



MONROE THIS WEEK

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Appointment Openings

Salary Commission
Library Board

Job Openings

Construction Inspector
Engineering Administrative Specialist

Events this Week

- 12/19 Swing Into Christmas, East County Senior Center, 1PM*
- 12/22 City Council Meeting, Council Chambers CANCELLED*
- 12/24 Christmas Eve, City Hall Closed At Noon*
- 12/25 Christmas, City Hall Closed*
- 01/01 New Year's Day, City Hall Closed*

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!

Thank you Councilmember Goering!

Thank you, Councilmember Goering, for your years of service, including a Planning Commissioner and over eight years as a City Councilmember. I appreciate your dedication and thoughtfulness. We wish you the best in your endeavors!

Donnetta Walser Building Dedication Ceremony

Earlier this week, we named the City's Parks and Public Works Building the Donnetta Walser Building in honor of Ms. Walser's thirty-two plus years of service in Monroe. In addition to serving at City Hall (Commissioner, City Councilmember, and Mayor), Donnetta taught in our schools for over twenty seven years. On behalf of a grateful community, THANK YOU, Donnetta, for your years of service and leadership!

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.

**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%

Holiday Safety

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

- Test your smoke alarms and tell guests about your home fire escape plan.
- Keep children and pets away from lit candles.
- Keep matches and lighters up high in a locked cabinet.
- Stay in the kitchen when cooking on the stovetop.
- Ask smokers to smoke outside. Remind smokers to keep their smoking materials with them so young children do not touch them.
- Provide large, deep ashtrays for smokers. Wet cigarette butts with water before discarding.

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

Tjerne Place Extension Update!

The contractor has excavated the second hole to install the second storm water detention facility. The concrete bases have been installed and the crane will be installing the wall and roof sections of the vault in the next few days.