



# MONROE

THIS WEEK

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## City Hall

806 West Main Street  
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## Appointment Openings

Park Board Member

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## Job Openings

No Openings Currently Available  
[www.monroewa.gov/jobs](http://www.monroewa.gov/jobs)

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## Events this Week

- 09/17** 3<sup>rd</sup> Annual Police vs. Fire Flag Football Game, Monroe High School, 12-3PM
- 09/16 - 17** Red Bull Global RallyCross, Evergreen Speedway, 11AM-6PM
- 09/17** Unlimited NW Model Boat Races – Emerald Cup, Lake Tye, 9AM-5PM
- 09/20** Monroe City Council Regular Business Meeting, City Hall, Council Chambers, 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](mailto:GThomas@MonroeWa.gov).

Yours in Service,

Mayor Geoffrey Thomas

## Be In The Know!

### Snohomish County Cities Dinner

On Thursday, September 15, 2016, the City of Monroe hosted the Snohomish County Cities dinner at Jim Green’s Performance Center and Hot Rod Museum. Just over forty elected officials from all over Snohomish County attended this dinner. A BIG thank you to Jim Green for use of his amazing facility and Chef Adam Hoffman for catering this event. Jim Green’s is a great hidden gem in Monroe and I encourage you to check it out!

### Day of Service

On Saturday, September 10, 2016, approximately thirty volunteers from The Church of Jesus Christ Latter Day Saints provided ninety volunteer service hours painting the new baseball field dugout covers at Sky River Park, which both enhance and preserves the facility for the benefit of our community. Thank you for your volunteer service to our community!!!

### Eagle Scout Project

Joshua Hawken of Boy Scout Troop No. 38, led a project to purchase, construct and install a new information station for the Rotary Field, including a roof extension over it to protect it from the weather. Joshua raised a value of \$1,580 through donations and organized eleven volunteers that provided eighty-four volunteer service hours to research, design and construct the improvement to the park for the benefit of our community. Thank you for your volunteer service!!!

## City of Monroe Year-to-Date Comparisons

*The following are year-to-date comparisons*

### Sales Tax Revenues

'15 to 8/31/15: \$2,640,028

'16 to 8/31/16: \$2,917,017

**UP \$276,989 or 10.49%**

### Real Estate Excise Tax

'15 to 8/31/15: \$423,399

'16 to 8/31/16: \$591,610

**UP \$168,211 or 39.73%**

### Lodging Tax Revenues

'15 to 8/31/15: \$37,731

'16 to 8/31/16: \$47,088

**UP \$9,357 or 24.80%**

### Business License Fees

'15 to 8/31/15: \$32,307

'16 to 8/31/16: \$31,016

**DOWN \$1,291 or -4.00%**

### Building Permit Revenues

'15 to 8/31/15: \$210,118

'16 to 8/31/16: \$454,437

**UP \$244,319 or 116.28%**

### Planning Fee Revenues

'15 to 8/31/15: \$56,490

'16 to 8/31/16: \$71,080

**UP \$14,590 or 25.83%**

### New House Permits

'15 to 8/31/15: 39

'16 to 8/31/16: 85

**UP 46 units or 117.9%**

### Multi-Family Permits (# units)

'15 to 8/31/15: 13

'16 to 8/31/16: 4

**DOWN 9 units or -69.2%**

### Building Division Inspections

'15 to 8/31/15: 1,203

'16 to 8/31/16: 1,541

**UP 338 or 28.1%**

**\*324 inspections in Aug '16;  
159 in Aug '15**

## Monroe Chamber of Commerce Lunch

On Tuesday, September 13, 2016, I presented the Mayor's Choice Award from the Fair Days Parade to Take The Next Step. This organization is a great benefit and resource to the Monroe community. Thank you for all you do!

## Transfer of Property Public Hearing

The City of Monroe will hold a public hearing regarding the transfer of property to the Snohomish County Fire Protection District. The public hearing is scheduled for Tuesday, September 20, 2016, at 7 p.m., Council Chambers, City Hall, located at 806 W. Main St. The hearing is intended for the public to provide comments and concerns regarding the transfer. Written comments are accepted prior to the hearing date.

## Heroin Forum

Following increased attention on Snohomish County's heroin and opioid issues, a series of community forums have been scheduled to provide information and encourage dialogue. The upcoming forum dates are listed below:

- Tuesday, September 20th at 6:30 p.m. in the Orca Room at Tulalip Resort (10200 Quil Ceda Blvd., Tulalip, Wash.)
- Tuesday, September 27th at 6 p.m. at Byrnes Performing Arts Center (18821 Crown Ridge Blvd., Arlington, Wash.)
- Thursday, October 13th at 6:30 p.m. in Woodway Hall at Edmonds Community College (20000 68th Ave. W, Lynnwood, Wash.)

Sponsored by the Snohomish Health District and Snohomish County Human Services, in partnership with the host communities, each forum will include a panel of subject matter experts and time for audience questions.

## Downtown Main St. Strategic Planning Meeting

A committee of downtown stakeholders convened this week with the City consultant preparing the downtown strategic plan. Result from public outreach was presented which included approximately three hundred responses from an on-line survey. The committee will meet at least once more with the consultant concluding his report and recommendations in late October.

### **Walk Your Kids to School Day**

On Tuesday, September 13, 2016, was "Walk Your Kids to School Day." There were six stations around Monroe for children to enjoy some refreshments, meet an officer and walk to school together. Thank you to the Monroe Police Department and Monroe Public Schools for another great event!

### **Park Board Vacancy**

The City of Monroe is currently seeking applicants to fill the following City Board and Commission open position:

1 - Park Board Member (Unexpired 4-Year term ending 12/2016)

APPLICATION DEADLINE: Wednesday, September 21, 2016

Park Board - advises the City Council on the management, supervision, improvement, and budgeting for parks and recreation facilities and programs; also reviews the Comprehensive Park and Recreation Plan, assists with new park sites, and advises the City Council on capital projects in city parks. For additional information regarding board/commission qualifications, duties, and meeting times, please contact the City Clerk's Office: [esmoot@monroewa.gov](mailto:esmoot@monroewa.gov); 360-863-4538.