



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

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Thank you!

Yours in Service,

Mayor Geoffrey Thomas



MAYOR HAPPENINGS

Lake Tye Park Playground Equipment Celebration

On Thursday, June 1, 2017, the City of Monroe celebrated the new playground equipment at Lake Tye Park. Thank you to everyone that came out to support and celebrate this exciting new playground for the community. In attendance were members of the Sitalines team, City Councilmembers, a representative from the Snohomish County Council and Monroe School Board, Monroe School District, Park Board members, and City staff. The City has heard many positive comments about the new playground equipment and this is a great addition to our community!



Sky to Sound Water Trail

The public is 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>.

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EVENT HAPPENINGS

06/03	Sky to Sound Water Trail Community Open House, Mountainview Christian Fellowship Church, 211 6 th St., Sultan, 6PM
06/06	City Council Finance/HR Committee Meeting, PAC, 6PM CANCELLED City Council Regular Business Meeting, City Hall, Council Chambers, 7PM *Transportation Benefit District Board Special Business Meeting, City Hall, Council Chambers – Immediately Following the MCC Business Meeting

Appointment Openings

Salary Commissioner

Ethics Boardmember (3)

www.monroewa.gov/vacancies

Job Openings

Lateral Police Officer

www.monroewa.gov/jobs

City of Monroe
Year-to-Date Comparisons

Sales Tax Revenues

'16 to 05/31/16: \$1,775,685
'17 to 05/31/17: \$2,019,500
UP \$243,815 or 13.73%

Real Estate Excise Tax

'16 to 05/31/16: \$374,770
'17 to 05/31/17: \$653,883
UP \$279,112 or 74.47%

Lodging Tax Revenues

'16 to 05/31/16: \$23,437
'17 to 05/31/17: \$22,882
Down \$555 or -2.36%

Business License Fees

'16 to 05/31/16: \$21,029
'17 to 05/31/17: \$20,642
DOWN \$387 or -1.83%

Building Permit Revenues

'16 to 05/31/16: \$202,753
'17 to 05/31/17: \$308,745
UP \$105,992 or 52.27%

Planning Fee Revenues

'16 to 05/31/16: \$36,290
'17 to 05/31/17: \$12,176
DOWN \$24,114 or -66.44%

New House Permits

'16 to 05/31/16: 52
'17 to 05/31/17: 80
UP 28 units or 79.0%

Multi-Family Permits (# units)

'16 to 05/31/16: 2
'17 to 05/31/17: 0
DOWN 2 units or -100.0%

Building Division Inspections

'16 to 05/31/16: 164
'17 to 05/31/17: 302*
UP 93 or 56.71%
***2016 YTD number**
unavailable at time

Trail Connections Planning

On Thursday, June 1, 2017, I hosted a meeting with representatives from the Mountain to Sound Greenway, City of Duvall, including City Councilmember Jason Walker, King County, and Snohomish County, including County Councilmember Sam Low, to discuss completing trail sections from the City of Snohomish to Monroe and from Monroe to Duvall. These trails would give access for people in Monroe to cycle, run, hike, and ride from Monroe to the Skagit County Line to the North and eventually to eastern Washington by way of trails along the I-90 corridor to the South. City staff will organize a technical working group that will include the organizations represented at yesterday's meeting and also the City of Snohomish. The technical group will identify key tasks that will help move these trail connections forward. A policy group will meet to go over these tasks and then begin the process of meeting with stakeholders and other County and State representatives about moving these tasks forward. The connections may be some years out from completion and these steps will help move the projects along. Thank you to everyone who attended yesterday's meeting.

COUNCIL HAPPENINGS

Upcoming agenda items for the Tuesday, June 6, 2017, City Council meeting include New Business of authorizing a Snohomish County Interagency Child Abduction Response Team, and Final Action items of authorizing the Mayor Pro Tem to sign the Small Capital Projects Partnership Project Agreement for the Sky River Park Outdoor Exercise Equipment and authorize the Mayor Pro Tem to sign and Interlocal Agreement regarding the Law Enforcement Embedded Social Worker. For more information about these, please visit: <http://www.monroewa.gov/AgendaCenter/ViewFile/Agenda/565?html=true>.

CITY HAPPENINGS

Pianos on Parade

This summer look for an artistic piano around town. The Monroe Arts Council has agreed to lead the project supported by the Monroe School District, the Downtown Monroe Association, the Chamber of Commerce and the City of Monroe. High school students with artistically paint the piano and then it will be displayed at various location around town. The project is modeled after a national program but will be completely run locally by the cooperating organizations. So if you see a piano around town this summer, sit down and play a couple of tunes!

2018 Lodging Tax Funding Round Starts Soon!

It's that time of year again. The Lodging Tax Advisory Board will be soliciting applications for the 2018 tourism activities/festivals beginning this July. To help prepare for this year's funding round, the City will be hosting two open houses, June 14 and June 21, 2017, to answer questions from potential applicants. Both sessions will be held at the City Hall Council Chambers from 5:00 p.m. to 6:30 p.m. If you are thinking about applying but are not sure if your event would qualify, or you have questions regarding the application itself, feel free to stop by our open houses to chat with the advisory board's staff liaison Becky Hasart.

This year's funding timeline and application can be found on the City's website. Go to www.monroewa.gov/ltac for more information. While the official call for applications begins July 3, 2017, download the application now so you can get your questions answered at the open houses!

Passport Day!

The City of Monroe Finance Department will be hosting a "Passport Day" on Saturday, June 10, 2017, from 9 am to 1 pm at Monroe City Hall. If you are interested in applying for your passport, but can't come during the week, here's your chance. Applications will be processed on a first come, first serve basis, and the doors will be closed at 1 pm to insure that all accepted applications will get to the post office in time, so plan to come early. If you have any questions regarding passport applications, visit our web site at www.monroewa.gov under Government Services or call us at 360-794-7400.



SAFETY HAPPENINGS

Congratulations to our local graduates – Here are few Safety Tips from your police department:

- Never drink and drive! Or get in the car with anyone under the influence.
- Remember you can always say "no" and do not have to do anything you do not want to do.
- Be responsible.
- Watch out for your friends and have the do the same for you.
- Never be afraid to call your parents or a trusted adult.