



MONROE THIS WEEK

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Appointment Openings

Salary Commission
Library Board

Job Openings

Entry-Level Police Officer
Experienced Police Officer (Lateral)

Events this Week

- 10/31 *Sky Valley Classic, Main St, 9AM-1PM*
- 10/31 *Spirit In The Park, Lake Tye Park, 6PM-10PM*
- 10/31 *Trunk or Treat, 300 Block S. Lewis St. 5PM-7PM*
- 10/31 *Mexican Music Festival & Jaripeo, Evergreen State Fairgrounds, 2PM-10PM*
- 11/03 *City Council Meeting, City Hall, Council Chambers, 7PM*
- 11/05 *Monroe Business Symposium, East County Senior Center, 4PM-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!

Halloween Safety

Halloween is here! Some reminders for Halloween safety:

Keep your children and yourself safe! If you are driving, watch for children in costumes crossing the street. If you are on foot, watch for cars as drivers can have a difficult time seeing you and your children.

Check your children’s candy before they eat it. Instruct your child not to accept anything that is not commercially wrapped. Inspect wrapped candy for signs of tampering. If your child has food allergies, make sure you read the label before letting your child eat it.

Go out, have fun, and stay safe! **Happy Halloween!**

Halloween Events in Town

Downtown Trick or Treating – 11AM-5PM

Downtown Monroe Businesses. Look for the pumpkin in the window of a downtown business and stop by to trick-or-treat!

Trunk or Treat – 5PM-7PM

300 Block of S. Lewis St. Free Hotdogs, apple cider, hot chocolate, cookies, and lots of candy!

“Spirit in the Park” – 6PM-9PM

Lake Tye Park. Free Community Event. Food, games, and fun, with a live DJ from Spirit 105.3!

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%

Daylight Saving Time Ending

Daylight Savings time is coming to an end on November 1, 2015. Remember to turn your clocks back one hour!

Change Your Clock Change Your Battery

Monroe Fire District No. 3 would like to remind you to change the batteries in your home smoke alarms with the time change! Some great information and tips are listed below:

- Install smoke alarms in every bedroom, outside each sleeping area and on every level of your home.
- Test your smoke alarms every month.
- Replace all smoke alarms in your home every 10 years
- There are two types of smoke alarms – ionization and photoelectric. An ionization smoke alarm is generally more responsive to flaming fires, and a photoelectric smoke alarm is generally more responsive to smoldering fires. For the best protection, both types of alarms or combination ionization-photoelectric alarms, also known as dual sensor smoke alarms, are recommended.

For the best protection, [interconnect all smoke alarms](#). When one smoke alarm sounds they all sound. Interconnection can be done using hard-wiring or wireless technology.

Dolly Parton's Imagination Library

The Monroe Public Schools Foundation is offering a free new program for residents within the boundaries of Monroe Public Schools called “Dolly Parton’s Imagination Library.” Dolly Parton’s Imaginary Library is a 60 volume set of books beginning with the children’s classic *The Little Engine That Could*. Each month a new, carefully selected book will be mailed in your child’s name directly to your home. To find out eligibility, and how to sign up, contact the Monroe Public Schools Foundation at (360) 804-4317; e-mail: info@monroepsf.org and web page: <http://monroepsf.org>.

Projects!

Tjerne Place Extension Update

Utility installation continues this week, along with covering and seeding the side slopes for the upcoming wet season.