



# MONROE THIS WEEK

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**Appointment Openings**

No Openings At This Time

**Job Openings**

*Senior Engineer – Development Review*  
*Senior Planner*  
*Seasonal Parks*

**Events this Week**

- 04/22 - 24** *Spring Carnival, 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*
- 04/24** *Trout Unlimited "Kid's Fishing Day", Lake Tye Park, 8AM-5PM*
- 04/26** *City Council Planning/Transportation, Public Works, Parks & Recreation, and Public Safety Committee Meeting, 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](mailto:GThomas@MonroeWa.gov).

Yours in Service,

Mayor Geoffrey Thomas

## Be In The Know!

### Parks News!

- The City of Monroe has just received notice of a Snohomish County Hotel/Motel Tax Fund grant award of \$15,200 for tourism-branded event mesh fencing and barricades for Monroe events! The grant award will be used to purchase event mesh fence, steel barricades and barricade storage holders to use for the Tri-Monroe Triathlon in 2016 and beyond. The opportunity to have the event mesh fence and steel barricades for the Tri-Monroe Triathlon will allow the City of Monroe to use the fencing for other sporting events or festivals needing a special area fenced such as beer gardens or VIP experiences. As part of the grant conditions, the fencing will be made available upon request to other cities in Snohomish County as needed.
- Parks and Recreation Department staff recently installed new safety-engineered wood surfacing chips and improved the underlying drainage system of the playground at Lake Tye Park. The City appreciates your patience while the playground was closed and we look forward to the benefits of this maintenance repair for this heavily-used play area.



**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%**

**Kids Fishing Day**

The Sky Valley Chapter of Trout Unlimited will host a free fishing day Sunday, April 24, 2016, from 8 a.m. to 1 p.m. at Lake Tye Park, located at 14964 Fryelands Boulevard in Monroe. Children 12 and under can fish for free and earn prizes. Fish will be in a netted area at the south end of the lake for easy fishing, and Trout Unlimited asks participants to bring their own fishing gear but will have gear available for use during the event. An adult fishing derby will be held from 2 to 5 p.m., with a cash prize of \$250 for the biggest fish caught and a \$500 bonus for anyone who catches a special tagged fish. The entry fee is \$10.

**25<sup>th</sup> Annual Community Awards Night**

The Monroe Chamber of Commerce Awards Night is quickly approaching! This is an evening of celebration and recognition of those in our community that make great things happen every day! The event will be held on Wednesday, April 27, 2016, at Monroe High School. Please RSVP to the Chamber: [office@monoroewachamber.org](mailto:office@monoroewachamber.org) or (360) 794-5488.

**Mark Your Calendars!**

"Movies under the Moon" will be here before you know it! Mark your calendars to come out and enjoy some fun movies under the stars! 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 8 p.m. Movie start times will be published when we are closer to the above dates.