



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

City Interns

Over the last several weeks the City has had interns working to provide an opportunity for college students to learn about city government. Dakota Murphy, Claire Sorgen, and Hawk Radosevich have been excited to work with the City to gain valuable knowledge. Here's a little about each of them: Dakota Murphy – Graduated from ASU online with a Bachelor's in Urban Planning with a minor in Sustainability. She has enjoyed her seven internship and in a future career would like to help build a community connected to its surroundings. During her time here she enjoyed envisioning what a future community could look like.

Claire Sorgen – She will be a Senior this fall at Pacific Lutheran University and is working towards a Bachelor's in Communications in Business with an Accounting background. She has enjoyed the behind the scenes look at government and is looking to go into municipal law or finance once she graduates.

Hawk Radosevich – He has received his Associates from Everett in Mechanical Engineering and will be attending Washington State University to complete his degree, He is looking forward to learning more about government.

Thank you to City staff and our interns for all your work. I hope you gain valuable knowledge from your experience.



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EVENT HAPPENINGS

06/29	Tri-Monroe, Lake Tye, 7am-2PM
07/02	City Council Regular Study Session, City Hall, Council Chambers, 7PM Cancelled

(From left to right: Claire Sorgen, Hawk Radosevich, and Dakota Murphy)

THE ADVENTURE STARTS HERE!

City of Monroe
Year-to-Date Comparisons

Sales Tax Revenues

'18 to 05/31/18: \$2,076,673
'19 to 05/31/19: \$2,139,773
UP \$63,100 or 3.03%

Real Estate Excise Tax

'18 to 05/31/18: \$563,595
'19 to 05/31/19: \$452,242
DOWN \$111,354 or -19.75%

Lodging Tax Revenues

'18 to 05/31/18: \$24,518
'19 to 05/31/19: \$24,719
UP \$201 or 0.82%

Business License Fees

'18 to 05/31/18: \$20,842
'19 to 05/31/19: \$27,359
UP \$6,517 or 31.26%

Building Permit Revenues

'18 to 05/31/18: \$264,257
'19 to 05/31/19: \$269,480
UP \$5,222 or 1.97%

Planning Fee Revenues

'18 to 05/31/18: \$11,645
'19 to 05/31/19: \$31,195
UP \$19,550 or 167.88%

SFR Permits YTD

'18 to 05/31/18: 47
'19 to 05/31/19: 56

Multi-Family Permits

'18 to 05/31/18: 0
'19 to 05/31/19: 3

Inspections YTD

'18 to 05/31/18: 623
'19 to 05/31/19: 1,087

CITY HAPPENINGS

New Play Equipment for Lewis Street Park

A ribbon cutting ceremony for the new play equipment at Lewis Street Park is scheduled for Thursday July 11th, 2019 at 4:30pm.

The new play equipment includes features that encourage multi-generational play, are ADA inclusive and intentionally break down physical and social barriers to play. Advanced climbing challenges and motion activities appeal to older children who seek a more adventurous play experience. Another unique feature includes a MusicBall, which will be the first of its kind in the Northwest. It is an inclusive, human-powered sensory-play. Rubberized surfacing is also part of the playground design.

Join us as we celebrate the new play equipment at Lewis Street Park.

Fireworks

Reminder, legal fireworks may be discharged in the City of Monroe on **July 4th ONLY between 9am and 11:59pm**. Fireworks sales will start on July 1 through July 4th: 9am to 11pm daily. Please drive safely this weekend if you are leaving town and stay safe when setting off fireworks. Keep your pets indoors to keep them safe and so they don't run-off. City Hall will be closed on Thursday, July 4, 2019.

Have a safe and fun 4th of July! Here's some additional tips for your canine friends:

- Make sure your dog gets plenty of exercise earlier in the day.
- Keep your dogs inside during fireworks, preferably with human companionship. If it's hot, air conditioning will help. Bringing your dogs to a fireworks display is never a good idea.
- Provide a safe place inside for your dogs to retreat. When scared of sounds they can't orient, dogs often prefer small enclosed areas. If your dog is comfortable in a crate, that is a good option.
- If possible, keep the windows and curtains closed. Covering the crate or lowering the blinds can also be helpful. Removing visual stimulation can also help calm dogs.
- Make sure all your dogs are wearing ID tags with a properly fitting collar. Dogs have been known to become Houdini around the 4th of July.
- Leave your dog something fun to do – like a frozen Kong filled with his favorite treats.

City of Monroe Boards & Commissions Openings

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

www.monroewa.gov/vacancies

Job Openings

- Lateral Police Officer
- Parks Seasonal

www.monroewa.gov/jobs



COUNCIL HAPPENINGS

The Tuesday, July 2, 2019, City Council Regular Study Session is cancelled. Have a fun and safe 4th of July! For more information click [here](#).

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



Kevin Hanford



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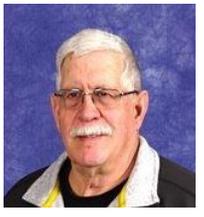
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