



MONROE THIS WEEK

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Appointment Openings

No Vacancies

Job Openings

Senior Engineer – Development
Review
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Events this Week

- 08/26 *Movies Under the Moon, "Star Wars: The Force Awakens"*
Lake Tye Park, 8-10PM
- 08/27 *Monroe Fair Days Parade, W. Main Street, 11AM-1PM*
- 08/31 *Farm To Table Farmer's Market, Lake Tye Park, 3-8PM*

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!

Monroe Fair Days Parade

The Monroe Fair Days Parade is this Saturday, August 27, 2016! The Parade begins at 11 a.m. and begins down by Park Place Middle School. The Farmer's Market will also be open before and after the Parade. Thank you to the Monroe Chamber of Commerce for organizing and sponsoring this awesome event!

Evergreen State Fair

August 25, through September 5, 2016, is "Monroe Fair Days." I encourage everyone to take part in all the activities that are happening at, or are related to, the Evergreen State Fair in Monroe. For information about events and entertainment at the Evergreen State Fair, go to www.evergreenfair.org.

Movies Under the Moon

The last Movies Under the Moon is **TONIGHT!** Premiering **TONIGHT, Friday, August 26, 2016, at Lake Tye Park, will be Star Wars: The Force Awakens.** Come early for activities for the whole family. The movie is set to begin at dusk. 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

New Mesh Fencing

Thank you to Snohomish County for our Snohomish County Hotel/Motel Tax Fund grant award of \$15,200 to purchase tourism-branded event mesh fencing and barricades to be

**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%

(Fencing Continued)

utilized for Monroe events! Staff from the Parks and Recreation Department and the Snohomish County Sports Commission applied for the grant this past spring. Through the grant award, the City has purchased 1,450 linear feet of event mesh fence and forty 8-foot-long steel free-standing event barricades to use for the Tri-Monroe Triathlon and other sporting events and festivals in our community.

As part of the grant conditions, the fencing shall also be made available upon request to other cities in Snohomish County as needed. All event fencing purchased was required to be predominantly branded with the logos of the Snohomish County Tourism Promotion Area and the City of Monroe. Additional logos on the fencing include the Tri-Monroe Triathlon, Snohomish County Sports Commission and Snohomish County Tourism Bureau.

School Starts Soon

School starts September 8, 2016. Please remember:

1. To watch for students walking to and from school,
2. To stop for busses when red lights are flashing, and
3. To adhere to the speed limit in our school zones.

Help keep our kids safe!

Council Meetings

Next Tuesday, August 30, 2016 is the fifth Tuesday of the month and the Monroe City Council does not meet. City Council will not meet Tuesday, September 6, 2016, as well. The next regular City Council meeting will be Tuesday, September 13, 2016. See you then!

Monroe Police Department Citizen's Academy

The Monroe Police Department's Citizen's Academy begins September 14, 2016. This is an opportunity to meet our officers and K-9's, drive a patrol car, ride with an officer on patrol and enjoy a trip to the firing range. The citizen's academy will meet on Wednesday nights from 6:30 to 9:30 pm for eleven weeks as we explore different aspects of policing in Monroe. There will also be two Saturday hands-on activities. There is no fee for attending but space is limited.

To be eligible to participate, you must be over 18 years of age and live OR work within the City of Monroe. To apply, pick up an application at the Monroe Police Department, 818 West Main St. or call 360-794-6300 to have one mailed. You can also click [here](#) for an application online.