



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

Republic Services Update

Republic Services has been the City's solid waste provider since 2010. In January 2017, Republic Services began direct billing for these services.

Republic Services has been experiencing delays with their usual garbage and recycling pick-up schedules. The City became aware last week that parts of the City had not received timely pick up. After becoming aware that the problem was affecting customers this week as well, City staff has been in daily contact with Republic to mitigate the problem. On Thursday, July 19, 2018, I also contacted Republic directly after which they committed to picking up all missed services by the end of business that same day. In addition to these efforts, the City will continue to explore all possible solutions for both immediate and future service.

Going forward, Republic Services will keep the City informed on a daily basis of their route pickups and delays (visit our website at monroewa.gov for daily updates).

Republic Services is scheduled to make a presentation to Council on August 21st at 7:00 p.m. during the regular City Council meeting. Republic will also reach out by phone to their affected customers. During this most recent issue, if your pick-up was delayed but you did not receive a phone call, you may wish to contact Republic at 800-942-5965 to ensure they have a current phone number for your account. If you continue to experience delays in your pick-up schedule, please e-mail Karissa Johnson at Karissa.johnson@republicservices.com. She is working to resolve our issues and will be tracking customer inquiries for areas of emphasis.

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EVENT HAPPENINGS

07/20	Music In The Park, Stacy Jones Band, Lake Tye Park, 7PM,
07/20 - 07/21	Formula Drift, Evergreen Speedway, 11AM-8PM
07/25 - 07/28	WWA Wakeboard National Championships, Lake Tye Park, 8AM
07/24	City Council P4 Committee Meeting, Council Conference Room, City Hall, 6:00PM Monroe City Council Regular Business Meeting, Council Chambers, City Hall, 7PM

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City of Monroe

Year-to-Date Comparisons

Sales Tax Revenues

'17 to 06/30/17: \$2,448,392

'18 to 06/30/18: \$2,462,464

UP \$14,071 or 0.57%

Real Estate Excise Tax

'17 to 06/30/17: \$834,026

'18 to 06/30/18: \$705,035

DOWN \$128,992 or -15.46%

Lodging Tax Revenues

'17 to 06/30/17: \$29,296

'18 to 06/30/18: \$31,269

UP \$1,973 or 6.73%

Business License Fees

'17 to 06/30/17: \$26,717

'18 to 06/30/18: \$24,421

DOWN \$297 or -1.20%

Building Permit Revenues

'17 to 06/30/17: \$369,850

'18 to 06/30/18: \$323,880

DOWN \$45,970 or -12.42%

Planning Fee Revenues

'17 to 06/30/17: \$14,401

'18 to 06/30/18: \$15,715

UP \$1,314 or 9.12%

SFR Permits YTD

'17 to 06/30/17: 95

'18 to 06/30/18: 80

Multi-Family Permits (#units)

'17 to 06/30/17: 0

'18 to 06/30/18: 0

Inspections YTD

'17 to 06/30/17: 1635

'18 to 06/30/18: 972

CITY HAPPENINGS

Grant Award – Exercise Stations at Sky River Park

Earlier this year, in partnership with the Monroe Boys & Girls Club, a Snohomish County Small Capital Projects Partnership Grant application was submitted to purchase and install four basic trailside exercise stations along the walking trail at Sky River Park to complete an eight-station system. Last year, the City received a similar grant award from the Snohomish County Council through their Small Capital Projects Partnership Grant program to purchase and install four initial outdoor exercise equipment stations at the park.

This month, the Snohomish County Council approved a grant award of \$6,761.56, which will cover the purchase of all equipment and supplies related to the project. There is no net cost to the City. The new exercise stations will be installed in the park this fall and will provide fun and exercise for users with varying abilities.

Fire District 7 and City of Monroe partner to promote water safety

Lake Tye is a man-made lake that gradually slopes into the water, but then has a shelf that drops off to depths that can reach up to 30 feet deep. Conversations between the City of Monroe and Fire District 7 were started to discuss swimmer safety and first responder awareness due to the shelf in the lake.



On July 18th, City of Monroe Parks staff and Fire District 7's Water Rescue Team worked together to install the buoy line at the beach area that will outline where the lake bottom begins to drop off. At the beach there is a prominent teal blue-colored information kiosk with important water safety information posted in both English and Spanish. The information includes life jacket safety, bathing recommendations, waterfowl feeding prohibition and water quality information.

Fire District 7 recommends the use of life jackets for all when on the water. The Fire District participates in a free life jacket loaner program through Safe Kids of Snohomish County. Free day-use life jackets are available at the Fire District 7 station located at 163 Village Ct. Monroe, and also at the Lake Tye Park concessions stand.

Synthetic Turf Field Design

Your input is needed! Please come join us at the Parks and Recreation booth during National Night Out Against Crime to view design boards and vote for what you want to see. National Night Out take place on Tuesday, August 7, 2018 from 5:30 – 8:30 p.m. at Lake Tye! For more information about this project contact Mike Farrell at mfarrell@monroewa.gov or call 360-863-4557.

WWA Wakeboard National Championships at Lake Tye!

The World Wake Association (WWA) and Nautique Boat Company are taking the 2018 Nautique WWA Wakeboard National Championships presented by Rockstar Energy to Monroe, Washington July 25-28, 2018. Come out to Lake Tye to watch these amazing athletes battle it out on the water for top honors! It's an event that you won't want to miss! Family friendly and FREE! See you there!

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Music in the Park is Here!

Come enjoy live music at Lake Tye Park every Friday evening in July! Thanks to the Monroe Chamber of Commerce, Monroe Lodging Tax grant award, City of Monroe Parks & Recreation, and all our local sponsors in bringing these free music concerts to our community. Concerts start at 7 p.m. weather permitting. Beer Garden open at 6:30 p.m.

- **Friday, July 20: Stacey Jones Band – Bluegrass, Rock**
- **Friday, July 27: Harvey Creek Band – Country**

City of Monroe Boards & Commissions Openings

- Civil Services Commissioner
- Ethics Boardmember (3)
- LTAC Member (Hotelier)
- Salary Commissioner

www.monroewa.gov/vacancies

Job Openings

- Lateral Police Officer

www.monroewa.gov/jobs

COUNCIL HAPPENINGS

The Tuesday, July 24, 2018, 7 p.m., Monroe City Council Regular Business Meeting agenda includes a presentation for Distinguished Service Award & Monroe Chamber Quarterly Report, Resolution for Traffic Impact Fees & Housing Authority of Everett/Village Way Property, Ordinance for Temporary Security Dwellings, and more. Want more information? Click [here](#) for the full agenda.

Interested in individual department reports? Click the departments to find out what's been going on: [Parks](#). [Community Development](#). [Finance](#). [Police](#).

Have a question for your Councilmembers? Contact them at councilmembers@monroewa.gov



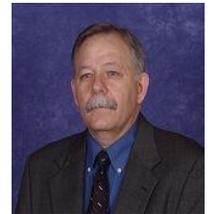
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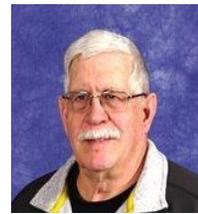
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