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City of Monroe, Ohio

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Mark Your Calendar!



UPCOMING BLOOD DRIVE

Hosted by the City of Monroe

Friday, January 18, 2019

8:00am – 10:15am &

11:30am - 2:00pm

Donor bus located at the City of Monroe Building
233 South Main Street

To schedule your appointment, please visit:

www.hoxworth.org/groups/monroe

or call Hoxworth at 513-451-0910

All Types Welcome.



Monroe Messenger

Salvation Army

Recently the Salvation Army Call team had an event scheduled with former Bengals Coach Sam Wyche that had to be cancelled due to his health. This greatly impacted the work of food distribution, utility bill assistance, drug, and alcohol rehab for those in need. During the summer the Salvation Army distributed 114,000 meals to children at 10 area parks. The Salvation Army is asking for donations in any amount and can be sent to Salvation Army Middletown, 2507 North Verity Parkway, Middletown, Ohio 45044. For additional information please call 513-325-4908.

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.”

Monroe Lions Club

Save Your Plastic Bags! Avoid plastic bags when you can, but put the ones you can't to good use. The Trex Decking Company will gift a bench to the Monroe Lions Club for every 500 lbs of plastic bags in the form of: grocery bags, bread bags, dry cleaning bags, newspaper bags, softener bags, Ziplock bags, woodstove pellet bags, produce bags, cereal bags, bubble wrap, and case overwrap plastic. Plastic bags must be clean with no food residue. Collection bins are located at the Lending Library, Primary, Elementary & Jr./Sr. Schools.

**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 @monroeohlions.**

Church Listing

We are currently creating a list of churches in the City of Monroe to be easily accessible to current and new residents. Please send us the name of the church, address, telephone number, email, and denomination if applicable to wassona@monroeohio.org. If you have any questions please call Angela S. Wasson at 513-539-7374 extension 1012.

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. 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 of these changes. If you have any questions, please do not hesitate to call us at 513.727.8953.



You Can Be The Difference...

in your community, in your nation, in your world



Jason Frentzel is recognized as a Paul Harris Fellow for support of the Rotary Foundation

Rotary
Club of Monroe, Ohio



Discover How...

2nd and 4th Wednesday of each month
5:30 pm at the Monroe Community Room
6 East Avenue Monroe, OH 45050



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 Tuesday evenings from 6:30 PM to 9:30 PM, January 22nd, 2019 through April 9th, 2019 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@monroeohio.org) or email kingj@monroeohio.org

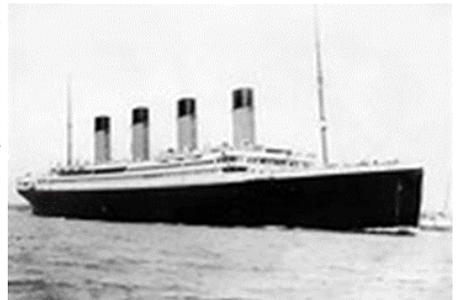
Monroe Historical Society

The Monroe Historical Society would like to thank everyone who came to the Christmas on the Plaza event on Saturday December 1. The Historical Society appreciates its partnership with the City of Monroe and for being invited once again to participate in this joyful community celebration. The Historical Society enjoyed sponsoring Santa Claus' visit, providing hundreds of yummy homemade cookies and warm cider, and helping many children write down their wish lists that we then delivered to Santa Claus' address at the North Pole.

The General Membership meetings in 2019 will be held on the Thursdays of January 31, May 30, August 29, and October 24 (changed from October 31). All meetings start at 7pm and are held at the Monroe Community Room at 6 East Ave.



Titanic Survivor Story – Thursday January 31, 2019 at 7pm. The Monroe Historical Society's General Membership meeting will begin with a brief business meeting of the Board of Directors and the Society members. Then the Historical Society will present Darlene Gage, a history interpreter as she portrays Mrs. Alice Christian. Mrs. Christian is a fictional character who is based upon the stories of women who survived the sinking of the Titanic over 100 years ago. Come and listen to her recollection of being on the Titanic before it hit the iceberg and of how she survived as the great ship slipped into the depths of the Atlantic Ocean. This is free and open to the public.



Paranormal Investigation – Saturday February 23, 2019 from 8-11pm. The Historical Society will be hosting another Paranormal Investigation with ParaVizionz, a professional paranormal investigation and research team. Small groups of guests will spend time in various locations within the Chickahominy Museum and the 1910 Museum. While in these darkened museums, there is a possibility you will have a paranormal experience. Your senses will be heightened. Will you feel the presence of an unknown entity? Will you hear the voices of those who lived in the past? Or, maybe see something that defies explanation?

Guests must be 18 years or older. To access all the locations, guests must be able to navigate stairs. This event requires advance registration and payment of a non-refundable \$25 admission fee, which will go toward Monroe Historical Society's mission of sharing our City's history.

Due to the nature of the event, the number of guests will be limited. Starting on January 19, visit Eventbrite.com (search for Paranormal Investigations to find this event) to register and pay with a credit card. Or contact the Historical Society directly by calling 513-539-2270 and leave a message with a callback number.



Monroe Historical Society contact information: Phone 513-539-2270 (leave message & a volunteer will return your call) Email info@MonroeOhHistoricalSociety.org

Website www.MonroeOhHistoricalSociety.org

Facebook www.facebook.com/MonroeOhioHistoricalSociety.org

Photo: Participants of Paranormal Investigation at the Monroe Historical Society's Chickahominy Museum on Sept 22, 2018.

Year-End Income Tax Notes

Fourth quarter estimated income tax payments to the City are due January 15th to avoid a penalty for underpayment of estimated tax (15% of unpaid balance). The State of Ohio requires that estimated municipal taxes be paid if the anticipated annual tax liability is \$200 or more. To verify estimates paid, please call 539-7374 Option 3. Or email tax@monroeohio.org for a quicker response.

Also, please note: City income tax forms for 2018 will be posted on our website in late December or early January. Postcards will be sent to our residents in late January. Residents are encouraged to call the tax office to report any name and/or address changes. These changes can also be sent to our tax email address. Looking ahead to filing returns for the 2018 tax year. A copy of an individual's federal tax return must accompany their local return. As usual, returns must also include all W2s and, if applicable, Schedules C, E and F and 1099-MISCs. Any Form 2106 employee business expenses must include federal Schedule A.

Homeowners must provide a copy of their property tax statement to qualify for the tax rate increase exemption. This can be found by visiting the Butler or Warren County Auditor's website.

Income Tax staff is available weekdays from 8 a.m. to 5 p.m. to provide free assistance with the preparation of City forms. No appointment is necessary.

Offices will be closed on Dec. 24th and 25th for the Christmas holiday, Jan. 1st for the New Year's holiday and Jan. 21st in observance of Dr. Martin Luther King Day.

1099-G Statements for Refunds/Credit.

Each year during tax season, the City of Monroe tax office issues 1099-G statements to individual taxpayers, notifying them that they have received a refund or credit.

State and local tax authorities must file information returns with IRS on Form 1099-G with respect to individuals' income tax refunds, or credits or offsets with respect to income taxes, aggregating \$10 or more in one calendar year. The return must include the aggregate amount of the state or local income tax refund (credit or offset).

A "credit or offset" is a tax overpayment which, in lieu of being refunded to the taxpayer, is either applied against an existing liability of the taxpayer, or is available for application against a future liability of the taxpayer, or otherwise used or available for use for the taxpayer's benefit.

Please consult with your tax preparer concerning the taxability of this 1099-G issued to you for tax year 2017. If you have any questions, please call the City of Monroe at 513-539-7374 Option 3.

Business Spotlight

FARMERS Insurance - John Holmes Agency



As an Ohio native and current Monroe resident, I am proud to serve as your local Farmers® insurance agent. When I meet with my clients, I take the time to understand their wants and needs, while providing the best customer service that I can. I have the knowledge and experience to help you better understand your coverage options--whether that's auto, home, life, business insurance and more.

With over 5 years of experience in the insurance industry, I understand insurance forwards and backwards. Prior to opening my agency, I graduated from the US Naval Academy and served for over 20 years as a US Navy pilot. I also owned 2 small businesses. These experiences have given me a unique understanding of what it takes to protect our local businesses and families.

When I'm not in the office, I enjoy spending time with my wife and my children. We like to travel, fish and golf together. You might see us at Top Golf on occasion! My oldest is now serving in the Navy and our youngest is a freshman at Monroe High School.

Stop by and see me sometime! I'm located right next to the RR crossing on 995 North Main St, at the old train depot. I can be reached at 513-818-1885.



Basketball Goals in 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.

Monroe Lending Library

Our next Rafflemania will be Saturday, February 2, 2019. Doors open at 6:15 , raffle begins at 7:00. Come on out to brush away the winter blues and enjoy a night of good food, great items to be won and share a few laughs. Call 513-594-4845 to reserve your table or lucky paddle number. Walk-ins welcome.

The Library is now featuring the beautiful watercolor artwork of Jan Holladay-Scheuber. Most of these paintings are for sale. It is worth the time to drop in and see how talented she is. If you or someone you know has artwork they would like to display, give us a call to schedule a showing (513-360-0100)

We have lots of books for sale. Drop by and fill up a paper grocery bag for only \$5.00. If you still have a cassette player, we have lots of books on tape 2/\$1.00. Also if you still have a VCR player, we have several movies on sale 2/\$1.00. We have several VHS tapes made by National Geographic (some have never played). Purchase a bag of these for \$3.00.

Power off and need somewhere warm to go? Come to the library and grab a book and snuggle up in front of the fireplace.

Book Club meets every Monday at 7:00 p.m. Come and join in on the discussion and fellowship.

Upcoming books to be discussed : The Things We Thought We Knew, The Immoralists, Educated, The Great Alone, When Crows Sing. We will be having open discussion on books read as individuals.

The Needlecraft Group will not meet in January or February.

Need copies or fax services? Drop by the Library.

The Monroe Lending Library wishes you a Merry Christmas and a Happy, Healthy New Year! Thank you so much for your support.

MidPointe Library Monroe Branch
1 Tennessee Ave. off Britton Lane - 513-360-6224
Open 10:00 - 7:00 Monday - Friday, 10:00 - 5:00 Saturday, closed Sunday
For a complete listing of events and to register go to www.midpointelibrary.org

Avengers Game Night - January 2 from 4:30 p.m. - 6:30 p.m.

Avengers Assemble! The fate of the Universe is in our hands as we play Marvel inspired games. *Thanos Rising* is a cooperative game where heroes are recruited to build teams. We will detect field agents in *Marvel Codenames*. Several other Avenger themed games will also be available for play. Ages 10 and up. Registration required.

Conversations that Matter - January 4, 18, and February 1 and 15 from 10:00 a.m. - 11:00 a.m.

Start your day inspired by TED Talk speakers describing new ideas that may change the world. We watch and discuss short TED Talk videos.

Creative Coding - January 9 and February 13 from 4:30 p.m.- 5:30 p.m.

In this monthly program, students will work in teams to learn the basics of coding using fun programs and activities. computers are provided by the library. Grades 4-8. Registration required.

Teen & Adult Craft - January 11 from 4:30 p.m. - 5:30 p.m. Earrings. February 8 a.m. from 4:30 p.m. - 5:30 p.m. Valentine's Day cards. Ages 10 and up. Library provides all materials. Registration required.

Tail Waggin' Tutors - January 12 and February 9 from 10:30 a.m.— 11:30 p.m.

Children can ease those reading jitters as they grab a book, cuddle up and read to a doggie friend named Nemo, a registered therapy dog. This program is for children in Kindergarten and older. Call 513-360-6215 to register for a 15 minute session.

Teens go Beyond - January 16 from 4:30 - 5:30 Guinness Book of World Records. February 20 from 4:30 - 5:30 UFOs, Aliens, and Area 51. Ages 10 and up. Registration required.

Book Club

January 18 from 11:00 - 12:00 *Persona* by Genevieve Valentine
February 15 from 11:00 - 12:00 *My Name is Leon: a novel* by Kit De Waal.

Tabletop Gaming : Tiny Epic Defenders - February. 6 from 4:30 - 5:30

What kind of hero are you? A sorcerer, a ranger, or maybe a barbarian? Find out when we play Tiny Epic Defenders. Together, we must defend the Capital City and defeat the Epic Foe. Lots of adventure can be found in the smallest packages. Ages 8 and up. Registration required.

Kid Coders - February 16 from 11:00 - 12:00

In this new monthly program, students will learn the basics of coding using fun programs and activities. Computers are provided by the library. Grades K-3 Registration required.

Storytime sessions - Registration for Spring I session begins February 17 Registration required.

See www.midpointelibrary.org for more information.



Rumpke Curbside Guidelines

Please follow these simple guidelines when preparing your material for collection.

- Trash/recycling must be placed curbside the night before your scheduled collection. Drivers may not return to residences if materials are unprepared at the scheduled collection time.
- Rumpke's service includes six, 32-gallon cans or bags per pick-up. Cans and bags should not exceed 50 pounds. Please do not place trash at the curb in boxes. All boxes should be broken down and bundled. Rumpke is not responsible for damaged or missing plastic cans or lids.
- Please contact Rumpke at least 48 hours before your regularly scheduled collection to request a large item pick-up for acceptable large items, and/or excessive amounts of trash. Television sets cannot exceed 32 inches for curbside pick-up. Any mattress or upholstered furniture must be completely sealed in disposable plastic for removal. Additional fees may apply.
- Freon containing appliances require special handling procedures prior to pick-up. Please complete a refrigerant recovery statement and contact Rumpke for more details at 1-800-828-8171.
- According to Federal law, Rumpke is not permitted to accept batteries, tires, liquids, combustible materials or any items identified as hazardous.
- Bulky materials including drywall, concrete, bricks, dirt or rocks are not acceptable.
- Drums, barrels, yard and household containers are not acceptable trash containers and will be assumed trash if placed at the curb.
- Rumpke is not responsible for damage beyond the curb line.
- Landlords may be held responsible for service of rental supplies.

Butler Soil & Water Conservation District

The Butler Soil and Water Conservation District was organized in 1942 by concerned landowners interested in protecting and improving the soil and water resources of the county. The District is a political subdivision of the State of Ohio. Butler SWCD is assisted by the Butler County Commissioners, the Ohio Department of Agriculture, and the Natural Resource Conservation Service.

They can help you answer questions such as:

- What can I do about erosion on my property?
- Why is my pond covered in algae?
- What can I do about drainage in my yard?
- Is my pond water polluted?
- How can I teach my students about natural resources?

The also offer assistance and services, such as soils information and mapping, watershed, waterways, flood plain, FEMA maps, culvert sizing and watershed delineation, historical aerial photographs from 1938, 1962, 1968, 1976, and 1987. Items for sale include blue bird boxes, rain barrels, rain barrel kits, compost bins, and pond filters.

1802 Princeton Road, Hamilton, Ohio 45011
513-887-3720 www.ButlerSWCD.org

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cityhall@monroeohio.org

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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

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Jason Frentzel, Council Member
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council@monroeohio.org

**City Administrative Offices will be closed on
November 12, 22, and 23; December 24 and
25; and January 1**