



MONROE THIS WEEK

July 30, 2015



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Appointment Openings

Ethics Board
Planning Commission
Salary Commission

Job Openings

Accountant
Entry-Level Police Officer
Experienced Police Officer (Lateral)

Events this Week

- 7/31** *Free Music in the Park, Crème Tangerine (Beatles), Lk Tye Park, 6:30-8:30PM*
- 8/4** *National Night Out Against Crime, 5:30–8:30 PM*
- 8/6** *Free Music in the Park, File Gumbo (Cajun Rock), Lk Tye Park, 6:30-8:30PM*
- 8/7** *Free MOVIES under the Moon, Big Hero 6, Lk Tye Park, 8PM*
- 8/8** *Lk Tye Triathlon, 8AM – 12PM*

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!

Please Conserve Water

The City of Everett provides water to Monroe. Due to higher than normal temperatures and lower than normal precipitation, Everett has activated Stage 1 of its Drought Response Plan.

Storage at Spada Lake Reservoir is at 68 percent of normal and precipitation from May through July has been 23 percent of normal. The forecast is for continued hot, dry weather.

Everett wants to ensure that there is an adequate supply for all customers in the Everett Water Service Area, which includes most of Snohomish County.

During this time we are asking customers to carefully manage their water use and make sure they are not wasting water. Important examples include:

- Watering early or late: Water before 8 a.m. or after 7 p.m., which reduces evaporation.
- Watering deeply, but infrequently: It’s better to have one or two deep waterings rather than several shallow waterings.
- Fixing leaks: Fix obvious indoor and outdoor leaks such as; at faucets, hose bibs and sprinkler spray heads. Check for less obvious leaks such as silent toilet leaks. Put several drops of food coloring in your toilet tank; after 10 minutes if you have color in the toilet bowl, you have a flapper leak.
- Washing vehicles wisely: Wash your vehicle(s) at locations that recycle their water.
- Using a broom, not a hose: Use a broom, rather than a hose, to clean sidewalks, driveways and patios.
- Washing full loads: Wait until your clothes washer and dishwasher are full before starting.

**City of Monroe
Year to Date Comparisons**

The following are year to date comparisons of a few

Sales Tax Revenues
'14 to 6/30/14: \$1,735,554
'15 to 6/30/15: \$1,913,161
UP \$177,608 or 10.23%

Real Estate Excise Tax
'14 to 6/30/14: \$187,763
'15 to 6/30/15: \$265,398
UP \$77,635 or 41.35%

Lodging Tax Revenues
'14 to 6/30/14: \$23,262
'15 to 6/30/15: \$23,482
UP \$220 or 1%

Business License Fees
'14 to 6/30/14: \$24,639
'15 to 6/30/15: \$26,265
UP \$1,626 or 6.60%

Building Permit Revenues
'14 to 6/30/14: \$74,252
'15 to 6/30/15: \$180,616
UP \$106,364 or 143%

Planning Fee Revenues
'14 to 6/30/14: \$13,890
'15 to 6/30/15: \$52,340
UP \$38,450 or 277%

New House Permits
'14 to 6/30/14: 8
'15 to 6/30/15: 37
UP 29 units or 362%

Multi-Family Permits (# units)
'14 to 6/30/14: 0 units
'15 to 6/30/15: 4 units
UP 4 units

Building Division Inspections
'14 to 6/30/14: 803
'15 to 6/30/15: 873
UP 70 or 8.7%

For more information about Everett's water supply situation go to: www.everettwa.gov/droughtresponse.

Get Your Utility Bill Statement Electronically!

Utility customers can choose to get monthly utility bills electronically and cancel their mailed, paper bills. An electronic bill saves our utility fund \$0.66 per month per bill. If everybody enrolled in electronic billing and discontinued paper billing, our utility fund would realize a savings of about \$45,000 per year. Those savings could be put toward utility system operations and improvements. To enroll in electronic billing and discontinue paper billing, call 360-794-7400 or go to www.monroewa.gov/utilities.

Fryelands Blvd Closed Aug. 8th (Saturday)

Fryelands Boulevard will be closed on Saturday, August 8, 2015 for the Lake Tye Triathlon. The road will be closed to northbound traffic between Currie Road and Tye Street and to southbound traffic between Main Street and Tye Street. The closure will be in effect from 7 AM to Noon.

Fun Family Events!

National Night Out Against Crime, 2015!

The annual National Night Out Against Crime will take place on Tuesday, August 4th between 5:30 pm – 8:30 pm at Lake Tye Park. This Police-Community sponsored event is FREE to the public, offering Police K9 and Fire Rescue demonstrations, bouncy houses, scavenger hunt and Community Resources with FREE giveaways. There will be FREE refreshments! Join the Monroe Police Department and Monroe Rotary for this fun filled night.

FREE! Music in the Park & Movies Under the Moon

For the month of August, Music in the Park moves from Fridays to Thursdays and Movies Under the Moon begins on Fridays. Thank you to our event sponsors including the Monroe Chamber of Commerce for these weekly, free events at Lake Tye Park. For more information, check out www.choosemonroe.org.

City Council Updates!

Utility Rates being Discussed at Council

On Tuesday, the Monroe City Council was presented with the proposed utility rates for 2016. The proposed rates not only look at the rates necessary to support the operations of the utilities but also look at how the rate structure is applied to different customer classes. Under the current proposal a single family account with average water usage would see a 4% increase in their City utility bill. The City Council will be discussing the proposed utility rates at the August 11th Council Meeting.

Fireworks

Over the last couple weeks, we received a number of comments about fireworks. City staff will present Monroe's fireworks code at a Council meeting (tentatively Aug.18th). Following the presentation, there will be time for Council to discuss Monroe's fireworks code. If you have comments to share, you may email me at gthomas@monroewa.gov and your Councilmembers at Councilmembers@monroewa.gov.

Wakeboard Park at Lake Tye

The City Council's agenda for August 18th includes a staff presentation about the Wakeboard Park at Lake Tye that H3O has proposed. The Council meeting begins at 7PM. The staff report will be available at www.monroewa.gov under City Council agendas by August 14th.

Project Updates!

Tjerne Place SE Extension

Project is underway, beginning this week. Contractor's work this week includes installing project construction signs, mobilizing equipment to the site, and beginning the land clearing operations. Next week, the contractor will continue to clear the land, as well as, begin to excavate for the roadway. Excavation is proposed to occur during evening/night hours due to limited dump truck availability during daytime hours.

Main Street Plaza Phase II

The contractor is setting bollards this week, pouring colored concrete sidewalks, and placing gray parking block mats. The parking block installation will continue into next week as well.