

New Police Station

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The City of Monroe has contracted with Graybach Construction for rehabilitation of 601 S. Main Street. The City purchased the former grocery store for that purpose early in 2019 and worked with KZF Architect to develop the reuse plans for the building. It is anticipated that the work will take approximately eight months to complete before we begin the process of moving the Police Department, including the Dispatch Center to the new location.

The new facility will have approximately 25,000 sf of space for the Department. The existing Police Department is housed in just over 5,000 sf. The Police Department moved into its current space in September of 1999 when the Urban Center opened. Once the Department has been moved to its new location, the existing space will be developed for expanded administrative offices to include the Development Department and Engineering.

Welcome Our New Member of Council



At the November 5th General Election the majority of our electorate voted for incumbents Jason Frentzel, Keith Funk, and Christina McElfresh. The majority also voted for our newest member of Council Tom Callahan. Mr. Callahan and his family have been a part of Monroe since the 1950's. He attended Monroe School until military school. His wife, Joan, and daughter, Sara, both graduated from Monroe. He is the former owner and operator of Total Performance Auto Center and machine shop for 30 years. Currently, retired, he volunteers his time at Wright Patterson Air Force Museum. He earned many awards and championships during his 48 years as a drag racer and enjoys muscle cars and cruise-ins. Mr. Callahan is ready to make a positive contribution to the City and our residents.

Shake Your Mailbox

Shaking your mailbox is being encouraged by residents to prepare their mailboxes for the winter snow removal season. Shaking your mailboxes was initiated in different communities to get homeowners proactively involved in mailbox maintenance. Residents can prepare their mailboxes for winter by tightening screws and firmly verifying the post and receptacle are secure enough to endure large amounts of thrown snow. Damage to mailboxes is typically caused by the force of snow thrown from a passing snowplow and not normally hit by a snowplow. Checking the stability of mailboxes in warmer weather will lessen damage to mailboxes and frustration for homeowners and decreases the need to make repairs during the winter months. We appreciate your time and effort to "Shake Your Mailbox."

Basketball Goals Located in the Right-of-Way

In the past, during snow removal efforts and leaf pickup, these basketball goals have been accidentally struck by our snow plows and leafing equipment and damaged. If this occurs, the City does not reimburse property owners for any damage to the goals since they are not permitted to be located in the right-of-way. These are considered an obstruction in the right-of-way and must be moved back on to your property so it is outside the City's right-of-way. To prevent any damages to our equipment and the basketball goals, we are asking for them to be moved. We appreciate your understanding in this matter. If you have any questions or concerns, please call the Public Works Department at 513-727-8953.

Upcoming Blood Drive! January 17th from 8 a.m. to 2 p.m.

Watch for additional information on our website and social media. This blood drive by Hoxworth Blood Center, University of Cincinnati, will be held at the City Building at 233 South Main Street.

Snow Plowing Procedures

In an effort to advance our snow removal season while continuing to conserve the amount of rock salt used, we are exploring additional treatment options, such as the use of brine and beet juice additives for pre-treatment as well as including this with the rock salt during snow removal efforts. The safety of the public is still our number one priority and the major roadways, collector streets, and bridges will be cleared first and in the same manner that they were before. As long as the snow is continuing to fall, or until the snow on the residential streets reaches 3-4 inches crews will focus on areas listed above. Typically vehicles can safely travel in a few inches of snow from the residential streets to the collector streets without an issue. This snow also provides some additional traction as opposed to scraping it clean in the middle of the storm. Once crews move into residential areas, they make one pass in and one pass out to provide for safe two way travel lanes. After first and second priority roads have been cleared, crews will make a second pass through residential neighborhoods to clear streets more thoroughly. Depending on the severity of the storm, crews may leave residential areas at any time to concentrate on major roadways, and in some extreme cases it may be a day or more before crews can return to clear residential streets. Each storm requires a different judgment call for treating. For some storms that the temperatures are right and the storm does not start out as rain, we may pre-treat with a salt brine and beet juice additive mixture in the residential areas. The snow on top of this pre-treatment application will act as an insulator and the street will clear more easily when the crews are able to plow them.

There are things you can do to make this winter easier on you. Please move vehicles off the street to avoid being plowed in. Unfortunately, snow piled across drive approaches cannot be avoided. However, as you're clearing your drive, if you pile snow on the left side of your driveway (as you face your house from the street), it will lessen the amount of snow deposited by the plow across your drive approach. Please avoid plowing snow from driveways onto public streets. We ask drivers to leave extra room between your vehicle and the snow plow driver. During a "Snow Emergency" if at all possible stay home and do not drive unless absolutely necessary. Lastly, we ask that you do not approach the snow plow drivers with any questions or comments. Please call the Public Works Department at the number below and we will assist and advise you. With tight budgets and rising costs, Public Works crews have to work smarter to optimize winter storm operations. Obviously, the safety of the traveling public is the first concern, and every effort will be made to provide the highest level of service to our residents while be good stewards of our resources.

We appreciate your understanding during snow events. If you have any questions, please do not hesitate to call us at 513-727-8953.



Hands2Hope

A promotional poster for the Hands2Hope event. The background is dark with a pattern of small white dots and several large, 3D gold stars. In the bottom left corner, there is a cartoon illustration of a man in a black tuxedo, white shirt, and black bow tie, wearing a top hat and holding a diamond ring. The text on the poster is as follows:

Hands2Hope
Presents
MAKE YOUR MOVE
2nd Annual
Fundraising & Celebration Gala

Silent Auction and Raffle
\$20.00 split the pot
Music provided by Live Past Life
February 7, 2020
6:30 PM
Watermark Church
457 S. Main Street
Monroe, OH 45050

Black and/or Red attire

Tickets \$50 advance purchase
Includes dinner and dessert
Signature Drink Contest

For more details visit hands2hope.org

A new year brings with it times that we find ourselves looking to start over. To begin again. Perhaps to lose weight, or be more kind, or be smarter with our money. What if we added to that list something that didn't just focus on us, but focused on something bigger? What if this year, we made a focused, intentional effort to give back? What if we focused on paying it forward? What if we added a resolution to our lives that we would consistently look for ways to better our community? How might Monroe change because of that?

Hands2Hope is a local organization that seeks to connect resources to needs within communities. We're located right here in Monroe, and our focus of impact is the greater Monroe/Middletown area. Over the last two years, we've seen amazing things happen as volunteers have given time, expertise, and energy to help meet needs of people in their community. Car towing and repairs, handyman fixes, birthday parties for kids in needy families, transportation, peer grief counseling, household moves – the list goes on and on of the needs Hands2Hope has been able to meet by connecting local volunteers.

We're always growing our "Hands," or our network of volunteers. This group is made up of hundreds of people just like you, who want to help out in some way. We've seen church groups, youth soccer teams, local businesses and organizations, neighbors young and old be empowered to serve through a simple willingness to be a part of something bigger than themselves. For some, it's through financial giving. For others, it's through lending a skill or expertise. Others have even found ways to bring hope by simply being a listening ear. No matter your resumé, there are needs around us that you can help meet. We need you!

We'd love to have you join us at our second annual Celebration Gala, "It's Your Move!" on February 7 at the Watermark Church on Main Street. There, you'll be able to get an inside look at what it is we do in your community, and at how you can get involved in bringing hope to those around you.

To find out more right now about what Hands2Hope is doing in Monroe, visit www.hands2hope.org, or visit us on Facebook at www.facebook.com/hands2hope, or give us a call at (513) 438-0350.

Business Spotlight!

Simply Flawless was started in May 2019. The owner, Kristen Reed has 12 years behind the chair. She started this salon to make a forever home for her. She specializes in Blondes, Balayage, Brazilian Blowouts & More! Our online booking is www.vagaro.com/kristenreedstylist. Contact info: Simply Flawless, 20 Overbrook Dr Ste E, Monroe, Oh 45050. 513-360-0095. Simplyflawless2019@gmail.com. We accept walk ins as well.

Come join us at Simply Flawless for a Night Out of Fun! Husbands drop your wives off or come with them! We will have a ton of local businesses coming to support our event! We will be offering 50% off Haircuts & Eyelash Lifts! Wine, Snacks, & more! All proceeds from this event will be donated to Warriors of Wellness in Monroe/Middletown. A non profit group encouraging health and healing of cancer survivors through a wellness program of reflexology, whole foods nutrition & spiritual support. "Warriors of Wellness or WOW is a compassionate and cutting-edge group whose mission is to serve the cancer community by encouraging health and healing through funding and education for the use of holistic and natural approaches for cancer recovery and recurrence prevention."

We will have a TON of goodies available for our raffle! This event is a way for locals and local businesses to network and connect. Most of the businesses are newer and this is a perfect way for them to make a difference, get noticed & help donate to a wonderful organization. We will post pictures on our facebook page of each donation for the raffle! Some of the local businesses are:

Rise Fitness, Off the Hanger Boutique (Lisa's Klothing Kraze), Black House Co., Mz. Jade's Soul Food/Fresh Café, Sassy & Sweet Designs, Scentsy, Crystallize Boutique Grooming with Mallory, Mary Kay, Elevate & Inspire with April, Younique & a ton more! Keep checking back for more info! & If any other businesses are interested in attending please contact Simply Flawless.

All services that are provided will be pre-booked. A deposit of 50% will need to be paid in order to reserve your spot. No refunds. All proceedings will be donated. If we have last minute cancellations we will update our facebook page. Please follow us on all social media #SimplyFlawless2019

Once your tickets are purchased please call the salon to reserve your time Slot. Haircut, Shampoo & Styles times are 4pm, 5pm & 6pm. Lash Lift times are 4pm & 6pm. The link for tickets for services is <https://www.eventbrite.com/e/simply-flawless-night-out-tickets-85105233043?fbclid=IwAR08tz4CTC6Vaf7kSccnzjbicWwp6uN2VO4aWUAt41pbE6kab9e5R76zjJA>

We are also hiring. 3-4 Hairstylist Positions, 1 Esthetician & 1 Nail Technician. All inquiries should be sent to Simplyflawless2019@gmail.com.





**Keep snow and ice
3 feet away from
fire hydrants.**

In case of fire, firefighters need to be able to get to the hydrants quickly to protect people and property.

U.S. Fire Administration |  FEMA | 

Monroe Lending Library

The Monroe Lending Library thanks all of our members for another successful year. We are growing in leaps and bounds!!

A big thank you to all who have supported our RAFFLEMANIA this year. Thanks to you we are able to purchase new best sellers. All RAFFLEMANIA money is used to purchase books. Our next RAFFLEMANIA will be Saturday, February 1, 2020. Call 513-594-4845 to reserve a table.

If you have not stopped in our library you re missing out. We have approximately 20,000 books and DVDs. If you are an avid fiction reader, we have a big selection. We have our “for sale” shelves loaded with books. Stop in and purchase a bag of books for \$5.00.

Thank you also to our staff of volunteers who make this library possible They are a dedicated group of friendly men and women who give their time to our community. If you want to be part of this fun group please call 513-360-0100.

Our hours are Monday - Thursday from 10 a.m. to 8 p.m. Friday and Saturday 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. Inclement weather: the library will only close if there has been a snow emergency declared by the City. 6 East Avenue, Monroe, Ohio. 513-360-0100. monroelibrary.net

Drop by and curl up in front of the fireplace to read a magazine, paper or book, use a computer, check out a book or just to chat with our staff!

MidPointe Library Monroe Branch

1 Tennessee Avenue—Off Britton Lane, Monroe, Ohio Phone: 513-360-6224 Monday-Friday 9 a.m. to 7 p.m.
Saturday 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. Closed Sunday For a complete listing of events and to register go to
www.midpointelibrary.org

Fax and scan to email for free in the library. Printing and copying BW .15/Color .30 per page. Free Printer on
app. U.S. Passport Applications accepted by appointment.

Anime Night. Jan. 2 and Feb. 6 at 5:30. Join us for a fun night of Anime. Drinks and snacks will be provided!
Grades 5th-12th. Please register.

Beaks and Talons. Feb. 8 at 12:00. Join us for a presentation featuring 3 live avian ambassadors. Up
close and personal, you can see and learn about the adaptations which make birds of prey supreme hunters of
the sky. Please register.

Board Game Night. Feb. 21, 2019. Beat the cold with your peers as you climb the Antarctic mountain range in
this chilling board game! Cooperation and survival are key if your group wishes to make it out alive. Please
register.

Book Club (adults). Jan. 10 at 11:00 Where the Crawdads Sing by Delia Owens. Feb. 14 at 11:00 The Man in the
Window by Jon Cohen

Book Club for Kids. Jan. 14 and Feb. 11 from 5:30 - 6:00. This will be a non-traditional book club where kids in
grades K-3 can come together to discuss different types of books and stories, such as picture books, graphic
novels, short stories, and poems. We will read the selection together and discuss it as a group. Please register.

Breakout EDU: Blast from the Past. Jan. 9 at 5:30. Join us for Breakout EDU. Some historical figures and items
have time-traveled to today's time in a time machine. Now they are ready to go back home. Part of their time
machine is missing and we discovered that it got locked in the box! Work together to solve the puzzles so they
can go home! Grades K-3. Please register.

Bricks & Blocks. Jan. 28 and Feb. 25 at 5:30. Builders grades K-3 are invited to build awesome creations. Please
register.

Conversations that Matter. Jan. 3, 17 and Feb. 7 & 21 from 10:30 - 11:30. Join us as we watch TED Talk videos
(Technology, Entertainment and Design) on subjects that affect our personal lives and that of society. Topics
range from current events to scientific discoveries, popular culture, and fascinating nuances. Afterwards, lively
and interesting discussions add to your knowledge base and perspective.

DIY Greeting Cards. Feb. 27 at 5:30. Have you ever thought you could create a better greeting card than what
you see in the store? Get your creative writing juices flowing and create your own greeting cards. They can be
cute cards, funny cards or sentimental cards. Blank cards and crafting supplies will be provided. Grades 6-
12. Please register.

Happy Little Painting. Jan. 21 at 5:30. Learn how to paint some Bob Ross inspired art with only three colors, a
few happy little trees, and a little bit of imagination! All supplies provided. Paint may stain clothes--please dress
accordingly. Please register.

Monroe Historical Society



UPCOMING EVENT:

The *Monroe Historical Society* has a General Membership meeting scheduled for Thursday, **January 30**, 2020. It will start at 7pm and will be held at the Monroe Community Room, located at 6 East Avenue. Meeting program: **Susanna Wesley: “Mother of Methodism.”**

After the Society members conduct their business meeting, there will be a program about Susanna Wesley who is sometimes called the Mother of Methodism.

This strong woman was born in the year 1669, the 25th of 25 children in her family. She married at the age of 19, ended up having between 17 - 19 children of her own, and was the primary source of their education. Her story includes many difficult experiences which she overcame by tapping into her religious background and beliefs.



And, Mrs. Wesley strongly influenced her children and their futures. One of her sons, John Wesley, went on to become a founder of what we know today as the United Methodist Church. Another son, Charles Wesley, wrote approximately 6500 hymns, many of which are still sung today within the Church.

Darlene Gage will portray Susanna Wesley while dressed in clothing from that time period. Mrs. Gage has been a successful living history performer for over 16 years. Come and experience Mrs. Wesley tell about her life and family.

Please join the Historical Society for this event that is free, open to the public, and for all ages. Light refreshments will be provided.

Please direct any questions to the Society by visiting its Facebook page at [MonroeOhioHistoricalSociety](#), visiting its website at [MonroeOhHistoricalSociety.org](#), or calling 513-539-2270.

The Monroe Historical Society is delighted to announce that we are launching the new year and decade with a strong Board of Directors. The following is the list of Board members and Officers. Thank you to everyone who expressed interest in the positions. Our mission stays alive because of our wonderful community. President - **Dan Clark**, Vice President - **Steve Black**, Treasurer - **Kristen Carlson**, Assistant Treasurer - **Mary Maurer**, Recording Secretary - **Mike Howard**, Correspondence Secretary - **Shannah DeHart**, Curator - **Scott Fowler**, Assistant Curator - **Reed Musgrove**, Director (Technology) - **James Bell**, Director (Publicity) - **Judy Shillinglaw.**, Director (Building Admin) - **Jim Price**, Director At-Large - **Lee Allen**, Director At-Large - **Roger Miller**, Auxiliary Members: **Kristie McElfresh** (Former President), **Mike Kuth** (Cabin Chair), **Kelly Meyer-Clark** (1910 Window Chair), **Erin Clark** (1910 Window Assistant Chair), **Anna Hale** (Exhibit Room Chair), **Anne Rolfes** (Exhibit Room Assistant Chair), **Lora Stillman** (Paranormal Investigation Chair)

MONROE MESSENGER



Avenue of Flags Program
Provided by the
Monroe Optimist Club



Monroe & Lemon Twp Residents & Business Owners

We invite you to participate in our patriotic and community program called:

“The Avenue of Flags”

Your participation in this Fundraiser will help us support our youth activities, sponsorships and scholarships in our community (Bringing out the Best in Kids)

We will place a 3' by 5' hi-quality American flag on a 10' pole within 15 feet of the curb in front of your home or business for the days surrounding:

Memorial Day Weekend

Flag Day June 14th

July 4th

Labor Day Weekend

Veteran's Day November 11th

For \$50/year, we deliver and place your flag prior to each holiday and retrieve after the holiday. We will be responsible for the flag and we will store the flags between holidays.
(We will pro-rate at \$10/Holiday after Memorial Day)

If you wish to display more than one flag; You can save \$10 on each flag.
(2 flags = \$90, 3 flags =\$130, etc)

Mail your check with the bottom part of this form. To pay by Credit Card contact;
Cherie Gentry @ (513) 850-1954

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Check Date _____ Check # _____ Check Amount _____

Payable to: Monroe Optimist Club
Mail to: AOF Monroe Optimist Club
P.O. Box 85
Monroe, Ohio 45050

Flag Address: _____
Name Address Zip

Phone (E-mail for Ave of Flags Communication during the year)

Billing Address (If different from Flag Address)

Name Address Zip

Phone (E-mail for Ave of Flags Communication during the year)

Thank you for your support and you may contact us at: MonroeFlags@monroeooptimists.org



Monroe Police Department Citizens Police Academy



The Monroe Citizens Police Academy offers information and instruction designed to provide the public with knowledge and understanding of the police department's personnel, policies and practices. The program is comprehensive, covering different areas of the departments services each week. Each class is instructed by officers and supervisors from Monroe Police Department.

Topics Covered

- Use of Force
- Defensive Tactics
- Traffic Stops
- Domestic Violence
- Crash Investigation
- OVIs
- K-9/Narcotics
- Crime Scene Investigation
- Evidence Collection
- Firearms
- Jail Tour
- Coroner Investigator

The classes will be held Wednesday evenings from 6:30 PM to 9:30 PM, January 15th, 2020 through April 1st, 2020 at the Monroe Community Room located at 6 East Avenue. Applications available in police lobby.

Requirements to Apply

- 18 years of age
- No Felony or recent crime of violence convictions

For more information call: [Officer King at 360-2210](mailto:kingj@monroehio.org) or email kingj@monroehio.org

2020 Monroe Citizens Police Academy
Application for Enrollment
(Please Print)

Name: _____

Street Address: _____

City: _____ State: _____ Zip Code: _____

Phone No.: _____ (Home/Work/Cell) DOB: _____

2nd Phone No.: _____ (Home/Work/Cell) Driver's Lic. No. _____

E-Mail Address: _____

Employer/Business Name: _____ Phone No. _____

Emergency Contact Name: _____ Relationship _____

Emergency Contact No.: _____

List any medications, allergies, and/or existing medical conditions that we may need to know about: _____

Have you ever participated in a past Monroe Citizens Police Academy? _____

If so, what year(s) did you attend? _____

Have you ever participated elsewhere? _____

How did you learn of the Monroe Citizens Police Academy? _____

SHIRT SIZE: _____

I hereby acknowledge that I have completed the above information fully and accurately.

Signature _____ Date: _____

Please complete and return this application to:

Monroe Police Department
ATTN: Officer Joshua D. King
233 S. Main St.
Monroe, Ohio 45050
FAX: 1-513-539-6205

Please return by January 10th, 2020

Completed applications can be dropped off, mailed faxed, or e-mailed.
Class starts Wednesday, January 15th, 2020.

City of Monroe
233 South Main Street
P. O. Box 330
Monroe, Ohio 45050

City Building
233 South Main Street
P. O. Box 330
Monroe, Ohio 45050-0330
513-539-7374
cityhall@monroeohio.org
EMS, Fire, and Police Emergency 9-1-1
Fire Non Emergency - 513-539-8380
Police Non Emergency - 513-539-9234
Crime Tip Line - 513-360-2211
Public Works - 513-727-8953
Mayor's Court - 513-539-6201
Property Maintenance
Hotline - 513-539-4836
City Manager's Office - 513-360-2200

*Happy Holidays
and a Happy
and Safe New
Year from the
City of Monroe!*

City Offices Closed: January 1 and January 20,
2020.