



# 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

### #FINISH522 Community Meeting

Thank you to all who came out Wednesday, January 9, 2019, for the #FINISH522 Community Meeting. We had approximately sixty people in attendance to hear the update from WSDOT and learn about next steps. I encourage you to continue to reach out to your legislators. We cannot do this alone and need your help! Please sign the petition, place a window cling on your vehicle, and share the video on the website. If you are able to, please attend the Lobbying Day in Olympia, on Wednesday, February 6, 2019.

For window clings, or to sign up for the Lobbying Day, please contact Pam Baker (360-863-4524; <mailto:pamb@monroewa.gov>). Talk to your neighbors, friends, and co-workers about the importance of finishing SR522; and have them join in the effort. Together we can make a difference in Olympia. Together we can make our voice heard. For more information please go to the [finish522.com](http://finish522.com) webpage; and like the #Finish522 Facebook page.

### Clean Opinion for Financial Audit

Both the City of Monroe, and the Monroe Transportation Benefit District, have received an unmodified opinion for the financial audit for the year ending December 31, 2017, from the Washington State Auditor's Office (SAO). For the 2017 audit, the auditors gave special emphasis to the City's procurement processes, use of restricted funds (hotel-motel tax revenue, park impact fees, building and land use permit fees, real estate excise taxes, and drug seizure funds), self-insurance (unemployment compensation), cash receipting (in City Hall, the Police department, and Court), and the City's general financial condition and fiscal sustainability. The audit report highlighted the work by City staff to ensure compliance with all state financial reporting requirements and

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## EVENT HAPPENINGS

<b>01/15</b>	City Council Legislative Affairs Committee Meeting, Council Conference Room, 6:30PM  City Council Reguar Study Session, City Hall, Council Chambers, 7PM
<b>01/27</b>	Jayme Biendl Memorial Run, Sky River Park, 10AM

### City of Monroe Boards & Commissions Openings

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

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

### Job Openings

- Lateral Police Officer
- Events & Tourism Coordinator
- Senior Planner (Parks)

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

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

Sales Tax Revenues

'17 to 12/31/17: \$5,202,980  
'18 to 12/31/18: \$5,227,287  
**UP \$24,307 or 0.46%**

Real Estate Excise Tax

'17 to 12/31/17: \$1,621,391  
'18 to 12/31/18: \$1,333,345  
**DOWN \$288,046 or -17.76%**

Lodging Tax Revenues

'17 to 12/31/17: \$83,861  
'18 to 12/31/18: \$88,063  
**UP \$4,203 or 5.01%**

Business License Fees

'17 to 12/31/17: \$50,642  
'18 to 12/31/18: \$49,949  
**DOWN \$693 or 1.36%**

Building Permit Revenues

'17 to 12/31/17: \$617,823  
'18 to 12/31/18: \$752,468  
**UP \$135,445 or 21.95%**

Planning Fee Revenues

'17 to 12/31/17: \$41,041  
'18 to 12/31/18: \$61,285  
**UP \$20,244 or 49.32%**

SFR Permits YTD

'17 to 12/31/17: 138  
'18 to 12/31/18: 190

Multi-Family Permits (#units)

'17 to 12/31/17: 24  
'18 to 12/31/18: 0

Inspections YTD

'17 to 12/31/17: 3,001  
'18 to 12/31/18: 2,466

(financial cont) safeguarding of public resources from fraud, loss, or abuse. The audit reports are available by visiting the SAO's website at [www.sao.wa.gov](http://www.sao.wa.gov).

## CITY HAPPENINGS

### Make a Difference for Salmon!

MLK Day of Service Volunteer Tree Planting

Monday, January 21, 2019

10:00 AM 2:00 PM

Al Borlin Park

MLK Day - Plant Trees to Save Salmon!

<http://www.soundsalmonsolutions.org/events/>

Make a difference for salmon! Join us for a Day of Service on Martin Luther King, Jr. Day 2019! Plant native trees, remove invasive plants such as knotweed, ivy, and blackberry near the Skykomish River at Al Borlin Park in Monroe, Washington. Native trees lower the temperature of the river, reduce erosion, and provide food for macroinvertebrates which in turn benefit salmon. Individuals, youth and families as well as groups are welcome! Youth ages fourteen and over are requested, or ages six and over with parent/guardian supervision.

All tools, gloves, snacks, and water are provided.

Carpooling requested, event will be held rain or shine, dress warmly for the weather, no experience needed.

For more information & to RSVP: [lisa@soundsalmonsolutions.org](mailto:lisa@soundsalmonsolutions.org) (425) 252-6686 office.

## COUNCIL HAPPENINGS

The Tuesday, January 15, 2019, City Council Study Session Agenda includes the following discussion items: West Main Street Speed Limits; Unified Development Regulations Project Update; and Homeless Policy Advisory Committee Creation. The meeting starts at 7 p.m. at Monroe City Hall, Council Chambers; and always includes a Public Comments portion of the agenda for your input and feedback. See you then!

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



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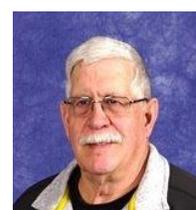
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