



# 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](mailto:gthomas@monroewa.gov)

Thank you!  
Yours in Service,

Mayor Geoffrey Thomas



## MAYOR HAPPENINGS

### Sky River Park Ribbon Cutting

Thank you to everyone who came out to the Ribbon Cutting Ceremony for the new exercise equipment at Skykomish River Park. Thank you to County Councilmember Sam Low, Monroe Councilmembers Kevin Hanford and Jeff Rasmussen, and East County Parks and Recreation District Commissioner Jim Bloss for attending! The Monroe Boys & Girls Club, as part of the Healthy Lifestyles initiative, partnered with the City of Monroe to install eight basic trailside exercise stations along the walking trail at Sky 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, and an agility and jump-n-touch station.



These stations will provide fun

and exercise for users with varying abilities, improving the health and well-being of our Monroe community.

### Mayor

Geoffrey Thomas

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### Councilmembers

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## EVENT HAPPENINGS

08/23	Movies Under the Moon, Black Panther, Lake Tye Park, 8PM
08/24	Fair Days Parade, Main Street, 11AM
08/27	City Council P3 Committee Meeting, City Hall, Council Conference Room, 6:00PM City Council Regular Business Meeting, City Hall, Council Chambers, 7PM

## Monroe Fair Days!

The Evergreen State Fair is upon us! Thursday, August 22, 2019, was the first of twelve days of fun. The Monroe Fair Days Parade will be Saturday, August, 24, 2019, and starts at 11 a.m. Get there early to get your seat and watch over fifty parade entries walk down Main Street. I also signed the Monroe Fair Days Proclamation. If you visit the fair, have a great time!



WHEREAS, the first agricultural display in Snohomish County was held in 1874, making the Evergreen State Fair one of the oldest in Washington; and

WHEREAS, the Fair began in downtown Monroe in 1908 at the former Independent Order of Odd Fellows Hall and Grounds on North Lewis Street, moved to its current location in 1945, and has become the largest county fair in the Pacific Northwest; and

WHEREAS, the Fair offers entertainment for people of all ages and includes a carnival, amusement rides, crafts, exhibits, races, concerts, fireworks, animals, fun, contests, music acts, displays, raffle, entertainment, and the Western Heritage Museum; and

WHEREAS, the Fair draws approximately three hundred forty thousand visitors annually from all over Washington state and the Pacific Northwest, bringing three million dollars in revenues into Snohomish County, with much of it benefitting the Monroe community; and

WHEREAS, our entire community is involved with the Fair, including the Monroe Chamber of Commerce, which organizes the Fair Days Parade, and the Sky Valley Food Bank, which conducts a food drive during the fair; and

WHEREAS, the 2019 Evergreen State Fair theme is "Join Picked Fun"; and

WHEREAS, the City of Monroe and the community value the benefits derived from the Evergreen State Fair and Monroe Fair Days Parade.

NOW THEREFORE, I, Geoffrey Thomas, proclaim the twelve days between August 22, and September 2, 2019, as

**MONROE FAIR DAYS**  
in the City of Monroe, Washington, and encourage residents, businesses, and visitors to participate in the Evergreen State Fair and the Monroe Fair Days Parade.

Geoffrey Thomas, Mayor

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**

**What is ECPRD?**



The East County Park and Recreation District (ECPRD) is a separate parks district serving the City of Monroe and unincorporated areas of Snohomish County including the Echo Lake, Maltby, Roosevelt and Rivmont neighborhoods. The ECPRD boundaries are roughly the same as the Monroe School District boundaries. The East County Park and Recreation District fits a niche between City and County park systems, helping to fill the gaps.

The ECPRD has not run a bond measure since 1999 (over twenty years ago). The District's last bond measure was paid off in 2008. The money was used to build Maltby Park and develop Sky River Park in Monroe. The District is proposing a \$26.5 million capital bond measure on the November 5, 2019, ballot in order to enhance

and expand recreation opportunities within the district, in Monroe and Snohomish County. Proposed projects in Monroe include constructing all weather sports fields at Lake Tye; replacing playground structures at eight City parks – Blueberry, Cedar Grove, Currie View, Hillcrest, Park Meadows, Stanton Meadows, Wales Street, and Rainier View; acquiring land and developing a new neighborhood park in the North Hill area to serve the Eaglemont, Sweetbrier, and Raspberry Hill neighborhoods; and extending the Chain Lake Road trail from Rainier View to Brown Road. If approved by sixty percent of voters in November, the first year cost estimates are \$0.16/\$1,000 assessed value. For a home worth \$500,000, this would be approximately \$6.66/month or \$80/year. In 2023, the tax rate would increase to \$0.26/\$1,000 assessed value. For a \$500,000 home the cost would be \$10.83/month or \$130.00 per year. Estimated monthly impacts to an individual home worth \$500,000 would be equivalent to a Galaxy Theater movie ticket (~\$10.00), one-month streaming services (~\$8.99), or two Big Mac meals (~\$11.98). For more information about the bond measure visit the City's website [www.monroewa.gov/826/ECPRD-Bond-Measure](http://www.monroewa.gov/826/ECPRD-Bond-Measure).

**Movies Under the Moon**

2019 Movies Under the Moon wraps up tonight! Come out to Lake Tye Park for the last movie in August to enjoy a free, family-friendly movie night in the park. Movie begins at dusk with pre-show festivities beginning at 8 p.m. The last movie of the season is: **Black Panther – TONIGHT!**

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

**Signal Change**

The signal at 179th Ave SE and Main Street (by Park Place Middle School) has been upgraded to now include a protected left turn phase (green "arrow") for both the 179th Ave SE approach to the intersection and the Park Place Middle School parking lot. Drivers wanting to make left turns will have more opportunity with this change. Thank you Monroe School District for partnering with this project!

**2020 City of Monroe Boards & Commissions Openings**

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

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

**Job Openings**

- Lateral Police Officer

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



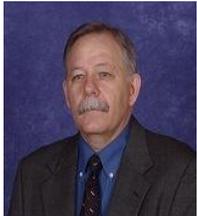
## COUNCIL HAPPENINGS

The Tuesday, August 27, 2019, City Council Regular Business Meeting includes Proclamations, Interlocal Agreements, Building Inspector Position, Parking Resolution, Ordinance, Department Reports and more. For more information click [here](#).

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



Kevin Hanford



Ed Davis



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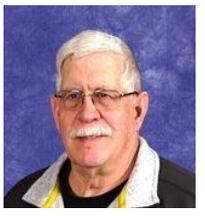
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