



Monroe Messenger

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City of Monroe, Ohio

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From the Desk of the Mayor

Hello! My name is Jason Frentzel and I was appointed as the Mayor of Monroe in January. I grew up in Monroe and have watched Monroe grow with me throughout the years. I have seen the growth of Monroe from a Village to a City, the transitions of farms into neighborhoods and have witnessed the formation of Monroe Local Schools. I am proud of where this City has come from and where it is heading. My family has been in the Monroe area for three generations and has always looked for ways to give back and be a positive influence in the community. In 2015, I decided to run for City Council because I wanted to be a voice of the people of Monroe and to continue to help shape Monroe in a positive way.

Monroe is continuing to grow and we need your help. The City is currently undergoing a review of our comprehensive plan and we are looking for input from the residents of Monroe. This comprehensive plan update will examine the future development of Monroe through 2040. Please visit AdvanceMonroe.com for all information, and like the City on your favorite social media platforms for meeting updates.

I would also like to encourage you to get involved with your City. This can be done in multiple different ways: volunteering to be on a City board or commission; joining one of the many groups and organizations in Monroe (you can read about some of them in this newsletter); donating blood at the blood drive on March 27th; or coming to a City Council meeting. The City Council meets on the 2nd and 4th Tuesday's of the month at 6:30 p.m. If you can't make it to a Council meeting, and you need to get in touch with Council, you can email us at council@monroeohio.org.

My hope is to be as open as I can with anyone who lives or interacts with the City. Please keep an eye on the City's social media accounts because I will be announcing monthly casual meet ups where we can meet and talk about any issues or questions that you may have. If you need to get in touch with me, you can always email me at frentzelj@monroeohio.org.

Sincerely,

Jason Frentzel

Mayor

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City Income Tax - Tax Rate 2%

Local tax preparation is available to all City of Monroe residents. When you come into the office for help please bring all of your documents. If you don't have all of your documents, we cannot prepare your return. We must have paper copies to complete your form. Originals will not be accepted.

Individual Returns: All W-2s, FED 1040 (page 1), Schedules 1, Schedules C, E, F & K-1, W2-G, 1099-MISC and copies of other city tax returns if you are requesting credit for taxes paid to that city. Business Returns: Monroe return, 1120, 1120S, and 1065

Saturday hours by APPOINTMENT ONLY on March 7, 14, 21, 28 and April 4 from 9am – 12pm. To schedule an appointment please call the office at 513-539-7374, option 3. Extended hours on April 13, 14, and 15 from 7am to 7pm

All residents of Monroe with earned income are required to file an income tax return with the City. The local income tax rate applies to gross wages, salaries and other personal service compensation, and net profits of Monroe businesses. Qualifying homeowners and their dependents are exempt from the .5% increase and are taxed at a 1.5% rate. *Retired residents are required to file a return every 3 years (next filing year 2021). The City provides 100 percent credit up to 2% for non-homeowners and 1.5% for homeowners for taxes paid to the workplace municipality.

Monroe Lending Library

NEED BOOKS? The Monroe Lending Library is currently having a **HUGE** book sale. We have approximately 450 books for sale... Adult fiction, a few non-fiction, Children's Books, and VHS tapes. Hard-back books are \$1.00 each, Paperback books \$.50 each, VHS tapes \$1.00 each OR purchase a paper grocery bag full for \$5.00. Now is the time to stock up!

We purchase new best sellers every month. Stop by and look at our collection!

On March 16th, from 6:30 to 7:30 p.m., the public is invited to attend Monroe resident Kendra Herber's book signing here at the Monroe Lending Library (6 East Ave.) She just recently had her memoir, WHOLE: A LEG UP ON LIFE published and will be sharing stories about her life as an amputee, will have a Q & A session, and will read a short excerpt from her book. Don't miss your chance to win a free copy! Kendra will have books available to purchase at the signing if you weren't able to get your copy on Smile Amazon.com. Snacks will be served.

Kendra Herber was born with a birth defect resulting in a right foot amputation at the age of two. She wears a prosthesis and has learned to adapt and accomplish many physical tasks that doctors never thought would be possible. Kendra grew up in Vandalia and moved to Monroe 12 years ago with her husband, Bob. She now has two young daughters and teaches at Lakota West Freshman School.

RAFFLEMANIA: Come to the Monroe Library/Community Center at 6 East Ave., Monroe. Upcoming raffles are Saturday, March 7th and Saturday, April 18 at 7:00 p.m. Doors open at 6:15. The Queen of Hearts drawing is growing!

We welcome the community to drop in and meet our all-volunteer staff and check out our selection.

BOOK CLUB: Meets every Monday at the library at 7:00 p.m.



Reduce Fall Risk, Improve Balance and Increase Activity in Older Adults

Thursday, March 19 | 3 p.m.

Ohio Living Mount Pleasant Activity Building | 28 Indiana Ave. | Monroe, OH 45050

Join us as Dr. Deborah Kegelmeyer, DPT, MS, GCS, shares some of the factors that increase your risk of a fall, and methods you can implement to help reduce that risk. She will also explore the importance of exercise in fall prevention at home and in the community. Refreshments will be provided, and free physical therapy screenings will be available.



Dr. Kegelmeyer is a Professor of Clinical Health and Rehabilitation Sciences at The Ohio State University. Her research, teaching and clinical practice are focused on falls prevention, balance, and movement disorders in older adults. She is an international speaker and expert in neurodegenerative diseases such as Parkinson's and Huntington's, and is a consultant and board member of Create a Better You® Senior Wellness System. Create a Better You is honored to sponsor her presentation at Ohio Living Mount Pleasant.

Seating is limited! Reserve your space by March 16:

Lisa Jones at 513.539.7760 or lsjones@ohioliving.org

Provided by:





MOBILE MAMMOGRAPHY

Lifesaving Convenience at Your Door

UC Health Mobile Mammography is coming:

*** SAVE THE DATE***

~CITY OF MONROE ADMINISTRATION~
233 S MAIN STREET MONROE, OH 45050
TUESDAY, MARCH 10 2020 8AM-11AM

To schedule your screening mammogram, call:
(513) 584-PINK (7465).

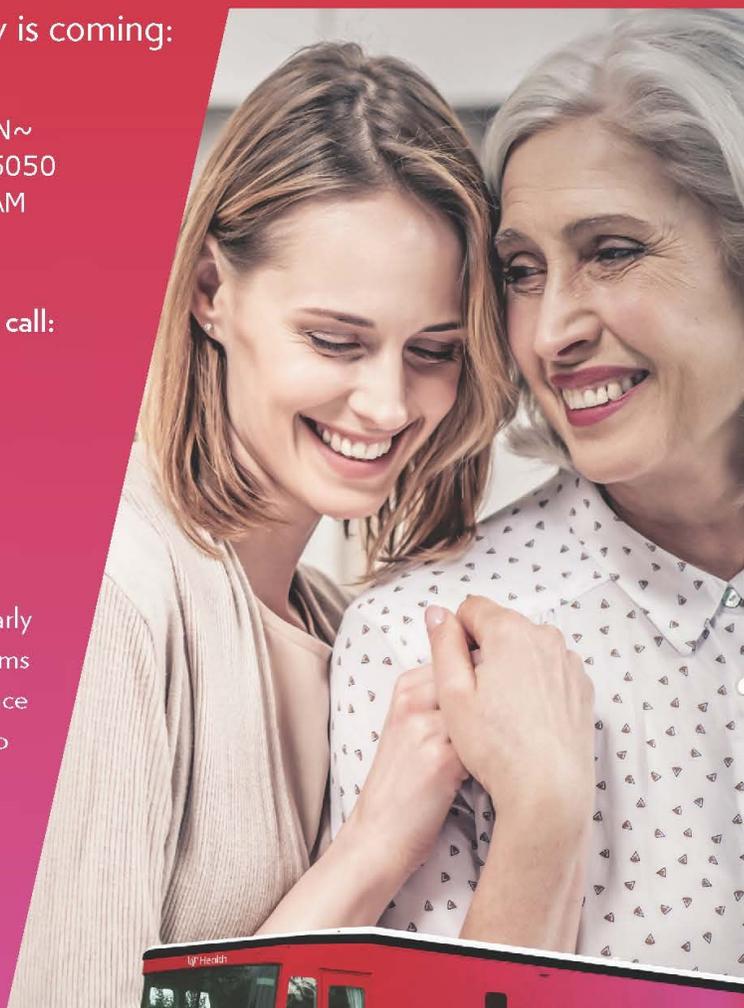


Just **15** minutes
can save your life.

Screening mammograms are recommended yearly for women 40 and older. Screening mammograms are usually covered 100 percent by most insurance providers. Check with your insurance provider to verify that UC Medical Center is an in-network provider for best coverage.

To ask a question about the Breast Center, call: 513-584-5678.

Take care of *you*





UPCOMING BLOOD DRIVE

Hosted By
City of Monroe

Friday, March 27, 2020

8:00 am - 10:15 am and 11:30 am - 2:00 pm

Donor bus will be parked at
City of Monroe Building
(233 South Main Street)

Schedule online at:
www.hoxworth.org/groups/monroe
or call Hoxworth at (513) 451-0910

[Ask about a Red Cell donation](#)

All Types Welcome.

Hoxworth
BLOOD CENTER
UNIVERSITY OF CINCINNATI 

MidPointe Library Monroe Branch

1 Tennessee Ave. off Britton Lane 513-360-6224

Open 9:00 - 7:00 Monday - Friday,

9:00 - 5:00 Saturday, closed Sunday

For program descriptions & registration go to www.midpointelibrary.org

Fax and scan to email for free in the library.

Printing & copying BW .15 / color .30 per page

U.S. Passport Applications accepted by appointment.

Youth – registration required

Alphabet Party: March 3rd 11:00 AM

Toddler Prom: March 4th 10:00 AM

Book Club for Kids: March 10th & April 14th 5:30 PM

Have a Blast!: March 17th 4:30 PM

Beach Party: March 19th 11:00 AM

Kids and Canvas: March 19th 2:30 PM

Magic Tree House Adventures: March 26th 5:30 PM

Breakout: Into the Computer: April 7th 4:30 PM

Felt Art: April 16th 5:30 PM

Jeopardy: The Who Was?: April 23rd 5:30 PM

Magnet Mazes: April 28th 4:30 PM

Teen – registration required

Anime Night: March 5th, April 2nd 5:30 PM

Paper Art: March 12th, 5:30 PM

Pi Skyline: March 14th, 11:00 AM

Stop Motion Workshop: March 18th 2:00 PM

Graphic Novel Book Club: March 28th, April 25th 11:00 AM

Harry Potter Trivia Night: April 30th 5:30 PM

Adult – registration required except for Conversations

Adult Crafternoon: March 3rd, April 7th 2:30 PM

Conversations that Matter: March 6th & 20th, April 3rd & 17th 10:30 AM

Memory Café: March 7th, April 4th 10:30 AM

Book Club: March 13th, April 10th 11:00 AM

Happy Painting: March 21st 9:30 AM

MidPointe Mashers: March 27th, April 24th 4:30 PM

High Water Usage?

Water leaks are unexpected and costly. One of the biggest surprises to our customers is that a tiny leak could increase monthly usage considerably. Most customers expect to see a large puddle of water explaining high usage on their bill. This leak chart is designed to put into perspective the impact even the tiniest leak could have. This graphic considers water pressure at 60 psi.

Here are some items to check if your water bill is higher than normal.

Toilets - A leaking toilet is one of the most common reasons for high usage, but toilet leaks are less noticeable than most faucet leaks. To test for a toilet leak:

Flush the toilet, wait for the toilet to stop refilling, and visually inspect the bowl. If you hear water, your toilet is leaking.

Remove the lid to the toilet tank to check the water level in the tank. The water level should come up to 1" or so below the opening of the overflow pipe. If the water level is too high, water can flow continuously down the overflow pipe. If the water level is even with the overflow pipe, try sprinkling powder on the surface of the water. If the water goes down the overflow tube, the toilet is leaking. To stop the leak, adjust the water level with the adjustment screw or clip.

Even when you may not see or hear water running, your toilet may have a silent leak. To test for a silent leak remove the lid from the toilet tank and add a couple drops of food coloring to the water. Wait 30-40 minutes and do not flush the toilet. If the food coloring appears in the toilet bowl, your toilet has a silent leak.

Check the operation of the flush handle. The flush handle controls the lifting and lowering of the flapper or bulb. Remove the lid from the toilet tank and flush the toilet to verify the handle mechanisms operate smoothly. Check the chain that goes from the handle mechanism to the flapper at the bottom of the tank. If the flapper is too long, the chain can be caught under the flapper. A sticking flush handle can keep the flapper or float ball from completely closing off the bottom drain. Tighten a loose handle or straighten the control arm if it is rubbing.

Furnace Humidifier – a furnace humidifier requires a continuous supply of water that is often supplied by a water line plumbed directly into the mechanism attached to your furnace. Control valves get stuck open, causing continuously flow through the humidifier. Customers should also remember that a humidifier could run 24 hours a day during colder weather.

Water Softener – Control valves can stick on water softeners, causing them to continuously regenerate.

Ice Maker – Check the supply line to the icemaker for a leak, sometimes these happen inside the wall.

Sprinkler System – In-ground sprinkler systems can develop leaks that are very difficult to find. Look for wet spots in the yard that can indicate water has been running too long or a leak.

Water Heater – Water heaters can develop leaks at the fittings or from the drain valve at the bottom of the tank. Leakage from a hot water tank can go undetected for a long time if in a basement with a floor drain.

Leak Through Opening of	Gallons per Month Wasted
1/4"	400,000
3/16"	225,000
1/8"	100,000
1/16"	25,000
1/32"	6,300

Pressure 60 lbs.

North Monroe and Mound Cemeteries



The Public Works Department continues to make efforts to prepare the cemeteries for the upcoming holidays in 2020. The week of March 23, 2020, we will be performing a heavy cleaning in a concentrated effort for the upcoming mowing season. Please keep in mind the City of Monroe's rules and regulations for our cemeteries.

No person shall wantonly or willfully remove, cut or break, or in any manner injure or destroy any tree, shrub or plant, or pick, gather, or in any way injure or destroy, any flower, or any herbage, fruit, or produce of any such tree, shrub or plant within the cemeteries. Burial of pets is not permitted.

No debris shall be deposited in the cemeteries except in designated trash containers. The cemeteries will be open from 8 a.m. until dusk. No planting of flowers, trees, vines or shrubs will be allowed. Hanging baskets, fencing, glass jars, and glass vases are prohibited. The placing of toys, bottles, vases, glass, figurines, and other decorations on the grass are not permitted. If any tree or shrub situated on any lot shall become detrimental to the care and maintenance of the grounds, the City has the right to remove at lot owner's expense. The City may remove all flowers, potted plants or wreaths when they become frosted, faded, withered or otherwise unsightly. The City shall not be responsible for any memorials, including plants. The City may remove fresh cut flowers when they have become dried, faded or withered.

If you need further information, please call the Public Works Department at 513-727-8953. Thank you for your continued cooperation, help, and support of the Monroe cemeteries.

Movie in the Park Schedule

Mark your calendars for our "Movie in the Park" schedule this year!

- ◆ Frozen II on June 13, 2020
- ◆ Toy Story 4 on July 11, 2020
- ◆ Star Wars - The Rise of Skywalker on August 15, 2020

Monroe Lions Club Annual Easter Egg Hunt

Annual Easter Egg Hunt. The Annual Monroe Lions Easter Egg Hunt will be held at Monroe Community Park on April 11th. The hunt will begin at Noon sharp! Don't be late!



Become a Lion! Find out how by contacting us at monroelions@yahoo.com.

For the most up to date event information follow us on Facebook.

Monroe Historical Society

The Monroe Historical Society is holding its next General Membership Meeting on Thursday, April 30, 2020 at Ohio Living Mount Pleasant, 225 Britton Lane, Monroe, Ohio 45050. The speaker is TBA. Refreshments will be provided. Admission is free.

Please accept this invitation to become a member of the Monroe Historical Society. This invitation is for individuals, families, and businesses. The Monroe Historical Society was started over 50 years ago with the mission to gather and preserve the history of Monroe. This non-profit organization and its activities are completely run by volunteers. So, we are also asking everyone to consider becoming a volunteer. Volunteer opportunities include assisting with events, working on preservation projects, and being a Board member. Please contact the Society if you are interested in becoming a volunteer.

To become a Historical Society member, please visit our website for an application and mail it in with your membership fee to P.O. Box 82, Monroe OH 45050. To obtain more information or contact the Monroe Historical Society, please use the following methods:

Phone: 513-539-2270 (Leave message and a volunteer will return call)

Email: Info@MonroeOhHistoricalSociety.org

Website: www.MonroeOhHistoricalSociety.org

Facebook: MonroeOhioHistoricalSociety

Daylight Saving Time

Daylight Saving Time begins at 2 a.m. Sunday, March 8, 2020. This is when we set the clocks ahead one hour so that evening daylight lasts an hour longer.

Make sure smoke detectors have new batteries and are installed on each level of the home, especially near sleeping areas. These detectors should be heard in bedrooms even when the doors are closed. If you cannot hear them, install them in the bedrooms. Twice per year we change our clocks for Daylight Saving Time. This is a good time to always remember to check your smoke detectors.

Census Workers Needed!

Census workers are desperately needed. Below you will find the job titles and descriptions.

Recruiting Assistant: Assists in recruiting and testing job applicants.

Census Field Supervisor: Appoints, trains, and supervises Enumerators that are engaged in data collection.

Office Operations Supervisor: Coordinates, supervises, and oversees the work of office clerks in specific functional areas.

Enumerator: Locally hired workers who perform field enumeration activities in and around their respective neighborhoods.

Clerk: Office clerks perform a wide variety of clerical functions in support of field data collection, recruiting, payroll/personnel, automation technology, and quality assurance operations.

APPLY NOW AT 2020CENSUS.GOV/JOBS

U.S. Census Bureau Employment Opportunities

DAYTON, OH
AREA CENSUS OFFICE

Hourly Pay Rates
\$16.00 - \$23.50

**U.S. Census
Bureau
Employment
Opportunities**

RECRUITING ASSISTANT
**CENSUS FIELD
SUPERVISOR**
**OFFICE OPERATIONS
SUPERVISOR**
ENUMERATOR
CLERK

Applicants needed by County

Butler: 1,590	Clark: 566
Clinton: 184	Fayette 120
Greene: 965	Madison: 137
Preble: 166	Warren: 362

Montgomery: 2,584

**For more information about
available jobs or assistance with
applying online call**

1-888-480-1639

APPLY NOW AT [2020CENSUS.GOV/JOBS](https://2020census.gov/jobs)



U.S. Department of Commerce
Economics and Statistics Administration
U.S. CENSUS BUREAU
census.gov

This agency provides reasonable accommodations to applicants with disabilities. If you need a reasonable accommodation for any part of the application and hiring process, please notify the agency. The decision on granting reasonable accommodation will be on a case-by-case basis. The Census Bureau does not discriminate in employment on the basis of race, color, religion, sex, national origin, political affiliation, sexual orientation, marital status, disability, age, membership in an employee organization, or other nonmerit factor.



Monroe Optimist Club
“Avenue of Flags” Program

Monroe & Lemon Twp Residents & Business Owners:

- We invite you to participate in our patriotic, community service program called **“The Avenue of Flags”**. Your participation in this Fundraiser helps us support our youth activities and scholarships in our community.
- We will place a 3’ by 5’ hi-quality, American flag on a 10’ flagpole within 15’ of the curb in front of your home or business for days surrounding:
 - **Memorial Day weekend**
 - **Flag Day June 14th**
 - **July 4th**
 - **Labor Day weekend**
 - **Veteran’s Day Nov 11th**
- **For \$50/yr**, we deliver and place your flag prior to each holiday and retrieve after the holiday. We will be responsible for and store flags between holidays. (We pro-rate at \$10/holiday after Memorial Day).
- If you wish to display **more than one flag**: **Save \$10** on each additional.
 - **Mail your check** with the **bottom part of this form**. To pay by credit card please contact **Tiffany Winkler @ 513-292-6564**

Thank you for your support and you may contact us at:

Monroeflags@monroeothers.org

check date _____ check # _____ check amount \$ _____

Payable to: Monroe Optimist Club

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

Flag Address: _____
Name Address Zip

Phone _____ (Email for Ave of Flags communication during the year)

Billing Address (if different from Flag Address)

_____ Name Address Zip

Phone _____ (Email for Ave of Flags communication during the year)

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EMS, Fire, and Police Emergency 9-1-1
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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

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