



MONROE THIS WEEK

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MAYOR HAPPENINGS

Open House for Paradise Road Intersection

On Tuesday, October 3, 2018, the Washington State Department of Transportation (WSDOT) held an open house in Maltby to get feedback on two alternatives for improving the SR522 intersection at Paradise Lake Road. More than 250 people attended the open house. WSDOT staff and state elected officials heard loud and clear from residents that the state needs to widen the roadway between the Snohomish River bridge and Paradise Lake Road concurrent with any improvements to the Paradise Lake Road intersection. City staff serve on the Technical Advisory Committee (TAC) working with WSDOT to recommend a preferred alternative to the state legislature. Senator Guy Palumbo, Senator Keith Wagoner and Representative Carolyn Eslick were all at the open house to support these much needed improvements. For more information on the proposed alternatives, visit the WSDOT project website at www.wsdot.wa.gov/Projects/SR522/Widen/ParadiseLkIC/default.htm

State Joint Transportation Committee Tours SR522

The Joint Transportation Committee (JTC) was created during the 2005 Legislative Session. The purpose of the Committee is to review and research transportation programs and issues to better inform state and local government policymakers, including legislators. The JTC's executive committee consists of the chairs and ranking members of the House Transportation Committee and the Senate Transportation Committee. The chairs of the House and Senate Transportation Committees serve as co-chairs of the JTC. Other legislators who are not JTC members may serve on JTC working groups depending on the subject matter of the committee's oversight and research projects.

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EVENT HAPPENINGS

10/12	Bingo, Brats & Beer! Monroe Community Senior Center, 6-10PM
10/13	Fire Prevention Week Open House, Snohomish Fire District No. 7, Station No. 31, 12-4PM
10/16	Monroe City Council Legislative Affairs Committee Meeting, City Hall, 6PM Monroe City Council Regular Business Meeting, City Hall, Council Chambers, 7PM

GREETINGS FROM MAYOR THOMAS

Hello! Thank you for reading Monroe This Week. Learn what is happening and has happened during the week. 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



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City of Monroe
Year-to-Date Comparisons

Sales Tax Revenues

'17 to 09/30/17: \$3,819,710
'18 to 09/30/18: \$3,851,787
UP \$32,077 or 0.83%

Real Estate Excise Tax

'17 to 09/30/17: \$1,217,682
'18 to 09/30/18: \$1,038,203
DOWN \$179,479 or -14.73%

Lodging Tax Revenues

'17 to 09/30/17: \$55,982
'18 to 09/30/18: \$60,088
UP \$4,106 or 7.33%

Business License Fees

'17 to 09/30/17: \$37,742
'18 to 09/30/18: \$37,636
DOWN \$107 or -0.28%

Building Permit Revenues

'17 to 09/30/17: \$536,829
'18 to 09/30/18: \$530,053
DOWN \$6,776 or -1.26%

Planning Fee Revenues

'17 to 09/30/17: \$29,021
'18 to 09/30/18: \$33,460
UP \$4,439 or 15.29%

SFR Permits YTD

'17 to 09/30/17: 121
'18 to 09/30/18: 128

Multi-Family Permits (#units)

'17 to 09/30/17: 12
'18 to 09/30/18: 0

Inspections YTD

'17 to 09/30/17: 2,477
'18 to 09/30/18: 1,716

(Tours continued) This week, members of the State Joint Transportation Committee (JTC), WSDOT leadership, and state elected officials toured several transportation projects in King and Snohomish Counties including SR522. Our City Administrator, Deborah Knight, joined the tour in Bothell. As the bus traveled on SR522 between Bothell and Monroe, Knight was able to share with group how the two-lane section between the Snohomish River bridge and Paradise Lake Road delays middle school students from arriving to school on time, increases accidents, and affects Sky Valley businesses from moving freight between Monroe and I-405. At the next stop in Lake Stevens, Snohomish County staff, state elected officials, and county representatives spoke about the need to fund improvements on SR522, Highway 9 and the US 2 trestle. The city will continue to work with state elected officials, WSDOT, and others to push forward funding for design and construction of both the Paradise Lake Road intersection and widening on SR522.

Thank you to all who attended this tour.

SR522 Coalition Reconvenes

In 2019 the state legislature will adopt a new operating and capital budget, which will include funding for transportation projects. I am bringing together community stakeholders to raise the profile of needed improvements on SR522 between Monroe and Woodinville. The city is playing a regional role by providing staff and consulting support to organize stakeholders and prepare information materials.

The goal is to get funding in the next state two-year budget (2019-2021) to begin preliminary design to widen SR522 and improve the Paradise Lake Rd intersection. The first SR522 Coalition meeting is scheduled for November 1. The 2019 Legislative Session starts January 14, 2019. Between now and January, Coalition members will get an update from WSDOT staff and organize a support campaign to explain the regional need for improving SR522. Coalition stakeholders include State Representative Carolyn Eslick, Senator Keith Wagoner, Snohomish County Councilmember Sam Low, Monroe School Superintendent Fredrika Smith, Sultan Mayor John Seehus, Fire Commissioner Randy Woolery, and Erik Ashley-Vinke with the Economic Alliance of Snohomish County. Local and regional businesses have also signed on in support. Thank you to all who are participating in this. I look forward to moving ahead and will keep you updated. Contact City Administrator Deborah Knight at dknight@monroewa.gov for more information about the SR522 Coalition or to sign on as a stakeholder.

CITY HAPPENINGS

Fire Prevention Week

Fire Prevention week is here! Come join Snohomish Fire District No. 7 for an Open House at Station No. 31 (163 Village Court, Monroe) on **Saturday, October 13, 2018, from 12 to 4 p.m.** These events will have car extrication demonstrations, live fire extinguisher training, emergency preparedness information, firefighter challenge courses for the kids, and more! Bring the whole family for a fun, interactive event!

Lake Tye Synthetic Turf Field Update

The City of Monroe is designing new synthetic turf lighted fields at Lake Tye Park and invited the public, including sports user groups to visit the Parks & Recreation booth at the National Night Out Against Crime event on Tuesday, August 7 to view schematic design layout alternatives up close, share ideas with our design team and vote on their preferred layout. The event drew many people and a preferred field layout was overwhelmingly chosen, with added feedback from user groups to include a north/south



field orientation for two universal lacrosse fields, two full-size soccer fields with markings for smaller mod fields, a softball/baseball field oriented at the northeast corner, and youth baseball markings at the southwest corner. The valuable public input led to the conceptual layout (*at left*), with only slight refinements to the athletic field markings that will be incorporated in the final design plan set. Next steps for the design phase will be development of the grading, drainage and electrical plans. This project is anticipated to be constructed during 2020.

Wiggly Field Fencing Upgrade Project

We have recognized that the fencing at Wiggly Field is in need of an upgrade. Mayor Thomas and our City Council have supported this by allocating funding in this year's budget to replace and upgrade the fence, which is scheduled to occur over the next couple of months. Please feel free to contact Parks & Recreation Director Mike Farrell if you have further questions at (360) 863-4557 or mfarrell@monroewa.gov



Railroad Safety Emphasis

On October, 17, 2018, the Monroe Police Department will join Burlington Northern Santa Fe (BNSF) railway for a Safety emphasis. Officers will be at the Lewis Street and North Kelsey Street crossings to hand out safety materials to motorists and pedestrians and enforce crossing and trespass laws.



Lewis Street Water Access This Way – Big Sign!!

If you are headed to the Skykomish River in Monroe to launch a boat, go fishing, enjoy the sun, or just take in the scenery, finding your way down to the water just got easier!

Public Works staff installed a large - 5' wide by 7' tall - "Lewis Street Water Access" sign earlier this month to guide anglers and river lovers alike to the public river access and boat launch.

The Lewis Street Water Access area also offers easy walking access to Skykomish River Park and Lewis Street Park for those seeking to combine some fun play with their outdoor adventure on the river.

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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, October 16, 2018, 7 p.m., Monroe City Council Regular Study Session includes presentations from Monroe Community Senior Center and Republic Services and Discussion Items: PERS and the 2019 Budget Presentation. Click [here](#) for the full agenda.

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



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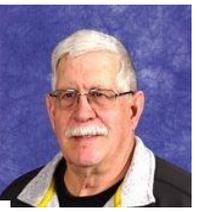
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