



MONROE THIS WEEK

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Appointment Openings

No Openings At This Time

Job Openings

Maintenance Person II-Facilities
Public Works Maint. Worker II
Senior Engineer – Development
Review
Senior Planner
Seasonal Parks
Seasonal Wastewater Treatment
Plant Operator

Events this Week

04/19 *City Council*
Planning/Transportation,
Public Works, Parks &
Recreation, and Public
Safety Committee
Meeting, 6PM
RESCHEDULED TO
04/26

City Council Meeting,
Council Chambers,
City Hall, 7PM
CANCELLED

04/22 *Spring Carnival,*
- 4/24 *Evergreen State*
Fairgrounds,
4-10PM

04/23 *American Legion Flag*
Disposal Ceremony,
Lake Tye Park,
4-5:30PM

Downtown Hoedown,
The Hall at Marketplace,
6-10PM

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!

"State of the City" Report

On Tuesday, April 12, 2016, I presented a "State of the City Report" to Monroe's Chamber of Commerce. Our revenues, especially sales tax and real estate excise tax (REET), continue to be ahead of last year's revenues. These are good signs for our commercial and real estate markets in Monroe. Sales tax supports general city services while REET supports capital projects. We are hopeful the trend will continue through 2016.

The City continues to deliver on a number of programs. There will be dozens of events held in the City's parks this year. Events range from the egg hunt, to Farm to Table farmers market, the fishing derby, to youth sports, triathlons, wake board competitions, movies in the park, and music in the park. Most all these events are sponsored by or done in partnership with businesses and non-profits. Thank you!!! The event brochure will be available in the next couple of weeks.

The City continues to deliver on a number of projects. Examples of these include: completing the extension of Tjerne Place SE, installing a stop light at Tjerne and Woods Creek Road, completing the Lake Tye Skate Park, and completing numerous road maintenance and sidewalk projects around our community. City staff has been very busy with the design, engineering, permitting, management, and funding for delivering these projects. Thank you all for your dedication and work!!

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

The following are year-to-date comparisons

Sales Tax Revenues

'15 to 3/31/15: \$973,181
'16 to 3/31/16: \$1,100,427
UP \$127,246 or 13.08%

Real Estate Excise Tax

'15 to 3/31/15: \$159,109
'16 to 3/31/16: \$205,780
UP \$46,671 or 29.33%

Lodging Tax Revenues

'15 to 3/31/15: \$10,441
'16 to 3/31/16: \$13,813
UP \$3,371 or 32.29%

Business License Fees

'15 to 3/31/15: \$13,344
'16 to 3/31/16: \$14,221
UP \$877 or 6.57%

Building Permit Revenues

'15 to 3/31/15: \$82,947
'16 to 3/31/16: \$85,216
UP \$2,269 or 2.74%

Planning Fee Revenues

'15 to 3/31/15: \$9,090
'16 to 3/31/16: 7,625
DOWN \$1,465 or -16.12%

New House Permits

'15 to 3/31/15: 21
'16 to 3/31/16: 19
DOWN 2 units or 9.5%

Multi-Family Permits (# units)

'15 to 3/31/15: 13
'16 to 3/31/16: 4
DOWN 9 units or 69.2%

Building Division Inspections

'15 to 3/31/15: 398
'16 to 3/31/16: 420
UP 22 or 5.5%

(“State” cont.)

The City also continues to receive applications to improve existing buildings (commercial, residential, and industrial) while also receiving applications to develop new residential lots and build new homes. The City has approved or is in the process of reviewing the applications for about 500 residential lots, while having fielded questions for developers interested in applying for as many as 300 more residential lots. Our community will continue to grow over the next few years. Thank you to those individuals and companies investing in Monroe and thank you to our City staff who are working diligently to respond to inquiries and review development and building permit applications.

The City is very active on regional boards, commissions, and committees. This is bringing a noticeable voice that helps to advocate for projects, programs, and funding which will benefit our community. Thank you to the City Councilmembers and staff who are attending these meetings.

For more info, please see the PowerPoint presentation at the following link: <http://www.monroewa.gov/index.aspx?nid=568>

PSRC Economic Development District

On Tuesday, April 12, 2016, I attended a meeting of Snohomish County Mayors and Councilmembers, the Snohomish County Executive’s Office, along with the Economic Alliance of Snohomish County to discuss economic development strategies that are specific to Snohomish County and Snohomish County cities. Of note for me was a draft list of previously adopted strategies that included policies and improvements which would support economic development along the I-5 corridor, but not for the Sky Valley area, including Monroe. One example was road improvements were identified as necessary to support economic development for I-5, SR-9, and US2; SR-522 was not mentioned.

THANK YOU REPUBLIC SERVICES!!

Thank you for your generous financial contribution toward “Movies under the Moon.” Here's this year's lineup:

- August 5, 2016 -- *Inside Out*
- August 12, 2016 -- *Pixels*
- August 19, 2016 -- *Jurassic World*
- August 26, 2016 -- *Star Wars: The Force Awakens*

Pre-movie festivities usually start around 8PM. Movie start times will be published when we are closer to above dates.

THANK YOU MONROE GARDEN CLUB & REPUBLIC SERVICES!!

Thank you for your generous contributions to our wonderful flower planters and hanging flower pots in Monroe's downtown. Our community truly appreciates the beauty you bring to our downtown. Thank you!!

Fire Department News

April 9th through 15th is National Public Safety Telecommunicators Week which is a great reminder that there are many people who work to save lives every day. An important part of what we do is preventing fires and accidents before they happen. Here are some of the safety education and fire prevention programs offered by Snohomish County Fire District Nos. 7 and 3.

Firefighters visit pre-school and kindergarten classes teaching kids four main concepts: matches are not toys, to crawl low under smoke, stop-drop-and-roll when your clothes catch on fire, and that firefighters are our friends.

Through the '*Think Again!*' program, the Fire Districts teach teens about the dangers of distracted driving and drinking and driving. Since starting this program at Monroe High School, Fire District No. 3 has seen a decrease in serious vehicle collisions involving teens.

Our goal is to partner with schools and parents to reinforce the concepts of fire and life safety to create positive behaviors. To request a visit to your school or classroom, please visit our website at www.firedistrict7.org or www.monroefire.org