



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

LEGISLATIVE PRIORITIES

On Tuesday, August 28, 2018, the City Council approved a lobbying contract with Strategies 360. They will be lobbying on behalf of the City down in Olympia for our legislative priorities. At the Tuesday, September, 11, 2018, City Council meeting, Council approved the City's legislative priorities. The 2019 legislative priorities for the next session in Olympia include:

TRANSPORTATION

• **SR 522:** Complete practical design assessments of the SR522 Interchange and Widening projects, in order to produce updated design concepts and accompanying design and construction estimates. Advance \$10,000,000 in Connecting Washington transportation investment package funds allocated for SR522 pre-engineering and design.

• **US2 Capacity and Safety Improvements:** Update the US2 Route Development Plan. Evaluate necessary capacity improvements. Provide funds to alleviate congestion and improve safety on US2. Support economic development for Skykomish Valley residents and business owners.

• **191st Street Extension:** Support the City's efforts to "fast-track" the lease process with WSDOT to access unused WSDOT right-of-way for the vital roadway extension. Support capital budget request for \$1,200,000 for right-of-way and permitting.

• **Grant Eligibility:** Increase Transportation Improvement Board eligibility requirement for arterial preservation program to an amount greater than two-billion of assessed value to reflect inflationary housing prices.

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EVENT HAPPENINGS

09/15	<p>Frank Wagner Elementary Riboon Cutting, Frank Wagner Elementary, 115 Dickinson Rd, 10AM</p> <p>Crafts and Cars, Evergreen Speedway, 2PM-10PM</p>
09/18	<p>City Council Legislative Affairs Committee Meeting, City Hall, Council Conference Room, 6:30PM</p> <p>CANCELLED</p> <p>Transportation Benefit District Board Special Meeting; City Hall, Council Chambers, 6:30PM</p> <p>Monroe City Council Regular Study Session, City Hall, Council Chambers, 7PM</p>

(Priorities continued on next page)

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

PARKS & FACILITIES

- **Lake Tye Athletic Fields:** Fund \$850,000 RCO grants to construct all-weather multi-purpose fields for Lake Tye Park, for joint use by the City of Monroe Parks & Recreation Department and the Monroe School District.

- **Support funding option for parks operations:** Additional flexibility with existing tools such as making an optional sales tax authority for parks maintenance, operations, and capital a council decision.

- **Boys and Girls Club Facility Improvements:** Request \$1,800,000 to seal exterior walls; replace worn roofing, windows, HVAC, carpet, lighting and gymnasium flooring. Update restrooms and teen center.

POLICY/FISCAL ISSUES

- **Human Services/Homelessness/Affordable Housing:** Support and improve a strained mental and behavioral health system, and enhance actions to increase affordable housing and to decrease homelessness.

- **Annexations:** Remove barriers and support the city's ability to annex land within the urban growth area consistent with the Growth Management Act.

Along with our State legislative priorities, we have identified some Federal legislative priorities. The 2019 Federal legislative priorities include:

- **Railroad Crossing Safety Study:** Provide federal funding to evaluate traffic safety and congestions improvements at five railroad crossings on US2 between Frylands Blvd. and Main St.

The City joins the U.S. Conference of Mayors and the National League of Cities in calling on Congress to:

- Pass legislation to address mental health to support local communities to improve mental health and especially to lend critical support to families and youth.
- Provide funding to respond to the national opioid epidemic and expand access to treatment
- Call on the Federal Communications Commission and Congress to preserve local government authority to manage their right-of-way and determine where wireless infrastructure is sited.

As the next budget session begins we will keep you updated on what is going on in Olympia.

CITY HAPPENINGS

Economic Alliance of Snohomish County Delegation

The City of Monroe is sending City Administrator Deborah Knight and Councilmembers Hanford and Kamp to meet with federal legislators to lobby for Snohomish County and the City of Monroe. They will be in Washington D.C. from September 24-26, 2018. This is a great opportunity for Monroe and they are excited to be able to attend with the Economic Alliance of Snohomish County.

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STARTS HERE!**

SR 522 Coalition Building

At the Tuesday, August 28, 2018, City Council meeting, Council approved a contract with SDS Municipal Consulting to help build and facilitate a SR 522 coalition. This group will help advocate for the widening of SR 522. Interested in participating? Contact Deborah Knight at dknight@monroewa.gov or 360-863-4500.

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, North Bend, WA. The City of Monroe recently partnered with Snoqualmie Valley Transportation to bring the Duvall-Monroe Connector bus to Monroe. The City appreciates the partnership!

COUNCIL HAPPENINGS

The Tuesday, September 18, 2018, 7 p.m., Monroe City Council Regular Study Session includes a K9 Project Donation, presentation from the Monroe YMCA, and discussion items include: ProAct Team, General Fund Six-Year Financial Forecast, and the Six-Year Strategic Plan. Click [here](#) for the full agenda.

Have a question for your Councilmembers?
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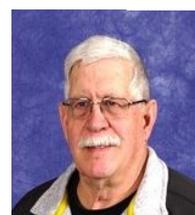
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City of Monroe Boards & Commissions Openings

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

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Job Openings

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

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