



# 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

### Sky River Park Playground Equipment Ribbon Cutting

Thank you to everyone who came out to the ribbon cutting for the Sky River Park Playground Equipment on Thursday, May 31, 2018! The City Council approved the \$350,000 to replace the twenty-year old equipment. Thank you to the Monroe City Council, Sitelines for the design and construction work, Monroe Park Board, City staff, and the Monroe community. This playground is an investment into our community and will be enjoyed by young and old now and in the future.



## COUNCIL HAPPENINGS

The Tuesday, June 5, 2018, 6 p.m., City Council Legislative Affairs Committee meeting will include discussion of the Monroe Boys & Girls Club Inspection Report and the Lobbyist RFP Recommendations.

The Tuesday, June 5, 2018, 7 p.m., Monroe City Council Study Session includes discussion on the WWU Sustainable Communities Program.

### 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)

## EVENT HAPPENINGS

06/01	Evergreen Auto Cross, Evergreen Speedway, 4-9PM
06/02	Drift Con Pro-Am Round 2, Evergreen Speedway, 1PM Family Pinewood Derby Day, Monroe Community Senior Center, 11AM Relay For Life, Monroe High School
06/01 – 06/03	Tilted Thunder Roller Derby, Evergreen Fairgrounds, 5PM Oddmall Emporium of Weird, Evergreen Fairgrounds, 10AM – 5PM
06/05	City Council Legislative Affairs Committee Meeting, City Hall, 6PM 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

**CITY HAPPENINGS**

**Lawns to Lettuce Project Showcase**



Come out on Saturday, June 2, 2018, from one to three p.m. at First Baptist Church for a free self-guided walking tour. You can learn how to install raised beds, rain barrels, and do sheet mulching, talk to professionals about growing food, and more! There will be free hot dogs while they last, raffles, and free veggie starts.

**Citizen – Initiated Comprehensive Plan Amendments**

The City of Monroe is now accepting “Citizen-Initiated” requests to amend the City of Monroe 2015-2035 Comprehensive Plan. The amendments will be considered as part of the City’s 2018-2019 Plan amendment cycle. The deadline for submitting Comprehensive Plan amendment requests for this amendment cycle is 5:00 p.m., Monday, July 31, 2018.

Except in limited circumstances provided for in the Washington State Growth Management Act, this will be the only opportunity for plan amendment requests to be considered during the 2018-2019 Comprehensive Plan amendment cycle; which is anticipated to conclude with final City Council action before, or during, July 2019.

The 2015-2035 Comprehensive Plan is the twenty year development plan for the City and its adopted Urban Growth Area. The Land Use Element includes land use designations that establish the City’s land use patterns; and provides direction for the adoption of zoning and other development regulations.

The plan also includes Development Plan Introduction, Vision and Policy Framework, Housing, Capital Facilities and Utilities, Transportation, Economic Development, Parks, Recreation and Open Space, Shoreline and Natural Environment, and Plan Implementation elements. Goals, policies, and action statements in the Plan provide direction for current and future decision making for implementation.

For more information about the process, please contact Shana Restall, Principal Planner, at (360) 863-4608 or srestall@monroewa.gov.

**Embedded Social Worker Program**

A big thank you to Snohomish County Human Services for a grant opportunity that reimburses the City for social worker expenses associated with our **Community Outreach Team**. This past week, we submitted receipts for expenditures incurred for the first quarter of 2018. Along with the submittal, the team is required to submit a success story that we wanted to share with you.

*(Pictured Left to Right: Monroe Police Sergeant Ryan Irving and Social Worker Elisa Delgado)*



**Appointment Openings**

- Civil Services Commissioner
- Ethics Boardmember (3)
- LTAC Member (Hotelier)
- Park Boardmember (2)
- Salary Commissioner

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**Job Openings**

- Executive Assistant to Police Command Staff
- Parks Seasonal
- Public Works O&M Seasonal Laborer
- Lateral Police Officer

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(Social Worker continued) “Our **first quarter success story** involved a female client who was chronically homeless and a substance abuser. Through our program we were able to get the client into detox, treatment, and housing. The funds provided by this grant allowed us to purchase food to engage the client on multiple occasions. Additionally these funds were also used to get the client a new driver’s license, which also allowed her to obtain employment. We are happy to say that the client is doing well in recovery and these funds assisted us in this journey.”



*(Interim Deputy Chief Ryan Irving)*

### **Congratulations Ryan Irving!**

Sergeant Ryan Irving has been selected as the City of Monroe Interim Deputy Police Chief; effective June 1, 2018. Deputy Chief Irving has been with Monroe Police Department since January of 2000; and was most recently honored with the 2017 Chief’s Award, the department’s highest recognition, for his work developing the Community Outreach Team that assists people experiencing homelessness in the community. Congratulations to Interim Deputy Chief Irving!

### **Congratulations Joe Hopke!**

Congratulations to Joe Hopke for his twenty years of service! Joe is the Police Data Specialist and Armorer for the Monroe Police Department; and was recently presented with his twenty year commemorative badge. Thank you for your dedicated service!