



MONROE THIS WEEK

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Appointment Openings

No Vacancies

Job Openings

Senior Engineer – Development Review
www.monroewa.gov/jobs

Events this Week

- 07/09 *Supra Boats Pro Wakeboard Tour, Lake Tye Park, 10AM-6PM*
- 07/12 *City Council Legislative Affairs Committee Meeting, Permit Center, City Hall, 6PM*
- City Council Meeting, City Hall, Council Chambers, 7PM*
- 07/13 *Farm To Table Farmer's Market, Lake Tye Park, 3-8PM*
- 07/15 *Music in the Park, Longstride Band, Lake Tye Park, 7-9PM*

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!

Fire District No. 3 Merger Meetings

Snohomish County Fire District #3 will be having the following public meetings to discuss the merger into Snohomish County Fire District #7 that will be on the August 2nd ballot.

- July 13th 7:30 PM – Tualco Grange (18933 Tualco Road Monroe, WA 98272)
- July 18th 8:00 AM – Fire District #3 Station 31 (163 Village Court Monroe, WA 98272)
- July 19th 12:00 PM - Fire District #3 Station 31 (163 Village Court Monroe, WA 98272)

Please feel free to attend any or all of these meetings. For more information, please visit: www.monroefire.org

Monroe Is Growing

Washington's State Office of Financial Management has issued its population estimates. Since last year, the State estimates Monroe grew by 500 people, taking our estimated population from 17,620 in 2015 to 18,120 today. For more info, [click here](#).

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

The following are year-to-date comparisons

Sales Tax Revenues

'15 to 6/30/15: \$1,913,161

'16 to 6/30/16: \$2,128,692

UP \$215,530 or 11.27%

Real Estate Excise Tax

'15 to 6/30/15: \$265,398

'16 to 6/30/16: \$439,327

UP \$173,929 or 65.54%

Lodging Tax Revenues

'15 to 6/30/15: \$23,482

'16 to 6/30/16: \$30,044

UP \$6,562 or 27.95%

Business License Fees

'15 to 6/30/15: \$26,265

'16 to 6/30/16: \$23,984

DOWN \$2,281 or -8.68%

Building Permit Revenues

'15 to 6/30/15: \$180,616

'16 to 6/30/16: \$366,658

UP \$186,042 or 103%

Planning Fee Revenues

'15 to 6/30/15: \$52,340

'16 to 6/30/16: \$49,390

DOWN \$2,950 or -5.64%

New House Permits

'15 to 6/30/15: 37

'16 to 6/30/16: 59

UP 22 units or 59.5%

**19 permits issued in May 2016 alone*

Multi-Family Permits (# units)

'15 to 6/30/15: 13

'16 to 6/30/16: 4

DOWN 9 units or -69.2%

Building Division Inspections

'15 to 6/30/15: 874

'16 to 6/30/16: 979

UP 102 or 12.0%

Supra Boats Pro Wakeboard Tour

Professional athletes from all over world will be competing at Lake Tye Park. The event will be held on Saturday, July 9, 2016 from 10 a.m. – 4 p.m. Come out and show your support of these young athletes as they compete for a cash prize! This is the largest and longest-running professional wakeboard and wakesurf circuit in the sport and Monroe is happy to have them back!

Music In The Park Begins July 15, 2016

Seattle, Washington based group, Longstride is the best new band set to explode onto the music scene. Longstride equals Reggae-Rock-Groove with real melodies and amazing execution with a 'High energy, crowd moving' stage show. They will be here, Friday, July 15, 2016, at Lake Tye Park. This event is FREE! Thank you to the Monroe Chamber of Commerce and Monroe Parks and Recreation for organizing this great event. Thank you to all the sponsors for the series!

- Classic Country 1520
- Ben Franklin
- Evergreen Speedway
- Community Transit
- Adam's Northwest Bistro and Brewery
- The Dashing Dutchman Deli
- Genesis Refrigeration, Heating and Cooling
- Bill Warburton Insurance Agency, &
- Mr. Dizzy

For more information for Music in the Park, [click here!](#)

Safety Message

There are so many positive reasons to ride your bike. Fire District No. #7 encourages families to ride as much as possible. However, before you ride, make sure every family member has a properly fitted helmet and follows these basic safety tips: use lights and wear bright colors, ride on the sidewalk when possible, Use hand signals. For more bike riding safety tips, visit: <https://www.safekids.org/bike>.