



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

Applications for Comprehensive Plan Amendments -- Now Being Accepted!

The City of Monroe is now accepting "Citizen-Initiated" requests to amend the City of Monroe 2015-2035 Comprehensive Plan. The deadline for submissions is Monday, July 31, 2017. For more information please visit, www.monroewa.gov/documentcenter/view/4729.

Sky to Sound Water Trail

The public are invited to attend a Community Open House sponsored by the Sky to Sound Water Trail Coalition on Saturday, June 3, 2017, at 6 p.m., located at Mountainview Christian Fellowship Church, 211 6th Street, Sultan, WA 98294. The open house is designed to raise community awareness of the water trail, and generate ideas for creating trail town identities and connections to the water trail for two towns, Monroe and Sultan, in the heart of the Sky Valley. For more information about the water trail, please visit the Snohomish County website link. <https://snohomishcountywa.gov/3588/Sky-to-Sound-Water-Trail>.

Proclamations

At the Tuesday, May 16, 2017, City Council Meeting, Mayor Thomas proclaimed the week of May 21-27, 2017, as Public Works Week. Accepting the proclamation is Wastewater Treatment Plant Manager John Lande, Public Works Director Brad Feilberg, and Design and Construction Manager Scott Peterson. Thank you Public Works for all you do!



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EVENT HAPPENINGS

05/19	MHS Basketball Booster's "Glow Run/Walk 5K", Sky River Park, 7PM
05/20	"Art from Under the Bed" Silent Auction, Monroe Congregational Church, 6-8PM, \$7 Rolling Thunder Big Rigs, Evergreen Speedway, 6PM
05/23	City Council Regular Business Meeting, City Hall, Council Chambers, 7PM

City of Monroe
Year-to-Date Comparisons

Sales Tax Revenues

'16 to 04/30/16: \$1,418,456
'17 to 04/30/17: \$1,626,669
UP \$208,213 or 14.67%

Real Estate Excise Tax

'16 to 04/30/16: \$296,490
'17 to 04/30/17: \$558,360
UP \$261,871 or 46.89%

Lodging Tax Revenues

'16 to 04/30/16: \$18,403
'17 to 04/30/17: \$17,156
Down \$1,246 or -6.77%

Business License Fees

'16 to 04/30/16: \$18,163
'17 to 04/30/17: \$16,217
DOWN \$1,946 or -10.71%

Building Permit Revenues

'16 to 04/30/16: \$132,110
'17 to 04/30/17: \$209,949
UP \$77,839 or 58.91%

Planning Fee Revenues

'16 to 04/30/16: \$12,766
'17 to 04/30/17: \$11,301
DOWN \$1,465 or -12.95%

New House Permits

'16 to 04/30/16: 33
'17 to 04/30/17: 57
UP 24 units or 72.73%

Multi-Family Permits (# units)

'16 to 04/30/16: 2
'17 to 04/30/17: 0
DOWN 2 units or -100.0%

Building Division Inspections

'16 to 04/30/16: 164
'17 to 04/30/17: 257
UP 93 or 56.71%

COUNCIL HAPPENINGS

Upcoming agenda items for the May 23, 2017, City Council Meeting include: proclamations for Memorial Day and the Sky Valley Indian Education 13th Annual Pow Wow; a presentation regarding the Sky to Sound Water Trail Workshop; and an introduction to the 2018-2023 Transportation Improvement Plan.

CITY HAPPENINGS

New Cell Phone Law

Governor Jay Inslee signed a new distracted-driving law this week which will take effect 90 days from the signing date. The new law bans drivers from holding an electronic device while driving, **which includes holding or using a device while stopped at a traffic light.**

Downtown Flowering Landscape Donations and Volunteer Labor

The City of Monroe extends sincere appreciation and thanks to the following businesses and organizations from our community who graciously stepped forward again this year to achieve flowering landscape for our signature islands, downtown planter pots and hanging flower baskets that welcome visitors and residents alike along Main Street and Lewis Street in the heart of Monroe. Total value for these donations and volunteer labor exceeds \$2,500.

Downtown Hanging Baskets

- *Monroe Garden Club* - \$300 donation to the City for flower program and for planting the flowers in the hanging baskets.
- *Pine Creek Nursery* for supplying the hanging baskets at a discount.
- *Monroe Lowes* for supplying the potting soil at a discount.

Downtown Planter Pots

- Republic Services - \$500 donation to the City for the flower program.
- Downtown Monroe Association for planting and maintaining the new flowers in the planter pots.

Main & Lewis Street Islands Landscape Ends

- Monroe Reformatory for growing 3,000 flowers from seed to be installed by offender work crew in June.

Lake Tye Playground Improvements

The project to replace the playground at Lake Tye Park has been underway and we are getting close to completing the installation. Rubberized surfacing is scheduled to be installed next week and we anticipate that the new playground will be ready to open by the end of this month! The new playground will 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.

<p>Appointment Openings Salary Commissioner Ethics Boardmember (3) www.monroewa.gov/vacancies</p> <p>Job Openings Senior Engineer – Dev. Review Lateral Police Officer www.monroewa.gov/jobs</p>
