



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

Thank you Tri-Monroe athletes, coaches, and fans!

The 2018 TriMonroe Triathlon was another successful event!



Thank you to all the athletes, coaches, and fans that participated. We had over two hundred fifty youth athletes come out to Lake Tye to

swim, bike, and run. Thank you to all the staff who come out and help run this event. Thank you to the Snohomish County Sports Commission, City of Monroe Parks and Recreation department, and City of Monroe Emergency Management group. Your support is greatly appreciated.

Monroe Youth Academy

Thank you to the Monroe Police Department for inviting our City Administrator Deborah Knight and myself to speak at the Monroe Youth Academy. I appreciated the opportunity to speak to our community's youth and see these young people be an example in our community. Thank you to the Monroe Police Department for all your work in hosting this academy!



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EVENT HAPPENINGS

06/29 – 06/30	Summer Showdown, Evergreen Speedway, 6PM
06/29	Shakespeare in the Park – King Lear, Lake Tye Park, 7PM
07/01	Dream Builders Car Show, Evergreen Speedway, 10AM – 6PM
07/04	USA Birthday Bash, Evergreen Speedway, 3-10PM
07/07	Foster Press Mayor's Cup, Evergreen Speedway, 6PM

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

Fireworks

Reminder, legal fireworks may be discharged in the City of Monroe on **July 4th ONLY between 9am and 11:59pm**. Fireworks sales will start on July 1 through July 4th: 9am to 11pm daily. Please drive safely this weekend if you are leaving town and stay safe when setting off fireworks. Keep your pets indoors to keep them safe and so they don't run-off. City Hall will be closed on Wednesday, July 4, 2018.



Have a safe and fun 4th of July! Here's some additional tips for your canine friends:

- Make sure your dog gets plenty of exercise earlier in the day.
- Keep your dogs inside during fireworks, preferably with human companionship. If it's hot, air conditioning will help. Bringing your dogs to a fireworks display is never a good idea.
- Provide a safe place inside for your dogs to retreat. When scared of sounds they can't orient, dogs often prefer small enclosed areas. (I once had a dog who climbed in the bathtub during windstorms.) If your dog is comfortable in a crate, that is a good option.
- If possible, keep the windows and curtains closed. Covering the crate or lowering the blinds can also be helpful. Removing visual stimulation can also help calm dogs.
- Make sure all your dogs are wearing ID tags with a properly fitting collar. Dogs have been known to become Houdini around the 4th of July.
- Leave your dog something fun to do – like a frozen Kong filled with his favorite treats.

CITY HAPPENINGS

Music in the Park schedule is coming!

Come enjoy live music at Lake Tye Park on Friday evenings in July! Thanks to the Monroe Chamber of Commerce, Monroe Lodging Tax grant award, City of Monroe Parks & Recreation and all our local sponsors in bringing these free music concerts to our community. Concerts start at 7pm weather permitting. Beer Garden open at 6pm.

- **Friday, July 6: Patrick McHenry & the Chinooks – American 70's Old School Country**
- **Friday, July 13: MCSM – 60's – 90's Classic Rock**
- **Friday, July 20: Stacey Jones Band – Bluegrass, Rock**
- **Friday, July 27: Harvey Creek Band - Country**

Movie schedule for Movies Under the Moon!

Come out to Lake Tye Park on select Friday evenings in August and enjoy Movies Under the Moon! These free events are sponsored by Republic Services, City of Monroe, Monroe Arts Council, Monroe Concert Band, Monroe Public Schools Foundation, Monroe Family YMCA & Monroe Boys & Girls Club. Movies begin at dusk (approximately 9pm). Come an hour early for fun free activities and live concert band music!

- **Friday, August 3: Jumanji**
- **Friday, August 10: Coco**
- **Friday, August 17: Wonder**
- **Friday, August 24: Guardians of the Galaxy: Vol.2**

Appointment Openings

- Civil Services Commissioner
 - Ethics Boardmember (3)
 - LTAC Member (Hotelier)
 - Salary Commissioner
- www.monroewa.gov/vacancies

Job Openings

- Lateral Police Officer
- www.monroewa.gov/jobs

2019 Lodging Tax Funding Application Process Now Open

Beginning July 2, 2018, the City of Monroe's Lodging Tax Advisory Committee will begin accepting applications for 2019 Lodging Tax Funding to cover the period January 1 through December 31, 2019. Applications will be due by 4:30pm on Thursday, August 2, 2018, at Monroe City Hall, located at 806 W Main Street in Monroe. Postmarks will not be accepted.

Priority consideration will be given to applications that feature events scheduled from November through April of each year and that promote tourism activities during November through April of each year. To be considered for funding, the request must be used for one of the following reasons:

- Tourism marketing;
- Marketing and operations of special events and festivals designed to attract tourist;
- Operations of tourism-related facilities owned or operated by nonprofit organizations

The 2019 Lodging Tax Application packet is available on-line [here](#). The funding timeline and an application checklist are also available on-line.

COUNCIL HAPPENINGS

The Tuesday, July 3, 2018, 7 p.m., Monroe City Council Meeting has been cancelled. Have a great week and Happy 4th of July!

Have a question for your Councilmembers?

Contact them at councilmembers@monroewa.gov.



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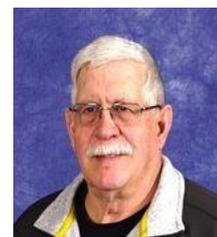
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