



MONROE THIS WEEK

August 21, 2015



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Appointment Openings

Ethics Board
Planning Commission
Salary Commission

Job Openings

Accountant
Customer Service Specialist
Senior Planner
Entry Level Police Officer
Experienced Police Officer (Lateral)

Events this Week

- 8/21** Free MOVIES under the Moon, Guardians of the Galaxy, Lk Tye Park, 8PM
- 8/22** Main Street Plaza Ribbon Cutting, NE Corner Main/Lewis 11AM
- 8/25** City Council Meeting City Hall, Council Chambers, 7PM
- 8/26** Farm to Table Farmer's Market, Traveler's Park, 3-7PM
- 8/27** Evergreen State Fair, Evergreen Fair Grounds, 10AM-10PM
- 8/27** Free MUSIC in the Park, Nate Burch Band, Lk Tye Park, 6:30PM
- 8/29** Monroe Fair Days Parade, 11AM-1PM

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

Be In The Know!

Main Street Plaza Celebration

PLEASE JOIN US to celebrate Monroe's Main Street Plaza improvements on August 22nd at 11 a.m., northeast corner of Main Street and Lewis Street. THANK YOU to our Councilmembers, the Washington State Department of Ecology, Monroe's downtown business owners, the Chamber of Commerce, City Staff, Republic Services, SRV Construction, and Road Construction NW!

Thank YOU!!!

FREE! Music in the Park

On behalf of our community, thank you to all who made the "Music in the Park" series happen this summer! Special thanks goes to our own Monroe Chamber of Commerce and Executive Director Una Wirkebau!!! We appreciate all those who sponsored, volunteered, and participated in this year's series!

Fun Family Events!

FREE! Music in the Park & Movies Under the Moon

For the month of August, Music in the Park moves from Fridays to Thursdays, and Movies Under the Moon occurs on Fridays. Thank you to our event sponsors including the Monroe Chamber of Commerce for these weekly, free, events at Lake Tye Park. For more information, check out www.choosemonroe.com.

**City of Monroe
Year to Date Comparisons**

The following are year to date comparisons of a few

Sales Tax Revenues

'14 to 7/31/14: \$2,038,247

'15 to 7/31/15: \$2,255,167

UP \$216,890 or 10.64%

Real Estate Excise Tax

'14 to 7/31/14: \$226,021

'15 to 7/31/15: \$345,565

UP \$119,544 or 52.89%

Lodging Tax Revenues

'14 to 7/31/14: \$28,126

'15 to 7/31/15: \$29,285

UP \$1,159 or 4.12%

Business License Fees

'14 to 7/31/14: \$28,515

'15 to 7/31/15: \$28,414

UP \$101 or 0.35%

Building Permit Revenues

'14 to 7/31/14: \$116,819

'15 to 7/31/15: \$205,841

UP \$89,022 or 76.20%

Planning Fee Revenues

'14 to 7/31/14: \$17,140

'15 to 7/31/15: \$80,697

UP \$63,557 or 370.81%

New House Permits

'14 to 7/31/14: 8

'15 to 7/31/15: 39

UP 31 units or 387%

Multi-Family Permits (# units)

'14 to 7/31/14: 44 units

'15 to 7/31/15: 4 units

DOWN 40 units or -91%

Building Division Inspections

'14 to 7/31/14: 922

'15 to 7/31/15: 1,043

UP 121 or 13.1%

City Council Updates!

Utility Rates being Discussed at Council

On Tuesday, July 28th, the Monroe City Council was presented with the proposed utility rates for 2016.- The proposed rates not only look at the rates necessary to support the operations of the utilities, but also look at how the rate structure is applied to different customer classes. Under the current proposal, a single family account with average water usage would see a four percent increase in their City utility bill. The City Council will be discussing the proposed utility rates further at their August 25th meeting.

Project Updates!

Tjerne Place SE Extension

The contractor's main focus this week and next is to continue removing as much earth as possible while the weather is fair. This removal will be occurring during both day and night hours. Next week, a subcontractor will begin to form up for the new concrete retaining walls located near the Emerald City Athletic Club property.

Main Street Plaza Phase II

The project is very close to completion, with minor punchlist items remaining. The slip covers for the bollards are on backorder and will be available around the first week of September. This weekend will be a ribbon cutting ceremony in celebration of the new streetscape downtown.