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# Monroe Business

## Message from the Mayor >>>

It's time for the 2019 Monroe Business Survey. You will find a link on this page that will allow you to take the survey online. Please take a moment to complete the survey.

In order to make decisions that are reflective of the citizens' wishes, both elected and appointed officials require a great deal of input. City officials can do this by speaking directly to constituents, receiving communications and conducting surveys. The Business Survey was established in order to get the local business perspective on the issues related to Economic Development.

Although the results of the survey are published, no contact information, e.g. names, telephone numbers, addresses and email addresses, are included in those published results. The aggregate data is provided to give the community a snapshot of Monroe's business community and the issues they face.

Many of the questions are standard information; company name, primary contact, number of employees, markets served, products and services provided. This information allows us to develop a profile of a typical Monroe business so we can focus on those industries' known issues. The forecasting information; hiring, laying off, expansion, contraction, provides information we use to plan for future growth through zoning, city development projects, and other infrastructure projects.

We appreciate and thank you for your participation.

Yours in Service,

Geoffery Thomas, Mayor



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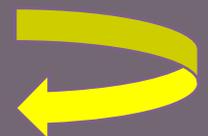
## 2019 Monroe Business Survey >>>



The 2019 Monroe Business Survey is officially open. The Business Survey is an annual undertaking that informs the city

administration's decision making process as it relates to issues that affect the business community. It's important that the voice of business be included in that process and the survey is one way businesses communicate their priorities to elected officials. Many of the questions are focused on forecasting. How much growth can we expect in Monroe? Are layoffs coming? Other questions pertain to issues facing specific commercial districts, identifying the types of industries that operate in Monroe and feedback on specific issues the city is currently dealing with. Your voice matters! The deadline for survey responses is October 31, 2019. The results of the survey will be published on the City of Monroe website upon completion of the survey. No personal or contact information is included in the published results. All questions are optional. The survey will take about 25 to 30 minutes to complete. Thank you for your participation. Take the survey here

[2019 Monroe Business Survey](#)



Staff/Department Reports #3

**Downtown Promenade >>>**

A new sculpture will soon be placed in the Downtown Promenade. The piece titled 'Guardian of the Mountain Pass' is a collaboration of 2 artists; Milo White of Sedro-Woolley and Jay Bowen of Mount Vernon. Jay has family ties to Monroe and is very familiar with the town and its history. The piece is designed to reflect Monroe's beautiful mountains, rivers and forests. The curved shape reflects that of a native mountain goat horn, the mountain ridges will mirror our own and all the materials for the sculpture will be locally sourced. The sculpture is currently being fabricated and will be installed on the South West corner of Main and Lewis Street by the end of the year.



**N. Kelsey/US 2 Corridor >>>**

The Monroe Farmers' Market is a community gathering that offers local produce, arts and crafts, local farm raised meat, fresh local honey, homemade jams, live music performance, kettle corn, face-painting, activities, vintage flea market finds, birdhouses, fresh cut flowers, pies, knife sharpening and SO much more! Over the summer the market expanded into the parking lot area across from the Galaxy Theatre. The primary goal for the Market is to provide our community and the surrounding areas with local, farm-fresh produce, products and services! Check it out before it's gone for the summer.

Save the date:

**Harvest Festival at the Farmers' Market**

**September 18<sup>th</sup>**. For information about participating in the Farmer's Market, contact Janelle at Monroe Chamber of Commerce Phone: (360) 794-5488, Email: [office@choosemonroe.com](mailto:office@choosemonroe.com)

**AVAILABLE PROPERTY HIGHLIGHTS**

The following is a partial list of currently available commercial properties. **For more available properties, contact James Palmer at (360) 631-0050 or [jpalmer@monroewa.gov](mailto:jpalmer@monroewa.gov).** Allowable uses affect \$/sqft so check with the City's Asst. Planner/Code Compliance at [abright@monroewa.gov](mailto:abright@monroewa.gov) for questions related to allowable uses at specific locations.

If you are the owner of a commercial property located in the City of Monroe and wish to list your property in the Monroe Economic Development Newsletter, please send the details to [JPalmer@MonroeWA.gov](mailto:JPalmer@MonroeWA.gov)

Zoning	Address	sqft	\$/sqft	Broker	Contact
Downtown Commercial (Promenade)	120 W. Main St.	3600 sq/ft + full basement	\$17/ft/yr – Owner pays property tax – Tenant pays util	Contact Owner, Paul	425-442-2791
Mixed Use Commercial	1129 W MAIN ST 1st Floor, Ste 194	1,060 SF	\$15.00 /SF/Yr NNN	Natalie Foskey	425-343-7176
Industrial Subgroup Zone Warehouse/Office	16642 146TH ST SE 1st Floor, Ste 101	12,589 SF	Upon Request	Caleb Farnworth	425-289-2235
Industrial	14792 172nd Dr SE Suites A & B (Metal Tech Bldg)	4,000 sqft	\$2,225.00/month NNN	Ryan Kadletz	(206) 900-9351 x201
Downtown Commercial (Historic Main Upper level – Prof. Office in the Savoy Building)	115 - 1171/2 West Main St Monroe, WA 98272 Various Suites all include water/sewer/garbage + \$5/mo for heat & electricity	Ste.#208 - 140 sqft Ste.#209 - 140 sqft Ste.#209B -140 sqft Ste.#210 - 160 sqft	\$395/mo \$350/mo \$350/mo \$350/mo \$395/mo	Owner Vicky Nardone	808-989-1919 or 206-349-7982
Industrial/Warehouse	16726 146TH ST SE Ste. # 141	Space Available:2,432 SFOffice Size 250 SF	\$8.40 /SF/Yr NNN	Kidder Mathews	425 450 1103

## COUNTY NEWS:

### Snohomish County is Awarded First Place in National Survey

**EVERETT, Wash., July 21, 2019** – This month, the Center for Digital Government (CDG) and the National Association for Counties (NACo) announced the winners of the 17<sup>th</sup> annual Digital Counties Survey. Snohomish County won first place in the 500,000-999,999 population category. Snohomish County received the award for its innovative solutions to the challenges faced by local government. The county’s CIO and director of the Department of Information Technology, Viggo Forde, set out to change the culture of government technology and to utilize a more collaborative approach to addressing the various IT needs. Snohomish County adopted a comprehensive cybersecurity strategy to keep data more secure and protect the continuity of government operations. In addition, the county’s annual Information Services Plan and Report is a model for other counties. The Digital Counties Survey, conducted by CDG in partnership with NACo, identifies the best technology practices among U.S. counties, including initiatives that streamline delivery of government services, encourage collaboration and shared services, and enhance cybersecurity.

## STATE NEWS:

### Boeing will hire hundreds of temporary employees at Moses Lake as it prepares for 737 MAX’s return to service

**Aug. 21, 2019 at 8:51 am** – Boeing said Tuesday it will begin hiring a few hundred temporary employees at Moses Lake to work on the grounded 737 MAX fleet and prepare the planes for return to service once regulators gives them clearance to fly again.

The company, which will provide paid housing and a meal allowance for the temporary hires, is looking for avionics technicians, aircraft mechanics, airframe and engine mechanics, and aircraft electricians.

The marshaling of resources indicates Boeing’s confidence that the Federal Aviation Administration (FAA) could grant approval to fly passengers on the 737 MAX again in little more than two months from now.

When regulators finally clear the MAX to return to service, all the grounded airplanes worldwide will need to have installed a new software package designed to fix the MAX’s flawed flight-control system — the Maneuvering Characteristics Augmentation System (MCAS). That’s the system that was implicated in the crashes of the Lion Air MAX in Indonesia last October and the Ethiopian Airlines MAX in March, killing a total of 346 people.

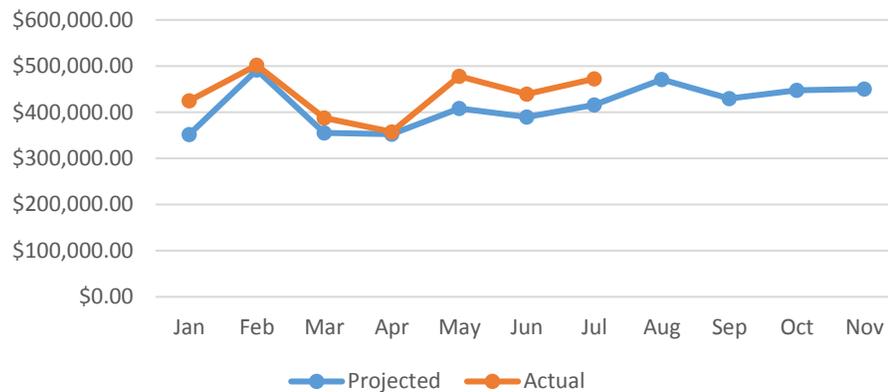
In addition, because all the jets will have been parked for at least six months by the time final clearance is given, each will require extensive maintenance work on the engines and other systems, followed by a couple of check flights to make sure everything is working well. Moses Lake will serve as a nearby staging ground to do some of the maintenance work ahead of the deliveries.

## July City Indicators >>>

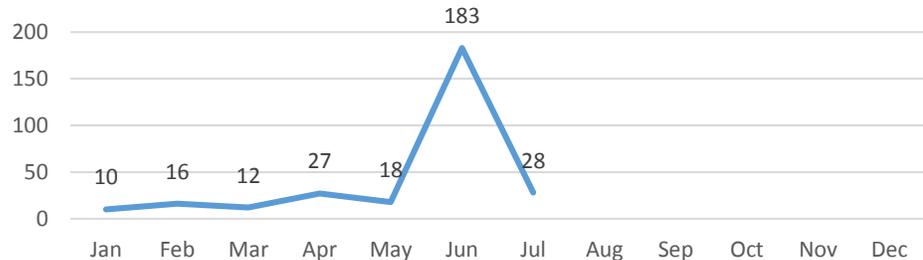


Net Sales Tax Collected	\$472,273.37
Total Active Business Licenses	1,244
New Business Licenses	1
Terminated	20
Building Permits	
Commercial Building	1
Commercial T/I	5
Residential - SFR	5
Residential - Multi	17

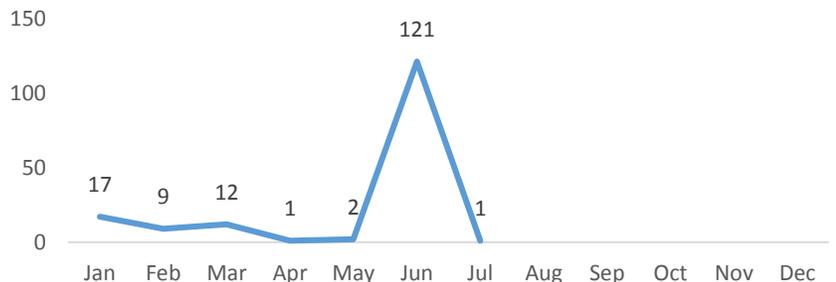
### Tax Revenue



### Permits (SFR/Tenant Improvement/Commercial/Multi-Residential)



### New Business Licenses



**September Chamber Luncheon**

When: 10 Sep 2019 11:30 AM, PDT

Where: The Rock Church, 16891 146th St SE #145, Monroe, WA 98272

For more information contact the Monroe Chamber of Commerce at [office@choosemonroe.com](mailto:office@choosemonroe.com)

**City Council Regular Business Meeting**

Date: September 10, 2019

Time: 7:00 PM - 10:00 PM

Location: Monroe City Hall, Council Chambers

Address: 806 W Main St., Monroe, WA 98272

Contact: 3608634538

Email: [eadkisson@monroewa.gov](mailto:eadkisson@monroewa.gov)

**Economic Development Advisory Board Meeting**

Date: September 12, 2019

Time: 8:00 PAM - 9:00 AM

Location: Monroe City Hall, Council Chambers

Address: 806 W Main St., Monroe, WA 98272

360-863-4524 | [pamb@monroewa.gov](mailto:pamb@monroewa.gov)

**Snohomish STEM Summit**

Tuesday, October 01, 2019 | 8:30 am - 1:00 pm

Location: Hotel Indigo Everett • Price: \$40.00 - \$100.00

Presenting sponsor: *Workforce Snohomish*

Convene with key leaders in our county and learn about our local workforce pipeline, and hear from industry experts who have vested in the development of the next generation workforce. This summit provides a forum for discussion, engagement, and innovation, bridging our education and workforce sectors to help close the skills gap of our future workforce. Lunch will be served. Tickets available here: [Snohomish Stem Summit](#)

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