



# 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

### State of the City

Thank you to the Monroe Chamber of Commerce for hosting the State of the City address at The Rock Church on Tuesday, May 14, 2019. During this address I talked about the state of the city being strong and we continue to show a healthy economy. We have also been able to make great strides in a number of areas including updating our development regulations, lobbying for more funding for SR522, managing issues relating to homelessness, and becoming more engaged on regional level so we can bring more resources to our community. Thank you to our City Council and City staff for all the work you do to make Monroe a thriving community.

### Wreath Placement

Please join me on Monday, May 27, 2019, at Lake Tye Park for a Wreath Laying by the Veteran's Memorial at 7:30 a.m. I also will be attending the VFW IOOF cemetery ceremony at 11a.m. the same day. All are welcome to attend.

### Lewis Street Park Playground Groundbreaking

On Thursday, May 16, 2019, I attended the Lewis Street Park Playground Groundbreaking. Thank you to our City Council for funding this project, the Monroe Park Board for reviewing the old equipment, hosting a public house, and your recommendation to Council to approve the new equipment, and Sitelines Park and



Playground Equipment Inc. for designing the new structures within the existing playground footprint. The new playground equipment is expected to be completed by the end of June.

### Mayor

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### Councilmembers

Kevin Hanford, Mayor Pro Tem

Patsy Cudaback

Ed Davis

Jason Gamble

Jim Kamp

Jeff Rasmussen

Kirk Scarboro

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## EVENT HAPPENINGS

05/18	VFW Flags for our Fallen, Lake Tye, 9:30AM
05/21	City Council Legislative Affairs Cmt. Mtg., City Hall, Council Conference Room, 6:00PM City Council Regular Study Session, City Hall, Council Chambers, 7PM

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**City of Monroe**  
**Year-to-Date Comparisons**

Sales Tax Revenues

'18 to 04/30/18: \$1,627,483  
'19 to 04/30/19: \$1,665,204  
**UP \$37,720 or 2.31%**

Real Estate Excise Tax

'18 to 04/30/18: \$486,811  
'19 to 04/30/19: \$332,943  
**DOWN \$153,868 or -31.60%**

Lodging Tax Revenues

'18 to 04/30/18: \$18,639  
'19 to 04/30/19: \$18,452  
**DOWN \$187 or -1%**

Business License Fees

'18 to 04/30/18: \$16,834  
'19 to 04/30/19: \$21,923  
**UP \$5,089 or 30.23%**

Building Permit Revenues

'18 to 04/30/18: \$192,668  
'19 to 04/30/19: \$219,953  
**UP \$27,285 or 14.16%**

Planning Fee Revenues

'18 to 04/30/18: \$8,775  
'19 to 04/30/19: \$28,346  
**UP \$19,571 or 223.03%**

SFR Permits YTD

'18 to 04/30/18: 47  
'19 to 04/30/19: 56

Multi-Family Permits (#units)

'18 to 04/30/18: 0  
'19 to 04/30/19: 3

Inspections YTD

'18 to 04/30/18: 623  
'19 to 04/30/19: 1,087

**CITY HAPPENINGS**

**Hanging Basket Planting/Town Landscaping**

The City of Monroe would like to thank the following businesses and organizations from our community who helped us make our town even more beautiful:

- Monroe Garden Club – donating to the City for the flower program and for planting the flowers in the hanging baskets.
- Pine Creek Nursery – supplying the hanging basket flowers at a discount.
- Republic Services – donation to City for the flower program.
- Monroe Lowes – supplying soil for hanging baskets at a discounted price.
- Downtown Monroe Association – planting and maintaining flowers in the planter pots.
- Monroe Reformatory – growing flowers from seed to be installed along Main and Lewis Streets.

With their help we are able to provide beautifully landscaped islands, planter pots and hanging baskets around town. These help to provide a warm welcome to visitors and residents alike.



**Wetland Naming – Foothills Wetland Preserve**

At the Tuesday, May 14, 2019 City Council meeting, Council passed a resolution naming the City-owned open space property located north of US-2 and east of Roosevelt Road as Foothills Wetland Preserve. The naming of the property was a condition of an educational component to a \$109,000 State Conservation Commission grant award in 2016 for restoration of the wetland fed by Cripple Creek.

The project included the planting of over ten thousand willow stakes in 2018. Monroe has partnered with lead agency Snohomish Conservation District to achieve this important environmental improvement. Students from our Monroe School District participated in a naming contest whereby Snohomish Conservation District staff received one hundred and sixty-eight submissions, narrowed it down to the top twenty out of that list. A review board of community members, including: Janelle Drews of the Monroe Chamber of Commerce, City of Monroe Parks & Recreation Director Mike Farrell, Agriculture Instructor and FFA Advisor at Monroe High School Alison Branz, Legislative Aide to Snohomish County Councilmember Sam Low and Monroe School Board Member Darcy Cheesman, Monroe Library Director Phil Spirito, and City of Monroe Stormwater Compliance Coordinator Vince Bertrand voted on what they felt were the top five names. The top five names were reviewed by the Park Board during their April 18, 2019, meeting, with a unanimous recommendation made to the Monroe City Council of naming the area: Foothills Wetland Preserve. Thank you to all of the students who participated in the naming contest!

**DNR Puget Sound Corps Team**

The Puget Sound Corps team have finished up their time here in Monroe. After Lake Tye they moved to Al Borlin Park where they pruned trees and shrubs for trail clearance. Then Lewis Street Park where they pruned trees and shrubs to increase visibility. Lastly, Rotary Field where they were able to work on maintenance of the forested riparian mitigation site. We appreciate all their help!

## COUNCIL HAPPENINGS

The Tuesday, May 21, 2019, City Council Regular Study Session includes the following items:

Proclamations: Memorial Day & SVIE Annual Pow Wow; Presentations: Snohomish County Conservation District Leader of the Year Award & APWA Emerging Leaders Academy Program; Department Reports; Discussion Items: Tarragon Proposal and PSRC Vision 2050 Update.

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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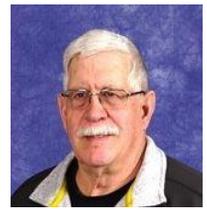
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### **City of Monroe Boards & Commissions Openings**

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

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### **Job Openings**

- Lateral Police Officer
- Construction Inspector
  - WWTP Operator

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