



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

National League of Cities

On March 10 – 13, 2019, I represented Monroe in attending the National League of Cities Conference in Washington D.C. During this time I advocated for the Council's federal legislative agenda. While I was there I met with the U.S Department of Transportation, Congresswoman Suzan Delbene, Congressman Larsen's staff, Senator Murray's staff, and Senator Cantwell's staff. I talked with them about federal funding and policy needs specific to SR522, US2 capacity improvements, homelessness and the issues contributing to homelessness, and railroad crossings.

I also attended a session on criminal justice and youth experiencing homelessness, a session regarding how different communities are responding to the opioid crisis which also included a great presentation from Tacoma's Mayor, Victoria Woodards. I look forward to sharing these responses with our Homelessness Policy Advisory Committee to see what might work in our community. I was also able to attend a meeting where Senator Cantwell discussed the opioid crisis as well.

In a different session I attended it included Members of Congress and Kellyanne Conway from the Office of the President. Their focus was on the federal response to infrastructure, transportation, and opioids.

When I met with the two representatives from the Department of Transportation, they provided recommendations for some grant opportunities that could be available. I was able to express my concerns about finishing transportation improvements that serve cities located in rural areas like Monroe.

Thank you Matt Gall from Strategies 360 for your support and coordination. Thank you Congresswoman Suzan Delbene, Congressman Larsen's staff, Senator Murray's

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EVENT HAPPENINGS

03/16	Monroe Concert Band Presents: Nature's Fury, Wagner Performing Arts Center, 639 W. Main St, 7PM, FREE
03/19	City Council Legialative Affairs Committee Meeting, City Hall, Council Conference Room, 6PM City Council Business Meeting & Study Session, City Hall, Council Chambers; 7PM



City of Monroe
Year-to-Date Comparisons

Sales Tax Revenues

'18 to 02/28/18: \$891,661

'19 to 02/28/19: \$926,218

UP \$34,557 or 3.87%

Real Estate Excise Tax

'18 to 02/28/18: \$348,141

'19 to 02/28/19: \$153,167

DOWN \$194,974 or -56.00%

Lodging Tax Revenues

'18 to 02/28/18: \$9,553

'19 to 02/28/19: \$9,553

No Change

Business License Fees

'18 to 02/28/18: \$8,575

'19 to 02/28/19: \$11,018

UP \$2,443 or 28.49%

Building Permit Revenues

'18 to 02/28/18: \$89,060

'19 to 02/28/19: \$92,399

UP \$3,339 or 3.74%

Planning Fee Revenues

'18 to 02/28/18: \$1,750

'19 to 02/28/19: \$10,690

UP \$8,940 or 510.85%

SFR Permits YTD

'18 to 02/28/18: 32

'19 to 02/28/19: 22

Multi-Family Permits (#units)

'18 to 02/28/18: 0

'19 to 02/28/19: 0

Inspections YTD

'18 to 02/28/18: 316

'19 to 02/28/19: 499

(NLC Continued) staff, and Senator Cantwell's staff for meeting with me. I appreciate the opportunity I had to attend this conference and to represent Monroe.

CITY HAPPENINGS

Congratulations Vince Bertrand!



Congratulations Vince Bertrand! Vince was selected as the 2018 Conservation Leader of the Year – Business/Corporation/Organization.

The Snohomish County Conservation District Board selected Vince based on project coordination, involvement, and leadership. Vince has an influential skill to bring people together and engage them in the importance of strengthening our local environment through education. Congratulations on your achievement and your dedication and support of programs and projects that benefit the natural

environment!

Congratulations Madison Grand Café!

Congratulations to Chef Adam and his crew for their opening of the Madison Grand Café! Chef Adam has been working hard to open his new place and we are excited to have them in the downtown. Congratulations on your new café!



You are invited to attend an Open House – Lewis Street Park Play Equipment Replacement

What: Open House – Lewis Street Park Play Equipment Replacement

When: Thursday March 21, 2019 @ 6:00pm – 7:00pm

Where: Monroe City Hall, City Council Chambers, 806 W. Main Street, Monroe WA 98272

The Public is invited to attend an Open House to view exciting play equipment replacement options for Lewis Street Park. We will present available options for the spaces that offer more challenging and inviting features inclusive of a wider range of users than is currently offered. All ideas are welcome, and the conversations will add detail and nuance to the project that will help create the final design.

This exciting new parks capital improvement project is funded for this year and anticipated to be completed this summer!

Questions?? Contact Parks Director Mike Farrell at 360-863-4557 or mfarrell@monroewa.gov

COUNCIL HAPPENINGS

The Tuesday, March 19, 2019, City Council Business Meeting & Study Session includes a presentation by the DMA, Monroe School District, and Snohomish County Fire District 7, New Business, and Discussion Items. For the full agenda, click [here](#).

City of Monroe Boards & Commissions Openings

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

www.monroewa.gov/vacancies

Job Openings

- Lateral Police Officer

www.monroewa.gov/jobs

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



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