 22, 2018! It is a pleasure having you in downtown! Thank you for choosing Monroe!

Meeting with Senator Palumbo

On Friday, April 27, 2018, I met with Senator Palumbo, our City Administrator Deborah Knight, and our legislative consultant Bryan Wahl, to discuss needed improvements to SR522, annexations, and urban growth areas. I look forward to continuing to work with the legislators in the 1st Legislative District, which is where improvements to SR522 have not yet been made, and also our legislators in the 39th Legislative District to finish SR522. Thank you, Senator Palumbo for your time today and your service.

AWC Meeting

On Friday, April 27, 2018, our City Administrator Deborah Knight, Community Development Director Ben Swanson, and I, met with representatives from the Association of Washington Cities (AWC) to talk about annexations and about how growth in urban growth areas affect cities like Monroe. Thank you to the Association of Washington Cities for advocating for us.

Arbor Day Celebration

Thank you so much to Ms. Woods' 3rd grade class from Fryelands Elementary School for commemorating Arbor Day by helping me and parks staff plant a red maple tree at Lake Tye Park. This is the start of an annual tree planting that will occur each year and will help with beautifying our parks and open spaces. This will be for all the community to enjoy for years to come.



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

COUNCIL HAPPENINGS

The Tuesday, May 1, 2018, Monroe City Council Regular Business Meeting includes Proclamations for the National Day of Prayer and National Correctional Officers & Employees Week; Ordinances: WATVs, Code Amendments re Parking, Speed Limits, Nuisances, etc., and more. Click [here](#) for the full agenda!

CITY HAPPENINGS

Spring Clean-Up Event Scheduled For May 12th

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, 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 in April.

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