



# MONROE THIS WEEK

July 24, 2015



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## Appointment Openings

Ethics Board  
Planning Commission  
Salary Commission

## Job Openings

Senior Planner  
Associate Planner  
Accountant  
Entry Level Police Officer  
Experienced Police Officer  
(Lateral)

## Events this Week

- 7/24** Free Music in the Park, The Senate, Lk Tye Park, 6:30-8:30PM
- 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
- 7/27** Planning Commission Meeting, City Hall, Council Chambers, 7PM
- 7/28** City Council Meeting, City Hall, Council Chambers, 7PM
- 7/29** Monroe Farm to Table Market, Travers Park, East Main St/Ann Street, 3-7PM

## 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

## Panhandling/Solicitation

The City of Monroe will be starting an educational campaign to residents and business owners about the City's panhandling/solicitation laws. While the laws do not stop someone from panhandling, the laws do prohibit "aggressive" panhandling, which includes panhandling someone in a threatening or forceful manner, and continuing to panhandle someone after they have said "no." If someone is being aggressive in how they are panhandling, please find a safe location and call 911.

The laws restrict where someone can panhandle on public property and prohibit panhandling on private property if the property owner does not want them there. If you have concerns about someone panhandling on private property, please contact a store manager, business owner, or property owner of the property. The person you speak with can call 911 to report trespassing.

## Wakeboard Park at Lake Tye

The City Council's agenda for August 18<sup>th</sup> includes a staff presentation about the Wakeboard Park at Lake Tye that H30 has proposed. The Council meeting begins at 7 p.m. The staff report will be available at [www.monroewa.gov](http://www.monroewa.gov) under City Council agendas by August 14<sup>th</sup>.

## Lake Tye Skate Park Grant!

THANK YOU to State Senator Pearson, Rep. Kristiansen, and Rep. Scott for your support in providing grant funds for the Lake Tye Skate Park! We have received notification of an award that will match funds in the amount of \$120,000 from the State Recreation Conservation Office for construction of skate park improvements at Lake Tye Park through the Washington Wildlife and Recreation Program Grant. The total project cost is estimated at \$240,000. We expect to begin construction on the new skate park as early as this fall. The new skate park will replace the existing facility. For more information, check out this presentation: <http://monroewa.gov/ArchiveCenter/ViewFile/Item/768>.

**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 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 August 18<sup>th</sup>). 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](mailto:gthomas@monroewa.gov) and your Councilmembers at [Councilmembers@monroewa.gov](mailto:Councilmembers@monroewa.gov).*