



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 Arbor Day Tree Planting, Tree City USA Recognition and 2019 Heritage Trees Announcement

I was pleased to receive the designation of Tree City USA on behalf of the City. Tree City USE represents our community's track record and future commitment to include trees in our natural and built environment. Trees are a great resource as they improve a visual appeal of a neighborhood, increase property values, reduce home cooling costs, remove air pollutants, and provide wildlife habitats.

Tree City USA provides direction, assistance, and national recognition for a community.

Thank you to the Monroe City Council and Park Board, for your support in policies and practices that allows us to be a Tree City USA. Thank you Mrs. Hehn's 5th grade class for taking part in the tree planting at Lake Tye Park. The tree you planted today will be there for decades to come. It is a wonderful legacy you leave for our Monroe community and future generations.

Homelessness Policy Advisory Committee (HPAC) Update

The Thursday, May 2, 2019 [HPAC](#) meeting will focus on Local Response: Who can experience homelessness, Monroe Service providers, and service model and where the gaps are. The meeting agenda will be posted the day before. The meeting is open to the public and will be held at Monroe City Hall in the Council Chambers at 6 p.m. For additional information regarding homelessness click [here](#).

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EVENT HAPPENINGS

04/27	Healthy Kids Day, Monroe YMCA, 10AM – 1PM
04/28	Trout Unlimited Kids Fishing Derby, Lake Tye Park, 8AM-12PM
04/30	City Council Workshop/Retreat, City Hall, Public Works Shop, Monroe Coordination Center; 5PM
05/02	HPAC Meeting, City Hall, Council Chambers, 6PM

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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

www.monroewa.gov/vacancies

Job Openings

- Lateral Police Officer
- Construction Inspector
- Building/Code Official
- Senior Planner (Parks)
 - Parks/PW Seasonal
 - WWTP Operator

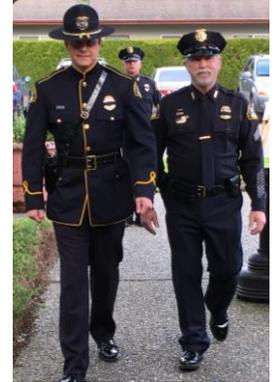
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CITY HAPPENINGS

Congratulations Sergeant Dunn!

Sergeant Rick Dunn was honored at the Tuesday, April 23, 2019, City Council meeting as he is retiring after 26 years with the Monroe Police Department. He began her career with the department in 1993 after serving 11 years at the Department of Corrections in Monroe.

Sergeant Dunn has served as a vital member of our agency in many capacities to include Police Officer, Detective, Sergeant, Operations Commander, and SERT Commander. His passion and dedication to the staff, citizens, and the community, especially his volunteer work with Special Olympics and the Leukemia & Lymphoma Society, will leave a lasting impression.



Trespass Letters of Consent

The Monroe Police Department has introduced a new process for our businesses to file trespass notices. Businesses can now go to the City of Monroe website and fill out a Trespass Letter of Consent (TLC). This specifically worded, legal document will allow police officers to take enforcement action on behalf of the business without contacting them first. Officers who observe trespassers on private property can then immediately address the problem. The department is requesting all businesses who have previously completed pre-signed trespass forms to utilize this new program and get a Trespass Letter of Consent filled out. To file or receive more information go to www.monroewa.gov/68/Police-Department and look for Trespass Letter of Consent in the left hand column.

New Regulations for Signs

As part of the City's major update to the development regulations, changes were made to the City's Sign Code. These changes were necessary to comply with recent case law, Reed v. Town of Gilbert (2015). These changes have an impact primarily on temporary signage regulations. New, no-fee, permits are required for all off-site temporary signage, such as A-boards and stake signs. Another result of this case law is that the Main Street banner must only display Governmental speech meaning City and school events and celebrations. Smaller edits for clarity and consistency were also included. For example, clarifications were made regarding the prohibition of feather banners. If you have any questions regarding the sign code or the recent changes, please contact Amy Bright, Associate Planner at 360-863-4533 or by email at abright@monroewa.gov.

COUNCIL HAPPENINGS

City Adopts New Land Use and Building Development Standards

Thank you Monroe City Council for adopting Monroe's new unified development regulations (UDR). These changes included implementation of the City's 20 year vision, also known as the Comprehensive Plan, by creating new land use and building development standards.

This work could not be accomplished without the long hours and dedication by the City's Planning Commission. The Planning Commission is the working group that spent countless hours over two-years to craft the new UDR. The Commissions goal in developing the new UDR was to implement the 20 year vision in the Comprehensive Plan. One example of this is the distribution of more housing near

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(UDR continued) Downtown and North Kelsey and reducing the development of new homes in the surrounding areas. The new UDR also increases flexibility all in one unified, user-friendly set of code. Thank you to the Planning Commission and all the City Staff for the countless hours and hard work you put in to complete the project. If you have any questions regarding the new UDR, please contact Shana Restall, Principal Planner at 360-863-4608 or by email at srestall@monroewa.gov.

The Tuesday, April 30, 2019, City Council Workshop/Retreat includes a discussion on Six-Year Financial Forecast, Budget 101, ECPRD Citizen Advisory Committee Update, & UDR. For more information click [here](#).

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



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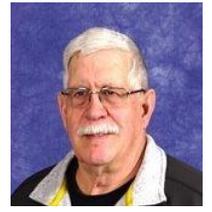
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