



MONROE THIS WEEK

November 20, 2015



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Open 8AM – 5PM, M-F

Appointment Openings

Salary Commission
Library Board

Job Openings

No openings at this time

Events this Week

- 11/24 City Council Meeting, Council Chambers, City Hall, 7PM*
- 11/26 Thanksgiving, Day After - Thanksgiving*
- 11/27 City Hall Closed*
- 11/27 Holiday Bazaar, The Hall at Marketplace Monroe, 114 N Lewis 5-8PM*
- 11/28 Holiday Bazaar, - The Hall at Marketplace Monroe, 114 N Lewis, 10AM-4PM*
- 11/29*
- 11/28 Light Up Monroe, Events On Main & Lewis St, Tree Lighting at Traveler's Park, 4PM-8PM*

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!

US2 East of Skykomish

Due to the storm that passed through our region earlier this week, damage to a bridge near milepost 54, east of Skykomish, resulted in the closing of US2 to all but emergency vehicles. Upon learning that the closure was indefinite, City staff and I reached out to our State and Federal representatives and to the Washington State Department of Transportation. By the end of the day on Thursday, we received word that US2 will be restored to one lane by November 25, 2015, and two lanes within about 30 days. I appreciate the quick responses from everyone we contacted.

Flooding in Monroe

The Skykomish River flooded across Sky River Park, into the Senior Center's parking lot and into garages of the Terrace Street Apartments this past week. Flooding also occurred in Eagle Park and at the Monroe Motel. Al Borlin and Sky River Park remained closed due to the flooding. We will update you, when they re-open.

Be Safe On Thanksgiving

Monroe Fire District would like to remind everyone to be safe this Thanksgiving. If you deep fry your turkey - purchase an enclosed fryer or try an "oil-less" fryer. Outdoor gas-fueled turkey fryers can cause substantial damage, even if used appropriately. Keep yourself and your family safe!

City of Monroe
Year to Date Comparisons

The following are year to date comparisons

Sales Tax Revenues

'14 to 10/31/14: \$2,994,819

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

UP \$364,371 or 12.17%

Real Estate Excise Tax

'14 to 10/31/14: \$372,217

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

UP \$168,932 or 45.39%

Lodging Tax Revenues

'14 to 10/31/14: \$53,022

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

UP \$3,961 or 7.47%

Business License Fees

'14 to 10/31/14: \$39,623

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

DOWN \$99 or -0.25%

Building Permit Revenues

'14 to 10/31/14: \$151,913

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

UP \$104,739 or 68.95%

Planning Fee Revenues

'14 to 10/31/14: \$27,580

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

UP \$32,085 or 116.33%

New House Permits

'14 to 10/31/14: 14

'15 to 10/31/15: 51

UP 37 units or 264%

Multi-Family Permits (# units)

'14 to 10/31/14: 44 units

'15 to 10/31/15: 4 units

DOWN 40 units or -91%

Building Division Inspections

'14 to 10/31/14: 1,336

'15 to 10/31/15: 1,461

UP 125 or 9.4%

Storm and Flooding

THANK YOU to everyone who helped keep us safe and cleaned up after the storm this last week.

Downtown Looking Festive

THANK YOU to staff for hanging the festive banners and wreaths in the Downtown area. There's more to come, and it is looking great!

211

Need help finding training, employment, food banks, shelter, and assistance for aging parents, addiction prevention, programs for teens, affordable housing options, or support groups? Call 211 from any telephone.