



# MONROE THIS WEEK

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## Appointment Openings

*Civil Service Commissioner*

## Job Openings

Finance Director  
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## Events this Week

- 10/15 ~~Snohomish County Fire Department Open House, 163 Village Ct. 10AM-2PM~~  
**CANCELLED**
- 10/18 ~~City Council P4 Committee Meeting, City Hall, Permit Center, 6PM~~  
**CANCELLED**  
Monroe City Council Meeting, Council Chambers, City Hall, 7PM
- 10/21 Oktoberfest Bingo, Brats, & Beer, East County Senior Center, 5PM
- 10/22 D.M.A. Case for a Cause, Market Place, 114 N. Lewis St. 7-10PM, \$10.00
- 10/22 Seattle Spartan Beast & Sprint Weekend,
- 10/23 Meadow Wood Equestrian Center, 7:30AM

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](mailto:GThomas@MonroeWa.gov).

Yours in Service,

Mayor Geoffrey Thomas

## Be In The Know!

### Meeting with Congresswoman DelBene's Staff.

On Thursday, October 13, 2016, I met with staff from Congresswomen DelBene's office to go over our City's 2017 legislative agenda.

We talked at length about SR522. I emphasized that SR522 does not just affect Monroe, but daily affects residents and businesses in the Sky Valley, Snoqualmie Valley, and Maltby Area. I underscored impacts to families and businesses due to traffic delays to our schools, and to emergency response vehicles. I asked for support in advocating for improvements to SR522 at the County and State levels, and for any funding that could be available at the Federal level.

We also discussed some of the challenges we face with managing issues stemming from illicit drugs in and around Monroe. We talked about efforts Congresswoman DelBene is pursuing in DC to help communities like ours with these issues. We also talked about how Monroe's law enforcement, non-profits, and other agencies are working on this issue and how Monroe is developing a strategy to better tackle this problem. I look forward to more discussions and action with our County, State, and National representatives on this issue.

In addition to SR522 and illegal drugs, we talked about other items on our legislative agenda, which include developing synthetic turf fields at Lake Tye and reconnecting 191st to Chain Lake.

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

*The following are year-to-date comparisons*

**Sales Tax Revenues**  
'15 to 9/30/15: \$2,997,528  
'16 to 9/30/16: \$3,304,016  
**UP \$306,488 or 10.22%**

**Real Estate Excise Tax**  
'15 to 9/30/15: \$492,811  
'16 to 9/30/16: \$653,731  
**UP \$160,920 or 32.65%**

**Lodging Tax Revenues**  
'15 to 9/30/15: \$47,799  
'16 to 9/30/16: \$56,852  
**UP \$9,053 or 18.94%**

**Business License Fees**  
'15 to 9/30/15: \$35,936  
'16 to 9/30/16: \$35,174  
**DOWN \$762 or -2.12%**

**Building Permit Revenues**  
'15 to 9/30/15: \$225,697  
'16 to 9/30/16: \$498,272  
**UP \$272,575 or 120.77%**

**Planning Fee Revenues**  
'15 to 9/30/15: \$56,990  
'16 to 9/30/16: \$92,900  
**UP \$35,910 or 63.01%**

**New House Permits**  
'15 to 9/30/15: 41  
'16 to 9/30/16: 93  
**UP 52 units or 126.8%**

**Multi-Family Permits (# units)**  
'15 to 9/30/15: 13  
'16 to 9/30/16: 4  
**DOWN 9 units or -69.2%**

**Building Division Inspections**  
'15 to 9/30/15: 1,316  
'16 to 9/30/16: 1,801  
**UP 485 or 36.9%**

**(DelBene continued)**

I sincerely appreciated the time to share our progress on these issues, to learn more about what is going on in Washington DC, and to ask for Congresswoman DelBene for her support on these issues. I thank her for her service and continued support.

**Tagging**

Lately, there has been a rash of tagging in Monroe. Those responsible want the tagging to be seen. When the tags stay up, the individual(s) gets what they want - for their tags to be seen.

While our police are actively working on apprehending those responsible for defacing public and private property, one of the best things we can do is make certain the tagging is not seen. To help this process, please take a picture of it, report it to the police, and remove it immediately.

If you see tagging in progress, call 911, otherwise please email [PDRecords@ci.monroe.wa.us](mailto:PDRecords@ci.monroe.wa.us) or call 360.794.6300 to report the crime. And, as always, if you see something or know something about a crime, please say something.

We are a strong, resilient community. Working together we will stop this.

**Be Prepared**

The news has been reporting that we may be in for a wild weather weekend. A good item to have is a disaster supply kit. These are basic items your household would need in the event of an emergency. Some important items to have are:

- Flashlights
- Extra batteries
- Water
- Food
- Blankets
- Battery Powered Radio

Don't forget about your pets as well. If possible, keep them inside so they are safe. If you have a downed power line, call PUD to notify them and stay away from the area. If there is a fire associated with the downed power line, CALL 911, and safely evacuate the area. Be safe this weekend.

**Monroe Police Department Honor Guard Training**

The Monroe Police Department's Honor Guard had the opportunity this week to attend Regional Honor Guard training sponsored by the Behind the Badge Foundation. This gave our

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team intensive training on the procedures and traditions of serving in their communities. Our team was one of 50 agencies from several states to receive this type of training. Our Honor Guard members are Sergeant Brian Johnston, Detective Tim Buzzell, Detective Spencer Robinson, Officer Adam Wolf and Officer Trevor Larson. To request their services, please contact the Monroe Police department at 360-794-6300.

**Special Olympics Red Robin Statewide “Tip-A-Cop” Law Enforcement Torch Run Campaign Fundraising Event**

On Saturday, October 22, 2016 from 11:00 am – 3:00 pm and 4:00 pm – 8:00 pm, our officers will be at the Red Robin in Monroe as “Celebrity Waiters” to collect tips in support of Special Olympics. This is the 10th year that the Monroe Police Department has been participating in this event.

**HEROIN, We Need to Talk...**

The public is invited to a discussion on Heroin use in our Community. The event will take place on Sunday, October 23rd at the Monroe Boys and Girls Club, 2 pm – 4 pm. Guest speakers include Sergeant Ryan Irving with the Monroe Police Department; the Snohomish County Drug and Gang Task Force; Dr. Gary Goldbaum with the Snohomish County Health District, and Cleo Harris with Snohomish County Human Services who will present information on Naloxone Training. This is a great opportunity to receive information and ask questions.

**Fire Department Open House**

**Cancelled due to inclement weather.**

**Job Fair**

On Thursday, October 13, 2016, the Monroe Chamber of Commerce partnered with the Monroe Boys and Girls Club for the first annual East County Job Fair. Nearly 50 employers were available for job information, interviews, and to answer employment questions. Over 100 people came as potential employees to drop off resumes and meet with perspective employers. Thank you to the Monroe Chamber of Commerce, Monroe Boys and Girls Club, WorkSource Snohomish County, Monroe Goodwill, City of Monroe, and Sno-Isle Libraries for bringing this to the Monroe community.