



MONROE THIS WEEK

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Appointment Openings

[Civil Service Commissioner](#)

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Events this Week

- 09/27** Monroe City Council Regular Business Meeting, City Hall, Council Chambers, 7PM
- 10/8** Harvest Festival, Lake Tye Park, 10AM-3PM
- 10/15** Snohomish County Fire Department Open House, 163 Village Ct. 10AM-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.

Yours in Service,

Mayor Geoffrey Thomas

Be In The Know!

SR-522 Update

On October 5, 2016, there will be an SR-522 meeting held in Snohomish County from 10:00am-2:00pm regarding short-term and long-term traffic solutions. This meeting is intended for engineering staff and stakeholder groups to review existing traffic data and explore interim measures such as peak use of shoulder. It is expected that a follow-up report from this meeting will be released mid-November with a public meeting to be held in Monroe early December for citizens to attend and comment.

Business Symposium

On September 15, 2016, Coastal Community Bank sponsored its second annual Monroe Business Symposium at the East County Senior Center. Besides serving as a networking opportunity, a variety of pertinent topics related to small business development were presented to attendees. City staff attended and presented information about local development activity as well other socio-economic information. We enjoyed being able to participate in this event.

Parks & Recreation Mobile Stage

At the Tuesday, September 20, 2016, Council Meeting, Council moved to direct staff to purchase a portable stage trailer to be used for Parks and Recreation events. The trailer will allow for versatility of use for various events around Monroe. Stay tuned for updates!

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

The following are year-to-date comparisons

Sales Tax Revenues

'15 to 8/31/15: \$2,640,028

'16 to 8/31/16: \$2,917,017

UP \$276,989 or 10.49%

Real Estate Excise Tax

'15 to 8/31/15: \$423,399

'16 to 8/31/16: \$591,610

UP \$168,211 or 39.73%

Lodging Tax Revenues

'15 to 8/31/15: \$37,731

'16 to 8/31/16: \$47,088

UP \$9,357 or 24.80%

Business License Fees

'15 to 8/31/15: \$32,307

'16 to 8/31/16: \$31,016

DOWN \$1,291 or -4.00%

Building Permit Revenues

'15 to 8/31/15: \$210,118

'16 to 8/31/16: \$454,437

UP \$244,319 or 116.28%

Planning Fee Revenues

'15 to 8/31/15: \$56,490

'16 to 8/31/16: \$71,080

UP \$14,590 or 25.83%

New House Permits

'15 to 8/31/15: 39

'16 to 8/31/16: 85

UP 46 units or 117.9%

Multi-Family Permits (# units)

'15 to 8/31/15: 13

'16 to 8/31/16: 4

DOWN 9 units or -69.2%

Building Division Inspections

'15 to 8/31/15: 1,203

'16 to 8/31/16: 1,541

UP 338 or 28.1%

***324 inspections in Aug '16;**

159 in Aug '15

Remax Ribbon Cutting

Congratulations to Delma Silva and her Remax Real Estate Team for locating their business in Monroe! Delma cut the ribbon of her new location along with her staff, the Chamber, and myself. We are excited to have them in town and see them grow!

Heroin Forum

Following increased attention on Snohomish County's heroin and opioid issues, a series of community forums have been scheduled to provide information and encourage dialogue. The upcoming forum dates are listed below:

- Tuesday, September 27th at 6 p.m. at Byrnes Performing Arts Center (18821 Crown Ridge Blvd., Arlington, Wash.)
- Thursday, October 13th at 6:30 p.m. in Woodway Hall at Edmonds Community College (20000 68th Ave. W, Lynnwood, Wash.)

Sponsored by the Snohomish Health District and Snohomish County Human Services, in partnership with the host communities, each forum will include a panel of subject matter experts and time for audience questions.

Thank You Lakeside Construction!

Thank you to Lakeside Construction! They were able to pave Chain Lake Road in one day! We understand road construction and impact everyday travel and fortunately we were able to work with our other contractors to lessen the impact of the lane closures. Good weather and a great construction crew made it so they were able to complete the paving in one day! Thank you all for your patience as we work to maintain and preserve our roads!

Civil Service Commission Vacancy

The City of Monroe is currently seeking applicants to fill the following City Board and Commission open position:

1 – Civil Service Commissioner (6-Year term ending 9/2022)

APPLICATION DEADLINE: Friday, September 30, 2016

Civil Services Commission – assures that police officers are recruited through open competition, are hired and promoted on the basis of merit, and are demoted, suspended, or discharged for cause; it oversees civil service examinations and certifies eligibility lists.

(Vacancy continued)

****PLEASE NOTE THE FOLLOWING RESIDENCY REQUIREMENT–** Per MMC 2.70.010 “No person shall be appointed a member of such commission who is not a citizen of the United States, a resident of such city for at least three years immediately preceding such appointment, and an elector of the county wherein he resides.”

For additional information regarding board/commission qualifications, duties, and meeting times, please contact the City Clerk’s Office: esmoot@monroewa.gov; 360-863-4538.

Fire Department Open House

Fire Prevention week is fast approaching. Fire District 7 is hosting two Open Houses to promote fire and life safety! We start the week with an Open House at Station 71 (8010 180th St SE, Snohomish) on Sunday, October 9th from 12:00-4:00, and end the week with an Open House at Station 31 (163 Village Court, Monroe) on Saturday, October 15th from 10:00–2:00. These events will have car extrication demonstrations, live fire extinguisher training, firefighter challenge courses for the kids and more! Bring the whole family for a fun interactive event! For more information visit www.Snofire7.org.