



MONROE THIS WEEK

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Appointment Openings

Civil Service Commissioner

Job Openings

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

Events this Week

12/03 *Coffee with the Mayor, Sharinabean's at Main & Lewis, 8-9:30AM*

Light-Up Monroe, Main & Lewis, 3PM-5PM

Toys For Tots Minor League Charity Football Game, Monroe High School, 2PM

12/06 *City Council Finance & Human Resources Committee Meeting, City Hall, Permit Center, 6PM CANCELLED*

City Council Regular Business 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!

Coffee with the Mayor

Join me Saturday, December 3, 2016, for coffee. I will be at Sharinabean's, at the corner of Lewis and Main Streets, in Downtown Monroe from 8-9:30 a.m. Bring your questions, comments, or just stop by to say "Hi." I look forward to seeing you!

Light Up Monroe!!

Join us Saturday, December 3, 2016, in Downtown Monroe to celebrate the winter season and ring in the holidays with our annual tree lighting ceremony, Light Up Monroe!

Downtown Monroe will be alive and festive for the holidays with music, crafts, indoor markets, local business retail specials, FREE pictures with Santa and Mrs. Claus, and so much more! So grab the family and all of your friends and come on out to Downtown Monroe for a great day of holiday cheer and shopping!

The Tree Lighting Ceremony will take place at 5 p.m. at the southwest corner of Main and Lewis Streets. I invite you to join me as I lead the countdown to the lighting!!

For more details about all of the holiday events, check out the events calendar at www.choosemonroe.com

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

The following are year-to-date comparisons

Sales Tax Revenues

'15 to 11/30/15: \$3,740,803

'16 to 11/30/16: \$4,130,648

UP \$389,846 or 10.42%

Real Estate Excise Tax

'15 to 11/30/15: \$644,078

'16 to 11/30/16: \$859,553

UP \$215,476 or 33.45%

Lodging Tax Revenues

'15 to 11/30/15: \$64,134

'16 to 11/30/16: \$76,979

UP \$12,845 or 20.03%

Business License Fees

'15 to 11/30/15: \$42,586

'16 to 11/30/16: \$42,794

UP \$208 or 0.49%

Building Permit Revenues

'15 to 11/30/15: \$298,243

'16 to 11/30/16: \$602,615

UP \$304,372 or 102.06%

Planning Fee Revenues

'15 to 11/30/15: \$61,415

'16 to 11/30/16: \$109,180

UP \$47,765 or 77.77%

New House Permits

'15 to 11/30/15: 59

'16 to 11/30/16: 120

UP 61 units or 103.9%

Multi-Family Permits (# units)

'15 to 11/30/15: 13

'16 to 11/30/16: 4

DOWN 9 units or -69.2%

Building Division Inspections

'15 to 11/30/15: 1,574

'16 to 11/30/16: 2,251

UP 677 or 43.0%

Tis the Season! – Tips For Protecting Packages From Monroe Police Department

- Track all online purchases so you'll know when they will arrive.
- Have someone sign for the package or arrange to have someone at your residence or a trusted neighbor to pick up the packages so they are not left out in the open.
- When out shopping, secure purchases in the trunk or a place that can't be seen through the windows of your vehicle.

Happy Holidays!

Term Limits Public Hearing

The City of Monroe will be holding a public hearing to solicit input from citizens regarding repealing term limits for elected officials. The public hearing will be held during the regular business meeting of the Monroe City Council on 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.

AWC Scholarship Application Available

The City of Monroe is now accepting applications for the AWC Center for Quality Communities Scholarship fund. The scholarship is available through a statewide competitive process for students who are actively engaged in their city government and/or community and plan to attend post-secondary school in fall 2017.

To be eligible, a student must be graduating from high school, home school or receiving a GED in spring/summer 2017; attend a school within the Monroe School District or live within the city limits of Monroe; plan to continue their education at an accredited post-secondary institution in the 2017-2018 academic year on a half-time or more basis; and been involved with a city government or with a community/school leadership activity.

Scholarship (*continued*)

Information and application materials can be obtained below, at Monroe City Hall, or at cfqc.org. Completed applications are due no later than February 10, 2017, at 5:00 p.m. For more information click [here!](#)