



MONROE THIS WEEK

October 23, 2015



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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*
- 10/24** *Tip-A-Cop, Red Robin Gourmet Burgers, 14797 N. Kelsey St 11AM-8PM*
- 10/24** *MMA "Battle of the Barn V", Evergreen State Fairgrounds, 5:00pm*
- 10/27** *City Council Meeting City Hall, Council Chambers, 7PM*
- 10/31** *Sky Valley Classic, Main St, 9AM-1PM*
- 10/31** *Spirit In The Park, Lake Tye Park, 6PM-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!

Meeting with Representative Elizabeth Scott

On October 22, 2015, I had the pleasure of meeting with Representative Elizabeth Scott. We talked about the City's draft legislative priorities, which I mentioned in the October 16th Edition of Monroe This Week. Staff and I will be working to get additional information to our representatives, especially about SR522 and the 191st Street Extension/constructing a second roadway to improve access to the Trombley Hill/Rainier View Road neighborhoods. Thank you Representative Scott for your service and for meeting with me.

Sky to Sound Water Trail Concept Plan

The Snohomish County Office of Economic Development and Snohomish County Parks Department recently received notice of a grant award for technical planning assistance from the National Park Service to develop a Sky to Sound Water Trail Plan. This will be able to identify new and existing recreation, conservation, tourism and economic development opportunities throughout the 84-mile long State-designated Skykomish Scenic River area. The City of Monroe has agreed to participate as a stakeholder in partnership with national, state, tribal, county and local governments, recreational, economic development, tourism and conservation organizations, businesses and associations in the development of this regional water trail plan.

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%

Boards and Commission Vacancies

The City of Monroe is seeking applicants for the Salary Commission and Library Board. There are two positions for Salary Commission and one position for a Library Boardmember. For more information and to submit an application, please visit:

<http://monroewa.gov/index.aspx?NID=416>

City Council Updates!

Veterans' Memorial at Lake Tye Update!

On June 8, 2015, Park Place Middle School teachers Dottie Simoni and Tonia Boyle, and their students, honored 18 Monroe soldiers lost in WWII in a presentation which reflected upon each soldier's life in our community. The presentation drew attention to a WWII Monument in need of refurbishment at Monroe's Memorial Field.

Since this presentation, community members have worked with American Legion Arthur Kincaid Post No. 58, Monroe, to establish a Veterans' Memorial at Lake Tye Park. The names of the 18 fallen soldiers are to be added to this memorial.

At its October 20, 2015, Meeting, Council authorized an agreement that makes way for this memorial. I thank our local American Legion, Ms. Simoni, Ms. Boyle, the students who presented at Park Place Middle School, the Historical Society, our City Councilmembers, and numerous other people and organizations, who are helping to establish this memorial that will honor the service, sacrifice, and legacy of US veterans and their families.

(For more info, see: the Monroe Monitor story at: <http://www.monroemonitor.com/2015/06/08/honoring-fallen-heroes/>.)

Wakeboard Park Update

At its October 20, 2015, Meeting, Council provided direction to respond to H3O's requested changes to its contract. The direction included that the wakeboard park must be open by July 1, 2016, and the building, which is part of "phase 2," must be completed by March of 2018. The direction requires a response to the Council by December 1, 2015. It is anticipated that if H3O agrees with these terms the addendum will be finalized in December 2015. Stay tuned for more updates.

Projects!

Tjerne Place Extension Update

The contractor has shifted gears a little and has moved from site grading to sewer, water and storm utility installations. These new activities will keep him busy through October and into November 2015.

