



MONROE THIS WEEK

July 2, 2015



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Appointment Openings

Ethics Board
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Salary Commission

Job Openings

Senior Planner
Associate Planner
Operations & Maintenance 2
Maintenance Person 2 (Facilities)
Operations & Maintenance Lead
Accountant
Executive Assistant

Events this Week

- 7/4 Determined Parents
5K Walk/Run &
Family Day,
Lk Tye,
10AM – 3PM
- 7/4 July 4th Birthday
Bash & Fireworks
Show, Evergreen
Speedway, 6PM
- 7/10 Free Music in the
Park, Jessica Lynne
& the Cousins,
Lk Tye Park,
6:30PM
- 7/11-12 Legends Baseball
Club Tournament,
Sky River Park,
Lk Tye Park
- 7/12 Shakespeare,
The Tempest,
Paula's Wine Knot,
5PM

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

FREE! Music Concerts at Lake Tye!!!

Thank you, Monroe Chamber of Commerce!!! Free outdoor Music Concerts in the Park are back, brought to you by the Monroe Chamber of Commerce with support from local businesses, non-profit organizations, and individuals. The free public concerts will be held at Lake Tye Park located at 14964 Fryelands Blvd. on Fridays in July and Thursdays in August from 6:30 to 8:30 p.m. Bring a picnic, blankets, and chairs, and enjoy a spectacular line-up of a variety of local and regional musicians! Most concerts will have a beer garden set up as well as concessions. A full schedule of the music concerts and featured musicians can be found here on the Monroe Chamber of Commerce website:

<http://choosemonroe.com/place/lake-tye-free-music-in-the-park-concert-series/>.

New Business: Route 2 Taproom & Grazing Place

A new business, the Route 2 Taproom & Grazing Place, located in the Monroe Plaza in space formerly occupied by Patty's Eggnest, completed its remodeling work and has been given approval to open this weekend. The Taproom will feature an outdoor dining area for its customers, and the ribbon cutting ceremony is scheduled for Thursday, July 9th at 4:30 p.m.

Position Openings!

The City of Monroe is currently recruiting for the following positions:

- Associate Planner
- Senior Planner
- Operations & Maintenance 2
- Maintenance Person 2 (Facilities)
- Operations & Maintenance Site Lead

Please visit the City's website at www.monroewa.gov for more information.

City of Monroe
Year to Date Comparisons

The following are year to date comparisons of a few

Sales Tax Revenues
'14 to 5/31/14: \$1,444,637
'15 to 5/31/15: \$1,601,592
UP \$156,955 or 10.86%

Real Estate Excise Tax
'14 to 5/31/14: \$154,089
'15 to 5/31/15: \$187,640
UP \$33,551 or 21.77%

Lodging Tax Revenues
'14 to 5/31/14: \$18,601
'15 to 5/31/15: \$18,679
UP \$79 or 0%

Business License Fees
'14 to 5/31/14: \$20,929
'15 to 5/31/15: \$21,069
UP \$140 or 1%

Building Permit Revenues
'14 to 5/31/14: \$53,530
'15 to 5/31/15: \$135,163
UP \$81,633 or 152%

Planning Fee Revenues
'14 to 5/31/14: \$11,140
'15 to 5/31/15: \$47,740
UP \$36,600 or 329%

New House Permits
'14 to 5/31/14: 8
'15 to 5/31/15: 34
UP 26 units or 325%

Multi-Family Permits (# units)
'14 to 5/31/14: 0 units
'15 to 5/31/15: 4 units
UP 4 units

NSA Western World Series Coming to Monroe Again!!!

We are proud to once again host the National Softball Association (NSA) Western World Series Tournament in 2015 on our sports fields at Sky River and Lake Tye Parks. This major event was last held here in 2006, and attracts an estimated one hundred and fifty teams from all over the western United States. Sky River Park will also be the site of the opening ceremonies for the tournament on July 15th. This, and other athletic tournaments and events, generate positive tourism impacts and economic benefits for our community, as the athletes, coaches, family members, tournament officials, and umpires will need lodging, food, and other services, during their stay.

Reminder on Fireworks

The Monroe Municipal Code's restrictions on the discharge of fireworks are summarized as follows:

1. Fireworks can only be used between 9 a.m. and midnight on July 4th.
2. No fireworks of any kind are allowed to be used in any park or parking area of a park.

Conditions are very dry outside this year - **please be especially careful using fireworks this Fourth of July.**

Construction Projects Beginning in July

The City is gearing up for July construction projects. These include: the Main Street Plaza, Phase II (West Main St), beginning July 1st, and the Tjerne Place SE Extension Project, beginning July 27th. These projects represent \$4.17 million in construction improvements to the City's infrastructure.

Downtown Clean Up

The Chamber of Commerce is holding a downtown litter clean-up on July 8th from 5 to 7 p.m. The Chamber is planning a second clean-up event in the first half of August. If you are interested in helping out, please contact:

- Una Wirkebau, Chamber Director at (360) 794-5488, director@monroewachamber.org.
- Carlina Morris, Ambassador Coordinator at (360) 863-2966, Carlina@carlinamorris.com.

New Business! Dreadnaught Brewing

Last week, Dreadnaught Brewing opened at 16726 146th Street, Suite 153, in the Frylands. It was a pleasure seeing so many people at the ribbon cutting ceremony. Welcome to our community, Dreadnaught Brewery!

Business Tour - Goodwill

Thank you, Goodwill, for offering a tour of your store in Monroe. Goodwill employs fifty-five people in Monroe, and their profits go to job training in our region. Last year Goodwill stores kept over sixty-six thousand tons of material from going to the landfill, and they were responsible for twenty percent of Washington's recycled electronics. Awesome!

Promoting Monroe!

It was a pleasure sharing with the Master Builders Association of King and Snohomish Counties about our community here in Monroe. We are an active community where people like to raise families; and we have a lot of events, great businesses, strong neighborhoods, picturesque views, great schools, and wonderful parks. Monroe is more than a bedroom community: while over six thousand residents commute out of Monroe to work, over seven thousand people commute into Monroe for work. To view the presentation, check out the following link:

<http://monroewa.gov/Archive/ViewFile/Item/1019>.