



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

Demolition Begins

The demolition of the buildings at the southwest corner of Fryelands Blvd and US2 began this week. The owner plans to remove the existing structures in anticipation of future development. This is a big step to revitalize this site and a benefit for the entire area.

Certificate of Appreciation Award

On November 19, 2019 at the Monroe City Council Meeting, Monroe Police Officer Derrick Lether was awarded a Certificate of Appreciation and Challenge Coin Award from the Monroe School District. MSD Safety & Risk Manager Greg Burns recognized Officer Lether for his contribution in creating safety and emergency preparedness videos for the District and its students.

We are grateful for this interagency cooperation between the City of Monroe, Monroe Police Department, and the Monroe School District for taking this this proactive response.



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EVENT HAPPENINGS

11/23	The F Street Project; 7:30pm Wagner Performing Arts Center
11/23	Pacific Mountain Sports Ribbon Cutting Ceremony; 12pm; 120 West Main Street
11/26	City Council Regular Business Meeting; CANCELLED
11/30	Small Business Saturday; 7am-11pm; Monroe Businesses
12/1	Monroe Historical Society Open House; 3-5pm 207 East Main Street
12/1	Light Up Monroe; 4:30pm Travelers Park
12/3	City Council Regular Business Meeting; 7pm Council Chambers
12/4	Skykomish-Snohomish River Wayfinding and Safety Signage Designs Open house unveiling and presentation; 6pm; Startup Events Center

Job Openings

- Building Inspector
- Lateral Police Officer

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CITY OF MONROE YEAR-TO-DATE COMPARISONS

Sales Tax Revenues

'18 to 10/31/18: \$4,322,021

'19 to 10/31/19: \$4,521,667

UP \$199,646 or 4.6%

Real Estate Excise Tax

'18 to 10/31/18: \$1,122,470

'19 to 10/31/19: \$1,084,983

DOWN \$37,487 or -3.33%

Lodging Tax Revenues

'18 to 10/31/18: \$71,619

'19 to 10/31/19: \$74,792

UP \$3,173 or 4.43%

Business License Fees

'18 to 10/31/18: \$42,130

'19 to 10/31/19: \$56,380

UP \$14,250 or 33.82%

Building Permit Revenues

'18 to 10/31/18: \$591,839

'19 to 10/31/19: \$509,118

DOWN \$82,721 or -13.97%

Planning Fee Revenues

'18 to 10/31/18: \$33,460

'19 to 10/31/19: \$51,056

UP \$17,596 or 52.58%

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

CITY HAPPENINGS

Snowflakes!

Snowflakes in November, no you are not seeing things! It's the beginning of the Holiday Season here in the Northwest and our Downtown Monroe Merchants are dressing up for the season.

On Saturday November 30th we encourage you to skip the mall and visit downtown Monroe for this year's "Shop Small Saturday" events.

This holiday season, think local first:

1. Start your day with breakfast at a Main Street bakery
2. Purchase a one-of-a-kind, hand-made gift
3. Gather your friends for a special make-and-take party
4. Take a break for coffee
5. Choose your favorite lunch – BBQ, Mexican, Thai
6. Join the gym and start your New Year's resolution early
7. Book an appointment at a downtown salon and be picture perfect for the holidays
8. Get your car serviced at a local mechanic so you are ready to drive to over the river and through the woods
9. Visit the Monroe Holiday Market or craft fair

For more details on downtown events visit choosemonroe.com.

Decorating Downtown Monroe

Thank you to our Parks Department who has started to spruce up Monroe for the holidays! Next time you are downtown Monroe look for the new flags and remember to come to Light Up Monroe December 1.

Pacific Mountain Sports Ribbon Cutting Ceremony – Saturday, November 23

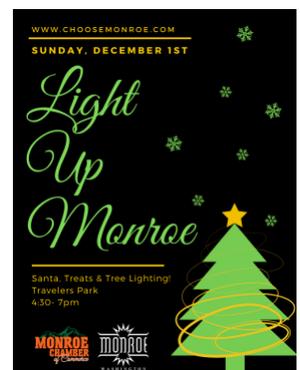
The Grand Opening Celebration for Pacific Mountain Sports will be this Saturday, 12pm at 120 West Main Street. Meet the owners and get introduced to their store. The event will include a few prize drawings and a Grand Opening Sale!

Light Up Monroe – Sunday, December 1

Grab the kiddos, friends, and family and come ring in the Holidays in just over a week at Light Up Monroe. The event will kick off at 4:30pm with the annual tree lighting shortly after Santa arrives around 5pm at Travelers Park. The event will also include: carolers, hot cider and coco, reindeer food, candy canes, lit up cars with activities for kids and more!

Monroe Historical Society Holiday Open House – Sunday, December 1

Stop by the Monroe Historical Society before you head to Light Up Monroe on December 1. There will be a carol sing-along at 4 pm, sweet treats and warm drinks. Friendly board members will be welcoming guests. This is a great opportunity to visit the museum and see the exhibits.



CITY HAPPENINGS Cont.

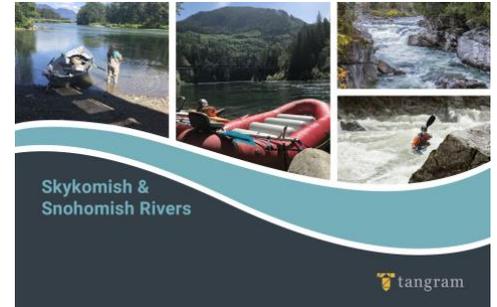
Find Charlie in Monroe – Beginning December 1

Join in a fun, family-friendly scavenger hunt! Charlie is flying in from the North Pole to cause mayhem around our Monroe businesses. Charlie will visit a different business each day leading up to Christmas Eve for Monroe to find. The Monroe Chamber of Commerce will then post "clues" on Facebook for the public to set out and find Charlie. The first individual to find Charlie will be given a gift card, giveaway, or something fun from that business. Be sure to follow [Choose Monroe](#) on Facebook to stay up to date on the clues.



Skykomish-Snohomish River Wayfinding Open House – Wednesday, December 4

Join the public Wednesday, Dec. 4, 2019 at 6:00pm at the Startup Events Center as Snohomish County Parks, Recreation and Tourism will unveil final Skykomish and Snohomish river signage plans and. The event will feature life-size renderings designed to provide critical messaging about river safety and sensitive habitat at twelve prioritized public access sites on these two rivers. Specific signage locations and circulation plans will also be presented.



The environmental graphics design agency chosen to design these vital signs, Tangram Design, will also present at 7:00 p.m. on the assessment process and outcomes for the signage plan informed by the Skykomish-Snohomish River Recreation Coalition and its Technical Advisory Committee. Current needs and future implementation goals will also be discussed.

COUNCIL HAPPENINGS

Upcoming Council Meetings

The City Council Planning/Transportation, Parks & Recreation, and Public Works Committee Meeting and the Regular Business Meeting Tuesday, November 26, 2019, have been CANCELLED.

The next City Council Regular Business Meeting & Study Session will be held Tuesday, December 3, 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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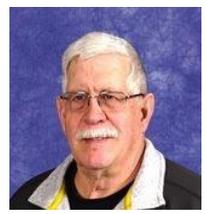
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