



MONROE THIS WEEK

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Appointment Openings

No Openings At This Time

Job Openings

Construction Inspector
Maintenance Person II
Senior Planner

Events this Week

- 03/26** *20th Annual Monroe Community Egg Hunt, Lake Tye Park, 9-11AM, FREE*
 - 04/02** *SVLL Jamboree, Rotary Field, 372 Sky River Pkwy, 9AM-5PM*
 - 04/05** *City Council Finance and Human Resources Committee Meeting, 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!

Call for Sculptors!

The City of Monroe is seeking submissions for an outdoor sculpture, which may be interactive, to be installed on the public sidewalk on the northwest corner of Main and Lewis Streets in the newly-renovated Downtown Plaza Area. The proposal should express a connection to the City of Monroe, the character of the specific display location, and reflect the City's diversity. Artists are strongly encouraged to visit the actual installation site.

The deadline for entries is April 25, 2016, by 5:00 p.m. Artist selection will be notified by Friday, June 3, 2016, and artist installation will need to occur no later than November 23, 2016.

For information regarding eligibility, specifications, selection process, submittal of materials and selection criteria, please visit www.monroewa.gov/parksnews.

MONROE!! It's Egg Hunt Time!

The 20th Annual Monroe Community Egg Hunt will be held on Saturday, March 26, 2016, at Lake Tye Park. The event kicks off at 9:00 a.m. with lots of fun, free activities including face painting, fun games, arts & crafts, and pictures with the Easter Bunny. The Egg Hunt starts at 10:00 a.m. sharp! All kids up through 10 years of age are welcome to hunt for eggs. Be sure not to miss this great fun, family-oriented event!

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%

Easter Egg Hunt Donations

THANK YOU to all the organizations and individuals who donated time, money or resources for our 20th Annual Easter Egg Hunt. Over \$2100.00 was donated from Monroe Rotary Club, Monroe Fred Meyer, Ed Hurst Inc., Monroe Police Officers Association, and Friends of the Monroe Library. Thank you to Ms. Bishop's class at Monroe Christian School for stuffing over 12,000 eggs and Republic Services, Walmart, and Big Dog for helping! I am so grateful to our community for supporting this fun, family-oriented event!

Distracted Driving

Did you know??

- A driver talking on a cell phone is as impaired as an individual with a 0.08 blood-alcohol level.
- A driver who is texting is as impaired as an individual with a 0.16 blood-alcohol level.
- Drivers on cell phones are one half a second slower to hit the brakes in emergencies and miss more than half the visual cues seen by attentive drivers

While driving do you...

- Think you can safely look away for more than one second?
- Eat, drink, shave, or engage in other personal activities?
- Answer your cell phone without stopping in a safe place?
- Adjust your seat, mirrors, climate controls, GPS, radio, or CD player?
- Listen to anything that requires ear buds in your ears?
- Feel fatigued or drowsy?
- Try to deal with children or pets without stopping?

If you answered yes to even one questions, you are at risk. Nearly eighty percent of all crashes and sixty-five percent of all near-crashes involved driver inattention during the last three seconds before the incident. Keep your eyes on the road and stay alert. (Data from NHTSA, VDOT, VTRC and VT sponsored study)

Congratulations!

Congratulations to recent Monroe Police Department personnel. Administrative Manager Sherri Simonson received the "Chief's Award" for her work on the countywide New World technology system and Sergeant Brian Johnston received the "Distinguished Service Award" for his volunteer work with the Behind the Badge Foundation. Thank you for your hard work!