



MONROE THIS WEEK

September 11, 2015



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Appointment Openings

Planning Commission
Salary Commission

Job Openings

Entry Level Police Officer
Experienced Police Officer (Lateral)
Operations & Maintenance 2

Events this Week

- 9/12** *2015 Swift Night Out*
Wagner Center
4PM-Dusk
- 9/15** *Walk Your Kids To School Day, Various Locations, 8:30AM*

City Council Meeting,
City Hall, Council Chambers, 7PM
- 9/16** *Farm to Table Farmer's Market. Traveler's Park, 3-7PM*
- 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!

School is in session. 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.

The speed limit in school zones is 20 MPH. Help keep our kids safe this year!

Walk Your Kids to School Day

Tuesday, September 15, 2015, is Walk Your Kids to School Day! Students and families can meet police officers, have some refreshments, and walk to school. This event is hosted by the Monroe Police Department and Monroe School District. For more information, visit the events page at <http://monroewa.gov>.

Swift Night Out 2015

The Vaux Swifts are back! Come celebrate on Saturday, September 12, 2015, the Vaux Swift migration and watch the birds roost in the chimney of Wagner Center. There will be a spaghetti feed for \$6.00 and children's activities happening throughout the evening. The fun goes from 4 p.m. to dusk. Check out www.monroesifts.org for more information.

**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%

Grant Application Submitted, Street Pole Banners

The Monroe City Council endorsed submittal of a grant request for \$10,000 from the Snohomish County LTAC Hotel/Motel Fund to design, purchase and install seventy street pole banners for the historic downtown and North Kelsey shopping, lodging and restaurant retail areas in the heart of Monroe. If awarded, the street banners will be designed to promote tourism and incorporate an aesthetic branding blend of the City, Chamber of Commerce, and Snohomish County. The new banners would complement the newly renovated streetscape in the historic downtown and the young streetscape in the North Kelsey shopping, lodging, and restaurant retail area.

Grant Application Submitted, Art for Downtown

The City of Monroe has partnered with the Monroe Arts Council to apply for a \$10,000 Snohomish County REET Small Capital Project Partnership grant to select a local artist to design, create and install a touchable piece of public art that will be placed within the public sidewalk right-of-way at the intersection of Main and Lewis Street in the heart of historic Monroe Downtown Public Plaza, where the City of Monroe invested approximately two million dollars including a Department of Ecology matching grant, in new streetscape and storm water improvements earlier this year. If awarded, the public art piece would be a central feature within this major capital improvement for Monroe's historic downtown, which will draw both residents and visitors to support and enhance our local economy.

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. Mr. Rodland was presented with a plaque at the September 8, 2015, Council Meeting.

Project Updates!

Tjerne Place Extension Update

This week the contractor will be forming and pouring portions of the new retaining walls along Tjerne Place SE. Last week's rain had slowed down the excavation work, but with good weather in the forecast, the contractor will refocus on the mass earthwork excavation for the new road.