



MONROE THIS WEEK

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Appointment Openings

Salary Commission
Library Board

Job Openings

No openings at this time

Events this Week

- 12/05 Holiday Bazaar, Little Doves Preschool, 202 Dickinson Rd, 9AM-2PM*
Toys for Tots Minor League Football Game Fundraiser, Monroe High School, 1PM
- 12/08 2016 City Boards and Commission Recognition Event, City Hall, 6PM*
City Council Meeting, Council Chambers, City Hall, 7PM
- 12/12 Holiday Bazaar, East County Senior Center, 9AM-2PM*
Pancakes & Pictures with Santa, 114 N. Lewis St, 9AM
Downtown Monroe Association Christmas Caroling, Main & Lewis, 3-5PM
- 12/19 Swing Into Christmas, East County Senior Center, 1PM*

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!

Welcome New Businesses!!

There are some new businesses who are calling the Downtown area their new home! Main Street Café, Big Daddy's John's, and Hardline Tattoo. We are excited to have them here. WELCOME!!!

Grant Award!

The City of Monroe has received a grant award of \$401,030 from the State Transportation Improvement Board. The funds will be combined with City street funds to complete road preservation projects around Monroe in 2016.

Pervious Concrete Recommendations

The City has been made aware the pervious concrete sidewalks become slick when it freezes. Staff created an informational flyer which will be distributed to the downtown businesses. Two of the big recommendations are avoiding the use of sand for traction as it will clog the "pores" of the concrete and avoiding the use of a deicer containing magnesium or ammonia. These two ingredients will cause the deterioration of the concrete. For more information, contact James Gardner at jgardener@monroewa.gov.

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

The following are year-to-date comparisons

Sales Tax Revenues

'14 to 11/30/14: \$3,323,831

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

UP \$416,972 or 12.54%

Real Estate Excise Tax

'14 to 11/30/14: \$423,842

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

UP \$220,236 or 51.96%

Lodging Tax Revenues

'14 to 11/30/14: \$59,735

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

UP \$4,399 or 7.36%

Business License Fees

'14 to 11/30/14: \$41,933

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

UP \$653 or 1.56%

Building Permit Revenues

'14 to 11/30/14: \$162,390

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

UP \$135,853 or 83.66%

Planning Fee Revenues

'14 to 11/30/14: \$47,345

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

UP \$14,070 or 29.72%

New House Permits

'14 to 11/30/14: 14

'15 to 11/30/15: 59

UP 45 units or 321%

Multi-Family Permits (# units)

'14 to 11/30/14: 44 units

'15 to 11/30/15: 4 units

DOWN 40 units or -91%

Building Division Inspections

'14 to 11/30/14: 1,436

'15 to 11/30/15: 1,560

UP 124 or 8.6%

SCHOLARSHIP OPPORTUNITY!!

The City of Monroe is accepting applications for scholarships that are available through the Association of Washington Cities (AWC). For more information see the following link: www.cfqc.org. Applications will be reviewed, and one applicant will be nominated to the AWC for consideration against a statewide pool of nominees. The AWC will select six nominees for academic scholarships of \$1,000 for students pursuing a post-secondary degree in the fall of 2016.

Severe Winter Storms Tips

Monroe Fire Department wants you to stay safe this holiday season. Here are some tips to help you be prepared.

- Have your car winterized; including quality winter tires.
- Prepare a family disaster supplies kit. Families with children should have each child create their own personal pack.
- Establish an out-of-area contact (such as a relative or family friend) who can coordinate family members' locations and information should you become separated. Make sure children learn the phone numbers and addresses, and know the emergency plans.
- Prepare your home for the winter months. Install storm windows and shutters and insulate attics and walls. Caulk and weather-strip doors and windows and wrap pipes with insulation. Learn how to disconnect gas, water, and electric power in case you must evacuate your home.

Gift Ideas

Winter is upon us and it's the perfect time to think of giving preparedness gifts for birthdays, anniversaries, and other holiday events. Some suggestions can include: weather alert radio, flashlights, lanterns, batteries, fire/carbon monoxide detectors, outdoor cooking stove, vehicle safety kits, ice scrapers, etc. These gifts make it easier for the recipient to handle seasonal issues.

Save The Date!

Sunday, January 31, 2016, is the Fifth Annual Jayme Biendl Memorial Run. There is still time to register. The cost is \$30.00 and all proceeds go to benefit the Behind The Badge Foundation. You can register at:

www.behindthebadgefoundation.org.