



MONROE THIS WEEK

September 4, 2015



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Appointment Openings

Planning Commission
Salary Commission

Job Openings

Entry Level Police Officer

Events this Week

- 9/7** *Evergreen State Fair, Final Day, Half Price Admission, 10AM-6PM*
- 9/8** *City Council Meeting, City Hall, Council Chambers, 7PM*
- 9/9** *Farm to Table Farmer's Market. Traveler's Park, 3-7PM*
- 9/12** *2015 Swift Night Out Wagner Center 5PM-9PM*
- 9/19** *Unlimited Model Boat Races, Lake Tye Park, 9AM-4PM*

Beer, Bacon, BBQ, & Bands Car Show East Main Street, 10AM-10PM

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!

Be Alert! School Starting again!

Schools will be going into session shortly. Please remember:

1. To watch for students walking to and from school,
2. To stop for busses when red lights are flashing, and
3. To adhere to the speed limit in our school zones.

It Doesn't Rain on OUR Parade!

We had an absolutely AWESOME Fair Days' Parade this year. The rain held off leaving mostly sunny skies for the parade. I appreciated seeing so many people along the parade route and participating in the parade. The street festival which included a beer garden and vendors from Monroe's Farm to Table Farmer's Market was a lot of fun too! Thank you to everyone who participated in the parade and festival and to the Monroe Chamber of Commerce, who organized and executed this event!!

Thank YOU!!!

Thank you Wayne Rodland!

Mr. Wayne Rodland has served our community for over seventeen years. He began serving as a City Councilmember and most recently served as a Planning Commissioner. The City Council, Staff, and I, sincerely appreciate his years of dedication to our community. We will be presenting a special recognition to Mr. Rodland at the City Council meeting on Tuesday, September 8th. Please feel free to come to the meeting on the 8th to honor and thank him for his service.

**City of Monroe
Year to Date Comparisons**

The following are year to date comparisons of a few

Sales Tax Revenues
'14 to 8/31/14: \$2,371,142
'15 to 8/31/15: \$2,640,028
UP \$268,886 or 11.34%

Real Estate Excise Tax
'14 to 8/31/14: \$261,698
'15 to 8/31/15: \$423,399
UP \$161,701 or 61.79%

Lodging Tax Revenues
'14 to 8/31/14: \$34,918
'15 to 8/31/15: \$37,731
UP \$2,813 or 8.06%

Business License Fees
'14 to 8/31/14: \$31,598
'15 to 8/31/15: \$32,307
UP \$709 or 2.24%

Building Permit Revenues
'14 to 8/31/14: \$123,539
'15 to 8/31/15: \$210,118
UP \$86,579 or 70.08%

Planning Fee Revenues
'14 to 8/31/14: \$23,230
'15 to 8/31/15: \$56,490
UP \$33,260 or 143.18%

New House Permits
'14 to 8/31/14: 8
'15 to 8/31/15: 39
UP 31 units or 387%

Multi-Family Permits (# units)
'14 to 8/31/14: 44 units
'15 to 8/31/15: 4 units
DOWN 40 units or -91%

Building Division Inspections
'14 to 8/31/14: 1,073
'15 to 8/31/15: 1,202
UP 129 or 12.0%

City Council Updates!

Wake Board Park Update

At the August 25th City Council meeting, Council provided the direction for City Staff and myself to begin to revise the contract with H3O, for the cable park. The direction was to provide for two phases of development. The primary elements of the first phase would include the towers, a dock, parking, and other improvements for wakeboarding itself. The second phase would be the remaining portions of the project including a pro shop. We expect to present a draft agreement to the City Council before the end of September for their consideration.

Fireworks Update

At the August 18th Council meeting, our Police Department presented Monroe's existing fireworks code. Council requested the fireworks code be brought back for further discussion in January 2016.

Utility Rates Update

At the August 25th Council Meeting, Council voted to accept the proposed policy and direction to increase utility rates. Water bills would be based off the size of the resident's water meter. Council will still have final approval in the coming months.

Project Updates!

Tjerne Place Extension Update

The wall foundations next to the fitness center are in. This week the contractor will be forming and setting up rebar for the wall. If all goes well they hope to pour the wall this week. Too much rain may delay construction of the wall. Excavation of the roadway has stalled due to rain. However a lot of material has been moved out and you can begin to see where Safeway will connect to the future roadway. Once weather clears up on Friday they will have trucks hauling material out. They are hoping to have all the excavation done before they shut down for the winter. Everybody is hoping we can get another week or two of rain free weather and complete the excavation!