



MONROE THIS WEEK

October 16, 2015



Mayor

Geoffrey Thomas
gthomas@monroewa.gov

Councilmembers

Kevin Hanford
Patsy Cudaback
Jeff Rasmussen
Jim Kamp
Ed Davis
Jason Gamble
Kurt Goering
councilmembers@monroewa.gov

City Hall

806 West Main Street
Monroe, WA 98272
Phone: 360.794.7400
Open 8AM – 5PM, M-F

Appointment Openings

Salary Commission
Library Board

Job Openings

Entry-Level Police Officer
Experienced Police Officer
(Lateral)

Events this Week

- 10/16 -25** *Sky Valley Performing Arts, The Pajama Game, Wagner Performing Arts Center, www.skyperformingarts.com*
- 10/17** *Farm to Table Farmer's Market, Harvest Festival, Lake Tye Park, 9AM-1PM*
- 10/20** *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!

Pro Wakeboard Tour Returning in 2016!!

The Pro Wakeboard Tour plans to return to Monroe in 2016. A date has not yet been set for the event, but we will let you know when the scheduled. The Pro Wakeboard Tour is nationally televised and draws approximately 6,000 people to Monroe's Lake Tye Park for this two-day event.

Meeting with Representative Dan Kristiansen

On October 15, 2015, I had the pleasure of meeting with Representative Dan Kristiansen. We talked about some of the legislative priorities the City Council is considering formally adopting, including:

1. Funding and finishing SR522;
2. Extending 191st to Kelsey or constructing another roadway to improve access to the Trombley Hill/Rainier View Road neighborhoods;
3. Maintaining funding for the State Main Street Program;
4. Assisting with funding constructing synthetic turf fields at Lake Tye Park just north of Fryelands Elementary; and
5. Assisting with funding five silent train crossings that have the added benefit of reducing the time we wait for trains to traverse our community.

I look forward to working with our representatives on these, and other priorities, over the upcoming months and into the 2016 legislative session.

**City of Monroe
Year to Date Comparisons**

The following are year to date comparisons

Sales Tax Revenues
'14 to 9/30/14: \$2,667,928
'15 to 9/30/15: \$2,997,528
UP \$329,600 or 12.35%

Real Estate Excise Tax
'14 to 9/30/14: \$330,346
'15 to 9/30/15: \$492,811
UP \$162,465 or 49.18%

Lodging Tax Revenues
'14 to 9/30/14: \$42,907
'15 to 9/30/15: \$47,799
UP \$4,892 or 11.40%

Business License Fees
'14 to 9/30/14: \$35,123
'15 to 9/30/15: \$35,936
UP \$813 or 2.32%

Building Permit Revenues
'14 to 9/30/14: \$142,350
'15 to 9/30/15: \$225,697
UP \$83,347 or 58.55%

Planning Fee Revenues
'14 to 9/30/14: \$26,230
'15 to 9/30/15: \$56,990
UP \$30,760 or 117.27%

New House Permits
'14 to 9/30/14: 12
'15 to 9/30/15: 41
UP 29 units or 242%

Multi-Family Permits (# units)
'14 to 9/30/14: 44 units
'15 to 9/30/15: 4 units
DOWN 40 units or -91%

Building Division Inspections
'14 to 9/30/14: 1,196
'15 to 9/30/15: 1,315
UP 119 or 9.9%

211

Need help finding training, employment, food banks, shelter, and assistance for aging parents, addiction prevention, programs for teens, affordable housing options, or support groups? Call 211 from any telephone.

City Council Updates!

Veterans' Memorial Coming to Lake Tye!

At its October 20, 2015, meeting, Council will consider authorizing a Veterans' Memorial at Lake Tye Park. American Legion Arthur Kincaid Post No. 58, Monroe, is donating this Memorial, which will honor the service, sacrifice, and legacy of United States veterans and their families, and may serve as a place for future Memorial and Veterans' day ceremonies. Thank you American Legion Arthur Kincaid Post No. 58!

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. Council will discuss and consider the addendum at its October 20, 2015, Council Meeting. For more info, please refer to the 'most recent' Council Agenda at:

<http://www.monroewa.gov/index.aspx?nid=139>.

State Route (SR) 522 Update

On October 12, and October 13, 2015, the Monroe School Board and the Monroe City Council, respectively, approved resolutions requesting that the State fund and finish two SR522 projects. The City is following up with our legislators and the County on this issue.

For more info on the projects "Paradise Lake Road to Snohomish River Widening" and "Paradise Lake Road Interchange" visit:

<http://www.wsdot.wa.gov/Projects/SR522/>.