



MONROE THIS WEEK

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Appointment Openings

Salary Commission
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Job Openings

Construction Inspector
Engineering Administrative Specialist

Events this Week

- 1/12 *City Council Meeting, Council Chambers, City Hall, 7PM*
- 1/19 *City Council Meeting, Council Chambers, City Hall, 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 Update

This week has been a productive week in our efforts to advance the need to fund and finish SR522.

On Monday January 4, 2016, City Staff, our lobbyist, and I met with staff from the Governor's Office and from the Washington Department of Transportation. We shared our concerns about the current state of SR522 and lack of funding to finish what was started, and we learned more information about what it will cost to finish SR522. Of the six original phases, two are unfinished:

- (1) **Replacing the stoplight at Paradise Lake Road with an interchange.** The transportation package that was adopted in 2015 included \$10 million for design work, but the funds are not available until 2025 and there are no funds for actual construction. The estimated costs for the interchange are as follows:
 - a. Preliminary Engineering, \$10.3 million
 - b. Right of Way Acquisition, \$17.2 million
 - c. Construction, \$79.7 million
- (2) **Widening SR522 from 2 lanes to 4 lanes from the river to Paradise Lake Road.** The transportation package adopted in 2015 did not include any funding for design or construction. The estimated costs are as follows:
 - a. Preliminary Engineering, \$8.9 million
 - b. Construction, \$67.2 million

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

The following are year-to-date comparisons

Sales Tax Revenues

'14 to 12/31/14: \$3,617,210

'15 to 12/31/15: \$4,064,056

UP \$446,846 or 12.35%

Real Estate Excise Tax

'14 to 12/31/14: \$494,082

'15 to 12/31/15: \$775,207

UP \$281,125 or 56.90%

Lodging Tax Revenues

'14 to 12/31/14: \$65,661

'15 to 12/31/15: \$70,274

UP \$4,613 or 7.03%

Business License Fees

'14 to 12/31/14: \$48,049

'15 to 12/31/15: \$48,886

UP \$836 or 1.74%

Building Permit Revenues

'14 to 12/31/14: \$180,017

'15 to 12/31/15: \$311,092

UP \$131,075 or 72.81%

Planning Fee Revenues

'14 to 12/31/14: \$50,595

'15 to 12/31/15: \$61,665

UP \$11,070 or 21.88%

New House Permits

'14 to 12/31/14: 17

'15 to 12/31/15: 60

UP 43 units or 253%

Multi-Family Permits (# units)

'14 to 12/31/14: 46 units

'15 to 12/31/15: 4 units

DOWN 40 units or -91.3%

Building Division Inspections

'14 to 12/31/14: 1,548

'15 to 11/30/15: 1,713

UP 165 or 10.7%

SR522 Update (continued)

On Thursday January 7, 2016, the City hosted over twenty-three officials from four cities (Monroe, Sultan, Gold Bar, and Duvall), Snohomish County, the legislature (Representatives Scott, Dunshee, and Moscoso), the Governor Inslee's Office, Congresswoman DelBene's Office, two fire districts, the Monroe School District, Snohomish Economic Alliance, and US2 Safety Coalition. This was a working, coordination meeting to identify ideas for funding and strategies to secure funding for SR522's improvements. The focus of our conversation was on funding the widening from two to four lanes. The attendees identified two ideas for funding and strategies to secure the funding. We will work on these over the next couple of weeks in preparation for a meeting with State legislators in Olympia at the end of January.

An additional outcome from the meeting was the recognition of the importance of the Skykomish-Snoqualmie River communities and the Maltby Area joining together to advocate where we have shared interests. We will be following up on this over the next several weeks.

Stay tuned!

Panhandling Reminder

Panhandling is allowed in Monroe, BUT "Aggressive" panhandling and solicitation is not allowed anywhere in Monroe. "Aggressive" panhandling and solicitation is when someone:

- Asks you for something, including money, in a threatening or forceful way;
- Keeps asking you for something after you said "no;" or
- Blocks your path to try to get something from you.

If you feel aggressive panhandling has happened:

1. Get to a safe place,
2. **CALL 911**, and
3. provide a report to the responding officer.

Address Signs

Monroe Fire District No. 3 is selling address signs. These are great for anyone whose house number cannot be seen from the street. Having a reflective sign can make it easier for first responders to locate your home, especially homes that are set back from the road quite a ways or share a long driveway with other homes. Signs may be ordered at the Monroe Fire District headquarters station, at 163 Village Court. There are four styles of signs ranging in price from \$16.50 to \$27.50. The signs are assembled by one of our firefighters and usually ready to pick up within one to two weeks. For more information, please call 360-794-7666.

Project Updates!

Tjerne Place Extension Update

The contractor has completed installing the storm water vaults and is now installing electrical components for the Woods Creek Rd intersection.