



MONROE THIS WEEK

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MAYOR HAPPENINGS

Snoqualmie Valley Governments Association

On Wednesday, September 26, 2018, I attended the quarterly Snoqualmie Valley Governments Association meeting. The cities of the Snoqualmie Valley, which includes Monroe, meet to discuss and coordinate issues along the SR203 corridor. During this meeting we received an update of the Port of Seattle activities including their role in tourism promotion for the King County cities along the SR203 corridor. We also learned about the coordination and grant opportunities for the King County cities to take initiative and buy equipment that is more environmentally friendly. When it came time to provide updates from the cities that were represented there, I provided an update on how Monroe brought in nearly 350,000 people to the 12-day Evergreen State Fair, that Monroe now allows WATV's on city streets, and that Snohomish County approved routes that will connect Monroe and Sultan for WATV's. I also asked the cities that were there and King County Councilmember Lambert for their support in Monroe's legislative request for the annexation of urban growth areas and thanked them for the support of the Snoqualmie Valley Transit's Duvall-Monroe shuttle service. I was able to speak with city and county elected officials individually about the need to finish SR522. I look forward to the next meeting.

SR 522 Open House

Mark your calendars! The public is invited to an Open House to learn about concepts to ease congestion and improve safety on SR522. The Open House will take place on Tuesday, October 2, 2018, from 4:30 p.m. to 7:00 p.m. at the Maltby Community Club located at 8711 206th St SE, Snohomish.

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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



EVENT HAPPENINGS

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| 10/02 | <p>SR 522 Open House, Maltby Community Club, 8711 206th ST SE, Snohomish, 4:30PM-7PM</p> <p>Monroe City Council Regular Study Session, City Hall, Council Chambers, 7PM</p> |
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You're invited!

Join us for the SR 522 - Paradise Lake Road Interchange Open House to learn about concepts to ease congestion and improve safety.

Event details
Tuesday, October 2
4:30 - 7:00 p.m.
Stop by on your way home from work!
Maltby Community Club
8711 206th St SE, Snohomish, WA 98296



SR 522 - Paradise Lake Road Interchange



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

CITY HAPPENINGS

Rainfall/Flooding

You may have noticed some flooded streets on Saturday, September 22, 2018. The City received 1.91 inches of rain on Saturday, according to the weather station at Monroe City Hall. While this is not an extreme amount of rain for a whole day, in this case the majority of the rain fell between 6:00 p.m. and 9:00 p.m. This deluge overwhelmed the storm system, causing flooding of Blueberry Lane. In other places the flooding was caused by catch basin grates which were covered with leaves or litter.

Please help prevent flooding by keeping storm drains clear in front of your house or by letting us know about a problem.

Heritage Tree/Living Christmas Tree Program

This September, the Monroe Parks Department is launching a contest to find and recognize Monroe's biggest and most interesting trees. The Heritage Tree Program encourages residents of all ages to seek out significant trees within the City limits and nominate them for recognition. The City is also launching a Christmas Tree replanting program this year.

To kick off the Heritage Tree contest, the Parks Board and City of Monroe selected the first tree for recognition earlier this year. The large Coast Redwood (below) is located at Highway 2 and East Main in Traveler's Park. It will receive Heritage status for its size and rarity in the area. Adorned with lights, it served as the community Christmas Tree last year for Monroe's annual tree lighting and will be used again for the 2018 event.



Nomination forms for the Heritage Tree contest are available online and at Monroe City Hall and the Monroe Parks Department. The nomination deadline is Dec. 31 to allow the Park Board to review the nominations, select the winners, and make the award announcement to commemorate Earth Day and Arbor Day 2019. Nominations will be accepted each year until Dec. 31 with heritage trees announced in April.

For more information about the Heritage Tree and Living Christmas Tree programs, contact the Monroe Parks Department at 360-863-4559, or visit www.monroewa.gov.

2019 Mayor's Proposed Budget Released

The 2019 Mayor's Proposed City of Monroe Budget is now available for review. This document is the culmination of a significantly collaborative and inclusive process that included our Council, the Planning Commission, the Parks Advisory Board (PAB), the Economic Development Advisory Board (EDAB), and City staff at all levels of the organization. If you are interested in reviewing this document, you can download it from our website [here](#). If you would like to share your thoughts on the 2019 Proposed Budget, the first public hearing is scheduled Tuesday, October 9th at 7:00 p.m. in the Council Chambers located at 806 W. Main Street in Monroe.

City of Monroe Boards & Commissions Openings

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

www.monroewa.gov/vacancies

Job Openings

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

www.monroewa.gov/jobs

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Fire Prevention Week!

Fire Prevention week is fast approaching. Snohomish Fire District No. 7 is hosting two Open Houses to promote fire and life safety! We start the week with an Open House at Station No. 71 (8010 180th St SE, Snohomish) on Sunday, October 7, 2018, from 12 to 4 p.m., and end the week with an Open House at Station No. 31 (163 Village Court, Monroe) on Saturday, October 13, 2018, from 12 to 4 p.m. These events will have car extrication demonstrations, live fire extinguisher training, emergency preparedness information, firefighter challenge courses for the kids, and more! Bring the whole family for a fun, interactive event!

COUNCIL HAPPENINGS

The Tuesday, October 2, 2018, 7 p.m., Monroe City Council Regular Study Session includes a Presentation: EASC Annual Report and Discussion items: Crosswalk Policy, Code Enforcement, Joint Parks Bond Levy, and Parks & Recreation Reorganization. Click [here](#) for the full agenda.

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



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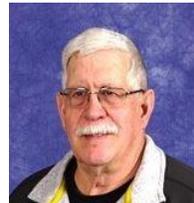
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