



MONROE THIS WEEK

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Appointment Openings

No Openings At This Time

Job Openings

Construction Inspector
Public Works O&M Seasonal Laborer
Seasonal Parks

Events this Week

- 02/15 President's Day
CITY HALL CLOSED*
- 02/16 City Council
Transportation/Planning,
Public Works, Parks &
Recreation, and Public
Safety Committee
Meeting, Permit Center,
City Hall, 6PM*
- City Council Meeting,
Council Chambers,
City Hall, 7PM*
- 02/23 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

I am pleased to write there are three items to report on SR-522 from this week:

- On Wednesday, February 10, 2016, Councilmember Cudaback, Councilmember Scarboro, and I met with Snohomish County Executive Dave Somers to discuss SR-522. Executive Somers reported that he, County Council Chair Ryan, and County Council Vice-Chair Sullivan had advocated for improvements to SR-522 when they visited State Legislators in Olympia on February 2, 2016. We truly appreciate their support, advocacy, and partnership.
- On Friday, February 5, 2016, the Washington State Department of Transportation emailed me, and other legislators, the estimated costs for engineering, design, and permitting for the widening of SR-522. The initial design cost is about \$300,000. On Wednesday, February 10, 2016, the City's lobbyists informed me that letters had been sent to those legislators responsible for developing revisions to the Governor's proposed 2016 Supplemental Transportation Budget. Those letters requested that the \$300,000 be made available for this initial design work. I thank everyone working on this including our delegation from the 39th Legislative District and the 1st Legislative District.

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

The following are year-to-date comparisons

Sales Tax Revenues

'15 to 1/31/15: \$278,286

'16 to 1/31/16: \$308,703

UP \$30,417 or 10.93%

Real Estate Excise Tax

'15 to 1/31/15: \$23,286

'16 to 1/31/16: \$74,152

UP \$50,865 or 218.44%

Lodging Tax Revenues

'15 to 1/31/15: \$3,945

'16 to 1/31/16: \$5,407

UP \$1,462 or 37.05%

Business License Fees

'15 to 1/31/15: \$4,318

'16 to 1/31/16: \$5,229

UP \$912 or 21.12%

Building Permit Revenues

'15 to 1/31/15: \$23,749

'16 to 1/31/16: \$16,374

DOWN \$7,375 or -31.05%

Planning Fee Revenues

'15 to 1/31/15: \$1,950

'16 to 1/31/16: \$1,700

DOWN \$250 or -12.82%

New House Permits

'15 to 1/31/15: 5

'16 to 1/31/16: 2*

DOWN 3 units or 60%

**9 new single family permits were submitted in Jan. '16*

Multi-Family Permits (# units)

'15 to 1/31/15: 0

'16 to 1/31/16: 2 units

UP 2 units

Building Division Inspections

'15 to 1/31/15: 91

'16 to 1/31/16: 131

UP 40 or 43.96%

(SR522 Update continued)

- On Wednesday, February 10, 2016, the City of Bothell contacted us to let us know that the Bothell City Council authorized the City of Bothell's logo be added to the letter advocating for improvements SR-522. THANK YOU to the Mayor and Councilmembers in Bothell for your support!!!!

First Annual Children & Youth Mental Wellness Fair

The Snohomish Health District, in partnership with other agencies and non-profits, is holding a children and youth mental wellness fair. Topics of the workshops will be centered around the areas of health, personal development, suicide prevention, ACES, bullying, cutting, music therapy, parenting, LGBTQ issues, and other aspects of mental wellness. The fair is Saturday, May 7, 2016, 10 am - 4 pm at Evergreen Middle School (7621 Beverly Lane, Everett).

For more information check out the Facebook event page at: <https://www.facebook.com/events/1647477902194638/>

Rural Tourism Workshop Sessions!!

Get involved in developing tourism in the Skykomish and Snohomish River Valleys. A workshop series is being held beginning on March 7th and 8th at The Rock Church in Monroe. The topic for March 7th will be "Create the Vision" and March 8th will be "Make the Plan to Tell the Story."

To sign up for these all-day workshops, please contact the Snohomish Tourism Bureau: email: Terry@Snohomish.org; phone: 425.348.5802.

More info is at: <https://www.eventbrite.com/e/skykomish-and-snohomish-river-...>

Sky to Sound Water Trail Coalition Update

The Snohomish County Office of Economic Development has received a grant award from the National Park Service to develop a Sky to Sound Water Trail Plan. Its mission is to develop a sustainable water trail that offers recreation opportunities and amenities to visitors and economic benefits to the many partners committed to creating an exemplary water trail. The working vision of this project is a network of whitewater and flatwater trails reaching from the Wild Sky to Puget Sound. The City of Monroe is participating as one of twenty-eight coalition members who are meeting monthly and beginning to work on mapping and inventory of the system, public outreach, and establishing a one-year work plan.

Lake Tye Park Veterans Memorial Donation Update

The American Legion Arthur Kincaid Post No. 58 in Monroe is seeking donations to help raise funds to donate and install a Veterans Memorial monument and lighted flagpole at Lake Tye Park for the purpose of honoring the service, sacrifice and legacy of United States veterans and their families. Twenty men from Monroe were killed in action during WWII. Information on how to make tax deductible gift for this monument project can be found by visiting the American Legion Arthur Kincaid Post 58 website:

<http://www.americanlegionmonroe.org/2016/arthur-kincaid-post-58-news/434/>

You can also mail in donations to: American Legion Post 58 – Monument Project, P.O. Box 966, Monroe, WA 98272.

Heart Month!

Did you know that February is American Heart month? Millions of Americans live with heart disease, stroke, or a cardiovascular condition. You are never too young or too old to start taking care of your heart. Choosing healthy meals and being physically active will pay off for the rest of your life. Visit www.heart.org – Healthy Living for more ways to get heart healthy.