



MONROE THIS WEEK

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GREETINGS FROM MAYOR THOMAS

Hello! Thank you for reading my weekly newsletter. I am grateful to serve the Monroe community and look forward to hearing from you. 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

Blueberry Lane and Kelsey Improvements

Thank you to everyone who both participated in the community Open House, and submitted comments for the alternatives the City is considering to improve the intersection of Blueberry and Kelsey. City staff will be presenting a summary of the Open House and comments received to Council on Tuesday, January 24, 2017. Please feel free to submit additional comments. We appreciate hearing from you!!!

Snohomish County Cities Meeting

At the Snohomish County Cities meeting on Thursday, January 19, 2017, I was appointed to continue serving on the Puget Sound Regional Council's Economic Development District. In this capacity, I represent Snohomish County cities on issues related to economic development. I thank the members of the SCC for appointing me to serve another year with the Economic Development District.

Working to Resolve Homelessness

As part of my 2017 Budget recommendation, I requested Council consider contracting with an agency to help manage some of the homelessness issues our community faces. This pilot program would be similar to the "embedded social worker program" that the City of Everett and Snohomish County have.

In this program, a professional social worker accompanied by a police officer meets with people who are homeless to connect them with services with the goal that they find the resources they need to find housing and to get other assistance. Council approved this as part of the 2017 Budget. *(continued on next page)*

EVENT HAPPENINGS

01/21	Coffee with the Mayor, Original Pilot House Coffee, 8-9:30AM
01/24	City Council Regular Business Meeting, City Hall, Council Chambers, 7PM
01/26	191 st Ave Extension Open House, Christ Church Monroe, 14118 Chain Lake Rd, 5-7PM
01/29	Officer Jayme Biendl Memorial Run, Sky River Park, 10AM-12PM
01/31	1 st Annual "Monroe Chili Bowl", East County Senior Center, 5-7:30PM

Appointment Openings
Salary Commissioner
Ethics Boardmember (3)
www.monroewa.gov/vacancies

Job Openings
Associate Planner
Building/Code Official
Community Development Director
Lateral Police Officer
Parks Operations Supervisor
www.monroewa.gov/jobs

Mayor
Geoffrey Thomas
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Councilmembers
Jeff Rasmussen
Kirk Scarboro
Patsy Cudaback
Kevin Hanford
Ed Davis
Jim Kamp
Jason Gamble
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City of Monroe
Year-to-Date Comparisons

Sales Tax Revenues

'15 to 12/31/15: \$4,064,056
'16 to 12/31/16: \$4,503,844
UP \$439,789 or 10.82%

Real Estate Excise Tax

'15 to 12/31/15: \$775,207
'16 to 12/31/16: \$947,562
UP \$172,355 or 22.23%

Lodging Tax Revenues

'15 to 12/31/15: \$70,274
'16 to 12/31/16: \$83,512
UP \$13,238 or 18.84%

Business License Fees

'15 to 12/31/15: \$48,886
'16 to 12/31/16: \$48,153
DOWN \$733or -1.50%

Building Permit Revenues

'15 to 12/31/15: \$311,092
'16 to 12/31/16: \$661,118
UP \$350,026 or 112.52%

Planning Fee Revenues

'15 to 12/31/15: \$61,665
'16 to 12/31/16: \$111,680
UP \$50,015 or 81.11%

New House Permits

'15 to 12/31/15: 60
'16 to 12/31/16: 140
UP 80 units or 133.33%

Multi-Family Permits (# units)

'15 to 12/31/15: 13
'16 to 12/31/16: 6
DOWN 7 units or -53.8%

Building Division Inspections

'15 to 12/31/15: 1,728
'16 to 12/31/16: 2,546
UP 818 or 47.3%

On Thursday, January 9, 2017, Chief Quenzer and Deputy Chief Ginnard from our Monroe Police Department, met with staff from Snohomish County's Human Services Department. The City of Monroe is looking at contracting for services that would be about half-time. The City will be considering sharing a position with the City of Lake Stevens, which has decided to implement a similar program this year.

I thank our City Council, Chief Quenzer, and Snohomish County for the support and the work to help make this happen.

Coffee with the Mayor

Mark your calendars! I will be at Original Pilot House Coffeehouse on Saturday, January 21, 2017, from 8-9:30 a.m. I enjoy the opportunity to meet members of the community and listen to your comments and concerns and answer any questions you may have. The address is 408 West Main Street, Monroe. I look forward to meeting and talking with you.

COUNCIL HAPPENINGS

Congratulations to Councilmember Jeff Rasmussen, who was appointed to serve as the 2017 Mayor Pro Tempore! Councilmember Rasmussen will also serve as the Snohomish Health District Board of Health representative. I am excited to work with our Mayor Pro Tem and our City Council this year!

Councilmember Cudaback was appointed to serve as the 2017 representative to the Snohomish County Tomorrow Steering Committee. Congratulations Councilmember Cudaback!

Councilmember Kamp was appointed to serve as the 2017 representative for the French Creek Control District Joint Board. Congratulations Councilmember Kamp!

January 24, 2017, Council Meeting Agenda Items include a presentation by the East County Senior Center, a discussion of the Blueberry Lane/N. Kelsey St. traffic revisions and review of the Open House comments, and a discussion of a Snohomish Health District Inter-local Agreement. Please note, there is no Council Meeting on January 30, 2017, as it is the fifth Tuesday of the month.

PROJECT HAPPENINGS

Open House

Mark your calendars for Thursday, January 26, 2017, for an Open House on potential 191st Ave. extension options. City staff will be presenting four concepts for the extension connecting Rainer View Road SE to Chain Lake Road. The Open House will be at Christ Church Monroe, 14118 Chain Lake Rd. The Open House will be from 5-7 p.m. We look forward to seeing you there!

Event Happenings

Officer Jayme Biendl Memorial Run

Come out and show your support for this great cause! Pre-register now to be guaranteed a shirt. If you register the day-of there may not be a shirt selection left. This event is sponsored by the Behind the Badge Foundation, Monroe Police Department, Department

of Corrections, Monroe Correctional Complex, Monroe Rotary Club, Sam's Cats & Dogs Naturally, Big Dog Music, Quality Family Dentistry, Teamsters and many behind the scenes, in Memory of Officer Jayme Biendl. For more information and to register for the run, please visit: <https://www.eventbrite.com/e/2017-jayme-biendl-memorial-5k-fun-run-registration-28384918054?aff=es2iendl>

First Annual Chili Bowl



The First annual Chili Bowl is a new event that will be held at the East County Senior Center. It benefits the Monroe Chamber of Commerce, Monroe Boys and Girls Club, East County Senior Center, and the Sky Valley Food Bank.

Join in the fun and show off your famous chili recipe! Register to be a part of this year's chili cook-off competition!

Chili cookers are to make one large crock pot of chili and should come to the event between 4 and 4:30 p.m. on January 31, 2017, to set up. You and your team of chili cookers can choose a theme for your table, decorate, and dress accordingly. This is sure to be a great time by all!

Safety Happenings

Safety/Wellness Reminder:

We are still in the midst of winter and this time of year we see a spike in fire calls. Be fire smart and remember to keep a 3-foot parameter around any heat source. Always plug heat-producing appliances directly into the wall outlet, but only plug one appliance into a wall outlet at a time. Additionally, make sure your home has properly working smoke detectors.