



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

Board and Commission Vacancies

Want to be involved in your community? The City of Monroe is looking for you! We have several current openings for Boards and Commission members:

- 1 – Civil Service Commissioner (Term ending September 2020)
- 1 – Ethics Boardmember (Term ending December 2019)
- 2 – Ethics Boardmembers (Term ending December 2020)
- 1 – Park Boardmember (Term ending December 2020)
- 1 – Salary Commissioner (Term ending December 2018)

First review of applications is May 25, 2018. For more information and an application, [click here!](#)

Downtown Fee Waiver Renewed



I am excited to announce that the City Council has renewed the temporary waiver for certain permit fees in the Downtown Area, reducing development costs to building owners, business owners, and developers. The goal of this fee waiver is to support private investment in downtown; create an attractive, unique place for people to shop and dine; and promote revitalization of the Downtown area. Now is the time to consider investing in projects like façade restoration, signage upgrades or starting a business.

Mayor

Geoffrey Thomas

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Councilmembers

Jason Gamble, Mayor Pro Tem

Patsy Cudaback

Kevin Hanford

Ed Davis

Jim Kamp

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EVENT HAPPENINGS

05/19 –	Early Ford V-8 Club's Auto Swap Meet, Evergreen Fairgrounds, 8AM-5PM
05/19	Rolling Thunder Big Rigs, Evergreen Speedway, 6PM Annual Mystery Wine Auction, Monroe Boys & Girls Club, 6:30PM, \$15 + One Wrapped Bottle of Wine
05/21	Planning Commission Meeting, City Hall, Council Chambers, 7PM
05/22	City Council Study Session Meeting, City Hall, Council Chambers, 7PM

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 22, 2018, Monroe City Council Study Session includes proclamations for Memorial Day 2018 and the 14th Annual Sky Valley Indian Education Program Pow Wow and a presentation regarding Legislative Updates. Click [here](#) for the full agenda!

CITY HAPPENINGS

2019 Lodging Tax Funding Round Starting Soon!

It's that time of year again. The Lodging Tax Advisory Committee will be soliciting applications for 2019 tourism activities/festivals beginning this July. To help prepare for this year's funding round, the City will be hosting two open houses, June 13, and June 20, 2018, to answer questions from potential applicants. Both sessions will be held at the City Hall Council Chambers from five to six p.m. If you are thinking about applying but aren't sure if your event qualifies, or you have questions regarding the application itself, feel free to stop by our open houses to chat with the advisory board's staff liaison, Finance Director Becky Hasart.

This year's funding timeline and application packet can be found on the City's website [here](#). While the official call for applications won't begin until July 2, 2018, feel free to download the application early so you can be sure to get your questions answered at our open houses.

Water Quality Report

Lake Tye is a popular recreational lake located at the western edge of Monroe. Throughout the year residents and visitors spend time at the lake swimming, paddling, fishing, and enjoying the surrounding park area. As required by the Washington State Department of Ecology, the City collects routine lake water samples to measure lake temperature, dissolved oxygen levels, and the amount of fecal coliform present in the water. For more information, visit www.monroewa.gov/ltwq.

Snoqualmie Valley Transit Coming to Monroe

There's a new transit option coming to Monroe in August 2018! The City Council approved funding for a one-year pilot project that will provide a fixed route shuttle service between Monroe and Duvall, also known as the Monroe to Duvall Connector. The pilot project is a product of the Snoqualmie Valley Transportation Coalition, a group consisting of the cities of Snoqualmie Valley (Monroe, Duvall, Carnation, Fall City, Snoqualmie, and North Bend), King County METRO, SNOTRAC, the Snoqualmie Tribe, and local service providers. The service will provide a circulator bus that connects riders between King and Snohomish Counties for medical services, food, and jobs. In addition to travel between cities, the bus will directly serve Monroe residence with sixty to ninety minute service to medical facilities, the Monroe Community Senior Center, grocery stores, food bank, and other important destinations within the City limits. There will be no need to call and schedule a ride for the service. Snoqualmie Valley Transportation, an established service provider in the Snoqualmie Valley, will be the transit provider for the service. Other funding sources for the pilot project included Easterseals, King County METRO, Snohomish County, and the City of Duvall. Snoqualmie Valley Transportation Coalition is currently working through the route details and will provide additional information in the near future.

Appointment Openings

Civil Services Commissioner

Ethics Boardmember (3)

LTAC Member (Hotelier)

Park Boardmember

Salary Commissioner

www.monroewa.gov/vacancies

Job Openings

Parks Seasonal

Public Works O&M Seasonal

Laborer

Lateral Police Officer

www.monroewa.gov/jobs

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STARTS HERE!**

Design Services Agreement for Lake Tye Park All-Weather Fields Conversion

This week the Monroe City Council authorized the Mayor Pro Tem to sign an agreement with DA Hogan & Associates, Inc. in an amount not to exceed \$231,515.00, for architecture and engineering design services for the Lake Tye Park Capital Improvement Project (CIP) to renovate two athletic fields to all-synthetic, lighted multipurpose fields. \$300,000 is budgeted in the Parks CIP for this design phase, which is expected to be completed by the winter of 2018, with bidding and construction to following in 2019-20.

The City has received State funding for one-third of the total construction cost, estimated to be \$2,200,000; and has submitted state grant applications for another third of the cost, with local CIP to fund the balance. We are also grateful to have received a generous \$10,000 cash donation and provision of new mounds and bases for this project from the Sky Valley Little League. This project, which will extend year round playability for area youth and adults, has consistently ranked as a high priority in park master plan processes and we are excited to move this project forward thanks to strong support from our community.

New seasonal boat rental program for Lake Tye!

This week the Monroe City Council authorized the Mayor Pro Tem to sign an agreement with West Coast Watersports, LLC to provide a seasonal boat (paddle boards, canoes, kayaks) rental program at Lake Tye Park from approximately June through September 2018 within established park hours. The recently completed master plan for Lake Tye Park received strong input from the community of a desire for establishing a vendor rental program at the lake for paddle boards, kayaks, and/or canoes and we are pleased to offer this rental service to our community. Hours of operation, rental fees and other information will be posted soon.

Flowers for Downtown Hanging Baskets, Planter Pots, Main & Lewis Street Islands

The City of Monroe extends sincere appreciation and thanks to the following businesses and organizations from our community who graciously stepped forward again this year to achieve flowering landscape for our signature islands, downtown planter pots and hanging flower baskets that welcome visitors and residents alike along Main Street and Lewis Street in the heart of Monroe. Total value for these donations and volunteer labor exceeds \$2,500.

- *Monroe Garden Club* - \$250 donation to City for the flower program and for planting the flowers in the hanging baskets.
- *Pine Creek Nursery* for supplying the hanging basket flowers at a discount.
- *Monroe Lowe;s* for supplying the potting soil at a discount.
- *Republic Services* - \$500 donation to City for the flower program.
- *Downtown Monroe Association* for planting new flowers in the planter pots.
- *Monroe Correctional Complex* for growing flowers from seed to be installed along Main and Lewis Streets by offender work crew in June.

Beautiful work – many thanks to you all!



Safety Reminders!

Snohomish Fire District No. 7 has responded to four working residential structure fires within the last week. During the investigation of each fire, it was found that in three of the four fires there were no smoke detectors present. Working smoke alarms give you early warning and are a key part to a home fire escape plan. Snohomish Fire District No. 7 partners with organizations like the American Red Cross to identify and install smoke alarms in residences in need. For more information about our smoke alarm program call (360) 794-7666 or (425) 486-1217.

The sun is starting to shine more and more. This is also the time of year we see more kids playing outside. Snohomish Fire District No. 7 wants to remind drivers to be more aware while driving near parks and playgrounds or in neighborhoods. Watch for kids riding bikes or balls that may roll in the street when kids are playing. We also want to encourage parents to remind their children never play in the street and to not chase a ball if it goes into the roadway. Having your child wear a properly fitted helmet every time they ride, roll, or skate will also help you have a fun and safe start to the season!