



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

Tree Planting Event at Al Borlin Park

This past weekend, I had the pleasure to work with Sound Salmon Solutions and Bryan Schmid of Maltby's Boy Scout Troop 39 to assist in the plantings and restoration of Al Borlin Park. With 37 volunteers, totaling 180 hours, this was a successful collaboration resulting in 170 trees planted. The City of Monroe would like to express gratitude to all the organizations that have worked to make this restoration a monumental success. A special thank you to the Department of Ecology and Mr. Ed Schein for their continuous generosity to this ongoing project.



City Receives Grant for Second Part-Time Social Worker

The City continues to look for ways to reduce recidivism and get people the help they need to manage mental and behavioral health issues, and recover from addiction. On October 11, 2019, the City of Monroe was notified it will receive a \$24,000 grant from the Washington State Office of Public Defense to fund a second part-time social worker to assist with public defense. The social worker will serve as part of the defense team assisting clients in securing drug/alcohol services, behavioral health care, and identifying alternative sentencing plans.

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EVENT HAPPENINGS

10/26	YMCA Fall Classic Fun Run/Walk; Sky River Park; 9 AM-12 PM Sky Valley Classic; Sky River Park; 10 AM Octoberfest Bingo; Monroe Community Senior Center; 5:30 PM
10/28	Monroe Planning Commission; Regular Meeting; City Hall, Council Chambers; 7 PM
10/29	City Council Retreat/Workshop; City Hall, Council Chambers; 7 PM CANCELLED

City of Monroe
Year-to-Date Comparisons

Sales Tax Revenues

'18 to 09/30/18: \$3,851,787
'19 to 09/30/19: \$4,046,483
UP \$194,696 or 5.05%

Real Estate Excise Tax

'18 to 09/30/18: \$1,038,203
'19 to 09/30/19: \$961,699
DOWN \$76,505 or -7.36%

Lodging Tax Revenues

'18 to 09/30/18: \$60,088
'19 to 09/30/19: \$63,110
UP \$3,022 or 5.02%

Business License Fees

'18 to 09/30/18: \$37,636
'19 to 09/30/19: \$49,667
UP \$12,032 or 31.96%

Building Permit Revenues

'18 to 09/30/18: \$530,053
'19 to 09/30/19: \$445,126
DOWN \$84,927 or -16.02%

Planning Fee Revenues

'18 to 09/30/18: \$33,460
'19 to 09/30/19: \$42,026
UP \$8,566 or 25.60%

SFR Permits YTD

2018 to 8/2018: 109
2019 to 8/2019: 92

Multi-Family Permits (# units)

2018 to 8/2018: 0
2019 to 8/2019: 186

Inspections YTD

August 2018 – 1,528
August 2019 – 2,080

(Social Worker – continued) The goal is to get people the help they need when they are in the criminal justice system. Similar programs around the country have reduced recidivism, lowered costs to taxpayers, and successfully integrated people back into their communities. The program will start in January 2020; and grant funding will be distributed in two equal sums: one-half for use in 2020, and one-half for use in 2021.

CITY HAPPENINGS

Homelessness Policy Advisory Committee (HPAC)

The Homelessness Policy Advisory Committee's next regularly-scheduled meeting will be Thursday, November 7, 2019, at 6 p.m. in the Council Chambers; and these proceedings are open to the public. The HPAC is continuing to develop recommendations to present to the City Council. Before these recommendations are finalized, the HPAC group will host an Open House on Thursday, November 14, 2019 at 6:30 p.m., City Hall Council Chambers. Please join us to hear what the committee has been working on! For more information click [here](#).

Business Survey

The 2019 Business Survey is officially open. This is an annual undertaking that informs the City of issues that affect the business community. Your voice matters! The survey takes about thirty minutes to complete, and your contact information will not be shared. The results of the survey will be published on the City's website once the survey deadline has passed. The deadline for survey responses is October 31, 2019. Here is a [link](#) to the survey. Thank you in advance for your participation!

COUNCIL HAPPENINGS

Council Passes Resolution in Support of City of Boise

Thank you to the City Council for approving a resolution expressing support for the City of Boise in their request to the Supreme Court to hear an appeal regarding their Sit and Lie Ordinance. This is an important case for cities in the Ninth District Circuit Court and the City of Monroe. For more information please [click here](#) for the supporting agenda materials and resolution.

2020 Budget Scheduled for Adoption on November 12th

The City Council had first reading of the 2020 budget on Tuesday, October 22, 2019. The proposed budget is built around the City Council's six strategic priorities: good government; building community; investing in economic development; making a safe and secure community; managing growth; and improving utility and transportation infrastructure. **The proposed budget does not include a property tax increase.** The budget does achieve a number of long-term goals for reducing debt, increasing reserves, and addressing the impacts of homelessness, mental health and addiction. The 2020 budget makes the final \$2.9 million payment on the debt to purchase the North Kelsey property. The budget supports a full-time code enforcement officer and increases staffing in the police department. The 2020 budget invests \$100,000 to implement recommendations from the Homelessness Policy Advisory Committee to address mental and behavioral health and addiction. Second reading and final adoption is scheduled for Tuesday, November 12, 2019. The City Council meeting begins at 7 p.m. A copy of the proposed budget is available on the city's website at <http://www.monroewa.gov/177/Budget-Financial-Reports>

Job Openings

- On Call Plans Examiner
 - Lateral Police Officer
- www.monroewa.gov/jobs

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Upcoming Council Meetings

The Monroe City Council Tuesday, October 29, 2019, Special Meeting (Reterat/Workshop), and Tuesday, November 5, 2019, Regular Meetings have been CANCELLED. The next Regular Business Meeting will be held Tuesday, November 12, 2019, 7pm, Monroe City Hall, Council Chambers. For more information on upcoming meetings and agenda items click [here](#).

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



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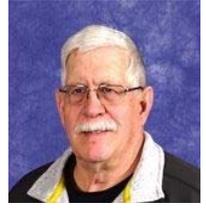
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