



MONROE THIS WEEK

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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



MAYOR HAPPENINGS

National Night Out Against Crime 2019

Well over 3,000 people attended Monroe's annual National Night Out Against Crime. At National Night Out, residents visited over eighty booths from local businesses, organizations, and agencies that deliver services in Monroe. Residents watched K9 demonstrations, toured emergency and law enforcement vehicles, and were entertained and amazed by performances and other demonstrations including from cheerleaders, mascots, and Master Ji's Taekwondo.

This annual event is successful because of the leadership and support from the Monroe Rotary, which has hosted the event for about eleven years. I especially want to thank Sally Petty for the eleven years of work she has personally put into this event - Thank you, Sally. I also want to thank the following entities for their contributions: Sponsors: Monroe Rotary, Monroe Police Department, & Snohomish Fire District No. 7; Republic Services (donation of garbage cans and dumpster); Department of Corrections (donation of forty plus bikes) and the Fire District (donation of bike helmets).

Thank you to all who participated in the success of this wonderful event!



(Left to right: attendees wandering the NNO booths; and Master Ji's Taekwondo presentation)

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EVENT HAPPENINGS

08/09	Movies Under the Moon, Ralph Breaks the Internet, Lake Tye Park, 8PM
08/13	City Council Legislative Affairs Committee Meeting, City Hall, Passport Table, 6PM City Council Regular Meeting, City Hall, Council Chambers, 7PM

THE ADVENTURE STARTS HERE!

City of Monroe
Year-to-Date Comparisons

Sales Tax Revenues

'18 to 06/30/18: \$2,462,464
'19 to 06/30/19: \$2,574,868
UP \$112,404 or 4.56%

Real Estate Excise Tax

'18 to 06/30/18: \$705,035
'19 to 06/30/19: \$571,664
DOWN \$133,371 or -18.91%

Lodging Tax Revenues

'18 to 06/30/18: \$31,269
'19 to 06/30/19: \$33,424
UP \$2,155 or 6.89%

Business License Fees

'18 to 06/30/18: \$24,421
'19 to 06/30/19: \$32,084
UP \$7,663 or 31.38%

Building Permit Revenues

'18 to 06/30/18: \$323,880
'19 to 06/30/19: \$323,233
DOWN \$646 or -0.19%

Planning Fee Revenues

'18 to 06/30/18: \$15,715
'19 to 06/30/19: \$36,611
UP \$20,896 or 132.96%

SFR Permits YTD

'18 to 06/30/18: 81
'19 to 06/30/19: 79

Multi-Family Permits

'18 to 06/30/18: 0
'19 to 06/30/19: 169

Inspections YTD

'18 to 06/30/18: 993
'19 to 06/30/19: 1,600

CITY HAPPENINGS

Movies Under the Moon

2019 Movies Under the Moon is underway! Come out to Lake Tye Park every Friday in August to enjoy free, family-friendly movie nights in the park. Movies will begin at dusk with pre-show festivities beginning at 8 p.m. The remaining line-up includes:

- **August 9: Ralph Breaks the Internet – TONIGHT!**
- August 16: Mary Poppins Returns
- August 23: Black Panther

Thank you to all our sponsors for making this event possible: Republic Services, Monroe Parks & Recreation, Monroe Arts Council, Monroe Family YMCA, Monroe Concert Band, Monroe Public Schools Foundation and the Monroe Boys & Girls Club.

City awarded \$20,000 Forterra grant for interpretive signage along the Skykomish River

The City applied for and has been notified that it will receive grant funding for interpretive and wayfinding signage to initiate implementation of the Skykomish-Snohomish Rivers Recreation Concept Plan. The City of Monroe is a valued coalition member, actively participating in and developing the Plan, Wayfinding and Regulatory signage, and Access Point Development for the Concept Plan. This project is needed to promote the Concept Plan's goals to promote river stewardship, safety and sustainable recreation.



The Project will provide information regarding best practices for accessing and recreating within a wild, salmon-bearing river; safe personal use; and rules regarding boater's responsibilities at Lewis Street Park and the Department of Fish and Wildlife's boat launch facility. The project supports the Concept Plan's 'Early Action Priorities' by providing educational materials on river etiquette, regulatory and safety information, ecological stewardship, and the 'Leave no Trace' ethic. As a means to promote river access by diverse populations, the Project will provide information in multiple, gender-neutral languages. The grant project is expected to be completed by spring, 2020.

This project is vitally important to promote river safety, resources stewardship, and supports inclusion of diverse communities. Please visit Skykomish_Snohomish Rivers Recreation Coalition to learn more about future implementation steps.

Sky River Exercise Equipment Ribbon Cutting – 08/22 (4:30 p.m.)

Join us for the ribbon cutting ceremony for the new exercise stations at Skykomish River Park, Thursday August 22nd at 4:30pm. We extend our deepest thanks and appreciation for a grant award from the Snohomish County Council through their Small Capital Projects Partnership Grant program to purchase and install outdoor exercise equipment in Skykomish River Park in Monroe.

The Monroe Boys & Girls Club, as part of the Healthy Lifestyles initiative at the club, partnered with the City of Monroe to install 8 basic trailside exercise stations along the walking trail at Skykomish River Park. The selected exercise stations include a starting/stretching post, a pull-up/chin-up bar, parallel bars with a balance disc, a triceps station, step station, sit-up station, push-up station, agility and jump-n-touch station. These new exercise stations will provide fun and exercise for users with varying abilities, improving the health and well-being of our community in Monroe.

2020 City of Monroe Boards & Commissions Openings

- Ethics Boardmember (5)
- Park Boardmember (1)
- Planning Commissioner (1)
- Salary Commissioner (3)

www.monroewa.gov/vacancies

Job Openings

- Lateral Police Officer

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COUNCIL HAPPENINGS

The Tuesday, August 13, 2019, City Council Regular Business Meeting includes the following items: Police Officer Swearing-In Ceremony, and the approval of various projects, contracts, and ordinances. For more information click [here](#).

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



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