



MONROE THIS WEEK

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Appointment Openings

No Vacancies

Job Openings

Senior Engineer – Development Review
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Events this Week

- 08/05 *Movies Under the Moon, "Inside Out" Lake Tye Park, 8-10PM*
- 08/06 *Lake Tye Triathlon, Lake Tye Park, 8AM-2PM*
- 08/09 *City Council Meeting, City Hall, Council Chambers, 7PM*
- 08/10 *Farm To Table Farmer's Market, Lake Tye Park, 3-8PM*
- 08/12 *Movies Under the Moon, "Pixels" Lake Tye Park, 8-10PM*
- 08/13 *Monroe Board and Blade Park Grand Opening with Ribbon Cutting, Lake Tye Park, 10AM*

INT League Ski-Wake-Surf-Skate Event, Lake Tye Park, 8AM-6PM

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!

191st Street Project

About 10 years ago, the City closed 191st Street, a road that connected from today's roundabout on Chain Lake Road to today's intersection of Rainier View Road SE and 191st Avenue SE. I have received a number of comments from residents requesting this road be reconstructed or another connector road from Rainier View Road SE to Chain Lake Road be built. I agree that re-establishing this road connection is a high priority for our community.

On Thursday afternoon, August 4, 2016, I visited 191st Ave., just north of WalMart and Galaxy Theater with our City Public Works Director and Community Development Director. We discussed three options:

- (1) "Frontage Road 7" which would run from Rainier View Rd and 191st Avenue to Chain Lake along the north side of the US 2 "Bypass" right of way, creating a new intersection at Chain Lake, just north of the Seventh Day Adventist Church.
- (2) 191st Extension to Galaxy Way, which would involve building a road down a very steep hill to create a continuous road connection from Rainier View Rd to North Kelsey, or
- (3) Reconstructing the former 191st Avenue SE that would connect from Rainier View Rd SE/191st Avenue SE to the roundabout at Chain Lake Road.

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

The following are year-to-date comparisons

Sales Tax Revenues

'15 to 7/31/15: \$2,255,137

'16 to 7/31/16: \$2,502,888

UP \$247,751 or 10.99%

Real Estate Excise Tax

'15 to 7/31/15: \$345,565

'16 to 7/31/16: \$509,334

UP \$163,769 or 47.39%

Lodging Tax Revenues

'15 to 7/31/15: \$29,285

'16 to 7/31/16: \$37,826

UP \$8,541 or 29.17%

Business License Fees

'15 to 7/31/15: \$28,515

'16 to 7/31/16: \$27,330

DOWN \$1,185 or -4.16%

Building Permit Revenues

'15 to 7/31/15: \$205,841

'16 to 7/31/16: \$418,462

UP \$212,621 or 103.29%

Planning Fee Revenues

'15 to 7/31/15: \$80,697

'16 to 7/31/16: \$61,200

DOWN \$19,497 or -24.16%

New House Permits

'15 to 7/31/15: 39

'16 to 7/31/16: 75

UP 36 units or 92.3%

*16 issued in July '16; 2 in July '15

Multi-Family Permits (# units)

'15 to 7/31/15: 13

'16 to 7/31/16: 4

DOWN 9 units or -69.2%

Building Division Inspections

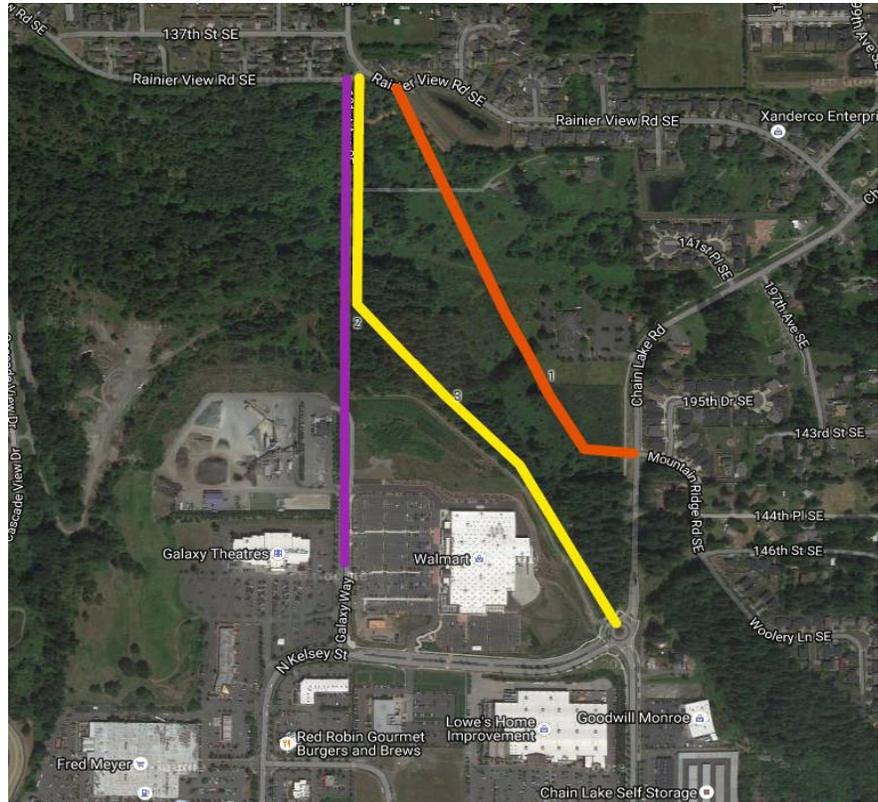
'15 to 7/31/15: 1,044

'16 to 7/31/16: 1,217

UP 173 or 16.6%

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Staff and I are working on developing rough cost estimates for each of these alternatives and will be presenting them to Council for discussion in the upcoming weeks. We will then host a community open house to present these alternatives and receive public comments before asking Council to provide direction on which alternative to design and construct. Please stay tuned for more info.



Blueberry and North Kelsey

Staff and I are continuing to work on alternatives to present to the community and Council to address the intersection of Blueberry and North Kelsey. On Thursday afternoon, August 4, 2016, staff and I visited the intersection and discussed some of the alternatives and concerns raised by public comments we received. I am hopeful to have alternatives to present to Council in September and a community open house to receive public comments this fall.

Coffee with Mayor Thomas

On July 30, 2016, I had the pleasure of visiting with a representative from Congresswoman DeBene's Office and two Monroe residents during "Coffee with the Mayor," held at Main Street Café. We discussed many issues including veterans' assistance programs, SR522, US2/Monroe Bypass,

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impacts of drugs on our community, and the intersection of Blueberry and North Kelsey. The next “Coffee with the Mayor” will be held at Paesano’s at 14655 Fryelands Blvd., August 13, 2016 from 8 – 9:30 a.m.

National Night Out Against Crime

We had another awesome turnout at our annual National Night Out Against Crime event on August 2nd. We had over 75 organizations staffing booths to share information and have fun with people attending the event. Thank you to our Monroe Rotary for organizing this event, staff members from many of our City departments for staffing booths and running demonstrations, and Big Dog for emceeing.

Grand Opening at Monroe Board and Blade Park

The Monroe Board and Blade Park at Lake Tye Park will have its grand opening on August 13, 2016 at 10 a.m. and the community is invited to attend! The grand opening will be held in conjunction with INT League’s “Skate the Lake” competition, which will feature water-skiers, wakeboarders and surfers, wake skaters, and knee boarders. It will also feature a skateboard competition on the new surfaces of the skate park which riders can sign-up on the day of the event. The event is free for spectators. I am really excited to have this new facility opening up in our community.

Movies Under the Moon

Mark your calendars for the 2016 line-up of Movies Under The Moon! The fun begins TONIGHT Friday, August 5, 2016, at Lake Tye Park. Premiering tonight will be *Inside Out*. Come early for activities for the whole family. The movie is set to begin at dusk. This year’s line-up includes:

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

Thank you to our sponsors for the great line-up:

- Monroe Parks and Recreation
- Monroe Arts Council
- Monroe Concert Band
- Monroe Boys & Girls Club
- Monroe YMCA
- Republic Services