



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

- 03/01 *City Council Finance & Human Resources Committee Meeting, Permit Center, City Hall, 6PM*
City Council Meeting, Council Chambers, City Hall, 7PM
- 03/08 *City Council Legislative Affairs Committee Meeting, Permit Center, City Hall, 6PM*
City Council Meeting, Council Chambers, City Hall, 7PM
- 03/12 *MHS Mustache Dash 5K Lake Tye Park 9-11AM*
Thrivers 5K Fun Run Lake Tye Park 12-2PM

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!

Paper Tigers

On Monday, February 22, 2016, I attended a screening of the documentary *Paper Tigers*, organized by the Monroe Community Coalition. The documentary covers Lincoln High School's approach to educating traumatized youth in Walla Walla, Washington; which has significantly increased graduation rates and made other positive impacts on the lives of at-risk youth. I truly appreciate the work the Monroe Community Coalition, the Monroe School District, and other partners are doing to support youth in our community. Thank you!

For more information about the Monroe Community Coalition, check out: www.monroecommunitycoalition.com.

Proposed Fire District Nos. 3 and 7 Merger

On Thursday, February 18, 2016, I met with Monroe Fire District No. 3 Chief Jamie Silva, and Snohomish County Fire District No. 7 Chief Gary Meek, to learn more about the proposed merger of Fire District Nos. 3 and 7. The Chiefs shared the merger would improve public safety, while making fire service delivery more efficient; and they will be presenting more information to the Monroe City Council at their regular business meeting on Tuesday, April 5, 2016. It is expected that the merger will be before the voters for consideration in early August.

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%

Congratulations Officer's Van Eaton and Robertson!

On Tuesday, February 23, 2016, new Monroe Police Officers Craig Robertson and Shaun Van Eaton were administered their Oath of Office before the City Council, family, and friends. Officers Robertson and Van Eaton have successfully completed their training and are now released to solo patrol. Congratulations to these officers as they join our Police Department and serve the citizens of Monroe.

SCCIT Meeting

On Tuesday, February 23, 2016, I attended the Snohomish County Committee for Improved Transportation (SCCIT) meeting, where I received updates on SR-522, US2 (trestle), and future transportation projects. While there has been a great deal of work on SR-522 and US2, we will be able to better report out on the status of these two projects in the next two to three weeks.

US-2 Right-of-Way

A future Trail in US-2 Right-of-way? For several decades, the US-2 right-of-way has been under the State's ownership without having the intended US-2 bypass built. The US-2 bypass remains an idea without funding for design or construction. Last year, the City's Comprehensive Plan included plans to develop a trail on the property. Council and I are happy to report the City is submitting an application to use the right-of-way for a trail. We are hopeful the State will approve the application. Stay tuned for updates!

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!

Projects!

Monroe Propulsion Cable Park Update

Earlier this month, we had announced that a groundbreaking ceremony for the Monroe Propulsion Cable Park was tentatively scheduled for March 3, 2016. City staff has been in weekly contact with H3O, LLC, the company who is developing and will be operating the park. Earlier this week, we learned the groundbreaking is being postponed until the end of March or beginning of April 2016. Stay tuned for updates!

Tjerne PI SE Extension Update

Tjerne Place SE Extension is definitely taking shape! Roadway curbing was recently installed, giving more definition to the project. In the coming days the driving surface will see its first layer of asphalt pavement. Other components in the very near future include standing up the new signal poles (they won't be turned on until the roadway is ready for use).

