



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 awarded \$20,000 Forterra grant for interpretive signage along the Skykomish River

The City applied for and has been notified that it will receive grant funding for interpretive and wayfinding signage to initiate implementation of the Skykomish-Snohomish Rivers Recreation Concept Plan. The City of Monroe is a valued coalition member, actively participating in and developing the Plan, Wayfinding and Regulatory signage, and Access Point Development for the Concept Plan. This project is needed to promote the Concept Plan's goals to promote river stewardship, safety and sustainable recreation.

The Project will provide information regarding best practices for accessing and recreating within a wild, salmon-bearing river; safe personal use; and rules regarding boater's responsibilities at Lewis Street Park and the Department of Fish and Wildlife's boat launch facility. The project supports the Concept Plan's 'Early Action Priorities' by providing educational materials on river etiquette, regulatory and safety information, ecological stewardship, and the 'Leave no Trace' ethic. As a means to promote river access by diverse populations, the Project will provide information in multiple, gender-neutral languages. The grant project is expected to be completed by spring, 2020.

This project is vitally important to promote river safety, resources stewardship, and supports inclusion of diverse communities. Please visit Skykomish Snohomish Rivers Recreation Coalition to learn more about future implementation steps.



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EVENT HAPPENINGS

08/09	Movies Under the Moon, Mary Poppins Returns, Lake Tye Park, 8PM
08/20	City Council Finance/HR Committee Meeting, City Hall, Passport Table, 5:30PM City Council Special Meeting, Tour of Multiple Locations, 7PM

THE ADVENTURE STARTS HERE!

City of Monroe
Year-to-Date Comparisons

Sales Tax Revenues

'18 to 07/31/18: \$2,907,002

'19 to 07/31/19: \$3,042,419

UP \$135,417 or 4.65%

Real Estate Excise Tax

'18 to 07/31/18: \$859,457

'19 to 07/31/19: \$699,777

DOWN \$159,679 or -18.57%

Lodging Tax Revenues

'18 to 07/31/18: \$38,851

'19 to 07/31/19: \$41,955

UP \$3,104 or 7.99%

Business License Fees

'18 to 07/31/18: \$28,323

'19 to 07/31/19: \$37,892

UP \$9,569 or 33.78%

Building Permit Revenues

'18 to 07/31/18: \$323,880

'19 to 07/31/19: \$323,233

DOWN \$5,497 or -1.46%

Planning Fee Revenues

'18 to 07/31/18: \$22,040

'19 to 07/31/19: \$38,865

UP \$16,825 or 76.33%

SFR Permits YTD

'18 to 07/31/18: 96

'19 to 07/31/19: 84

Multi-Family Permits

'18 to 07/31/18: 0

'19 to 07/31/19: 186

Inspections YTD

'18 to 07/31/18: 1,220

'19 to 07/31/19: 1,835

CITY HAPPENINGS

Congratulations Officer Thomas!

At the Tuesday, August 13, 2019, City Council meeting, Chief Jolley introduced Officer Andy Thomas, our newest officer. The Honorable Judge Rozzano conducted the swearing in ceremony with Officer Thomas receiving his Oath of Office. Officer Thomas began his career with the Monroe Police



Department on April 22, 2019, finishing his on the job training in late June. Officer Thomas

graduated from the basic law enforcement academy in September of 2016, working for Snoqualmie Police Department before his lateral transfer to Monroe. We are excited to have him on our department, serving the community. Congratulations Andy!

Movies Under the Moon

2019 Movies Under the Moon is underway! Come out to Lake Tye Park every Friday in August to enjoy free, family-friendly movie nights in the park. Movies will begin at dusk with pre-show festivities beginning at 8 p.m. The remaining line-up includes:

- **August 16: Mary Poppins Returns – TONIGHT!**
- August 23: Black Panther

Thank you to all our sponsors for making this event possible: Republic Services, Monroe Parks & Recreation, Monroe Arts Council, Monroe Family YMCA, Monroe Concert Band, Monroe Public Schools Foundation and the Monroe Boys & Girls Club.

Sky River Exercise Equipment Ribbon Cutting – 08/22 (4:30 p.m.)

Join us for the ribbon cutting ceremony for the new exercise stations at Skykomish River Park, Thursday August 22nd at 4:30pm. We extend our deepest thanks and appreciation for a grant award from the Snohomish County Council through their Small Capital Projects Partnership Grant program to purchase and install outdoor exercise equipment in Skykomish River Park in Monroe.

The Monroe Boys & Girls Club, as part of the Healthy Lifestyles initiative at the club, partnered with the City of Monroe to install 8 basic trailside exercise stations along the walking trail at Skykomish River Park. The selected exercise stations include a starting/stretching post, a pull-up/chin-up bar, parallel bars with a balance disc, a triceps station, step station, sit-up station, push-up station, agility and jump-n-touch station. These new exercise stations will provide fun and exercise for users with varying abilities, improving the health and well-being of our community in Monroe.

2020 City of Monroe Boards & Commissions Openings

- Ethics Boardmember (5)
- Park Boardmember (1)
- Planning Commissioner (1)
- Salary Commissioner (3)

www.monroewa.gov/vacancies

Job Openings

- Lateral Police Officer

www.monroewa.gov/jobs

COUNCIL HAPPENINGS

The Tuesday, August 20, 2019, City Council Meeting will be a tour of housing developments around Monroe. For more information click [here](#).

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



Kevin Hanford



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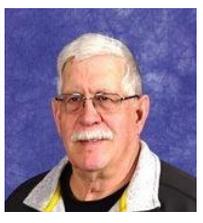
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