



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

Meeting with Senator Murray's Northwest District Director

On Monday, March 18, 2019, I had the pleasure meeting with Ms. Ann Larsen, Northwest District Director for Senator Murray. We went over our trip to Washington D.C. and reiterated the federal legislative priorities that our Monroe City Councilmembers approved. These include project specific funding from the federal government to fill in transportation gaps to rural communities like SR522. They also include funding for capacity improvements and the bypass for US2, support for funding for silent train crossings and an overpass over the train tracks, and developing better tools and resources to address drug addiction and homelessness. I value with our relationships with our federal delegation and thank Senator Murray for having Ann Larson coming to visit with me in Monroe.

Homelessness Policy Advisory Committee (HPAC) Update

Thank you to the applicants to the HPAC. We had a lot of great applicants representing diverse interests in and around our community. I am submitting to the City Council my appointments for Councils consideration of confirmation at the March 26, 2019, Council Meeting. These appointees are: Rachel Adams, Jim Bloss, Jennifer Chavez, Sean Cramer, Kyle Fisher, Geoffrey Godfrey, Todd Strickler, Bridgette Tuttle, Heidie Waxham, Marci Scott-Weis, and Mary Wysocki.

The appointees come from a range of sources: government agencies (Snohomish County PUD), service organizations (Take the Next Step), the faith community, City residents, and business owners in Monroe. I look forward to working with them, our City Council, and other stakeholders, to review our existing policies and practices; and to develop more effective strategies to address the issues of drug addiction, homelessness, and other concerns in our community. The first meeting of the HPAC will be Thursday, April 4, 2019, at 6 p.m. at City Hall; Council Chambers.

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EVENT HAPPENINGS

03/26

City Council P4Committee Meeting, City Hall, Council Conference Room, 6PM

City Council Regular Business Meeting, City Hall, Council Chambers; 7PM

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

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



Tree City USA Award

I'm pleased to report that Monroe is being officially recognized by the Arbor Day Foundation as a **Tree City USA!** The Tree City USA program provides direction assistance and national recognition for our community. Please join us at Lake Tye Park on Friday, April 26, 2019, at 1 p.m. as we celebrate this achievement with an award presentation by our State Forester and Arbor Day tree planting with students of Fryelands Elementary School. You may find more information about the Tree City USA program on their website.

CITY HAPPENINGS

Student Contest: Name a Wetland in Monroe

Students from our schools are participating in a naming contest for the City-owned wetland preserve located north of US 2 between 179th Ave and Fryelands Blvd. The top names will be reviewed by our Park Board with a recommendation made to our City Council later this spring. The naming contest is part of an educational component to a \$109,000 State Conservation Commission grant award for restoration of the wetland fed by Cripple Creek. The project included the planting of over 10,000 willow stakes last year. Monroe has partnered with lead agency Snohomish Conservation District to achieve this important environmental improvement. For more information about this program you may visit the Snohomish Conservation District website or contact our Stormwater Compliance Coordinator Vince Bertrand at (360) 863-4552.



COUNCIL HAPPENINGS

The Tuesday, March 26, 2019, City Council Regular Business Meeting includes Presentations from PD and HPAC Confirmations, Proclamation: Women's History Month, Resolution: Support EHM Levy Lift, Ordinance: East Monroe Compliance, WWU Trail Update, Department reports, and more. For the full agenda, click [here](#).

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



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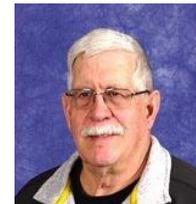
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