



# MONROE THIS WEEK

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## Appointment Openings

*Civil Service Commissioner*

## Job Openings

Finance Director  
Senior Planner  
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## Events this Week

- 10/31** Trunk or Treat, 300 BLK S. Lewis St/412 S. Lewis ST, 5-7PM
- 11/01** ~~City Council Finance and Human Resources Committee Meeting, City Hall, Permit Center~~  
**CANCELLED**  
Monroe City Council Meeting, Council Chambers, City Hall, 7PM
- 11/05** Veteran's Memorial Monument Unveiling Ceremony, Lake Tye Park, 11AM

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!

### South Lewis Neighborhood Meeting

On Saturday, October 22, 2016, Councilmember Rasmussen, Chief Quenzer, Sergeant Irving, and I, met with residents living on and west of South Lewis Street. We listened to concerns about drugs, crime, tagging, and homelessness. We talked about solutions that include enforcing our laws, working with the County and State to improve treatment options for drug addiction and mental/behavior health issues, revising our laws to provide more tools to resolve these concerns, forming neighborhood watches, and reporting suspicious behavior and crime by calling 9-1-1.

I understand these are regional issues. But, this does not mean we need to let them persist in Monroe. As a community, we are pulling together to tackle these issues. If you see something, say something - call 9-1-1.

Please feel free to email me at [gthomas@MonroeWa.gov](mailto:gthomas@MonroeWa.gov) and Council at [Councilmembers@MonroeWA.Gov](mailto:Councilmembers@MonroeWA.Gov).

Thank you to everyone who coordinated and came to the meeting.

### South Lewis St. Warrant

Friday morning, October 28, 2016, the Monroe Police Department and North Sound Metro SWAT served a warrant at a residence on South Lewis Street.

I thank and commend all the law enforcement officers who contributed to this successful enforcement action today.

**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%**

**(Warrant continued)**

I recognize and particularly commend our Monroe Pro-Act Team, Monroe PD day shift officers, North Sound Metro SWAT, Monroe PD Administration Staff (Director Willis), and Chief Quenzer for your excellent work. THANK YOU!!!!

**BDS Consultant Follow-Up**

On Tuesday, October 25, 2016, I met with BDS Planning who are the Downtown Monroe consultants. I am excited about the work they are doing and have done for our Downtown area. They have helped the Monroe Chamber of Commerce and the Downtown Monroe Association collaborate together to work towards improving the Downtown. I look forward to seeing BDS's presentation at the council meeting on Tuesday, November 1, 2016, and am excited for the future of our Downtown.

**Veteran's Memorial Monument Unveiling Ceremony**

The Veteran's Memorial Monument is ready to be unveiled. On Saturday, November 5, 2016, at 11 a.m., the American Legion, Monroe Historical Society, Park Place Middle School, Eagle Scout candidate Sam Thomas, the City of Monroe, and members from the community, will gather for the dedication of the Veteran's Memorial Monument at Lake Tye Park. All are welcome to come and watch the ceremony. I hope to see you there.

**Safety Tip**

The turn of the season means it's getting darker earlier every evening. No matter where you are, you want to stay safe. If you are at home, on the road, or working out, there are plenty of safety tips to remember. This week's safety tip is below.

**While you are exercising**

Just because it gets dark earlier doesn't mean you want to stop your normal exercise routines, and you don't have to if you follow certain safety tips for exercising after dark.

- Wear the right things. While you are out in the dark make sure you are wearing the proper safety gear. Use light clothing, wear a reflective vest, and use reflective bands.

An additional safety tip from Fire District No. 7:

Halloween is just around the corner and Fire District 7 wanted to remind everyone about a few safety tips so our little princesses, witches, and cowboys are all kept safe while trick-or-treating!

**(Safety continued)**

- Choose a costume that can be seen. Carry a flashlight or wear reflective tape on your costume.
- Always make sure children are accompanied by an adult, and always use the sidewalks.
- Trick-or-treat at well-lit homes in familiar neighborhoods.
- Use battery-operated candles for your jack-o-lanterns.
- Drivers should slow down and use caution!

We hope everyone has a fun and safe Halloween!

**Save The Date! Jayme Biendl 5K Memorial Run**

Join us for the 6th Annual Jayme Biendl Memorial Run in Monroe, WA that supports families of police and correctional officers killed in the line of duty. This 5K Fun Run/Walk is a family and pet friendly event. The course starts/ends at Sky River Park and winds thru the grounds of the Washington State Reformatory. At the request of the family, proceeds are donated directly to the Behind the Badge Foundation. \$30 entry fee includes t-shirt. Pre-registrants may pick up shirts on run day. Register early to guarantee a shirt. If you register on the day of the race, t-shirt sizes will be limited.