



# MONROE THIS WEEK

July 9, 2015



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## Appointment Openings

Ethics Board  
Planning Commission  
Salary Commission

## Job Openings

Associate Planner  
Senior Planner  
Experienced Police Officer  
(Lateral)  
Maintenance Person 2 (Facilities)  
Operations & Maintenance 2  
Operations & Maintenance Site  
Lead

## Events this Week

- 7/10 Free Music in the Park, Jessica Lynne & the Cousins, Lk Tye Park, 6:30 p.m.
- 7/11-12 Legends Baseball Club Tournament, Sky River Park, Lk Tye Park
- 7/12 Shakespeare, The Tempest, Paula's Wine Knot, 5 p.m.
- 7/13 Planning Commission Meeting, City Hall, Council Chambers, 7 p.m.
- 7/14 City Council Meeting, City Hall, Council Chambers, 7 p.m.

## From the Office of Mayor Thomas

To highlight some of the things going on in our community, I am writing this weekly city update, "Monroe This Week." If you have any suggestions or questions regarding "Monroe This Week" or the stories below, please contact me at [GThomas@MonroeWa.gov](mailto:GThomas@MonroeWa.gov).

Yours in Service,

Mayor Geoffrey Thomas

## FREE! Music Concerts at Lake Tye!!!

Thank you, Monroe Chamber of Commerce!!! Free outdoor Music Concerts in the Park are back, brought to you by the Monroe Chamber of Commerce with support from local businesses, non-profit organizations, and individuals. The free public concerts will be held at Lake Tye Park located at 14964 Fryelands Blvd. on Fridays in July and Thursdays in August from 6:30 to 8:30 p.m. Bring a picnic, blankets, and chairs, and enjoy a spectacular line-up of a variety of local and regional musicians! Most concerts will have a beer garden set up as well as concessions. A full schedule of the music concerts and featured musicians can be found here on the Monroe Chamber of Commerce website:

<http://choosemonroe.com/place/lake-tye-free-music-in-the-park-concert-series/>.

## Downtown Clean Up

Thank you to the twenty or so people who volunteered their time to pick up litter in downtown on Wednesday, July 8<sup>th</sup>. Also, thank you to the Chamber of Commerce for organizing this event. The Chamber is planning a second clean-up event in the first half of August. If you are interested in helping out, please contact:

- Una Wirkebau, Chamber Director at (360) 794-5488, [director@monroewachamber.org](mailto:director@monroewachamber.org).
- Carlina Morris, Ambassador Coordinator at (360) 863-2966, [Carlina@carlinamorris.com](mailto:Carlina@carlinamorris.com).

## Groundbreaking! Tjerne Place Extension

I am excited to report that the groundbreaking for the Tjerne Place Extension Project to connect Chain Lake Road to Woods Creek Road behind Safeway is scheduled for July 16<sup>th</sup> at 11:30 a.m. Thank you to our partners including the State of Washington (Transportation Improvement Board) and Snohomish County PUD for your significant contributions to this vitally important connection in our community!

**City of Monroe**  
**Year to Date Comparisons**

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**Sales Tax Revenues**

'14 to 6/30/14: \$1,735,554  
'15 to 6/30/15: \$1,913,161  
**UP \$177,608 or 10.23%**

**Real Estate Excise Tax**

'14 to 6/30/14: \$187,763  
'15 to 6/30/15: \$265,398  
**UP \$77,635 or 41.35%**

**Lodging Tax Revenues**

'14 to 6/30/14: \$23,262  
'15 to 6/30/15: \$23,482  
**UP \$220 or 1%**

**Business License Fees**

'14 to 6/30/14: \$24,639  
'15 to 6/30/15: \$26,265  
**UP \$1,626 or 6.60%**

**Building Permit Revenues**

'14 to 6/30/14: \$74,252  
'15 to 6/30/15: \$180,616  
**UP \$106,364 or 143%**

**Planning Fee Revenues**

'14 to 6/30/14: \$13,890  
'15 to 6/30/15: \$52,340  
**UP \$38,450 or 277%**

**New House Permits**

'14 to 6/30/14: 8  
'15 to 6/30/15: 37  
**UP 29 units or 362%**

**Multi-Family Permits (# units)**

'14 to 6/30/14: 0 units  
'15 to 6/30/15: 4 units  
**UP 4 units**

**Groundbreaking! Ballfields at Monroe High School**

The Monroe School District is having a groundbreaking ceremony on Tuesday, July 14th for ballfields at Monroe High School. I am excited about these new facilities for softball and baseball on synthetic turf. The funding for these fields includes the recently approved bond, a grant from Snohomish County through the Tourism Promotion Area program, and funding from the City of Monroe.

**Ribbon Cutting! Monroe Farm-to-Table Market!!**

A farmer's market is coming to Monroe! Come join me for the ribbon cutting at 3 p.m. on Wednesday, July 15<sup>th</sup> for the Monroe Farm-to-Table Market! The Monroe Farm-to-Table Market is on Ann Street adjacent to Grocery Outlet and Travelers' Park and will be held from 3 to 7 p.m. every Wednesday from July 15<sup>th</sup> to mid-October, dependent upon the weather. Come check it out!

**NSA Western World Series Coming to Monroe Again!!!**

We are proud to once again host the National Softball Association (NSA) Western World Series Tournament in 2015 on our sports fields at Sky River and Lake Tye Parks. This major event was last held here in 2006, and attracts an estimated one hundred and fifty teams from all over the western United States. Sky River Park will also be the site of the opening ceremonies for the tournament on July 15<sup>th</sup>. This, and other athletic tournaments and events, generate positive tourism impacts and economic benefits for our community, as the athletes, coaches, family members, tournament officials, and umpires will need lodging, food, and other services, during their stay.

**National Night Out Against Crime, 2015!**

The annual National Night Out Against Crime will take place on Tuesday, August 4th between 5:30 and 8:30 p.m. at Lake Tye Park. This Police-Community sponsored event is FREE to the public offering Police K9 and Fire Rescue demonstrations, bouncy houses, scavenger hunt and Community Resources with FREE giveaways. There will also be FREE refreshments! Come and join the Monroe Police Department and Monroe Rotary for this fun filled night.

**Fireworks**

Over the last couple weeks, we received a number of comments about fireworks. City staff will present Monroe's fireworks code at a Council meeting (tentatively Aug. 18th). Following the presentation, there will be time for Council to discuss Monroe's fireworks code. If you have comments to share, you may email me at gthomas@monroewa.gov and your Councilmembers at Councilmembers@monroewa.gov.