



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

Fair Days Parade

Thank you to everyone who came out to the Fair Days Parade! Thank you to the Monroe Chamber of Commerce for all their hard work to make the parade a success every year. Thank you to the Monroe School District for the use of the bus parking lot for holding the parade entries. Thank you to Speedway Chevrolet for the use of their vehicles every year. The fair is in town until Monday, September 2, 2019, so there is still time to join in the "Jam Packed Fun!"

Proclamations

At the Tuesday, August 27, 2019, City Council meeting, I recognized and read several proclamations into the record. I recognized Labor Day and thanked all City Staff and partnerships we have with the Teamsters Local Union No. 763 and the Monroe Police Officers Guild. As a reminder, City Hall will be closed Monday, September 2, 2019. The Swift Night Out proclamation was received by Mr. Larry Schwitters who works with the Pilchuck Audubon Society and Dr. Fredrika Smith from Monroe School District.

Swift Night Out is Saturday, September 7, 2019, starting at 4 p.m. I also recognized International Overdose Awareness Day on August 31, 2019, Monroe Fair Days, and National Payroll Week.

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EVENT HAPPENINGS

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| 09/02 | Labor Day, City Hall Closed |
| 09/03 | <p>City Council Public Safety Committee Meeting, City Hall, Council Conference Room, 6:00PM</p> <p>City Council Regular Study Session, City Hall, Council Chambers, 7PM</p> <p>ALL MTGS CANCELLED</p> |
| 09/05 | Homelessness Policy Advisory Committee, Carnegie Resource Tour/Meeting, 3001 Oakes Ave, 5PM |



THE ADVENTURE STARTS HERE!

City of Monroe
Year-to-Date Comparisons

Sales Tax Revenues

'18 to 07/31/18: \$2,907,002
'19 to 07/31/19: \$3,042,419
UP \$135,417 or 4.65%

Real Estate Excise Tax

'18 to 07/31/18: \$859,457
'19 to 07/31/19: \$699,777
DOWN \$159,679 or -18.57%

Lodging Tax Revenues

'18 to 07/31/18: \$38,851
'19 to 07/31/19: \$41,955
UP \$3,104 or 7.99%

Business License Fees

'18 to 07/31/18: \$28,323
'19 to 07/31/19: \$37,892
UP \$9,569 or 33.78%

Building Permit Revenues

'18 to 07/31/18: \$323,880
'19 to 07/31/19: \$323,233
DOWN \$5,497 or -1.46%

Planning Fee Revenues

'18 to 07/31/18: \$22,040
'19 to 07/31/19: \$38,865
UP \$16,825 or 76.33%

SFR Permits YTD

'18 to 07/31/18: 96
'19 to 07/31/19: 84

Multi-Family Permits

'18 to 07/31/18: 0
'19 to 07/31/19: 186

Inspections YTD

'18 to 07/31/18: 1,220
'19 to 07/31/19: 1,835

First Day of School

School begins on Wednesday, September 4, 2019. As a reminder:

1. Watch for students walking to and from school;
2. Stop for busses when red lights are flashing; and
3. Adhere to the speed limit in school zones.

Both items 2 and 3 can carry hefty fines if stopped by Police and both are not reducible. Help keep our kids safe!

Thank you County Councilmember Sam Low and Snohomish County Council!

Thank you to Sam Low and county council for \$150,000 for gym improvements at the Monroe Boys and Girls Club and \$150,000 for Lake Tye all weather fields. This is a great investment into our community and I value the partnership between the City and the County!

CITY HAPPENINGS

Your Opinion is Needed!

Snoqualmie Valley Transportation Coalition is conducting an anonymous survey to better understand your travel needs and which transportation improvements are most important for our region. Go to www.surveymonkey.com/r/snovalley to complete the survey questions. After completing the survey, you will have the option to enter a drawing for a chance to win a \$50 grocery gift card. The survey is open until Friday, September 6, 2019.

Hazard Mitigation Plan Update

How can we make the City of Monroe safer, more prepared, and more resilient? We need your help!

Snohomish County, in partnership with the City of Monroe, is updating the County's Hazard Mitigation Plan and needs your help.

- What hazards are in your community?
- What hazards concern you the most?
- What activities and projects should Monroe prioritize?



Help us update the plan with your input at monroewa.gov/input. Please share your thoughts by September 30, 2019.

Why should we try to minimize hazards?

Natural and man-made disasters can cause injury, death, and property damage; and can impact individuals, families, and the economy. Recovery can take public funding and attention away from other priorities.

What is the County Hazard Mitigation Plan?

The County's Hazard Mitigation Plan will identify and update information about the County's hazard risks, such as earthquakes, storms, flooding, and landslides. The plan will also identify the people and facilities at risk and ways to prevent and minimize damage.

2020 City of Monroe Boards & Commissions Openings

- Ethics Boardmember (5)
- Park Boardmember (1)
- Planning Commissioner (1)
- Salary Commissioner (3)
- Economic Development Advisory Board (1)

www.monroewa.gov/vacancies

Job Openings

- Lateral Police Officer
- www.monroewa.gov/jobs



New Police Rescue Vehicle

The City of Monroe has received a new rescue vehicle that will be used in emergency operations in our Community and to support our multi-agency North Sound Metro SWAT team that includes Monroe Police Department. The vehicle is a smaller version of the traditional MRAP and can safely transport and protect up to five persons during a multitude of incidents to include rescue, tactical and flooding operations.

In May 2019, the Monroe Police Department was notified of an opportunity to apply for a grant through the Department of Defense 1033 Law Enforcement Support Officer (LESO) Program. This program allows the transfer of excess equipment to local law enforcement agencies in the United States. MPD was one of 75 agencies to apply for the vehicle which is \$575,000, new. The vehicle will be on loan to the City from the Federal government until such time as the vehicle would be deemed inoperable/unserviceable or the need no longer exists at which time the vehicle would be returned to the Department of Defense.

To ready for use, the Rescue vehicle will be painted and emergency lighting and graphics to clearly indicate it is a police vehicle will be added in the future. We are fortunate to have this useful tool in our Community.

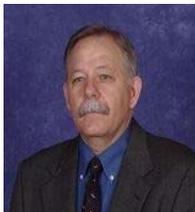
COUNCIL HAPPENINGS

The Tuesday, September 4, 2019, City Council Meeting is cancelled. For more information click [here](#).

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



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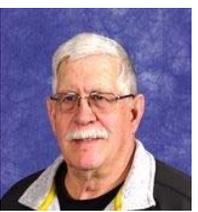
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