



MONROE THIS WEEK

September 18, 2015



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Open 8AM – 5PM, M-F

Appointment Openings

Salary Commission

Job Openings

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

Events this Week

- 9/18-** *Cascade Dachshund*
- 9/20** *Dog Agility Trials,*
Sky River Park,
10AM-5PM
- 9/19** *Maya Rides,*
Various City Streets,
9AM-2PM
- Unlimited Model Boat*
Races, Lake Tye Park,
9AM-4PM
- Beer, Bacon, BBQ,*
& Bands Car Show
East Main Street,
10AM-10PM
- 9/22** *City Council Meeting*
City Hall, Council
Chambers, 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.

Yours in Service,

Mayor Geoffrey Thomas

Be In The Know!

Proclamation! Sept. 17-23, 2015, is CONSITUTION WEEK!

The Constitution of the United States of America was signed on September 17, 1787. On this day, the 228th Anniversary of its signing, please take a moment to reflect upon, and give thanks for, the blessings, ideals, and way of life established by our Constitution.

Thank YOU!!!

Thank you Church of Latter Day Saints!

Thank you to Bishop Slemph and the Church of Latter Day Saints, who through their "Just Serve" program, organized 213 volunteers who performed volunteer service during the National Day of Service on Saturday, September 12, 2015. These hard working volunteers contributed over 233 hours of volunteer service refurbishing the landscaping along Tjerne Place, removing litter along the trail on Chain Lake Road and trail system and shorelines of Al Borlin Park, and restoring and beautifying these areas for the benefit of our community.

Thank you MainVue Homes!

Thank you to MainVue Homes for the fine volunteer community service work you accomplished in our Sky River Park and Rotary Field on Thursday, September 17, 2015. Fourteen employees of the company contributed over 70 hours of volunteer service refurbishing the landscaping and pressure washing the facilities at the Monroe Rotary Field. They also painted the new dugout covers for the ballfields at Sky River Park that both restored and enhanced these areas for the benefit of our community. In addition, they generously donated materials, supplies and tools for the service projects.

**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!

Wakeboard Park!

At the City Council meeting on September 15, 2015, Council provided direction to send a draft addendum to the agreement with H3O for the proposed cable wakeboard park facilities at Lake Tye Park. The addendum, as drafted, would require H3O to begin constructing the wakeboard park facilities no later than this fall and have a first phase of work completed in June 2016. A second phase, which would include a building and other improvements, would be completed by the spring of 2018. The draft addendum will be available online for review as part of Council's meeting agenda for September 22, 2015.

Project Updates!

Tjerne Place Extension Update

Trimaxx Construction is making good progress knocking down the hill for the new roadway. Weather is starting to influence how much can be done during the day, but nonetheless it is easy to notice changes to the site every day. The contractor is working on buttoning up the site ahead of the wet season, including protecting the cut slopes with hydro-seeding and biodegradable blankets.