



MONROE THIS WEEK

December 11, 2015



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Appointment Openings

Salary Commission
Library Board

Job Openings

Engineering Administrative Specialist

Events this Week

- 12/12 *Holiday Bazaar, East County Senior Center, 9AM-2PM*
Pancakes & Pictures with Santa, 114 N. Lewis St, 9AM
Downtown Monroe Association Christmas Caroling, Main & Lewis, 3-5PM
Christmas Bazaar, Cascade Community Church, 14377 Fryelands Blvd, 10AM-4PM
- 12/15 *Donnetta Walser Building Dedication Ceremony, 769 Village Way, 6PM*
City Council Meeting, Council Chambers, City Hall, 7PM
- 12/18 *'Twas a Night of Music Free Concert, Wagner Performing Arts Center, 639 W. Main St, 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!

SR522

On Thursday, December 10, 2015, I had a good meeting with Representative Moscoso; First Legislative District, which begins at the Snohomish River and extends to I-5. He understands improvements to SR522 are important for the Sky Valley, Snoqualmie Valley, and the SR522 corridor (e.g. Maltby Area). Because SR522 crosses and affects people in different Districts, I'll be scheduling a roundtable to discuss a strategy to fund the needed improvements before mid-January 2016. In the meantime, please continue to share your thoughts about SR522 with your elected officials. Stay tuned for updates.

Swearing In Ceremony!

Tuesday, December 15, 2015, is the last regular City Council meeting for the year. We will be swearing-in newly elected Councilmembers for terms beginning on January 1, 2016. Our very own Municipal Court Judge Mara Rozanno will administer the Oaths of Office. On December 15th please join me in congratulating Councilmembers Davis, Gamble, and Kamp on their re-election, and Councilmember-Elect Scarboro on his election to office.

Thank you Councilmember Goering!

At the December 15, 2015, Council Meeting, we will be thanking Councilmember Goering for his eight plus years of service as a City of Monroe Councilmember. Thank you for your thoughtfulness and your dedication to our community!

**City of Monroe
Year-to-Date Comparisons**

The following are year-to-date comparisons

Sales Tax Revenues

'14 to 11/30/14: \$3,323,831

'15 to 11/30/15: \$3,740,803

UP \$416,972 or 12.54%

Real Estate Excise Tax

'14 to 11/30/14: \$423,842

'15 to 11/30/15: \$644,078

UP \$220,236 or 51.96%

Lodging Tax Revenues

'14 to 11/30/14: \$59,735

'15 to 11/30/15: \$64,134

UP \$4,399 or 7.36%

Business License Fees

'14 to 11/30/14: \$41,933

'15 to 11/30/15: \$42,586

UP \$653 or 1.56%

Building Permit Revenues

'14 to 11/30/14: \$162,390

'15 to 11/30/15: \$298,243

UP \$135,853 or 83.66%

Planning Fee Revenues

'14 to 11/30/14: \$47,345

'15 to 11/30/15: \$61,415

UP \$14,070 or 29.72%

New House Permits

'14 to 11/30/14: 14

'15 to 11/30/15: 59

UP 45 units or 321%

Multi-Family Permits (# units)

'14 to 11/30/14: 44 units

'15 to 11/30/15: 4 units

DOWN 40 units or -91%

Building Division Inspections

'14 to 11/30/14: 1,436

'15 to 11/30/15: 1,560

UP 124 or 8.6%

Donnetta Walser Building Dedication Ceremony

Ms. Donnetta Walser served the City of Monroe for over thirty years as a City Councilwoman, Civil Service Commissioner, and as Mayor. She also worked as a teacher in Monroe. Her service has had a significant, positive influence on many of our lives. On behalf of a grateful community, this Tuesday, December 15, 2015, at 6 p.m., the City will be dedicating its Parks and Public Works Building at 769 Village Way in her honor. Thank you, Donnetta, for your dedication and service!

SCHOLARSHIP OPPORTUNITY!!

The City of Monroe is accepting applications for scholarships that are available through the Association of Washington Cities (AWC). For more information see the following link: www.cfqc.org. Applications will be reviewed, and one applicant will be nominated to the AWC for consideration against a statewide pool of nominees. The AWC will select six nominees for academic scholarships of \$1,000 for students pursuing a post-secondary degree in the fall of 2016.

Severe Winter Storms Tips

Monroe Fire Department wants you to stay safe this holiday season. Here are some tips to help ensure a safe holiday season.

- Be careful with holiday decorations. Choose decorations that are flame resistant or flame retardant.
- Keep lit candles away from decorations and other things that can burn.
- Some lights are only for indoor or outdoor use, but not both.
- Replace any string of lights with worn or broken cords or loose bulb connections. Read manufacturer's instructions for number of light strands to connect.
- Use clips, not nails, to hang lights so the cords do not get damaged.
- Keep decorations away from windows and doors.

Tjerne Place Extension Update!

The contractor has backfilled the first storm water vault and is excavating to install the second storm water vault. The contractor continues to work, weather permitting.