



MONROE THIS WEEK

October 2, 2015



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Appointment Openings

Salary Commission

Job Openings

Entry-Level Police Officer
Experienced Police Officer
(Lateral)

Events this Week

- 10/1-** *Just Between Friends*
- 10/4** *Children's Consignment Event, Evergreen Fairgrounds, 10AM-2PM*
- 10/2** *MHS Bearcat Homecoming, Monroe High School, 7PM*
- 10/6** *City Council Meeting City Hall, Council Chambers, 7PM*
- 10/7** *Homelessness in Monroe - Panel Discussion, Monroe Library, 6PM*

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!

MHS Bearcat Homecoming Friday!

Bearcat Homecoming is this weekend! The homecoming football game is Friday night, October 2, 2015, 7 p.m. The Bearcats play the Kamiak Knights. Get there early for a good seat! The homecoming dance is Saturday night. Please drive carefully and stay safe this weekend. **GO BEARCATS!!!!**

Fire Prevention Week is October 4-10, 2015

Monroe Fire District No. 3 is hosting their annual Open House on October 10, 2015, from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. This year's theme is "Hear the Beep Where you Sleep," encouraging every bedroom has a working smoke alarm. The Fire District welcomes all visitors to their Open House at 163 Village Court – across from the Monroe Library. More information is at www.monroefire.org

Preliminary Budget Available

City staff and I have been working hard on a 2016 Preliminary Budget. I am pleased to have a balanced budget ready to present to City Council. Council will begin to discuss the budget at their October 13, 2015, meeting. Copies of the 2016 Preliminary Budget are available through the City Clerk's office or at www.monroewa.gov, through the Finance Department page.

City Council Updates!

Wakeboard Park Update

H3O has reviewed and submitted comments to the draft addendum to the existing agreement with the City for the Cable Wakeboard Park at Lake Tye. The City Council will discuss and consider the addendum at the October 6, 2015, Council Meeting.

**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%

Project Updates!

Tjerne Place Extension Update

The walls near Chain Lake Road are nearing completion. Work crews were rebuilding the rock wall at the northeast corner of Tjerne and Chain Lake Road. Excavation of the hill should almost be complete. The road is taking shape each day.



Trail Maintenance Complete

City of Monroe Operations and Maintenance staff repaired over 200 feet of 10 foot-wide parks trails that had been damaged by tree roots. The repairs were made to segments of public trails located south of Rainier View Road and northeast of Currie Road.

