



# 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

### Honoring the Monroe Department of Corrections

At the May 1, 2018, Council Meeting I read a proclamation into the record for **National Correctional Officers and Employees Week, May 6 through May 12, 2018**. It was my pleasure to recognize the **Monroe Department of Corrections** for the dedicated service provided by corrections officers and employees.

The Monroe Correctional Complex (MCC) was opened in 1910. It is the second oldest operational prison in Washington, and currently employs more than 1100 personnel. Monroe correctional officers and employees teach, train, mentor, counsel, and treat inmates. They provide inmates with direction, hope, and new focus while assisting with re-entry and life outside the correctional complex.

We are so thankful for their dedication and service! **THANK YOU Monroe Correctional Complex corrections officers and employees!**

#### Mayor

*Geoffrey Thomas*

[gthomas@monroewa.gov](mailto:gthomas@monroewa.gov)

#### Councilmembers

*Jason Gamble, Mayor Pro Tem*

*Patsy Cudaback*

*Kevin Hanford*

*Ed Davis*

*Jim Kamp*

*Jeff Rasmussen*

*Kirk Scarboro*

[councilmembers@monroewa.gov](mailto:councilmembers@monroewa.gov)



*Pictured (left to right): Christopher Lee, MCC Correctional Officer of the Year; Councilmembers Kamp, Cudaback, and Davis; Superintendent Eric Jackson (TRU); Councilmember Scarboro; Superintendents Jack Warner (SOU & IMU) and Mike Obenland (MCC); Councilmember Hanford; Mayor Thomas; and Councilmember Gamble and Rasmussen.*

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

Sales Tax Revenues

'17 to 04/30/17: \$1,626,669  
 '18 to 04/30/18: \$1,627,483  
**UP \$814 or .05%**

Real Estate Excise Tax

'17 to 04/30/17: \$558,360  
 '18 to 04/30/18: \$486,811  
**DOWN \$71,549 or -12.81%**

Lodging Tax Revenues

'17 to 04/30/17: \$17,156  
 '18 to 04/30/18: \$18,639  
**UP \$1,483 or 8.64%**

Business License Fees

'17 to 04/30/17: \$16,217  
 '18 to 04/30/18: \$16,784  
**UP \$567 or 3.49%**

Building Permit Revenues

'17 to 04/30/17: \$209,949  
 '18 to 04/30/18: \$192,668  
**DOWN \$17,281 or -8.23%**

Planning Fee Revenues

'17 to 04/30/17: \$11,301  
 '18 to 04/30/18: \$8,775  
**DOWN \$2,526 or -22.35%**

SFR Permits April

'17 to 04/01-30/17: 20  
 '18 to 04/01-30/18: 17

SFR Permits YTD

'17 to 04/30/17: 50  
 '18 to 04/30/18: 47

Multi-Family Permits (#units)

'17 to 04/30/17: 0  
 '18 to 04/30/18: 0

Inspections YTD

'17 to 04/30/17: 1043  
 '18 to 04/30/18: 612

**COUNCIL HAPPENINGS**

The Tuesday, May 8, 2018, Monroe City Council Regular Study Session includes a **Mother's Day 2018** Proclamation and Presentations from the Housing Consortium of Everett and Snohomish County and Snohomish Health District (regarding the Needle Clean-Up Kit and Disposal Program Expansion - see details below). Click [here](#) for the full agenda!

**CITY HAPPENINGS**

**Snohomish Health District Needle Clean-Up Kit and Disposal Program Expansion**

Since rolling out the free needle clean-up kit program in September 2017, over 800 kits have been distributed by the Snohomish Health District. These kits have ensured the safe and proper disposal of more than 10,000 syringes. Starting April 25, 2018, as a result of Opioid Response Multi-Agency Coordination (MAC) Group efforts, the program is expanding to make it simpler and safer for residents and business owners to clean up and dispose of needles found in the community.

The kits include a sharps container, heavy-duty gloves, safety glasses, tongs, hand sanitizer and simple instructions for safe collection. There are now 11 locations where free clean-up kits can be picked up during normal business hours, and 5 locations accepting returned clean-up kits for free disposal including the **Monroe Police Department** (located at 818 West Main Street, Monroe).

Full details of the program can be found online at the Snohomish Overdoes Prevention Clean-Up website – Click [here](#); and the Monroe City Council will be receiving a presentation on this program at their Study Session on Tuesday, May 8, 2018.

**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 12<sup>th</sup> 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 was 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](http://www.monroewa.gov) in April.

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

*Lose your flyer? Contact City Hall at 360-794-7400 to receive a replacement copy.*

EVENT HAPPENINGS	
05/05	5K Run for MS, Lake Tye Park, 10AM  Marry Me In Monroe, Downtown Monroe, 11AM-4PM  Mexican Family Festival, Evergreen Fairgrounds, 1-9PM  Evergreen Speedway – Buzz Inn Stinger National & Twin 55 Super Late Models, 4PM  Wine-ing Bridesmaids Wine Walk, Downtown Monroe, 5-8PM
05/07	Economic Development Advisory Board (EDAB) Open House, City Hall, Council Chambers, 5:30-7PM
05/08	City Council Finance & HR Committee Meeting, City Hall, 6 PM  City Council Study Session, City Hall, Council Chambers, 7PM

## Economic Development Advisory Board (EDAB) Open House

How should we grow Monroe? Check what your friends and neighbors think and share your ideas at the Economic Development Advisory Board Open House - Monday, May 7, 2018, 5:30-7pm, City Hall located at 806 West Main Street. Can't make the meeting? Send your ideas to City Administrator, Deborah Knight at [dknight@monroewa.gov](mailto:dknight@monroewa.gov).

The City's Economic Development Advisory Board has been meeting since January to review previously adopted plans and priorities. The Board also took a look at the City's available funding to determine what could be accomplished within existing resources and what other revenues might be available to support existing businesses and bring new businesses to town.

The Board has prioritized eight investments over six-years to move the needle including updating gateways and wayfinding signs, bringing new shopping, dining, and entertaining experiences to Monroe, building a new park plaza downtown, and installing sidewalks to connect shopping, parks, and neighborhoods. The total cost to implement the plan over the next six years is \$3.6 million. For more information visit the City's website – click [here](#).

- **Business Recruitment and Retention** - Encourage and promote the development or enhancement of retail areas to achieve a vibrant shopping, dining and entertaining experience in the downtown corridor.
- **Gateways**—Ensure gateway signs have a consistent look and feel. Install gateways signs along US2, Lewis and Main Street.
- **Housing**—Encourage a variety of housing options near retail centers at various price points.
- **Parking**—Provide a coordinated system of parking facilities such as off-street and parking structures
- **Parks**—Build a public plaza for special events and gathering space in downtown
- **Sidewalks and Trails**—Build sidewalks and paths to connect parks, plazas, parking and neighborhoods
- **Tourism Promotion and Marketing**— Develop experiences that make Monroe worth a special trip. Visually and physically connect the City to the Skykomish River. Work with businesses to support and reinforce the City's brand.
- **Utilities**—Underground utility lines at the intersection of Lewis Street and Main Street.

**Appointment Openings**  
 LTAC Member (Hotelier)  
 Ethics Boardmember (3)  
 Park Boardmember  
 Salary Commissioner  
[www.monroewa.gov/vacancies](http://www.monroewa.gov/vacancies)

**Job Openings**  
 Customer Service Assistant  
 Accounts Payable/Purchasing Assistant  
 Parks Seasonal  
 Public Works O&M Seasonal Laborer  
 Lateral Police Officer  
[www.monroewa.gov/jobs](http://www.monroewa.gov/jobs)

## 6-YEAR ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT STRATEGY

(ALL COSTS X \$1000)

Project	Total Cost	2019	2020	2021	2022	2023	2024
Business Recruitment and Retention (BRRE)	\$780	\$180	\$165	\$165	\$90	\$90	\$90
Gateways	\$775	\$0	\$0	\$75	\$100	\$300	\$300
Housing	\$135	\$45	\$0	\$45	\$45	\$0	\$0
Parking	\$235	\$0	\$0	\$25	\$10	\$100	\$100
Parks and Planning	\$2,750	\$0	\$0	\$500	\$250	\$1,000	\$1,000
Sidewalks and Trails	\$2,900	\$0	\$0	\$700	\$350	\$550	\$1,300
Tourism Promotion and Marketing (TPM)	\$2,275	\$115	\$162.5	\$145	\$687.5	\$582.5	\$582.5
Utilities	\$720	\$0	\$0	\$20	\$100	\$300	\$300
Wayfinding	\$450	\$0	\$0	\$50	\$400	\$0	\$0
<b>Total</b>	<b>\$11,025</b>	<b>\$340</b>	<b>\$332.5</b>	<b>\$1,725.0</b>	<b>2,032.5</b>	<b>\$2,992.5</b>	<b>\$3,672.5</b>

## **You Ask, We Answer!**

Every week the City gets asked questions on Facebook. For those that are not on Facebook here is a question we received last week:

### Question/Comment

*I understand the City is proposing multifamily housing in the North Kelsey area, next to Lowe's. How will this impact traffic?*

### Response

Because multifamily housing is a new proposed use on the site, the City is required to review these changes under the State Environmental Policy Act (SEPA). In the case of the proposed amendments to allow multifamily housing in the North Kelsey Planning Area (vicinity of Lowe's) the SEPA process will review a number of environmental factors including traffic. If traffic is an identified concern, the City will contract with a traffic engineer to evaluate the proposed change from commercial to multifamily by analyzing any additional traffic generated by the addition of multifamily. If the proposed conditions result in a greater traffic volume, that exceed the City adopted level of service, the traffic engineer will identify the necessary mitigation. Mitigation measures may include limiting the total number of housing units at the North Kelsey site or additional roadway improvements.

*Have a questions about something? Want an answer? Please contact Pam Baker, Executive Assistant, at [pamb@monroewa.gov](mailto:pamb@monroewa.gov). Your question could be featured in our newsletter!*

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STARTS HERE!**