



MONROE THIS WEEK

July 17, 2015



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Appointment Openings

Ethics Board
Planning Commission
Salary Commission

Job Openings

Senior Planner
Associate Planner
Operations & Maintenance 2
Maintenance Person 2 (Facilities)
Operations & Maintenance Lead
Accountant

Events this Week

- 7/17 Free Music in the Park, Black Vinyl All Stars (Classic Rock), Lk Tye Park, 6:30-8:30PM
- 7/21 Council Meeting, 7PM, City Hall
- 7/22 Monroe Farm to Table Market, 3-7PM, Ann Street
- 7/24-26 NW Wake Surf Open, Pass the Paddle, Battle of the Bands, Lk Tye Park
- 7/26 Shakespeare, Hamlet, Paula's Wine Knot, 5PM

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.

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/>.

Groundbreaking! Tjerne Place Extension

We had the groundbreaking for Tjerne Place extension this week. Construction will begin on or around July 27th and is expected to be completed in the summer of 2016. The extension will connect Chain Lake Road to Woods Creek Road behind the Ben Franklin/Safeway shopping center. A signal will be installed at the intersection of Tjerne Place and Woods Creek Road.

Thank you to our partners including the State of Washington (Transportation Improvement Board) and Snohomish County PUD for significant contributions to this vitally important connection in our community!

Panhandling

During the City Council's regular meeting on Tues., July 21st, the Monroe Police Department will give a presentation to the Council on Monroe's laws that apply to panhandling. The Council meeting begins at 7PM.

**City of Monroe
Year to Date Comparisons**

The following are year to date comparisons of a few

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

Building Division Inspections
'14 to 6/30/14: 803
'15 to 6/30/15: 873
UP 70 or 8.7%

National Night Out Against Crime, 2015!

The annual National Night Out Against Crime will take place on Tuesday, August 4th between 5:30 pm – 8:30 pm 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.