



# 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.

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Thank you!

Yours in Service,

Mayor Geoffrey Thomas



## MAYOR HAPPENINGS

### PSRC Update

On Wednesday, May 1, 2019, I represented Monroe and other Snohomish County cities at the Puget Sound Regional Council's Economic Development District meeting in Seattle. At the May 1<sup>st</sup> meeting, the Board received presentations on Tribal Economic Development and the expansion of broadband to underserved areas.

For the presentation on Tribal Economic Development, the Board heard from the Affiliated Tribes of Northwest Indians, Suquamish Tribe, and Affiliated Tribes of Northwest Indians Economic Corporation. Presenters discussed how economic development has changed from resource-based economies involved in fishing and timber to today's economies that include resource-based businesses and gaming. Presenters discussed potential new areas they are exploring including renewable energy and banking.

The Board also received presentations on the state of broadband within our state and the extension of broadband into underserved communities. Representatives from NoaNet and from Kitsap Public Utilities District presented. The representative of NoaNet described how that organization has extended broadband capabilities across the State of Washington. This network serves as the backbone for broadband access to which smaller communities connect. The representative from Kitsap Public Utilities District (PUD) discussed how, in the absence of a private sector partner, the Kitsap PUD is making the connections from more rural areas of Kitsap County to the NoaNet broadband network.

For more information about the meeting, please check out the agenda for May 1st at the following link: <https://www.psrc.org/eddb-meetings>.

### Homelessness Policy Advisory Committee (HPAC) Update

On May 2, 2019, I attended the City of Monroe HPAC meeting. The main presenter for the meeting was Michael Lorio, who is a navigator for Take the Next Step.

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## EVENT HAPPENINGS

<b>05/07</b>	<p>City Council P3 Meeting, City Hall, Passport Table, 5:30PM</p> <p>Transportation Benefit District Special Meeting, City Hall, Council Chambers, 6:30PM</p> <p>City Council Regular Study Session, City Hall, Council Chambers, 7PM</p>
<b>05/08</b>	<p>Workforce Development Forum, City Hall, Council Chambers, 5:30-7PM</p>

**THE ADVENTURE STARTS HERE!**

**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:

(HPAC continued) A “navigator” is someone who helps people who are homeless through the process of receiving assistance and support. Mr. Lorio’s presentation covered a number of topics including: (1) who experiences homelessness, (2) who are the service providers in Monroe, (3) what is the process people go through as they seek and receive assistance and support, and (4) where are the gaps.

As part of the presentation, Mr. Lorio described some of the community level and the social level causes of homelessness including: lack of affordable housing, rent increases that exceed income growth, low vacancy rates, under and unemployment, poverty, eviction, level of education, mental illness, chronic substances abuse and addiction, domestic violence, childhood trauma, disability, chronic illness, and incarceration.

Mr. Lorio identified some of the service providers in Monroe that help people in crisis and experiencing homelessness. A primary starting point to help people who are in crisis and experiencing homelessness would be to call 211, which is the crisis line. Other stating points for help include student support advocates, Cascade Church, Take the Next Step, and Sky Valley Foodbank.

Mr. Lorio described some of the gaps in services in our community. These gaps include: (1) a need for more “navigators” to help clients find services and make appointments, (2) behavioral health intake assessment facilities and substances abuse intake assessment facilities are not in or close to Monroe and have waitlists for people seeking help, (3) there are not legal services, especially to assist with family law, to provide support, (4) there is not a temporary shelter for men, (5) there is not an employment support center in Monroe, (5) there is a lack of case management from start to finish to help clients through the entire process, (6) organizations are restricted from sharing medical information for the same client, (7) there is a long wait list of about 4 to 12 weeks for people seeking mental health and addiction recovery services, (8) services outside Monroe are not accessible without transportation.

At the next meeting on May 16, 2019, the Monroe Police Department (PD) will present on how our PD is responding to homelessness and issues related to homelessness.

For more information on Homelessness in Monroe, click [here](#). For more information about the HPAC, click [here](#).

## **CITY HAPPENINGS**

### **Spring Clean-Up Event Scheduled for May 11th**

It’s that time of year again! As everyone is preparing for spring cleaning, the City of Monroe, in partnership with Republic Services, is hosting the annual spring clean-up event on May 11, 2019, from 9 a.m. to 1 p.m. The event will be held at Monroe High School, 17001 Tester Road. To participate, you must be a garbage customer within our city limits. An event flyer/release form will be included with your May utility bill. This form must be presented on the day of event as proof of residency. Items which will be accepted include regular household garbage, furniture, and scrap metal. While not a complete list, hazardous waste, yard waste, construction debris, roofing materials, tires will not be accepted. Check the flyer for a list of what can and cannot be accepted at this event. The flyer information will also posted on our website at [www.monroewa.gov](http://www.monroewa.gov) in April.

For further information regarding the spring clean-up event, contact Republic Services at 800-942-5965.

## TRANSPORTATION BENEFIT DISTRICT BOARD

The Tuesday, May 7, 2019, Monroe Transportation Benefit District Board Special Meeting will be held at 6:30 p.m. at City Hall in the Council Chambers, and will include presentation of the 2018 TBD Annual Report and a proposed 2019 Budget Amendment. For more information click [here](#).

## COUNCIL HAPPENINGS

The Tuesday, May 7, 2019, City Council Regular Study Session includes the following items: a Proclamation for Mother's Day 2019, Presentations from the Monroe Police Department including a Sergeant Promotion and Introduction to K-9 Tango; and the following discussion items: DT Fee Waiver Extension, the Shoreline Master Program Update, Downtown Fee Waiver Program Extension, Proposed Amendments to the City's Boards and Commissions Code, and Council Chamber Video.

This meeting begins at 7 p.m., and is held at City Hall in the Council Chambers. For more information click [here](#).

Have a question for your Councilmembers? Contact them at [councilmembers@monroewa.gov](mailto:councilmembers@monroewa.gov)!!



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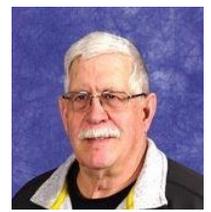
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### City of Monroe Boards & Commissions Openings

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

[www.monroewa.gov/vacancies](http://www.monroewa.gov/vacancies)

### Job Openings

- Lateral Police Officer
- Construction Inspector
- Building/Code Official
  - WWTP Operator

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