



# MONROE THIS WEEK

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## City Hall

806 West Main Street  
Monroe, WA 98272  
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## Appointment Openings

No Openings At This Time

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## Job Openings

Construction Inspector  
Senior Engineer – Development Review  
Senior Planner  
Seasonal Parks

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## Events this Week

- 05/07 *Miracle League Games, Rotary Field, 8AM-2PM*
- 05/10 *City Council Legislative Affairs Committee Meeting, Permit Center, 6PM*
- City Council Meeting, City Hall, Council Chambers, 7PM*
- 05/14 *Annual Spring Clean-Up, Monroe High School, 8AM-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](mailto:GThomas@MonroeWa.gov).

Yours in Service,

Mayor Geoffrey Thomas

## Be In The Know!

### Police Body Cameras Under Consideration

The Monroe City Council will be considering a resolution authorizing a pilot program for the deployment of body-worn cameras by the Monroe Police Department. The City Council will be discussing this resolution at their regular business meeting on Tuesday, May 10, 2016; 7 p.m.; Monroe City Hall Council Chambers. Persons interested are encouraged to come to the City Council Meeting on Tuesday, May 10, 2016, at 7 p.m. to comment on the pilot program during COMMENTS FROM CITIZENS. Comments will be limited to 5 minutes per speaker. For more information, please see the May 10, 2016, City Council Agenda – [Click here!](#)

### National Day of Prayer

On May 5, 2016, I attended the 2016 Sky Valley National Day of Prayer at First Baptist Church in Monroe. In addition to a number of local and state elected officials, many people attended from Monroe and other areas up and down the Sky Valley. I thank First Baptist Church for organizing and hosting this annual day of prayer and reflection for our community and our country. Thank you! To view Monroe's proclamation for National Day of Prayer issued April 26, 2016, [click here!](#)

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

*The following are year-to-date comparisons*

**Sales Tax Revenues**

'15 to 4/30/15: \$1,273,332

'16 to 4/30/16: \$1,418,456

**UP \$145,124 or 11.40%**

**Real Estate Excise Tax**

'15 to 4/30/15: \$188,998

'16 to 4/30/16: \$297,317

**UP \$108,315 or 57.31%**

**Lodging Tax Revenues**

'15 to 4/30/15: \$14,384

'16 to 4/30/16: \$18,403

**UP \$4,019 or 27.94%**

**Business License Fees**

'15 to 4/30/15: \$16,948

'16 to 4/30/16: \$17,913

**UP \$964 or 5.69%**

**Building Permit Revenues**

'15 to 4/30/15: \$105,764

'16 to 4/30/16: \$132,110

**UP \$26,346 or 24.91%**

**Planning Fee Revenues**

'15 to 4/30/15: \$34,000

'16 to 4/30/16: \$12,766

**DOWN \$21,235 or -62.45%**

**New House Permits**

'15 to 4/30/15: 25

'16 to 4/30/16: 33

**UP 8 units or 32%**

**Multi-Family Permits (# units)**

'15 to 4/30/15: 13

'16 to 4/30/16: 4

**DOWN 9 units or -69.2%**

**Building Division Inspections**

'15 to 4/30/15: 570

'16 to 4/30/16: 584

**UP 14 or 2.5%**

**May is Building Safety Month!!**

On May 3, 2016, at the City Council Meeting, I proclaimed the month of May as Building Safety Month. The City of Monroe has a number of employees who work with people from a number of professions and trades that ensure the buildings we live, work, shop, and recreate in are safe and sound. Thank you for all you do!! The proclamation can be viewed online – [click here!](#)

**Downtown Stakeholder Meeting**

On Tuesday, May 3, 2016, the City of Monroe held a kick off meeting to introduce and initiate a strategic planning effort related to the formation of a downtown Main Street organization. A consultant has been hired to facilitate this project. The meeting was informative and we are excited to move forward with this planning effort. Stay tuned for updates.

**Downtown Art Update**

I am excited to report that Monroe received five responses to our request for artwork proposals for downtown. On May 4, 2016, an art selection committee met to review the responses. The committee is made up of representatives from the Monroe Art Council, Monroe Chamber of Commerce, Downtown Monroe Association, Monroe Planning Commission, Monroe Park Board, Monroe City Council, and City of Monroe staff. The committee will be meeting again to deliberate on a recommendation that will be forwarded to Council for consideration. The committee's next meeting is scheduled for May 11, 2016. I thank the artists, the committee, Council, and staff for their work and consideration in bringing artwork to downtown!!