



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

- 02/23 City Council Meeting, Council Chambers, City Hall, 7PM*
- 03/01 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!

Made In Monroe

City staff, members of the Chamber of Commerce, and I, had the pleasure of touring three manufacturing businesses in Monroe; Cutwater Boats, Canyon Creek Cabinet Company, and Rhino Mfg. Inc.(metal fabrication). These three businesses alone employ about 500 people. Interesting facts learned on the tour were a 24' boat from Cutwater costs about \$90,000, Canyon Creek averaged about \$53 million in sales last year, and Rhino maintains a family company and solid workforce with little turnover. The Economic Alliance of Snohomish County coordinated the tours and it was interesting to all involved! THANK YOU ALL!

Monroe Chamber of Commerce

We have an AMAZING Chamber! Our Monroe Chamber provides visitor services, promotes businesses in our community, organizes networking opportunities, acts as a liaison and advocates for businesses, and organizes community events which help promote our community including the Monroe Fair Days' Parade. Monthly, I have lunch with their Board to listen and share ideas and thoughts. THANK YOU to our Chamber and volunteer board members for enhancing opportunities and quality of life in Monroe!!

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%

Wayfinding Signs

THANK YOU to our Chamber of Commerce for securing grants for four new signs for Downtown Monroe!!! Thank you to our partners including our City Council (\$5,000 from Lodging Tax Funds and labor), Chamber (\$1,000 in matching funds and labor), and Snohomish County (\$10,000 from Tourism Promotion Funds) for your leadership and support!!! The signs were grant funded by hotel/motel stays and will help promote the Downtown area!

Got Drugs?

The Monroe Police Department accepts unused, unwanted and expired prescription drugs that may pose a risk to you, your family and your community. Improper disposal may lead to illegal use or contamination of our waters. For proper disposal, bring your unwanted medicines to the police department at 818 West Main Street, Monday – Friday 8 am – 5 pm.

We're Hiring!

The City of Monroe is hiring! Openings for Seasonal Parks and Public Work laborer are available! For more information and to fill out an application, visit: www.monroewa.gov/jobs.

Request of Proposal

The City of Monroe is accepting Requests For Proposals for concessionaire services to provide quality food and beverage service at Sky River and Lake Tye Park. This is a great opportunity to become involved in your community! Detailed proposal packets may be picked up at the Monroe City Hall, M-F 8am-5pm at 806 W. Main Street, Monroe WA 98272. Pick up a packet today!

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-...>