



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

North Kelsey/Tarragon Proposal

The public is invited to comment on the conceptual site design for the North Kelsey area at the City's Planning Commission meeting on **Monday, June 10, 2019 at 7:00 p.m.; Monroe City Hall.**

On March, 20, 2019, the City entered into a Memorandum of Understanding with Tarragon L.L.C., an interested developer, is proposing to build a horizontal mixed-use project which combines 3-story, multi-family residential, 15,000 square feet detached retail building. The residential development is 15 buildings and 180 dwelling units over 11 acres. The development includes a park and bocce ball courts. Tarragon submitted a conceptual site design for City Council feedback prior to the Memorandum of Understanding expiring on June 24, 2019.

The North Kelsey area was purchased by the City in 2005 from Snohomish County. The intent of the North Kelsey area was to develop retail, office space, and a village green for community gatherings. Current retailers in the area include, Fred Meyer, Wal-Mart, Lowe's, Safeway, Rite Aid, and Galaxy 12 Movie Theater.

The City currently has one more bond payment of approximately \$2.8 million dollars which is due in 2020.

For more information about the North Kelsey area please visit www.monroewa.gov/northkelseydevelopment.

#Finish522

The effort to fund the Paradise Lake Road interchange and roadway widening between Maltby and Monroe took a giant step forward in the 2019-2021 State Transportation Budget thanks to our State elected officials, Senators Wagoner and Palumbo, and Representatives Eslick, Sutherland, and Kloba.

The 2019-2021 budget includes \$12.8 million toward designing the Paradise Lake Interchange and \$10 million originally allocated in 2025-2027 has been moved into

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EVENT HAPPENINGS

06/01	Touch A Truck, Monroe Christain School, 10AM – 2PM
06/01 – 06/02	Relay For Life, Lake Tye Park, 12-8PM
06/04	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 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

(#Finish522 continued) the 2021-2023 biennium. The Washington State Department of Transportation (WSDOT) is scheduled to install the metering ramps at the Echo Lake Road interchange this summer.

The total project cost to complete the Paradise Lake interchange and roadway widening is estimated at \$180 million - \$90 million for the interchange and \$90 million for the roadway widening – (in 2019 dollars). The \$12.8 million in funding for the current design phase was provided through the Model Toxics Control Act (MTCA). We will need to continue to work together with our state elected officials and community partners to ensure that further design and construction funding is included in the next transportation package in 2021. Altogether our efforts paid off. If you want to learn more about the push to fund the project or join the coalition of community members, **the next #Finish522 Community Meeting is scheduled for Wednesday, June 12 at 6:30pm at Monroe City Hall located at 806 W. Main Street in Monroe.** For more information visit the office Finish522 website at www.finish522.com.

CITY HAPPENINGS

2019 Lodging Tax Funding Round Starting Soon!

It's that time of year again. The Lodging Tax Advisory Board will be soliciting applications for 2020 tourism activities/festivals beginning this July. To help prepare for this year's funding round, the City will be hosting two open houses - June 19 and June 26, 2019 - to answer questions from potential applicants. Both sessions will be held at the City Hall Council Chambers from 5:00 p.m. to 6:00 p.m. If you are thinking about applying but aren't sure if your event qualifies, or you have questions regarding the application itself, feel free to stop by an open house to chat with the advisory board's staff liaison Becky Hasart.

This year's funding timeline and application packet can be found on the City's [website](#). While the official call for applications won't begin until July 1, 2019, feel free to download the application early so you can be sure to get your questions answered at an open house.

2019 Annual Road Maintenance

The City of Monroe is preparing for our annual street paving and sidewalk ramp upgrade project. Construction is anticipated to begin mid-June and will be ongoing throughout the summer. The following sections of roads are included for 2019:

149 th St SE	174 th Ave SE
179 th Ave SE	Alden Ave
Fryelands Blvd	King St.
Kirby Dr	Lawrence St
Main St	Monroe St
Park St	Pike St
Polk Lane	Tester Rd
Tye St	

We will post updates as the construction schedule is finalized, but you can always refer to the project website for updated information:

<http://www.monroewa.gov/810/2019-Road-Maintenance>

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
 - WWTP Operator
- Public Works Maintenance Worker II

www.monroewa.gov/jobs

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COUNCIL HAPPENINGS

The Tuesday, June 4, 2019, City Council Regular Study Session has been cancelled. The next meeting is Tuesday, June 11, 2019 at 7 p.m.; City Hall; Council Chambers. For more information click [here](#).

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



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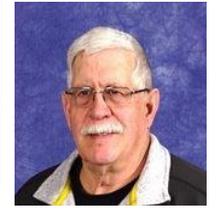
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