



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

Board and Commission Vacancies

The City of Monroe is currently seeking applicants to fill the following City Board and Commission open positions:

- 1 – Salary Commissioner:
Vacant term ending 12/31/2018
- 3 – Ethics Boardmembers:
Vacant term ending 12/31/2017
Vacant term ending 12/31/2017
Vacant term ending 12/31/2019

For additional information regarding board/commission qualifications, duties, and meeting times, please contact the City Clerk's Office at 360-863-4538.

COUNCIL HAPPENINGS

Upcoming agenda items for the Tuesday, April 18, 2017, City Council Meeting include the Confirmation of a Planning Commission Appointment; a 2017 National Day of Prayer Proclamation; and a SNOPAC Presentation.

EVENT HAPPENINGS

21st Annual Community Easter Egg Hunt

The 21st Annual Monroe Community Egg Hunt will be held on Saturday, April 15, 2017, at Lake Tye Park. **This FREE event kicks off at 9 a.m.** with lots of fun activities including face painting, games, and arts & crafts. **The Egg Hunt starts at 10 a.m.** All kids up through ten years of age are welcome



to hunt for eggs. Be sure not to miss this great, fun, family-oriented event! All hands-on activities are generously provided by local Monroe organizations and businesses. **Lake Tye Park, 14964 Fryelands Boulevard, Monroe, 98272.**

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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Appointment Openings

Salary Commissioner

Ethics Boardmember (3)

www.monroewa.gov/vacancies

Job Openings

Permit Specialist (Comm. Dvpt)

PW O&M Seasonal Laborer

Parks Seasonal

Lateral Police Officer

EVENT HAPPENINGS

04/15	<i>Community Easter Egg Hunt, Lake Tye Park, 9-11AM</i>
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04/18	<i>City Council Transportation/Planning, Public Works, Parks & Rec, and Public Safety Committee Meeting, PAC, 6PM</i>
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	<i>City Council Regular Business Meeting, City Hall, Council Chambers, 7PM</i>
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City of Monroe
Year-to-Date Comparisons

Sales Tax Revenues

'16 to 03/31/16: \$1,100,427
'17 to 03/31/17: \$1,271,570
UP \$171,143 or 15.55%

Real Estate Excise Tax

'16 to 03/31/16: \$205,780
'17 to 03/31/17: \$206,988
UP \$1,208 or 0.59%

Lodging Tax Revenues

'16 to 03/31/16: \$13,813
'17 to 03/31/17: \$12,878
Down \$935 or -6.77%

Business License Fees

'16 to 03/31/16: \$14,221
'17 to 03/31/17: \$13,071
DOWN \$1,150 or -8.09%

Building Permit Revenues

'16 to 03/31/16: \$85,216
'17 to 03/31/17: \$139,660
UP \$54,444 or 63.89%

Planning Fee Revenues

'16 to 03/31/16: \$7,625
'17 to 03/31/17: \$7,726
UP \$101 or 1.32%

New House Permits

'16 to 03/31/16: 19
'17 to 03/31/17: 37
UP 18 units or 94.74%

Multi-Family Permits (# units)

'16 to 03/31/16: 2
'17 to 03/31/17: 0
DOWN 2 units or -100.0%

Building Division Inspections

'16 to 03/31/16: 154
'17 to 03/31/17: 313
UP 159 or 103.25%



Kids Fishing Day

Save The Date! Sunday, April 23, 2017, at Lake Tye Park will be the annual Kids Fishing Day! The fun starts at 8 a.m. and runs till 1 p.m. It is open to kids 12 and under. The best thing...this event is FREE!

Spring Clean-Up Event

It's that time of year again! As everyone is preparing for spring cleaning, the City of Monroe, in partnership with Republic Services, is hosting the annual spring clean-up event on **May 13, 2017, from 9 a.m. to 1 p.m.** The event will be held at **Monroe High School, 17001 Tester Road.**

To participate, you must be a garbage customer within Monroe City limits. An event flyer/release form will be included with your April utility bill. This form must be presented on the day of event as proof of residency. Items which will be accepted include regular household garbage, furniture, and scrap metal. While not a complete list, hazardous waste, yard waste, construction debris, roofing materials, and tires will not be accepted. Check the flyer for a list of what can and cannot be accepted at this event. The flyer information is also posted on our website at www.monroewa.gov.

For further information regarding the spring clean-up event, contact Republic Services at 800-942-5965.

CITY HAPPENINGS

Embedded Social Worker Begins Work in Monroe

This week the police department welcomed Ms. Elisa Delgado from Snohomish County Human Services. Elisa will be working part-time as an embedded social worker, going out into the community with our officers as they contact individuals who may be homeless and need assistance with social services. This is a new program the City has endorsed and we are excited for the opportunity to serve in this capacity.

Meeting with Monroe School District

As you know, there have been a couple of instances of potential threats at Monroe High School recently. I had a meeting this week with Superintendent Smith, Board President Cheesman, Police Chief Quenzer, and Interim City Administrator Moseley, to ensure that our communication protocols are functioning well. I very much appreciate the cooperative relationship between the City and the School District and we want to make sure we are prepared for any emergency. We are all committed to ensuring the safety of our students.

STATE-WIDE HAPPENINGS

Legislative Update - SR-522 & Synthetic Turf Fields at Lake Tye Park

As the state legislative session enters its last two weeks, a couple of the City of Monroe's top 2017 Legislative Priorities are faring well. While these have not yet made it all the way to the "finish line" in Olympia, we are encouraged and appreciative of the progress made on these proposals. The following information is subject to change. We will provide an update when the legislative session ends. The following is where proposals for SR-522 and synthetic turf fields at Lake Tye Park currently stand:



SR-522

Both the Senate and the House have adopted Transportation Budget proposals that include \$750,000 for the design of SR-522 for widening and interchange improvements. The Senate and House will now review differences between the two budgets and negotiate a final Transportation Budget. If these funds make it into the final adopted Transportation Budget, it would be a significant step forward toward improvements on SR-522.

Synthetic Turf Fields at Lake Tye Park

The House passed its Capital Budget proposal that includes \$800,000 for Lake Tye Park Athletic Fields. This budget will now move to the Senate for adoption for final Capital Budget negotiations. If this item remains in the final Capital Budget, it would provide funding for the first phase of renovating the Lake Tye Park athletic fields to all-weather facilities.



THANK YOU!!

Advancing these legislative priorities is a result of a team effort.

We deeply appreciate the work of our legislative delegation - Senator Pearson, Representative Kristiansen, and Representative Koster. We thank them for their strong support and leadership on these important budget priorities for the City of Monroe.

In addition to our appreciation to our legislative delegation on SR-522, we thank our partners and other stakeholders including Snohomish County Executive Somers, the Snohomish County Council, including District 5 Councilmember Sam Low, Legislative District 1's Senator Guy Palumbo, and the businesses and organizations that have provided supportive comments.

As noted above, these are the current budget proposals that are subject to change. We will provide an update when the budgets are finalized.