



# MONROE THIS WEEK

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**Appointment Openings**

No Openings At This Time

**Job Openings**

Construction Inspector

**Events this Week**

- 03/08 *City Council Legislative Affairs Committee Meeting, Permit Center, City Hall, 6PM*  
*City Council Meeting, Council Chambers, City Hall, 7PM*
- 03/12 *MHS Mustache Dash 5K Lake Tye Park 9-11AM*  
*Thriller 5K Fun Run Lake Tye Park 12-2PM*
- 03/14 *Bearcat Ball Field Ribbon Cutting, Monroe High School, 17001 Tester Rd, 4PM*
- 03/15 *City Council Transportation/Planning, Public Works, Parks & Recreation, and Public Safety Committee Meeting, Permit Center, City Hall, 6PM*  
*City Council Meeting, Council Chambers, City Hall, 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!

### SR – 522 Update

Our lobbyists, staff, and I continued working with our delegation in Olympia - Senator Pearson, Representative Kristiansen, and Representative Scott - this week on funding for design work on SR-522. We have also been working with delegations from other legislative districts. We are hopeful to have more to report next week as the legislative session is scheduled to wrap up on March 10th. We thank everyone representing us in Olympia!!!

### Roosevelt Water District

On Monday, Feb. 29, 2016, City staff and I met with the Roosevelt Water Association Board and its customers, to discuss water line extensions up Roosevelt Road from Foothills Road. The area on the east side of Roosevelt Road is in the City's water service district, but many of the properties on larger lots are served by the Roosevelt Water District. As properties re-develop in the City between Foothills and Roosevelt Road, new homes are being connected to the City's water system. In our meeting, we discussed options for this transition and the Roosevelt Water District will consider options for transition and be back in touch with City staff. I appreciated everyone's time and thoughts they shared. Thank you!

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

*The following are year-to-date comparisons*

Sales Tax Revenues  
'15 to 2/28/15: \$689,197  
'16 to 2/29/16: \$791,353  
**UP \$102,156 or 14.82%**

Real Estate Excise Tax  
'15 to 2/28/15: \$59,145  
'16 to 2/29/16: \$149,811  
**UP \$90,666 or 153.29%**

Lodging Tax Revenues  
'15 to 2/28/15: \$7,088  
'16 to 2/29/16: \$9,511  
**UP \$2,423 or 34.19%**

Business License Fees  
'15 to 2/28/15: \$8,400  
'16 to 2/29/16: \$8,946  
**UP \$546 or 6.50%**

Building Permit Revenues  
'15 to 2/28/15: \$70,485  
'16 to 2/29/16: \$39,717  
**DOWN \$30,767 or -43.65%**

Planning Fee Revenues  
'15 to 2/28/15: \$1,975  
'16 to 2/29/16: \$5,975  
**UP \$4,000 or 202.53%**

New House Permits  
'15 to 2/28/15: 16  
'16 to 2/29/16: 9  
**DOWN 7 units or 44%**

Multi-Family Permits (# units)  
'15 to 2/28/15: 13  
'16 to 2/29/16: 2  
**DOWN 11 units or 85%**

Building Division Inspections  
'15 to 2/28/15: 238  
'16 to 2/29/16: 266  
**UP 28 or 11.8%**

**Downtown Monroe Association and Monroe Chamber of Commerce**

On Thursday, Feb. 25, 2016, I had the pleasure of meeting with Chamber President Mike Buse and Downtown Monroe Association Chair Dianne Forth. We talked about coordinating events and other functions in downtown Monroe. I appreciate the work that both of these non-profit organizations do for our community. Thank you!

**Permit Processing Stakeholder Meeting**

On Thursday, March 3, 2016, I met with representatives from the Master Builders' Association, MainVue Homes, DR Horton, and Harmsen and Associates to discuss system improvements and code revisions for building permit and planning applications. I am happy to report the representatives had positive things to share about our Community Development Department and staff. I look forward to changes in the upcoming months to improve our codes and permit review processes.

**Puget Sound Regional Council, Economic Development District**

On Wednesday, March 2, 2016, I attended a Puget Sound Regional Council, Economic Development District (EDD) meeting in Seattle. The EDD is commencing a new Regional Economic Development Strategy. It will take about a year to develop the new strategy. As we move through this, I will be working with the Snohomish County Cities organization and the Economic Alliance of Snohomish County to build in policies that promote and support economic development in Monroe and other Snohomish County cities. For more info, click on "Regional Economic Strategy Launch" under the March 2 sub-heading at:

<http://www.psrc.org/about/boards/edd/edd-board-presentations/>

**Safety Reminder**

Daylight savings starts on Sunday, March 13th. When changing your clock an hour forward remember to check the batteries on your smoke alarms. Roughly 3 out of 5 fire deaths happen in homes with no smoke alarms or the alarms are not working. Working smoke alarms give you early warning so you can get outside quickly when there is a fire. Change your clock, change your smoke alarm batteries!

## **We're Hiring!**

The City of Monroe is hiring! We have an opening for a Construction Inspector and Senior Planner. For more information and to fill out an application, visit: [www.monroewa.gov/jobs](http://www.monroewa.gov/jobs).

## **Monroe Police Department Facebook**

The Monroe Police Department has a new Facebook page. "Like" their page to stay on top of important safety tips and happenings with Monroe Police. Click on the link to "like" them!

[https://www.facebook.com/Monroe-Police-Department-428115660730876/info?tab=page\\_info](https://www.facebook.com/Monroe-Police-Department-428115660730876/info?tab=page_info)

## **Projects!**

### **Tjerne PI SE Extension Update**

You may have noticed the road taking shape! First the curb, and now the first layer of asphalt. You might have noticed new signal poles too. All these items are indicators that Tjerne Place SE is ever closer to being ready for opening to the public. There are still several elements of work that need to be completed prior to opening day (e.g., sidewalk, light poles, etc.). Thank you for your continued patience and anticipation!

