



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

State Route 522

The City of Monroe will be hosting a community open house on regarding SR522. The community open house will consist of the Washington State Department of Transportation (WSDOT) presenting sketches of the different improvements to SR522. City staff, WSDOT engineers, and I will be on hand to talk with you about the alternatives and to receive other thoughts from you about improvements and funding. When we have a date set we will let you know. Reminders will be posted on the City of Monroe's Facebook pages. Stay tuned for more information and the location.

AWC City Lobbying Days

Next week (February 15, and 16, 2017), I will be travelling to Olympia to meet with Senator Pearson, Representative Kristiansen, and Representative Koster as part of our annual "city lobbying days" in Olympia. Our legislators are already well-aware of some of the issues that we have asked the State for help with, including: finishing SR522, funding for synthetic turf fields at Lake Tye, and helping with responding to issues contributing to homelessness. I look forward to learning from them about the issues they are also facing and about legislation they have been asked to consider that could impact Monroe.

Valentine's Day

Valentine's Day is Tuesday, February 14th. I hope you take some time to give thanks for family, friends, and loved ones in your lives. Happy Valentine's Day!!! (PS: Council cancelled the Valentine's Day Council meeting).

EVENT HAPPENINGS

02/11	My Heart Beats 5K, Evergreen Speedway, 6PM
02/14	City Council Legislative Affiaris Committee Mtg, City Hall, 6PM City Council Regular Business Meeting, City Hall, Council Chambers, 7PM CANCELLED

Appointment Openings
Salary Commissioner
Ethics Boardmember (3)
www.monroewa.gov/vacancies
Job Openings
Building/Code Official
Community Development Director
Lateral Police Officer
www.monroewa.gov/jobs

Mayor
Geoffrey Thomas
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Councilmembers
Jeff Rasmussen, Mayor Pro Tem
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

'16 to 01/31/16: \$308,703

'17 to 01/31/17: \$371,743

UP \$63,040 or 20.42%

Real Estate Excise Tax

'16 to 01/31/16: \$74,152

'17 to 01/31/17: \$59,971

DOWN \$14,181 or -19.12%

Lodging Tax Revenues

'16 to 01/31/16: \$5,407

'17 to 01/31/17: \$4,581

Down \$826 or -15.28%

Business License Fees

'16 to 01/31/16: \$5,229

'17 to 01/31/17: \$4,108

DOWN \$1,121 or -21.43%

Building Permit Revenues

'16 to 01/31/16: \$16,374

'17 to 01/31/17: \$39,220

UP \$22,846 or 139.52%

Planning Fee Revenues

'16 to 01/31/16: \$1,700

'17 to 01/31/17: \$625

DOWN \$1,075 or -63.24%

New House Permits

'16 to 01/31/16: 2

'17 to 01/31/17: 10

UP 8 units or 400.0%

Multi-Family Permits (# units)

'16 to 01/31/16: 2

'17 to 01/31/17: 0

DOWN 2 units or -100.0%

Building Division Inspections

'16 to 01/31/16: 131

'17 to 01/31/17: 242

UP 111 or 84.73%

City of Monroe Featured in Online Article!

The City of Monroe was featured in an article for our AMI system we use. This is a great article highlighting our new water meters and the ability to have access to real-time data. Thank you to all our City staff who have worked so hard on this project! You can view the article [here](#).

COUNCIL HAPPENINGS

The February 14, 2017, City Council Meeting has been cancelled.

PROJECT HAPPENINGS

Our Capital Improvement Projects webpage is being updated with all our 2017 projects. Interested to see what's on the list? Click [here](#) to see what's on the list!

EVENT HAPPENINGS

Park Board Meeting

The public is invited to attend a Park Board special meeting at 7:00pm on Thursday, February 23, 2017, 7:00pm, in the performing stage area of Fryelands Elementary School, located at 15286 Fryelands Blvd. A special presentation will be made during the meeting showing and explaining features of a new replacement playground for Lake Tye Park. This exciting new Parks Capital Improvement Project is funded for this year and anticipated to be completed before the end of May.

Request for Proposals

The City of Monroe is requesting proposals from licensed, qualified businesses to provide a seasonal boat (paddle boards, canoes or kayaks) rental program service at Lake Tye Park. Detailed proposal packets may be picked up at the Monroe City Hall, Monday through Friday, from 8 am to 5 pm at 806 W. Main Street, Monroe WA 98272. The deadline to receive proposals is 3:00pm PST, Friday, February 23, 2017.

SAFETY HAPPENINGS

Safety/Wellness Reminder -

With the winter months still upon us carbon monoxide (CO) is always a concern. The odorless and poisonous gas can make a person feel sick and can be deadly. CO alarms should be installed outside each sleeping area and on every level of the home. Remember to test your CO alarms at least once a month along with your smoke detectors and if the alarm sounds, get out of the house and into fresh air. For more information on preventing CO poisoning visit <http://www.nfpa.org/safety-information/safety-tip-sheets>.

KUDOS KORNER

The Monroe Police Department handed out their 2016 Department Employee Awards. Here is the list of employees who received recognition:

- **Letters of Commendation** – Customer Service Specialist Macy Haverly and Investigative Support Monica Sandoval for their work in setting up a case management process for the department's new records management system.

KUDOS KORNER (*continued*)

- **Letter of Commendation** – Officer Derrick Lether for his efforts in coordinating the “Wheels and Wings” event to benefit Snohomish County Special Olympics.
- **Letter of Commendation** – Executive Assistant Mindy Orcutt for her work in switching the department’s entire Standard Operating Procedures manual over to a statewide standardized policy manual through Lexipol.
- **Letter of Recognition** – Volunteer Dain Munnich for his excellent work volunteering with the Monroe Police Department this past year.
- **2016 Officers of the Quarter** – Officer Javier Patton (1st Quarter), Officer Derrick Lether (2nd Quarter), Officer Scott Kornish (3rd Quarter), and Officer Jon Richardson (4th Quarter)

Also deserving of recognition is City employee, Mark Neumann, whose day job is a Civil Engineer, but enjoys Lego as a hobby. He was featured in an article by *The Brothers Brick*, who is a prominent internet source for all things Lego. Mark has been involved with the Lego community for quite some time and has created some amazing pieces without using instructions. Here’s the [link](#) to his interview.



CONGRATULATIONS!