



MONROE THIS WEEK

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GREETINGS FROM MAYOR THOMAS

Hello! Thank you for reading Monroe This Week. Learn what is happening and has happened during the week. 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

10th Annual Vaux's Swift Night Out!

In 2016, we designated the Vaux's Swift the City Bird. The Vaux's Swift is the smallest of the four North American Swifts. The Vaux's Swifts measure 4 3/4 inches in length with a wingspan of 12 inches. Their migratory patterns extend from Mexico to Canada. Twice per year, a large number of these birds migrate through the Skykomish Valley.

At sunset, these swifts fly into chimney trees (that is, trees that may have been hollowed out by fire) to spend the night. As the sunsets, these birds circle around and enter the chimney trees. When they enter the chimney tree, they turn around so that they point themselves skyward and they use their claws to cling to the inside of the tree until sunrise. Through their migratory path, they frequent the same locations. In Monroe, the Frank Wagner Elementary chimney has been the location that these birds spend the night. The birds will use the chimney for about three weeks during their migration.



Annually, the Pilchuck Audubon Society in partnership with the Monroe School District and City of Monroe host a "Swift Night Out" on the lawn in front of Frank Wagner Elementary School on West Main Street. The event includes an opportunity to learn more about the Vaux's Swift while watching them circle into the Frank Wagner Elementary School chimney as the sunsets. This year is the tenth "Swift Night Out" and it will be held on September 8th beginning at 4 p.m. Please stop by and check out this event and witness the unique "swift-nado" as the Vaux's Swifts circle into the chimney at sunset.

Check out the proclamation [here!](#)

For more information, check out <http://pilchuckaudubon.org/>.

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EVENT HAPPENINGS

09/08	Wings & Wheels, First Air Field, 10AM-4PM Swift Night Out, Frank Wagner lawn, 4PM
09/11	City Council Finance/HR Committee Meeting, City Hall, Passport Table, 6PM Monroe City Council Regular Business Meeting, City Hall, Council Chambers, 7PM

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

Sales Tax Revenues

'17 to 08/31/17: \$3,353,036
'18 to 08/31/18: \$3,403,994
UP \$50,957 or 1.51%

Real Estate Excise Tax

'17 to 08/31/17: \$1,104,224
'18 to 08/31/18: \$935,528
DOWN \$168,696 or -15.27%

Lodging Tax Revenues

'17 to 08/31/17: \$45,506
'18 to 08/31/18: \$49,334
UP \$3,828 or 8.41%

Business License Fees

'17 to 08/31/17: \$33,617
'18 to 08/30/18: \$32,877
DOWN \$739 or -2.19%

Building Permit Revenues

'17 to 08/31/17: \$501,952
'18 to 08/31/18: \$463,585
DOWN \$38,367 or -7.64%

Planning Fee Revenues

'17 to 08/31/17: \$24,311
'18 to 08/31/18: \$33,460
UP \$9,149 or 37.63%

SFR Permits YTD

'17 to 08/31/17: 111
'18 to 08/31/18: 108

Multi-Family Permits (#units)

'17 to 08/31/17: 12
'18 to 08/31/18: 0

Inspections YTD

'17 to 08/31/17: 2,232
'18 to 08/31/18: 1,507

**Economic Development Advisory Board
Applications Available**

Applications are now available to become part of the City's Economic Development Advisory Board. The board will meet one and month and terms will be staggered not to exceed four years. Members of the last board provided valuable insight and direction and I look forward to that continuing. The deadline to apply is Friday, September 14, 2018. More information can be found [here](#).

Congratulations on Retirement K-9 Lexi!

Narcotics K-9 Lexi has served the greater Monroe Community for eight years with her handler Officer



Nate Erdmann. At the City Council

meeting on Tuesday, August 28, 2018, she was recognized by Mayor Thomas, the city council and police department. She is wished the best as she remains with Officer Erdmann, his family and her best friend Sadie, a yellow lab. Congratulations on a great career!

CITY HAPPENINGS

Thank You Monroe Police Department!

Detective Paul Henderson and Detective Sergeant Barry Hatch used the bikes to patrol the downtown and around the fair when it was in town.



A BIG Thank You to all the officers who helped with fair traffic. They kept traffic running smoothly during the twelve day fair. Thank you for all your work!

Snoqualmie Valley Transportation Celebrates Fifteen Years!

Snoqualmie Valley Transportation will celebrate fifteen years of service with an open house. Everyone is invited to attend on Wednesday, September 26, 2018, from 11 a.m. to 5 p.m. There will be food, balloons, and you can learn how to get around in the Snoqualmie Valley. The event will take place at 1308 Boalch Ave NW. The City of Monroe recently partnered with Snoqualmie Valley Transportation to bring the Duvall-Monroe Connector bus to Monroe. The City appreciates the partnership!

Wings and Wheels

Benefitting Special Olympics of Washington, join us for a car and airplane show. This is a FREE event, explore the vehicles and planes, enjoy live music, KID ZONE, beer garden, and the food from vendors. This is the 3rd year for this event, thanks to Officer Derrick Lether for organizing this every year.

City of Monroe Boards & Commissions Openings

- Civil Services Commissioner (2)
- Ethics Boardmember (3)
- Economic Development Advisory Boardmember
- LTAC Member (Hotelier)
- Salary Commissioner

www.monroewa.gov/vacancies

Job Openings

- Lateral Police Officer
- Contracting Administrative Assistant
- Public Works Maintenance Worker

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CITY HAPPENINGS

Wings and Wheels (*continued*)

Special thanks to our sponsors BIG BOX OUTLET store and MDCC Commercial Printing & Design. Wings and Wheels is held at First Air Field and runs from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. This is a great family-friendly event that is sure to please everyone.

COUNCIL HAPPENINGS

The Tuesday, September 11, 2018, 7 p.m., Monroe City Council Regular Business Meeting includes a Presentation: MHS/MCC Vaping, Ordinance: Complete Streets, Choose Monroe Grant Application, Resolution: Debt Policy, Approval of 2019 Legislative Agenda, and Dept Reports. Click [here](#) for the full agenda.

The Finance/HR committee will be discussing a Parks and Recreation Reorganization. For more information, click [here](#).

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



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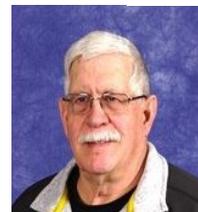
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