



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

Red Robin Tip-A-Cop

Please join me and the Monroe Police Department at the Monroe Red Robin on Saturday, October 21, 2017, from 11 a.m. to 9 p.m. for the annual Red Robin Tip-A-Cop fundraising event for Special Olympics benefiting Washington athletes!

This is a great opportunity to meet our Officers, explore some of the patrol vehicles, and help a great cause. Donations are also accepted at the department.

COUNCIL HAPPENINGS

The Tuesday, October 24, 2017, Monroe City Council Regular Business & Study Session Meeting agenda includes: a proclamation for Police & Fire Appreciation Week; a presentation on the proposed Skykomish-Snohomish Water Trail; and a study session on Parks Master Planning for the Cadman Site & Lake Tye. For more information click [HERE](#).

CITY HAPPENINGS

Congratulations to Monroe Police Dept!

Congratulations to **Officer Joe Stark** who was **awarded Stop Stick's July 2017 "Hit of the Month."** This recognition stems from the successful and safe deployment of Stop Sticks on July 16, 2017; on a vehicle being driven by a suspect who had doused a passenger in gasoline and showed intent to violently assault. Success of the Stop Stick deployment was made possible through the efforts of other Officers as well, including Officer Henderson who parked his patrol vehicle on SR2 in a manner coaxing the suspect to a more narrow portion of the roadway; and the teamwork displayed by the Officers on this incident, including Officers Block, Southard, and Robertson, who all aided in a successful and safe conclusion to a potentially horrific event. THANK YOU for keeping us safe!

Mayor

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Jeff Rasmussen, Mayor Pro Tem

Kirk Scarboro

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EVENT HAPPENINGS

10/21	Monroe Police Department TIP-A-COP, Monroe Red Robin, 11AM-9PM
10/23	Development Code Renovation - Open House, Council Chambers, City Hall, 6PM Monroe Planning Commission Meeting, Council Chambers, City Hall, 7PM
10/24	City Council Regular Business/Study Session Meeting, Council Chambers, City Hall, 7PM

Appointment Openings

Civil Service Commissioner

Economic Development Advisory Board

Ethics Boardmember (3)

Salary Commissioner

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 09/30/16: \$3,304,016

'17 to 09/30/17: \$3,819,710

UP \$515,694 or 15.60%

Real Estate Excise Tax

'16 to 09/30/16: \$650,438

'17 to 09/30/17: \$1,207,408

UP \$556,970 or 85.62%

Lodging Tax Revenues

'16 to 09/30/16: \$56,852

'17 to 09/30/17: \$45,506

Down \$870 or -1.52%

Business License Fees

'16 to 09/30/16: \$35,174

'17 to 09/30/17: \$37,742

UP \$2,568 or 7.30%

Building Permit Revenues

'16 to 09/30/16: \$496,778

'17 to 09/30/17: \$536,829

UP \$40,051 or 8.06%

Planning Fee Revenues

'16 to 09/30/16: \$92,900

'17 to 09/30/17: \$29,021

DOWN \$63,879 or -68.76%

New House Permits

'16 to 09/30/16: 93

'17 to 09/30/17: 119

UP 26 units or 27.96%

Multi-Family Permits (# units)

'16 to 09/30/16: 4

'17 to 09/30/17: 12

UP 8 units or 200.0%

Building Division Inspections

'16 to 09/30/16: 260

'17 to 09/30/17: 245

DOWN 15 or -5.77%

Parks Master Planning – Cadman Site & Lake Tye Park

On November 1, 2017, the City of Monroe will host an evening open house to review proposed park master plans for the eventual **development of the Cadman Site and improvements to Lake Tye Park.**

The open house (set to run from 6 to 8 p.m. at the Monroe Boys & Girls Club, located at 261 Sky River Parkway) will focus on proposed improvements and potential phasing for Lake Tye Park and the Cadman Site. It'll be a "drop-in" format, encouraging visitors to come by at any time during the open house event. There will be presentations by the City and Design Team at 6:15 and 7:15 p.m. to introduce the master plans and offer thoughts on next steps. All ideas are welcome, and the conversations we'll have during the open house will add detail and nuance to the final plan.

Materials presented at the open house will also be available on line through the City's website with opportunities to provide public comment as well. Visit the Project webpage – [HERE](#).

Your comments will help us finalize the master plans for these parks.

We look forward to seeing you November 1st and to a future for these parks that will make Monroe proud!!!

Development Code Renovation

The City of Monroe is in the process of renovating its development code. This renovation would replace the existing development code, which is currently located in Titles 17, 18, 19, 20, and 21 of the Monroe Municipal Code (MMC) with one unified, user-friendly set of rules. The purpose of the development code renovation is to simplify its content, streamline the City's permitting process, and increase flexibility.

You may be asking yourself - How does this affect me?

You may never notice most of the potential changes to the development code. However, other modifications could impact Monroe in visible ways. The following topics may be of interest to many residents:

- Changes to residential density, which is the number of lots and/or housing units allowed for each acre;
- Ways to protect and preserve the existing tree canopy;
- Design standards to provide aesthetic consistency for building exteriors throughout various parts of the City;
- Deciding which types of land uses are permitted to locate where;
- Landscaping standards for new and existing developments;
- Subdivision and Planned Residential Development (PRD) requirements; and
- Standards for walls and fences.

Then asking - How can I help?

The City wants YOU to get involved! There will be many opportunities to participate by speaking and offering input, including:

- Attending Planning Commission meetings regularly. These are scheduled for the second and fourth Mondays of each month. The meetings begin at 7 p.m. in the Council Chambers in City Hall at 806 West Main Street, Monroe, WA 98272;
- Attending the Open House on October 23, 2017, at 6 p.m. This will also be in the City's Council Chambers. A Planning Commission meeting will be held immediately after the open house and the public will be given an opportunity to speak; and
- Asking to be put on the mailing list to receive updates. To request to be on the mailing list, please email Shana Restall, Senior Planner, at srestall@monroewa.gov.

For more information, click [here](#).