



# MONROE THIS WEEK

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### City Hall

806 West Main Street  
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### Appointment Openings

*No Openings At This Time*

### Job Openings

*Construction Inspector*  
*Seasonal Wastewater Treatment Plant Operator*  
*Maintenance Person II*  
*Senior Planner*

### Events this Week

- 03/12 MHS Mustache Dash 5K*  
*Lake Tye Park*  
*9-11AM*
- Thrivers 5K Fun Run*  
*Lake Tye Park*  
*12-2PM*
- 03/14 Bearcat Ball Field*  
*Ribbon Cutting,*  
*Monroe High School,*  
*17001 Tester Rd, 4PM*
- 03/15 CANCELLED --*  
*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*

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!

### SR – 522 Update

This week, the State Senate and House took two important steps toward the next phase of SR-522 by: **1)** amending the Connecting Washington transportation package to allow funding for design of the widening phase and the interchange at SR-522 and Paradise Lake Road; and **2)** prioritizing SR-522 for a corridor sketch. These two steps will not result in construction; but will lay the groundwork for being competitive in additional federal grants and in prioritizing the widening phase's more detailed engineering and construction. So many people and organizations were involved in making this happen, from scores of people calling and emailing their legislators, to the over 65 organizations who allowed their logos to be used to show support for improvements to SR-522, to our legislators in Olympia, to other elected officials at Snohomish County and in other cities. THANK YOU! We are continuing to work on funding for the widening phase; including working with and encouraging the State and County in applying for federal grant funds. Stay tuned!

### Housing Hope

On Thursday evening, I attended and spoke at a Housing Hope fundraiser for projects and services in the Sky Valley. Over 200 people attended this fundraiser. Housing Hope provides housing and services to families in need in our community. To date, they have developed 196 units in the Sky Valley; most of these units in Monroe. Housing Hope is making a positive, significant difference in our community. Thank you!

## City of Monroe Year-to-Date Comparisons

*The following are year-to-date comparisons*

Sales Tax Revenues  
'15 to 2/28/15: \$689,197  
'16 to 2/29/16: \$791,353  
**UP \$102,156 or 14.82%**

Real Estate Excise Tax  
'15 to 2/28/15: \$59,145  
'16 to 2/29/16: \$149,811  
**UP \$90,666 or 153.29%**

Lodging Tax Revenues  
'15 to 2/28/15: \$7,088  
'16 to 2/29/16: \$9,511  
**UP \$2,423 or 34.19%**

Business License Fees  
'15 to 2/28/15: \$8,400  
'16 to 2/29/16: \$8,946  
**UP \$546 or 6.50%**

Building Permit Revenues  
'15 to 2/28/15: \$70,485  
'16 to 2/29/16: \$39,717  
**DOWN \$30,767 or -43.65%**

Planning Fee Revenues  
'15 to 2/28/15: \$1,975  
'16 to 2/29/16: \$5,975  
**UP \$4,000 or 202.53%**

New House Permits  
'15 to 2/28/15: 16  
'16 to 2/29/16: 9  
**DOWN 7 units or 44%**

Multi-Family Permits (# units)  
'15 to 2/28/15: 13  
'16 to 2/29/16: 2  
**DOWN 11 units or 85%**

Building Division Inspections  
'15 to 2/28/15: 238  
'16 to 2/29/16: 266  
**UP 28 or 11.8%**

## 12 year old Saves Dad!

Monroe Fire District No. 3 honored 12-year-old Taylor A. on Thursday, March 10, 2016, for saving his father's life. When Taylor's father collapsed, Taylor called 911 and began CPR. Once paramedics arrived, they were able to revive Taylor's father and transport him to the hospital. Taylor was coached by the dispatcher to begin CPR which increased his father's survival rate. Monroe Fire District No. 3 awarded Taylor with the Lifesaver award for his efforts. Congratulations!



*(Taylor A. pictured in black in the middle.  
Photo courtesy of Heather Chadwick)*

## Congratulations!

Congratulations are in order to three City of Monroe staff members, whose efforts and hard work in coordinating the annual United Way Campaign for the City won them the United Way 2015 Employee Campaign Manager of the Year award. Congratulations to Denise Jacobsen, Cheri Hurst, and Rose Howard!

## Safety Reminder

Daylight savings starts on Sunday, March 13, 2016. When changing your clock an hour forward remember to check the batteries on your smoke alarms. Roughly three out of five fire deaths happen in homes with no smoke alarms or where alarms are not working. Working smoke alarms give you early warning so you can get outside quickly when there is a fire. Change your clock; change your smoke alarm batteries!

## We're Hiring!

The City of Monroe is hiring! We have an opening for a Construction Inspector, Maintenance Person II, Senior Planner, and Seasonal Wastewater Treatment Plant Operator. For more information and to fill out an application, visit: [www.monroewa.gov/jobs](http://www.monroewa.gov/jobs).