



MONROE THIS WEEK

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Open 8AM – 5PM, M-F

Appointment Openings

No Vacancies.

Job Openings

Design & Construction Supervisor
Finance Director
Lateral Police Officer
Senior Planner
www.monroewa.gov/jobs

Events this Week

- 11/11 Veteran's Day, CITY HALL CLOSED
- 11/12 Monroe's Historic Homes Tour, 11AM-3PM,
- 11/15 ~~City Council Planning/Transportation, Public Works, Parks & Recreation, and Public Safety Committee Meeting City Hall, Permit Center~~ **CANCELLED**

Monroe Transportation Benefit District Board Special Meeting, City Hall, Council Chambers, 6:30PM

Monroe City Council Meeting, City Hall, Council Chambers, 7PM

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 Day

November 11, 2016, is Veterans Day. Please join me in thanking the men and women of our armed services, who, for their service and their sacrifice, keep us safe at home and abroad. There are services throughout our area to honor our veterans. *Please note: City Hall will be closed for observance.*

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.

**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%

Cold Weather Shelter -- Opening Soon!

The shelter will be open on any night when the temperatures are forecasted to fall below 32 degrees, beginning November 15, 2016, through March 15, 2017.

Call the hotline to confirm the shelter is open. Hotline: 360.453.7622; and it's updated by 2pm daily. The shelter is located at New Hope Fellowship, 1016 W. Main Street.

Sky Valley Food Bank

The Sky Valley Food Bank is gearing up for their holiday distribution. During this time, they can serve around 450 families for Thanksgiving and Christmas. They are in need of turkeys, chickens, and hams. They will also accept funds to purchase these items. Please think about donating to help families in the Monroe community. For more information please visit: <https://www.svfoodbank.org>.

Monroe's Historic Homes Tour

On November 12, 2016, six beautiful homes will be open to tour; including the stately Harniss House and the Victorian Wolfe House with its gingerbread accents. The Healy House on Hill Street, two additional historic homes on Blakeley, and a 1920 craftsman on Lewis Street, round out the homes on the tour. The event is self-guided. It starts at the 1908 City Hall Building, now home to the Monroe Historical Society museum, for a tour and refreshments. Those with tickets will exchange them for a tour guide and map, which will serve as admission to the six homes. Tickets are available the day of the tour or may be purchased in advance at the museum, through the historical society website: www.monroehistoricalsociety.org, and online at <http://brownpapertickets.com/event/2676625>.

Most of the homeowners will be at their homes during the tour to answer questions about their restoration efforts. Let's show them how much we appreciate their stewardship of these local treasures!