



MONROE THIS WEEK

November 13, 2015



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Appointment Openings

Salary Commission
Library Board

Job Openings

No openings at this time

Events this Week

- 11/14 Native American Flute Performance with Peter Ali, Monroe Library, All Day*
- MCS Holiday Bazaar, First Baptist Church, 17922 149th ST. SE, 10AM-4PM*
- 11/15 Monroe Police and Fire – 21 Appreciation Week*
- 11/17 Transportation Benefit District Board Meeting, Council Chambers, City Hall, 6:30pm*
- City Council Meeting, Council Chambers, City Hall, 7PM*
- 11/28 Light Up Monroe, Main & Lewis St, 4PM-8PM*

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!

Legislative Update

On November 13, 2015, I sent out a letter to Senator Pearson, Representative. Kristiansen, and Representative Scott outlining Monroe’s priorities for major projects to be considered for the 2016 legislative session. These projects are **connecting 191st at Rainer View Rd, widening SR 522 at the Snohomish River Bridge to Paradise Lake Rd, and installing synthetic athletic turf fields at Lake Tye.** We will keep you updated about the progress of these projects.

Monroe Police and Fire Appreciation

Monroe Police and Fire Appreciation Week is November 15, through November 21, 2015. A proclamation will be read at the City Council meeting on Tuesday, November 17, 2015. Please join me in thanking our first responders next week!

Sky Valley Food Bank

The Sky Valley Food Bank is gearing up for their holiday distribution. During this time, they can serve around 450 families for Thanksgiving and Christmas. They are in need of turkeys, chickens, and hams. They will also accept funds to purchase these items. Please think about donating to help families in the Monroe community. For more information please visit: <https://www.svfoodbank.org>.

**City of Monroe
Year to Date Comparisons**

The following are year to date comparisons

Sales Tax Revenues

'14 to 10/31/14: \$2,994,819

'15 to 10/31/15: \$3,359,189

UP \$364,371 or 12.17%

Real Estate Excise Tax

'14 to 10/31/14: \$372,217

'15 to 10/31/15: \$541,149

UP \$168,932 or 45.39%

Lodging Tax Revenues

'14 to 10/31/14: \$53,022

'15 to 10/31/15: \$56,983

UP \$3,961 or 7.47%

Business License Fees

'14 to 10/31/14: \$39,623

'15 to 10/31/15: \$39,523

DOWN \$99 or -0.25%

Building Permit Revenues

'14 to 10/31/14: \$151,913

'15 to 10/31/15: \$256,652

UP \$104,739 or 68.95%

Planning Fee Revenues

'14 to 10/31/14: \$27,580

'15 to 10/31/15: \$59,665

UP \$32,085 or 116.33%

New House Permits

'14 to 10/31/14: 14

'15 to 10/31/15: 51

UP 37 units or 264%

Multi-Family Permits (# units)

'14 to 10/31/14: 44 units

'15 to 10/31/15: 4 units

DOWN 40 units or -91%

Building Division Inspections

'14 to 10/31/14: 1,336

'15 to 10/31/15: 1,461

UP 125 or 9.4%

Salvation Army Donation Box

Ever wonder what that Salvation Army donation box is for on your utility bill? The City has a program for neighbors to help neighbors with their utility bills. Add a donation to your utility payment, and notate it on the Salvation Army box. This donation will be sent directly to the Salvation Army for use exclusively for Monroe utility customers who need help. When customers cannot pay their utility bills, the City refers them to the Salvation Army who will use these donations to help cover the bills of those in need.

Cold Weather Shelter Opening Soon

The shelter will be open on any night when the temperatures are forecasted to fall below 32 degrees, beginning November 15, 2015, through March 15, 2016.

Call the hotline to confirm the shelter is open. Hotline: 360.453.7622; and it's updated by 2pm daily. The shelter is located at New Hope Fellowship, 1016 W. Main Street.

Projects!

Tjerne Place Extension Update

Roadway base material has been installed on the upper portion of the road. Trimaxx (contractor) is focusing on excavating for stormwater detention vaults. This process takes time and we expect the efforts surrounding the vaults' installation to take about a month. Trimaxx continues to make good progress on the project, even though weather plays a role in how fast work can be accomplished these days.