



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

Coffee with the Mayor

Please join me Saturday, April 6, 2019, at the Visitor Information Center/Chamber Office located at 125 S. Lewis St. for Coffee with the Mayor. I look forward to meeting you and having a cup of coffee to talk about your questions and comments. See you then!

Congratulations Officer Craig Robertson!

Congratulations Officer Craig Robertson, the 2018 City of Monroe Police Department Officer of the Year. During this past year, Officer Robertson was relentless on drunk drivers, arresting thirty-seven DUIs which greatly surpasses department totals for the



past several

years. He led the patrol officers in the number of overall arrests and traffic stops. He was also named the Snohomish County Target Zero Officer of the Year. This excellent performance was in conjunction with his yearlong efforts training new officers. Chief Jolley recognized Officer Robertson in front of the City Council on Tuesday, March 26, 2019. Thank you for your dedication and commitment to making Monroe safe.

Congratulations Officer Alex Thomas!

Officer Alex Thomas was recognized in a formal swearing in ceremony at the Tuesday, March 26, 2019, City Council meeting, officiated by the Honorable Judge Mara Rozzano. Officer Thomas joined the department, January 4, 2018, and graduated from the academy in October 2018. Field training was completed the end of January 2019 and he is now on solo patrol. The department is very proud of him and happy to have him on the road serving our community. Congratulations Alex!

Mayor

Geoffrey Thomas

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Councilmembers

Kevin Hanford, Mayor Pro Tem

Patsy Cudaback

Ed Davis

Jason Gamble

Jim Kamp

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EVENT HAPPENINGS

04/02 ~~City Council Regular Study Session, City Hall, Council Chambers; 7PM~~
CANCELLED



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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

CITY HAPPENINGS

Monroe Celebrates Earth Day and Arbor Day with Proclamation, Arbor Day Tree Planting, Tree City USA Recognition and Announcement of 2019 Heritage Trees



Please join us to celebrate Earth Day and Arbor Day at Lake Tye Park on Friday, April 26, 2019, at 1 p.m. as Students of Mrs. Hehn's Third Grade Class from Fryelands Elementary School will join me in the ceremonial planting of an Arbor Day tree donated by the Monroe Garden Club. During the event, there will also be a Tree City USA award presentation by our State Forester; and announcement by our Monroe Park Board of our 2019 Heritage Trees.

In the lead-up to the Arbor Day event, a Proclamation will be read at the start of the Monroe City Council Study Session on Tuesday, April 16, 2019, at 7 p.m. at Monroe City Hall, located at 806 W. Main Street.

For more information, contact Mike Farrell at the Monroe Parks Department at 360-863-4557, or visit www.monroewa.gov.

Lewis Street Park Playground Replacement

In 2018, the City Council authorized 2019 Parks Capital Improvement Project (CIP) funding for replacement of the twenty-year old play equipment at Lewis Street Park, which is a listed project in the Six-Year CIP of the Park Plan. The play equipment has outlived its service life, and features were dated and lacking the inclusive, challenge, and motion elements that the playground industry of today offers.



The Monroe Park Board reviewed the existing playground equipment at their July, August, and September 2018 meetings, including a site visit. A public open house was held on March 21, 2019. Monroe's oldest City Park is set within a stand of mature evergreen trees. This posed a challenge: to work within the existing play area boundaries so as not to disturb fragile tree root zones, yet ensure that new replacement equipment meet safety zone space requirements. An important design consideration was to ensure that any new equipment did not create hiding areas or block views through the park. Colorful information boards displayed four feature option concepts.

The new play equipment includes features that: encourage multi-generational play; are ADA inclusive and intentionally break down physical and social barriers to play; a playful theme that enhances the visual appeal of the park; and advanced climbing challenges and motion activities that appeal to older children who seek a more adventurous play experience. Surfacing improvements such as the use of rubberized surfacing are also part of the playground design.

A unique feature for this project includes a MusicBall, which will be the first of its kind in the Northwest. It is an inclusive, human-powered sensory-play music generator, with pre-recorded

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City of Monroe Boards & Commissions Openings

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

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Job Openings

- Lateral Police Officer
- Construction Inspector
- Deputy Building Official
- Senior Planner (Parks)
 - Parks Seasonal
- Public Works Seasonal
- Intern: Finance/Public Works

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(playground update continued) music or sounds through an SD card, which can be changed any time [Musicball Link](#). This exciting new project is anticipated to be completed this summer!

COUNCIL HAPPENINGS

The Tuesday, April 2, 2019, City Council Regular Study Session is cancelled.

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



Kevin Hanford



Ed Davis



Patsy Cudaback



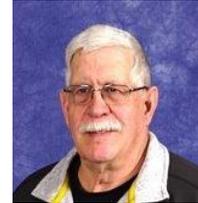
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