



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

Lake Tye Park New Playground Equipment Groundbreaking

On Thursday, March 16, 2017, Monroe City Councilmembers, members of the Monroe Park Board, and City staff broke ground on what will be new playground equipment at Lake Type Park.

In 2016 the City Council authorized 2017 Parks Capital Improvement Project (CIP) funding for replacement of the twenty-year old playground at Lake Tye Park, which is a listed project in the Six-Year CIP of the Park Plan. The playground has outlived its service life, replacement parts were becoming non-existent, and features were dated and lacking the inclusive, challenge and motion elements that the playground industry of today offers. The Monroe Park Board reviewed the existing playground equipment at their October 2016 meeting. Comments regarding the playground replacement included new active play features and improved ADA accessibility.

Design criteria established for the new playground include features that encourage multi-generational play, ADA inclusive play spaces that intentionally break down physical and social barriers to play, playful public art that enhances the visual appeal of the park, and advanced climbing challenges and motion activities that appeal to older children who seek a more adventurous play experience. Surfacing improvements such as the use of rubberized surfacing is also desired in the playground design.

This exciting new Parks Capital Improvement Project is anticipated to be completed before the end of May.

EVENT HAPPENINGS

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| 03/18 | Thrive 5K, Lake Tye Park, 10AM-12PM |
| 03/21 | Monroe Concert Band Presents "Concert For The Kids", Wagner Performing Arts Center, 2-4PM |
| 03/21 | City Council P4 Meeting, City Hall, Permit Center Open Area City Council Regular Business Meeting, City Hall, Council Chambers, 7PM |

Appointment Openings

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

Job Openings

Engineering Administrative Specialist
Parks Seasonal
Parks Maintenance Worker II
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
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City of Monroe
Year-to-Date Comparisons

Sales Tax Revenues

'16 to 02/28/16: \$791,353
'17 to 02/28/17: \$869,788
UP \$78,434 or 9.91%

Real Estate Excise Tax

'16 to 02/28/16: \$149,811
'17 to 02/28/17: \$150,585
UP \$774 or 0.52%

Lodging Tax Revenues

'16 to 02/28/16: \$9,511
'17 to 02/28/17: \$8,592
Down \$919 or -9.66%

Business License Fees

'16 to 02/28/16: \$8,946
'17 to 02/28/17: \$8,150
DOWN \$796 or -8.90%

Building Permit Revenues

'16 to 02/28/16: \$39,717
'17 to 02/28/17: \$80,735
UP \$41,017 or 103.27%

Planning Fee Revenues

'16 to 02/28/16: \$5,975
'17 to 02/28/17: \$2,325
DOWN \$3,650 or -61.09%

New House Permits

'16 to 02/28/16: 7
'17 to 02/28/17: 11
UP 4 units or 57.14%

Multi-Family Permits (# units)

'16 to 02/28/16: 2
'17 to 02/28/17: 0
DOWN 2 units or -100.0%

Building Division Inspections

'16 to 02/28/16: 266
'17 to 02/28/17: 473
UP 207 or 77.82%

(Groundbreaking continued) THANK YOU to our Monroe City Councilmembers, Monroe Park Board, City staff and our community for all your support!

Adopt-A-Park

The Monroe Boys & Girls Club has been piloting an Adopt a Park program with the City of Monroe for Sky River Park and have been doing various tasks at the park including litter pick up, basic landscaping, and spreading play chips. We are excited to have them on board in this program! We are also partnering with the Boys & Girls Club on applying for a Snohomish County Small Capital Projects Partnership Grant to purchase and install 4 basic trailside exercise stations along the walking trail at Sky River Park.



Goodwill Surprise

Monroe Goodwill store employees were going through donated items from the weekend and were quite surprised when they opened the lid of a cooler and discovered several pounds of marijuana inside. The Monroe Police Department responded and took possession of the cooler and its' contents. While marijuana is legal in Washington, this amount is about sixty times the legal limit for possession in the state. The marijuana has now been turned over to the Snohomish County Property Crimes Unit as part of their investigation of a distillery burglary. Click [here](#) for a link to the story.

Mayor Thomas Surprises Chief Quenzer

After finding out Monroe Police Chief Tim Quenzer was missing three stars for his formal police jacket, Mayor Thomas quickly put a plan in place. Staff was directed to order the missing stars, each one denoting five years of service in Law Enforcement.

At the Tuesday, March 14, 2017, City Council Meeting, Mayor Thomas had the opportunity to present the Chief with the missing stars to bring the total to nine as the Chief enters his 45th year of service in law enforcement. What is significant about these three stars is that they denote the Chief's fifteen years of service to the City of Monroe.

Mayor Thomas thanked the Chief for his years of service to the citizens of the State of Washington and specifically our residents here in the City of Monroe. "Your leadership has been outstanding and very much appreciated by all."

COUNCIL HAPPENINGS

For the Tuesday, March 21, 2017, City Council Meeting, upcoming agenda items include designating an official newspaper, a garbage contract amendment, and union contracts approval.

EVENT HAPPENINGS

Coffee with the Mayor

Coffee with the Mayor Saturday, March 25, 2017! I will be at Paesano's on Saturday, March 25, 2017 from 8-9:30 a.m. Bring your questions, comments, and concerns and have a chat over coffee! See you there!



East County Spring Job Fair

On Thursday, March 30, 2017, the East County Spring Job Fair will be held at the Monroe Boys and Girls Club. The job fair will run from 10 a.m. to 1 p.m. Bring your resume, dress the part, and come talk to over 50 employers who are offering part-time and full-time positions. For more information, click [here!](#)