



MONROE THIS WEEK

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Appointment Openings

No Vacancies.

Job Openings

Design & Construction Supervisor
Finance Director
Senior Planner
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Events this Week

- 11/05 *Veteran's Memorial Monument Unveiling Ceremony, Lake Tye Park, 11AM*
- 11/08 *City Council Legislative Affairs Committee Meeting, City Hall, Permit Center*
CANCELLED
Monroe City Council Meeting, Council Chambers, City Hall, 7PM
CANCELLED
- 11/11 *Veteran's Day, City Hall CLOSED*

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!

Veteran's Memorial Monument Dedication Ceremony

On Saturday, November 5, 2016, at 11 a.m., the American Legion Arthur Kincaid Post 58, Monroe Historical Society, Park Place Middle School, Eagle Scout 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. Come celebrate and participate in the dedication of the Veterans Monument. I look forward to seeing our community there!

Daylight Saving Ends; Change Your Batteries

Daylight saving is this weekend and Fire District No. 7 wants to remind our citizens, when changing your clocks make sure you check your smoke alarm batteries. The National Fire Protection Association reports that three of every five home fire deaths resulted from fires in homes with no smoke alarms or no working smoke alarms. In fires that had smoke alarms present but did not operate, almost half of the alarms had missing or disconnected batteries. Partner with Fire District No. 7 in protecting you and your family by making sure you have properly working smoke alarms in your home. For more information on smoke alarms visit <http://www.nfpa.org/smokealarms>.

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

The following are year-to-date comparisons

Sales Tax Revenues

'15 to 10/31/15: \$3,359,189

'16 to 10/31/16: \$3,711,049

UP \$351,860 or 10.47%

Real Estate Excise Tax

'15 to 10/31/15: \$541,149

'16 to 10/31/16: \$780,837

UP \$239,688 or 44.29%

Lodging Tax Revenues

'15 to 10/31/15: \$56,983

'16 to 10/31/16: \$67,783

UP \$10,801 or 18.95%

Business License Fees

'15 to 10/31/15: \$39,523

'16 to 10/31/16: \$38,574

DOWN \$950 or -2.40%

Building Permit Revenues

'15 to 10/31/15: \$256,652

'16 to 10/31/16: \$560,978

UP \$304,326 or 118.58%

Planning Fee Revenues

'15 to 10/31/15: \$59,665

'16 to 10/31/16: \$104,485

UP \$44,820 or 75.12%

New House Permits

'15 to 10/31/15: 51

'16 to 10/31/16: 109

UP 58 units or 113.7%

Multi-Family Permits (# units)

'15 to 10/31/15: 13

'16 to 10/31/16: 4

DOWN 9 units or -69.2%

Building Division Inspections

'15 to 10/31/15: 1,462

'16 to 10/31/16: 2,009

UP 547 or 37.4%

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.

When you are at home

Extended periods of darkness can be inviting for potential intruders.

- Keep your property safe. Keep trees and shrubs cut back, this keeps everything visible. Also, make sure your porch and yards are well lit.

November

If you take a look around, you'll start to see our police officers growing moustaches and beards that are outside the appearance standards of the police department. Chief Quenzer has authorized the growing of facial hair during the month of November in support of men's health issues. As part of this event, participating officers will be donating money to prostate cancer research.

City of Monroe to Hold Public Hearing

The City of Monroe will be holding two public hearings to solicit input from citizens regarding repealing term limits for elected officials. The public hearings will be held during the regular business meetings of the Monroe City Council on Tuesday, November 15, 2016, and Tuesday, December 6, 2016 at 7 p.m.

The ordinance adopting Monroe Municipal Code 2.26, Term Limits for Elected Officials, was passed on January 3, 2012; and limits the Mayor and City Council members to eight total years of service; with exceptions as provided in the code.

Individuals interested in providing oral and written testimony are encouraged to attend the public hearing. Written comments may be submitted prior to the public hearing and must be received in original form and provided to Elizabeth Smoot, Monroe City Clerk, at Monroe City Hall (or by email esmoot@monroewa.gov) by 5:00 p.m., Tuesday December 6, 2016.