



2016 Grand
Marshall's

Fair Days Parade and Market



August Chamber Chatter

Happy August. The summer is almost over but there is still plenty to do around town to help you get out and enjoying the sun and last few weeks of summer!

MONROE DEMOGRAPHICS AND ECONOMIC UPDATES

The following are year-to-date comparisons provided by the City of Monroe:

Sales Tax Revenues
 '15 to 7/31/15: \$2,255,137
 '16 to 7/31/16: \$2,502,888
 UP \$247,751 or 10.99%

Real Estate Excise Tax
 '15 to 7/31/15: \$345,565
 '16 to 7/31/16: \$509,334
 UP \$163,769 or 47.39%

2016 Estimated Population:
 18,120

Snohomish County Reports
[website](#)

Snohomish County Labor Market Info
[website](#)

NEW MEMBERS

Monroe Chamber is so proud to welcome **Sahara Pizza Monroe**.



There is a great [article](#) about Sahara's newest owner and what makes Sahara Pizza Monroe so special and unique. We love the customer service, the amazing food and of course Bridgette, who also happens to be our newest Board member. We are all so excited for her and her new venture! Show them all some love-next time you are looking for a great place to dine or take-out call [Sahara Pizza Monroe](#). You won't be disappointed!

RENEWING MEMBERS

Huge thank you to all of our renewing members for their continued support! Did you know your membership dues help support Music in the Park, Light Up Monroe and the Fair Days Parade along with the various other events the Monroe Chamber organizes or participates in throughout the year! Thank you all for your support.

[French Creek Manor](#)

[Alpine Dental and Wellness](#)

[Natural Factors](#)

[Columbia Bank](#)

[Felske & Daughters Plumbing Inc.](#)

[Chain Lake Self Storage](#)

[Take the Next Step](#)

[Workforce Snohomish](#)

[Dreadnought Brewery](#)

[Heavy Duty Transaxle](#)

[Everything RV](#)

[Bricking Solutions](#)

[Buzz Inn](#)

[Yoforit Frozen Yogurt](#)

[EvergreenHealth Primary Care](#)



The Beats Run

The Beats half marathon and 10k will be on Sunday, August 21st and will start and finish at the Lake Tye Park. Use Promo Code: Monroe-Chamber16 for a registration discount.



Fair Days Parade and Market

Join us at the Fair Days Parade and get your business out in front of THOUSANDS of community members and guests.

SPECIAL ANNOUNCEMENT:

THERE'S BEEN A MERGER!!! Harry's on Tye and Clear View Spirits and Wine is now one Venue for Craft Beer and Small Vineyard Wine enthusiasts. Harry's Tap House is offering a rotating Craft Beer menu of 32 selections, Harry's Wine Bar is pouring from a rotating menu of small vineyard wines while our kitchen is serving upscale pub fare prepared in-house by our Chef. To round out their service they also have a Bottle Shop with over 500 wines and 300 craft beers to browse and stock up for home or events. They offer a laid back atmosphere for all 21 and over Beer & Wine enthusiasts!!

Harry's Tap House, Wine Bar & Bottle Shop

14286 16th DR SE Ste 3, Monroe

BUSINESS HIGHLIGHTS

TAKE THE NEXT STEP

BY SARAH LUNSTRUM

Our business partnerships, volunteers, and donors allow Take the Next Step to transform the struggling neighborhoods in Monroe like the Sky River apartment area, the area around TTNS, the neighborhoods off of Blueberry Lane and Killarney Circle. Our Kidz Club focuses on these neighborhoods to get these kids up to grade level in their reading and math. We combat the effects of adverse childhood experiences ("ACE's") by creating meaningful and stable relationships with adults. And we create indigenous leaders in these neighborhoods with Kidz Club's partnership with Youth for Christ- so our kids have the same leaders walking with them kindergarten - high school.

Their support gets kids school clothes and supplies. It feeds our hungry neighbors sack lunches and pantry packs for the weekend, and at our Community Dinners. It allows us to facilitate Job-Readiness classes to get the unemployed but able in our community, back into the workforce, and back to being productive members of our city and society. It also supports the young moms in Sky

Valley to live happy and healthy, productive lives while bringing up healthy and happy children. Take the Next Step is also participating in meetings with our community partners to strategically tackle the up rise of homelessness in our valley.

78% of homeless families in Snohomish County are headed by a single mom. A two-bedroom apartment at Morningrun Apartments goes for about \$1,100/month. To be able to afford this apartment working a minimum wage job, she'd have to work about 97 hours/week. We have these high-poverty areas in Monroe and children living in these areas, attend a high-poverty school, and are 7x more likely to drop out of school than other children. Our valley needs a place like Take the Next Step to fill these gaps, catch these children, and give

families a chance to catch up- to take their next steps!

Jan-June 2016 our Drop-in Center had about 2,400 visits- 49% of those visitors were homeless. In May of this year, we saw nearly 500 visitors, of which 68% were homeless. Last year with our sack lunches and community dinners we served about 12,000 meals to our hungry neighbors



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TAKE THE NEXT STEP

A great community resource center
202 South Sams Street, Monroe
360.794.1022 | www.ttns.org

The Wellbeing Center for Health offers a number of services to Monroe and the surrounding communities.

Have you ever thought about trying Acupuncture? Ever wondered what is so wonderful about Hot Stone Massage? Considered counseling but didn't know where to start? Contact us today for more information about:

Through the services and programs available at the Wellbeing Center for Health, our vision is to empower people to live vibrant, healthy lives resulting in a higher level of living for themselves and, therefore, our community and our planet. It is our goal to see alternative medicine integrated with allopathic medicine.

See more at: www.wellbeingcenterforhealth.com.



**211 West Hill St.
Monroe, WA
98272
(360) 794-6620**



Galaxy Theatres 12 is a fully-integrated movie theatre located in Monroe.

**1 Galaxy Way
Monroe, WA 98272
(360) 863-8665**

BUSINESS HIGHLIGHTS

RE/MAX LEGACY GRAND OPENING

We are pleased to announce that RE/MAX Legacy will be opening this summer in Monroe, WA. Re/Max Legacy is conveniently located in the heart of Monroe at 1129 W. Main Street, Suite 150.

The newly-renovated office will feature an ideal combination of open space and traditional offices to complement the habits of today's real estate agents and consumers.

Re/Max Legacy's vision is to be an original, supportive office with a focus on culture, community and career development. To provide a personable, community-based service that is fun, caring and dependable for each and every client they serve.

RE/MAX Legacy is a local brokerage that is part of the most productive real estate network. Their office was founded on the importance of customer service, honesty and community, which is what they bring to the table for all of their clients

Silva is a well-known real estate agent in the area and

has received a variety of recognitions for her achievements over the years. She has grown her business into a multi-million dollar producer and previously tripled the size of a property management company.



Please join Delma and her team on Sept 22nd to help celebrate her Grand Opening. Stay tune for more details on Facebook-@delmasilvarealtor.

RE/MAX LEGACY
1129 W. Main St. STE. 150 Monroe www.monroelegacy.com 425.737.8676

LUNCH AND LEARN



TOPIC: DIY BUSINESS MARKETING TOOLS & MORE

Purchasing marketing mailing lists and doing a competitive analysis can be costly expenses that small business owners can't afford. Learn how to find new customers, identify your competitors, and keep tabs on national trends in your industry by using the free tools offered to businesses by Sno-Isle Libraries. You'll also learn how to get free professional development training for yourself and your staff.

GUEST SPEAKER BIOGRAPHY:

Kassy Rodeheaver is the Lead Librarian for Business at Sno-Isle Libraries. Kassy's focus is on entrepreneur and small business support and outreach to increase awareness of Sno-Isle's business support programs, as well as creating strategic partnerships between the library and other community organizations support-

ing small business development. She previously worked as the Grants and Nonprofit Information Center Librarian with the Pima County Public Library in Tucson, Arizona. Kassy has her Masters in Information Resources and Library Science from the University of Arizona.

RSVP INFORMATION:

Paid reservations required. Lunch and a seat not guaranteed without a paid reservation. Link: <http://events.constantcontact.com/register/event?llr=unbbj4wab&oeidk=a07ed1kyqst4d868oe>

DETAILS:
Date: Sept. 13 Location: The Rock Church Doors open at 11 :30 am Lunch is served at 11 :30 am

FEATURED EVENTS

Michol Phillips Agency
Customer Appreciation
FREE FOOD

Save the Date:
August 21, 2016

Noon - 3:00pm

It's that time of year again.
Please join us for our Customer
Appreciation Picnic



Yes, Dan's cooking!

MICHOL PHILLIPS AGENCY

20012 Highway 2 Ste. A, Monroe
(360) 794-0678



Evergreen State Fair

www.evergreenfair.org

SAVE THE DATE!

Light Up Monroe

Time: 2 pm to 7 pm

Date: 3 Dec 2016

Location: Traveler's Park

This year we are adding a new twist to Light Up Monroe. Not only are we lighting the tree at Travelers Park for the holidays but we are also asking businesses to show off their holiday spirit and decorate their windows and buildings. We are even giving out awards for the Most Spirited. The Community will begin voting Dec. 3 the night of Light Up Monroe!

Events Around Town

August 17-Farm to Table Market

Every Weds the Farm to Table Market features an average of 60 vendors every week, plus food trucks, face painting, balloon animals, live music & TONS MORE! You will find fresh, local produce, eggs, milk, cheese, wine, hand-crafted beer, fresh cut flowers, honey, artisan baked goods, and of course beautifully hand crafted items.

Location: Lake Tye Park

Time: 3 pm to 8 pm

August 17-Take the Next Step Summer BBQ

Come share a meal, honor our volunteers, and learn more about the work Take the Next Step is doing in Monroe and Sky Valley!

Time: 6 pm to 8 pm

Location: TTNS Lawn, 202 S. Sams St. Monroe

August 19-Movies at the Park

Movie: Jurassic World

Rated PG-13; 124 minutes; 2015

Time: 8 pm

Location: Lake Tye Park

August 20-Kids Night Out

Let the Monroe YMCA watch the kids and you can have a date night! Every third Saturday of the month from 4-9pm the Y will have games, crafts, and feed the kids while you are out.

August 21-Summer Beats Half Marathon and 10K

Join us for the Summer Beats Half Marathon and 10K! The event features a DJ booth at each mile, 6 aid stations, and a post-race concert and festival. The race will begin and end at Lake Tye Park. The post-race party will include a Redhook Beer Garden, food, and fun for everyone! All participants will get a race shirt, medal, chip timing and the first 250 registrants will get an awesome Beats half marathon and 10K backpack.

August 21-Customer Appreciation Picnic

From 12 pm-3 pm come on out for a great BBQ at Michol Phillips Agency Customer Appreciation Picnic.

Time: 12 pm to 3 pm

Location: 20012 Highway 2 Ste. A

August 21-Mexican Family Festival

There will be great music, great food, great atmosphere! Come on out to the Evergreen Fairgrounds for an amazing family friendly, festival.

August 24-Summer Fun Multi-Chamber Mega Mixer

ACTIVE CHAMBER MEMBERS ONLY

Lake Stevens Chamber of Commerce is excited to announce our Summer Fun Multi-Chamber Mega Mixer!

It will be held Wednesday, August 24th, from 5-7PM at the Trestle Station in Lake Stevens.

Chamber Members from all over Snohomish County will gather to promote their businesses, upcoming events and just enjoy each other's company!

We are so excited to host this event and look forward to seeing all our fellow Chamber Members!

August 25-Opening Day of the 2016 Evergreen State Fair

Everybody gets in FREE on Opening Day until 1 p.m.! Make sure you buy your unlimited ride wristbands pre-sale so you save \$9! Visit etix.com to buy yours for only \$26 before Aug. 24.

August 25-September 5-Evergreen State Fair

Website: www.evergreenfair.org

August 26-Movies at the Park

Movie: Star Wars The Force Awakens

Rated PG-13; 136 minutes; 2015

Time: 8 pm

Location: Lake Tye Park

August 27-Fair Days Parade and Market

The Monroe Chamber of Commerce is proud to present the 2016 Fair Days Parade and Market. We have partnered once again with many organizations around town to bring you another amazing parade and two vendor markets. The Markets will showcase various vendors, face painting, balloon animals, espresso, sweet treats, crafts, activities and more!!! We will have one Market off Main Street and another at Monroe Christian School.

VOLUNTEERS NEEDED! Please contact Shelley at 360.794.5488 for more information.

August 30-Tuesday at Galazy 12

Every Tuesday: Reward Members Promotion

All loyalty card holders pay \$6.50 on Tuesdays for almost any movie. Call the-atre or check their website for more details.

August 31-Farm to Table Market

THEME: Kids Day

Every Weds the Farm to Table Market features an average of 60 vendors every week, plus food trucks, face painting, balloon animals, live music & TONS MORE!

Sept 7-Farm to Table Market

THEME: Seahawks Day

Every Weds the Farm to Table Market features an average of 60 vendors every week, plus food trucks, face painting, live music & TONS MORE!

Location: Lake Tye Park

Time: 3 pm to 8 pm

September 10 Wings and Wheels (Car Show)

Coordinated by Monroe Police Officer Derrick Lether, the first Wings and Wheels Car Show benefiting Special Olympics takes place 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. Saturday, Sept. 10, at Monroe's First Air Field. Sponsored by Monroe's Big Box Outlet Store, the family-friendly event will include a show and shine for vehicles, motorcycles and airplanes, trophies, prizes, raffles, vendor booths, a beer garden, food trucks, live music and activities for kids like inflatables and games.

Vendors, food trucks and merchants wanted! Please contact Derrick at DLether@ci.monroe.wa.us for more information.

September 13 Lunch and Learn

Join the Monroe Chamber and guests at The Rock Church for a great Lunch and Learn.

Door prize provided by Galaxy Theatres (2 free movie tickets) please bring business cards to be entered to win. Need to be present to win.

Announcements, Anniversaries, Special Events

Please email details to Yvonne at director@monroewachamber.org by Sept. 8th.

Sept 15 Business Symposium

Coastal Community Bank will host their 2nd annual Business Symposium. More details about guest speakers and topics to be released shortly.

Time: 5:30 pm to 7:30 pm

Location: East County Senior Center

September 17-3rd Annual Police and Fire Flag Football Game

Come out and cheer on our Police and Fire Departments and they compete once again in a friendly match of flag for bragging rights and to host the covenant plaque.

Tickets are on sale now until September 16th for \$5/person or \$8 at the gate on game day. Presale tickets will be available at the Monroe Boys & Girls Club, Monroe Police Department, Monroe Fire Department, Bill Warburton Agency, Jones Family Orthodontics, Columbia Bank and the Monroe Chamber of Commerce office.

Sept 17-Kids Night Out

Let the Monroe YMCA watch the kids and you can have a date night! Every third Saturday of the month from 4-9pm the Y will have games, crafts, and feed the kids while you are out.

INFORMATION REQUEST-

Local businesses offering promotions for this night please let us know by August 31st to place in next month's newsletter.

Sept 29 T.I.M.E. Out for Monroe

Come TALK to our staff and directors, INTERACT with new and old chamber members, MEET Don and his team at Washington Federal and EXPERIENCE a great networking event.

This is a great BUSINESS NETWORKING event!

Time: 5:30 pm to 7:00 pm

Location: 19265 State Route 2, Monroe

FEATURED EVENTS



FARM TO TABLE FARMERS MARKET

Farm to Table

Lake Tye Park, Monroe

www.farmtotablemonroe.com



Wings and Wheels

First Air Field Monroe

13812 179th Ave SE, Monroe,

SAVE THE DATE!

Job Fair

Time: 10 am to 2 pm

Date: 13 October 2016

Location: Boys and Girls Club, Monroe

TARGET EMPLOYERS: those with entry level to mid-range positions (minimum wage to \$20 an hour)

TARGET AREA: East Snohomish County (Monroe, Sky Valley, Snohomish)

SET UP: 8:30 am

EMPLOYER NETWORKING EVENT: 9 am to 10 am

FEE TO PARTICIPATE: none

FEE TO ATTEND: none

Please visit our website to see more events, more information and more details about the events posted here.

www.choosemonroe.com

Monroe Chamber of Commerce

Cultivating Growth. Strengthening Community.

The Chamber and its staff provide networking, marketing, community engagement and educational opportunities to their members.

The Chamber works to represent the business community on economic and governmental issues through various committees and partnerships.

Chamber Mission:

To lead our community with our members in mind to ensure their diverse opinions and needs are met, in order to cultivate a culture of trust, long-term community growth and business development.

Chamber Vision:

To be the main leaders in developing a well-connected Professional Community and the key organization *engaging* our local business members, *developing* a stronger network of business professionals and *connecting* our local community with our members.

Monroe Chamber of Commerce & Visitor Info Center

Phone: (360) 794-5488 | Email: office@monroewachamber.org

Location: 125 S. Lewis St., Monroe, Wa 98272