



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

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

Please join us to celebrate Earth Day and Arbor Day at Lake Tye Park on Friday, April 26th at 1:15 p.m. as Students of Mrs. Hehn's 3rd 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 Kirsten Lints, representing the Washington Community Forestry Council and the State Department of Natural Resources. Our Monroe Park Board will also announce our 2019 Heritage Trees. In the lead-up to the Arbor Day event, I read an Earth Day & Arbor Day Proclamation into the record during the Monroe City Council meeting Tuesday, April 16, 2019. You can view the proclamation [here](#).



Tree Plantings at Al Borlin Park

On behalf of our community, I am grateful for our partnership with Sound Salmon Solutions and the American Public Works Association and thank all for their efforts in Al Borlin Park. Together, volunteers were able to plant 339 live willow stakes this past Saturday. This event was part of a larger restoration project to plant native trees as well as the long-term removal of invasive species within the park. It was a wonderful event and we look forward to future projects.

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EVENT HAPPENINGS

04/20	Easter Egg Hunt, Lake Tye Park, 9AM
04/23	City Council P3 Committee Meeting, City Hall, Council Chambers, 5PM City Council Regular Business Meeting, City Hall, Council Chambers; 7PM
04/25	EDAB Meeting, City Hall, Council Chambers, 8AM
04/26	Earth Day/Arbor Day Celebration, Lake Tye Park, 1:15PM



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City of Monroe
Year-to-Date Comparisons

Sales Tax Revenues

'18 to 03/31/18: \$1,272,183
'19 to 03/31/19: \$1,310,572
UP \$38,389 or 3.01%

Real Estate Excise Tax

'18 to 03/31/18: \$427,304
'19 to 03/31/19: \$238,079
DOWN \$189,225 or -44.28%

Lodging Tax Revenues

'18 to 03/31/18: \$13,636
'19 to 03/31/19: \$14,648
UP \$1,011 or 7.41%

Business License Fees

'18 to 03/31/18: \$13,109
'19 to 03/31/19: \$17,161
UP \$4,052 or 30.90%

Building Permit Revenues

'18 to 03/31/18: \$121,081
'19 to 03/31/19: \$135,034
UP \$13,953 or 11.52%

Planning Fee Revenues

'18 to 03/31/18: \$2,650
'19 to 03/31/19: \$22,984
UP \$20,334 or 767.32%

SFR Permits YTD

'18 to 03/31/18:
'19 to 03/31/19:

Multi-Family Permits (#units)

'18 to 03/31/18: 0
'19 to 03/31/19: 0

Inspections YTD

'18 to 03/31/18:
'19 to 03/31/19:

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
- Building/Code Official
- Senior Planner (Parks)
 - Parks/PW Seasonal
 - WWTP Operator

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Homelessness Policy Advisory Committee (HPAC) Update

The second meeting of the HPAC was held on Thursday, April 18, 2019. In addition to HPAC members, there were approximately seven members of the public, County Councilmember Sam Low, and Mary Jane Brell-Vujovic, Director for Snohomish County Human Services Department, in attendance. Ms. Brell-Vujovic delivered a presentation about homelessness in Snohomish County; presenting factors contributing to homelessness and efforts on behalf of the County to resolve these issues. Ms. Brell-Vujovic noted the City of Monroe's unique program, which includes law enforcement working with an embedded social worker, and access to county programs, including the Snohomish County Diversion Center and Carnegie Resource Center. These programs help people out of drug addiction and experiencing homelessness. The next [HPAC](#) meeting is scheduled for Thursday, May 2, 2019, at 6 p.m. For additional information click [here](#).

CITY HAPPENINGS

Egg Hunt is this Saturday at Lake Tye Park!

The Twenty-third Annual Monroe Community Egg Hunt will be held this Saturday, April 20, 2019, at Lake Tye Park. The event kicks off at 9 a.m. with lots of fun, free activities including face painting, fun games, arts and crafts, and pictures with the Easter Bunny. The actual Egg Hunt starts at 10 a.m. sharp! All kids up through ten years of age welcome to hunt for eggs. Be sure not to miss this great fun, family-oriented event!



Open House for Shoreline Master Program Update

The City of Monroe and Washington Department of Ecology are holding a joint public comment period and public hearing on April 22, 2019, at 7 p.m. at Monroe City Hall, on the City's Shoreline Master Program (SMP) under RCW 90.58.080(4). At any time within the public comment period, written comments may be submitted to the contact person listed below. The Monroe Planning Commission will conduct a public hearing at which the above-referenced project will be considered. Interested citizens are invited to attend this public hearing and to provide comments, either orally or in writing. There will be an Open House on April 22, 2019, at 6 p.m., prior to the public hearing at Monroe City Hall, 806 W Main St. You can learn more about the Shoreline Master Program updates by clicking [here](#).

Thank you to the Downtown Monroe Association volunteers!



Volunteers from our Downtown Monroe Association refreshed and planted the thirty-two planter pots in our downtown with 225 geraniums and other ornamentals. They will look stunning in the coming weeks. We appreciate your help in keeping Monroe beautiful!

Tip-A-Cop

Approximately eighty people gathered to enjoy a night of fun, dining, and listening to some inspiring speakers. Chef Adam prepared a four-course dinner for all, each course being served by Officers from the Monroe Police Department. No words can describe the excellence experienced; including great flavor, presentation, and the perfection for which Adams' is known. Guest speakers included Special Olympians, coaches, and family members that were so appreciative of the efforts to raise money. We are so proud of our community that gathers for such a great cause and raises over \$10,000 for Special Olympics Washington.

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(tip-a-cop continued) This is the most money the department has ever raised at one tip-a-cop event. It was a "SPECIAL" night. Thank you to all who came, donated and made this such a great event.

Safety Reminder

Now that it is spring everyone is getting outside to work in the yard. We want to remind citizens that there are specific regulations within Snohomish County Fire District No. 7 when it comes to outdoor burning. Last year, the Board of Fire Commissioners passed a resolution to expand the residential outdoor burning area. To find out if you live within the outdoor burning area in the Fire District, and to learn more about the regulations of outdoor burning, visit our website http://snofire7.org/public_information/outdoor_burning/index.cfm. Burn permits can be purchased online or at Station No. 31, 163 Village Court, Monroe, during office hours.

COUNCIL HAPPENINGS

The Tuesday, April 16, 2019, City Council Agenda included discussion on the 191st Avenue SE Extension Project. Public Works staff provided an update regarding the extension of 191st from its intersection from Rainer View Road to the roundabout at Chain Lake behind Walmart. Estimated cost for construction have increased due to changes in the construction market. New subdivisions currently under consideration are creating new connections to Chain Lake Road to improve circulation and access. Proposals to extend State Route 522 are currently being considered in the Washington State Legislature and would intersect the proposed 191st extension alignment. City Council provided direction to the Mayor and City Staff to provide an update following the close of the current State Legislative session.

City staff also presented an update the Unified Development Regulations (UDR). The proposed regulations will replace the current code regulations, some of which have not been revised in well over thirty years. The City Council will consider adopting these regulations at its upcoming business meeting on April 23, 2019.

The Washington State Department of Transportation (WSDOT) presented information on Spring/Summer 2019 resurfacing projects on US2. For more information click.

Mr. Bill Tsoukalas, Executive Director of the Boys and Girls Club of Snohomish County, delivered a presentation regarding the Monroe Boys and Girls Club (MBGC), which has a partnership with the City of Monroe, as the club is located on property owned by the City. We value the programs the MBGC delivers to youth in and around Monroe. The City has been working with the MBGC to secure funding to make needed facility improvements; and we have been working together with our State legislators to secure funding as part of this legislative cycle to fund these improvements. We will update you once we have more information. Thank you to Representative Eslick for your support. Thank you to the Snohomish County Council, County Councilmember Sam Low, and Executive Dave Somers for allocating \$150,000 from the County budget for these improvements.

The Tuesday, April 23, 2019, City Council Regular Business Meeting includes a Public Hearing, Proclamation for National Corrections Officers Week, Building Safety Month, and National Day of Prayer, Presentations from SVT Monroe-Duvall Shuttle and Recognition of Service/Retirement, Building Official Position/Pay Range, Contracts, Ordinances, and Department Reports. For more information click [here](#).

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



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