



MONROE THIS WEEK

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Construction Inspector
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Events this Week

- 06/02 *Veteran's Memorial Monument Groundbreaking, Lake Tye Park, 4:30PM*
- 06/04 *Touch – A – Truck, Monroe Christian School, 10AM – 4PM*
- Miracle League Games, Rotary Field, 8AM-2PM*
- 06/04 *Relay For Life, Monroe High School*
- 06/05 *10AM – 10AM*
- 06/07 *City Council Finance and Human Resources Committee Meeting, City Hall, Permit Center, 6PM*
- City Council Meeting, City Hall, Council Chambers, 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!

Veterans Memorial Monument Groundbreaking Event - Lake Tye Park!

Last year, Park Place Middle School's 8th grade Humanities teachers, Ms. Boyle and Ms. Simoni, and their students, brought attention to our community's need for a new memorial for our veterans and fallen servicemen and women. Because of their work, a new memorial is being built this year. The construction will be led by American Legion Arthur Kincaid Post 58, with support from community donations, and work to be performed by Sam Thomas, for his Eagle Scout project. The monument will honor the service, sacrifice, and legacy of US veterans and their families.

Please join us for the groundbreaking ceremony on Thursday, June 2, 2016, beginning at 4:30 PM at Lake Tye Park in Monroe. For more info, [click here](#).

Kevin Pettelle's "Wagner Swifts" Sculpture Design Selected for Lewis and Main Outdoor Artwork

Congratulations to Kevin Pettelle! Council approved the concept design of Mr. Pettelle's "Wagner Swifts" at the May 24, 2016, City Council Meeting. Thank you to all the artists who submitted proposals for the outdoor sculpture. The artist selection team, which consisted of representatives from the Monroe Arts Council, Downtown Monroe Association, Chamber of Commerce, Monroe Planning Commission and Park Board, City Council, and City staff, agreed Mr. Pettelle's design expressed a unique connection to the City of Monroe. We are excited for the finished work of Mr. Pettelle's concept!

**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%

Main Street Café Half Year Anniversary Ribbon Cutting

On Thursday, May 26, 2016, Councilmember Jim Kamp, Chamber of Commerce director, Yvonne Gallardo – Van Ornam, and office manager, Shelley Nyhammer, Monroe Monitor reporter Chris Hendrickson, and myself, celebrated the six-month anniversary of Main Street Café with a ribbon – cutting. Thank Sandra and Shirley for being part of the Downtown area and serving up delicious food!

Memorial Day Proclamation

At the May 24, 2016, City Council Meeting, I signed in a [proclamation](#) encouraging residents in Monroe to remember those fallen servicemen and women who have served our country. May we never forget the valor and distinction of the men and women who defend freedom, justice, and peace.

Pow Wow Proclamation

At the May 24, 2016 City Council Meeting, I signed in a [proclamation](#) thanking the Skykomish Valley Indian Education for their work in bringing a traditional Pow Wow to our community. This year's Pow Wow will be the Twelfth annual event and will be held on May 28th at Monroe High School. Grand entries are 1 p.m. and 6 p.m. Admission and dinner are free. Please stop by and join in the event.

Power Outages, City to Follow Up

Last Saturday, May 21, 2016, a good portion of our City lost power. This has happened a couple times in the last few months. We have reached out to the Snohomish Public Utilities District (Sno PUD); and they will be providing a presentation at the City Council meeting on June 21, 2016, to talk with us about these power outages.

Council Updates!

Monroe Propulsion Cablepark

Representatives of H3O met with City Staff to provide an update on the cablepark at Lake Tye. They shared that they expect to have construction drawings submitted to the City in the next few weeks and plan on being open by the end of the summer. Stay tuned for updates.

No Council Meeting May 31, 2016

The Monroe City Council meets the first through fourth Tuesdays of each month. As May 31, 2016, is a fifth Tuesday, there will be no Council meeting. The next meeting will be on Tuesday, June 7, 2016, 7PM.