



# 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

### 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 – Salary Commissioner (Term ending December 2018)

For more information and an application, [click here!](#)

### Flag Day

Thursday, June 14, 2018, is Flag Day. Flag Day was created by President Woodrow Wilson in 1916. The day is a time for us to display the American Flag at home and at our businesses. It is a day for us to reflect upon the flag's history and meaning and to give thanks for those who have fought to establish and protect our liberties and way of life. It is a time where I reflect upon how our flag's design recognizes by the fifty stars that each of our states is unique while at the same time reminding us of our common bond of unity as one nation. I am grateful for those who have served in many different ways to establish and protect our nation.

In Monroe, on Flag Day, the volunteers of Tualco Grange #284 will post about one hundred and twenty flags on Lewis and Main streets in our downtown. The grange does this for every major holiday. Please take a moment on Flag Day to walk through our downtown to appreciate the work the grange does to commemorate Flag Day. To our volunteers of Tualco Grange #284 who will post the one hundred and twenty American Flags in Monroe's downtown – Thank you!

### 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

06/08 – 06/09	Rusty Relics Vintage Market, Evergreen Fairgrounds, 3PM
06/09	Whelen Driver Reunion Night, Evergreen Speedway, 6PM
06/12	Monroe Chamber of Commerce Luncheon, The Rock Church, 11:30AM  City Council Finance/HR Committee Meeting, City Hall, 5:30PM  City Council Regular Business 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, June 12, 2018, 5:30 p.m., City Council Finance/HR Committee meeting will include a discussion of the Debt Policy.

The Tuesday, June 12, 2018, 7 p.m., Monroe City Council Regular Business Meeting includes Proclamations for Flag Day and Father's Day, confirmation of Parks Board Appointments, Sky Valley Little League Donation, Contract for 191<sup>st</sup> Extension Phase 1, Ordinances Amending MMC 9.26, Park Code, 2018 Budget Amendment, Traffic Impact Fees, Iron Eagle Final Plat, Resolutions for 2019-2024 TIP, and SODA – Prohibited Areas. For more information about these agenda items, [click here](#).

## CITY HAPPENINGS

### Monroe Youth Academy Accepting Applications

The Monroe Police Department is holding a Youth Academy the week of June 25th through June 29th at Cascade Church, 14377 167th Ave SE, Monroe. The academy hours will be 9 a.m. - 2:30 p.m. Eligible students will be those going into ninth grade next year to those graduating this year.

The experience will include: SWAT, Narcotics, Police K-9, Detectives, Patrol, Police Aviation Unit, State Patrol, State Wildlife Enforcement Officers and Snohomish County Auto Theft Task Force and Drug and Gang Task Force Detectives.

This is actual job training. At the end of this course students will have learned and demonstrated: Collaboration, Communication, Team Work, Integrity, Work Ethic, Positivity in Adversity, Discipline, Confidence, Compassion, Customer Service, Reliability, Courage, Commitment and Professionalism. Students will leave with a certificate of participation that can be used in future job applications! Please call Monroe Police Department for application information. And it is FREE!!

### 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

### Appointment Openings

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

[www.monroewa.gov/vacancies](http://www.monroewa.gov/vacancies)

### Job Openings

- Parks Seasonal
- Public Works O&M Seasonal Laborer
- Lateral Police Officer

[www.monroewa.gov/jobs](http://www.monroewa.gov/jobs)

(*Comp Plan Amendment Continued*) 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](mailto:srestall@monroewa.gov).

### **2018 Pavement Project Update**

The City of Monroe is partnering with Snohomish County and Lakeside Industries for this year's street paving and sidewalk ramp upgrades. You might have already seen construction notice signs at locations where this work will occur. Paving is expected to take two weeks and is tentatively planned to occur between July 2nd and August 3rd. Sidewalk ramp upgrades will be done prior to paving, and are scheduled for work from mid-June through July. Please keep in mind that construction schedules are always subject to change due to factors such as rainy days. We will post updates as the construction schedule is finalized, but you can always refer to the project website for updated information: <http://www.monroewa.gov/628/2018-Pavement-Preservation>