



# 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](mailto:gthomas@monroewa.gov). Thank you!  
Yours in Service,*

Mayor Geoffrey Thomas



## MAYOR HAPPENINGS

### Congratulations Citizen's Academy Graduates!

Congratulations to our 2018 Citizen's Academy graduates. The 24 participants began the academy mid-September, graduating Thursday night. Each week, the class was introduced to another aspect of policing in Monroe. Highlights of their experience included trips to the firing range and driving a patrol vehicle. Each member of the class also received the opportunity to ride along with an on-duty officer as they responded to calls for service. Chief Jeff Jolley and Interim Deputy Chief Ryan Irving was on hand Thursday night to present certificates and congratulate each person. As one graduate put it, "The Citizen's Academy was above and beyond my expectations! Thank you!" Thank you to the Monroe Police Department for all your work in planning, coordinating, and implementing each year's Citizen's Academy.



# Happy Holidays!

### Mayor

Geoffrey Thomas

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### Councilmembers

Jason Gamble, Mayor Pro Tem

Patsy Cudaback

Kevin Hanford

Ed Davis

Jim Kamp

Jeff Rasmussen

Kirk Scarboro

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## EVENT HAPPENINGS

12/14	"A Joyful Christmas" Concert, Wagner Performing Arts Center, 7-9PM
01/27	Jayme Biendl Memorial Run, Sky River Park, 10AM

### City of Monroe Boards & Commissions Openings

- Ethics Boardmember (4)
- LTAC Member (Hotelier)
- Park Boardmember
- Planning Commissioner
- Salary Commissioner

[www.monroewa.gov/vacancies](http://www.monroewa.gov/vacancies)

### Job Openings

- Lateral Police Officer

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

Sales Tax Revenues

'17 to 11/30/17: \$4,768,454  
'18 to 11/30/18: \$4,768,121  
**DOWN \$333 or -0.01%**

Real Estate Excise Tax

'17 to 11/30/17: \$1,451,475  
'18 to 11/30/18: \$1,221,579  
**DOWN \$229,896 or -15.83%**

Lodging Tax Revenues

'17 to 11/30/17: \$76,455  
'18 to 11/30/18: \$80,371  
**UP \$3,916 or 5.12%**

Business License Fees

'17 to 11/30/17: \$45,759  
'18 to 11/30/18: \$45,855  
**UP \$96 or 0.20%**

Building Permit Revenues

'17 to 11/30/17: \$591,020  
'18 to 11/30/18: \$679,230  
**UP \$88,210 or 14.92%**

Planning Fee Revenues

'17 to 11/30/17: \$40,516  
'18 to 11/30/18: \$37,885  
**DOWN \$2,631 or 6.49%**

SFR Permits YTD

'17 to 11/30/17: 133  
'18 to 11/30/18: 168

Multi-Family Permits (#units)

'17 to 11/30/17: 24  
'18 to 11/30/18: 0

Inspections YTD

'17 to 11/30/17: 2,825  
'18 to 11/30/18: 2,216

**CITY HAPPENINGS**

**Donate a Living Christmas tree to your local parks!**

If you purchased a living Christmas tree in a container, and you don't intend to plant it on your own property, you may donate it to our local Monroe city parks so that everyone can enjoy it for years to come. Call the Parks & Recreation office at (360) 863-4559 for information on how to donate your potted living Christmas tree.



**Toys for Tots Donation**

THANK YOU for all the Toys for Tots donations! The City of Monroe staff, MPOA, and the Monroe Community collected over 272 toys! What a wonderful opportunity to be able to give back to those in need and help them celebrate Christmas!

**Safety Message**

With the temperatures dipping low lately, Fire District 7 wanted to remind citizens how to stay warm and be fire safe! Does your fire place have a metal screen or a heat-tempered glass secured to the front of the fireplace? If you have a space heater, remember to plug it directly into an outlet, not into an extension cord. Also, remind children to stay at least three feet away from the fireplace or space heaters. Lastly, make sure you have tested your smoke and carbon monoxide alarms. Fire District 7 wishes you and your family a happy and safe holiday season!

**COUNCIL HAPPENINGS**

There are no City Council meetings the rest of year. The Monroe City Council will have their next meeting Tuesday, January 8, 2019. See you then!

Have a question for your Councilmembers?  
Contact them at [councilmembers@monroewa.gov](mailto:councilmembers@monroewa.gov)!!



Jason Gamble



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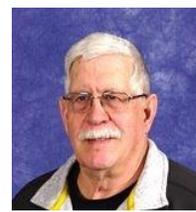
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