



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

Economic Development Advisory Board

Thank you to the members of the Economic Development Advisory Board for the work you did to develop recommendations to support and expand economic development for the next six years. I value your recommendations for projects and programs in the areas of business recruitment and retention, gateways, housing, parking, parks and planning, sidewalks and trails, tourism promotion and marketing, utilities, and wayfinding. The recommendations include continuing the advisory board. The recommendations will be presented to the Parks and Recreation Advisory Board on June 21, 2018, Planning Commission on June 25, 2018 and City Council on July 17, 2018.

Congratulations New Parks Advisory Boardmembers

Congratulations to our newest Parks Advisory Boardmembers Jessie Robinson and Ron Petrick. Boardmember Robinson became interested in serving as a Parks Advisory Boardmember after attending the parks pop-up studios last year in Monroe. She and her family use our parks frequently and she is enthusiastic about maintaining and improving our parks system. Boardmember Petrick worked formerly for the City of Monroe in our Parks and Recreation Department. He has decades of experience in parks operation and maintenance and in working with community groups to build support for our parks and recreational programs. It will be a pleasure having both of our new boardmembers join our Parks Advisory Board.



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Jason Gamble, Mayor Pro Tem

Patsy Cudaback

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EVENT HAPPENINGS

06/15	Last Leaf Productions, Twelfth Night, Lake Tye Park, 7PM
06/16	Grillfest, Lake Tye Park, 11AM – 4PM, \$25 Salute to Cities Granite Construction Night, Evergreen Speedway, 6PM
06/19	City Council Study Session Meeting, City Hall, Council Chambers, 7PM

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

Sales Tax Revenues

'17 to 05/31/17: \$2,019,500
'18 to 05/31/18: \$2,076,673
UP \$57,173 or 2.83%

Real Estate Excise Tax

'17 to 05/31/17: \$653,883
'18 to 05/31/18: \$563,595
DOWN \$90,288 or -13.80%

Lodging Tax Revenues

'17 to 05/31/17: \$22,882
'18 to 05/31/18: \$24,518
UP \$1,636 or 7.14%

Business License Fees

'17 to 05/31/17: \$20,642
'18 to 05/31/18: \$20,842
UP \$200 or 0.96%

Building Permit Revenues

'17 to 05/31/17: \$308,745
'18 to 05/31/18: \$264,257
DOWN \$44,487 or -14.40%

Planning Fee Revenues

'17 to 05/31/17: \$12,176
'18 to 05/31/18: \$11,645
DOWN \$531 or -4.36%

SFR Permits YTD

'17 to 05/31/17: 80
'18 to 05/31/18: 62

Multi-Family Permits (#units)

'17 to 05/31/17: 0
'18 to 05/31/18: 0

Inspections YTD

'17 to 05/31/17: 1345
'18 to 05/31/18: 780

Sky Valley Little League Donation for Lake Tye Parks All-Weather Fields Project

THANK YOU, Sky Valley Little League, for your very generous donation of \$10,000 for synthetic turf fields at Lake Tye Park! At the Tuesday, June 12, 2018 City Council Meeting, Ms. Vanessa Harrison, President of the Sky Valley Little League, presented a ceremonial check representing a generous \$10,000 donation that the league has committed toward the Lake Tye All-Weather Fields Project. In addition, they have also pledged to provide new mounds and bases, or other equipment that their league uses, which can be used by other baseball/softball organizations in Monroe. We deeply appreciate this strong support for this priority project for our community. Thank you Sky Valley Little League! Design work for the fields is now underway. Bidding for construction phase will follow with an anticipated completion of the project in 2020. These fields will be a great asset for our community and your donation will help make that happen. Thank you also for your continued support in providing equipment for ball games.



191st Street Extension Update

On Tuesday, June 12th, Council approved a contract for the first phase of design-related work for the 191st Street extension. The first phase of work involves topographic and environmentally sensitive area mapping, geotechnical investigations, analysis and preliminary design of the proposed extension, and coordination with WSDOT to secure the lease across the US2 bypass right of way. I thank the State of Washington in advance for coordinating with city staff to make this much needed connection and I thank our City Council for considering the community input in selecting a route and in prioritizing this project. For more information, click [here](#).

CITY HAPPENINGS

Speed Limits Changing the Week of June 18, 2018

WSDOT will be changing the speed limit signs on US 2 early next week. Highway 2, from just west of Fryelands Blvd to Cascade View Drive, is now lowered to 45 MPH. From Cascade View DR just past the Woods Creek Bridge is now lowered to 35 MPH.

Reiter Foothills Non-Motorized Concept Trails Planning

Interested in providing feedback for the Reiter Foothills trails planning? The Washington State Department of Natural Resources will be holding several meetings to gather public feedback. This will help the DNR incorporate ideas, thoughts, and concerns into the overall trail plans. The schedule is listed below and all meetings are open to the public. If you are unable to participate in these meetings you can attend the regularly scheduled meetings every fourth Wednesday of the month in Everett. You can also email Benjamin.hale@dnr.wa.gov to share your thoughts and concerns.

- Public Meeting #1: June 20, 2018, 5:45 – 7:45 PM – Snohomish Library Meeting Room
- Up to two field dates: Dates TBD between June 27 and August 8 (*Planning continued on next page*)

Appointment Openings

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

www.monroewa.gov/vacancies

Job Openings

- Lateral Police Officer

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- Public Meeting #2: August 15, 2018, 5:45 – 7:45 PM – Snohomish Library Meeting Room
- Up to two field dates: Dates TBD between August 22 and October 10
- Public Meeting #3: October 17, 2018, Time TBD – Location TBD
- Final draft planned to be adopted by December 31, 2018

When Local Business Drives, Sky Valley Thrives

Gro Washington is teaming up with the Center of Inclusive Entrepreneurship to explore how we can help local Sky Valley business build communities where people can thrive forever.

Sky Valley Thrive Conversations will be held in Skykomish (June 14), Sultan (June 19), Index (June 21), and Monroe (June 26). Emerging entrepreneurs and small local business owners are invited to generate ideas for how local businesses can work together to build sustainable, resilient, inclusive, and equitably shared community wealth. Gro and CIE will work with participants to build partners, funding, and other resources that advance the ideas that emerge from the conversations.

All Thrive Conversation and Thrive Community Survey participants will be eligible for a drawing for a \$75 gift card at Gro Washington's Everett and Snohomish stores. "Our tagline is 'one business at a time,'" notes Jean Simpson, Executive Director of GroWashington. In addition to providing business training and support for emerging entrepreneurs and early-stage small businesses, Gro is also a systemic solution with two brick and-mortar stores featuring local products and providing space for incubation and co-working.

Rural economies are vulnerable to non-local businesses designed to extract resources and wealth. Small local businesses in rural communities often struggle to find business support and markets. "It doesn't have to be this way," says Mike Skinner, the Executive Director of the Center for Inclusive Entrepreneurship. "With deep connections to the land, a premium on self-reliance and community, and an abundance of natural resources, small businesses in rural communities have assets that their urban counterparts would die for. Working together, they can lead smart strategies and systems enabling their communities to thrive in place for ever."

"Forterra has long recognized that strong rural communities and healthy rural landscapes can and must go hand in hand. Without one, you lose the other," observes Skip Swenson, Forterra's Vice President of Policy and Programming. "Our work along Highway 2 from Everett to Skykomish — what we call the Great Northern Corridor Initiative — is about helping land and people thrive by conserving and restoring keystone places and fostering new businesses grounded in sustainability.

Gro Washington and the Center for Inclusive Entrepreneurship are important leaders, and we're pleased to support their vision."

Thrive Conversations are free of charge and open to everyone. Food and drink are provided to those who register in advance.

Register at Eventbrite Local Business Drives: Sky Valley Thrives: Idea Generation Events or by contacting Jean Simpson at Gro Washington by phone at 425-530-7301 or by email at growashington@gmail.com

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COUNCIL HAPPENINGS

The Tuesday, June 19, 2018, 7 p.m., Monroe City Council Study Session Meeting includes a Proclamations for Speed Week and Discussion Items on School Safety, East Monroe Growth Management Hearing Board Compliance, and Temporary Security Dwellings.

Have a question for your Councilmembers? Contact them at councilmembers@monroewa.gov.



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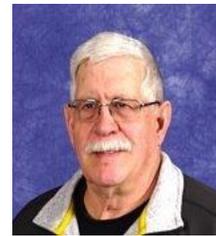
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