

2015

Below are upcoming important dates. Meetings, unless otherwise indicated, are held in the Council Chambers located at

233 S. Main St.  
Monroe, OH 45050

**Mayor's Court**

July 14, 2015-4:00 pm  
July 28, 2015-4:00 pm  
August 11, 2015-4:00 pm  
August 25, 2015-4:00 pm

**Council**

July 14, 2015-6:30 pm  
July 28, 2015-6:30 pm  
August 11, 2015-6:30 pm  
August 25, 2015-6:30 pm

**Planning Commission**

July 21, 2015-6:00 pm  
August 18, 2015-6:00 pm

**Park Board**

August 12, 2015-6:30 pm

**Finance Committee**

**Council Library—233 S. Main Street, Monroe, OH**  
July 28, 2015-5:45 pm  
August 25, 2015-5:45 pm



*Celebrate the Fourth of July*



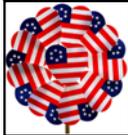
We are excited about the annual Fourth of July events hosted by the City of Monroe and the Monroe Lions Club.

The annual parade will begin to line up at 10:00 am in the Kroger parking lot and begin promptly at 12:00 pm. The parade will travel down Macready Avenue, to Elm Street, and south on Main Street ending at the Monroe Community Park with a large variety of food, games, bands, and rides. Then end the evening with an amazing display of fireworks by Rozzi's Famous Fireworks.

It is still not too late to participate in the parade or float contest. The theme of the Parade is "Made in America-Celebrating Ingenuity." Trophies for participants will be given at end of the parade in the Community Park.

For information about the parade contact Deana England at [englandd@monroehio.org](mailto:englandd@monroehio.org) or 513-539-7374 extension 1006.

**MONROE GARDEN CLUB**



**No Meeting Scheduled for July 2015**

*HAPPY 4<sup>TH</sup> OF JULY*

*HAPPY BIRTHDAY AMERICA, STILL THE GREATEST NATION IN THE WORLD!*



**"This country will not be a good place for any of us to live unless we make it a good place for all of us to live."**

**Theodore Roosevelt, U.S. President**

The next meeting will be Tuesday, August 18 at 7:00 p.m. in the James Monroe Community Room in the City Building. Our guest speaker will be Chief John Centers of the Monroe Fire Department. He will be teaching and demonstrating the proper use of the Automated External Defibrillator (AED).

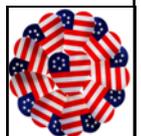
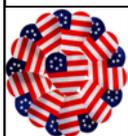
Please plan on attending and bringing a guest for this important meeting. AED's are being placed in more public areas so it would behoove us to know proper use.

Knowledge could save someone's life.

If you are interested in gardening of any type, we invite you to attend our meeting

usually held on the third Tuesday of the month at 7:00 p.m.

Meet new friends, learn new things and have a good time.



### Monroe Historical Society News

The Historical Society’s log cabin in the park has recently had a new 50 year roof installed via a grant from the State of Ohio! We are ready for visitors during Monroe’s annual Light Up the Sky festival on July Fourth, with cabin hours of 2:00 p.m.-8:00 p.m. Be sure and wave to us in the City’s Independence Day parade, too – we have 3 cars entered this year. The parade will leave Kroger at noon on July 4 and ends at the Community Park.

On July 30, our program will be “Genealogy – Getting Started and Online Sites To Use” and is presented by Pam White, president of the Butler County Genealogical Society. There will be hand-outs and real-time internet demonstrations. All our programs begin at 7:00 p.m. and are free to the public. They are held at the New Community Room, 6 East Ave., Monroe, Ohio 45050.

On August 15, we will be making Apple Butter at the Monroe Methodist Church! Traditionally an outside event with copper kettle and roaring fire, we moved indoors two years ago to a cleaner (and easier) environment for canning our famous Apple Butter. The recipe remains the same and we will have pints and half pints for sale, in both regular and no-sugar added. We only make a limited batch, so call us to get yours before it’s gone! 539-2270.

Have a safe and fun summer and we will see you at the third Cruise-In at the Cabin on Thursday, September 10!



### Movies in the Park

Grab the kids and a blanket and head to the park and settle down at dusk for a fun filled movie! The remaining movie dates for the summer will be held on July 17 featuring the movie Paddington and August 22 featuring the movie Paul Blart Mall Cop 2. The movies will be shown by Premiere Mobile Cinema. Concessions will be available for sale!



### Fifth Annual Touch-A-Truck Event

Location: Monroe Community Park

Date/Time: Friday, August 14, 2015 10:00 a.m. – 1:00 p.m.

*This event is free to the public*

This is a one day event which allows children to see, touch, and explore their favorite big trucks and vehicles as well as to meet the personnel, who protect, serve, and build the community.

Contact Angela Wasson at 513-539-7374 ext. 1012 or at [wassona@monroecohio.org](mailto:wassona@monroecohio.org) for any questions.



### Fourth of July Festival



Monroe’ Lion’s Club along with the City of Monroe is proud to feature the 2015 “Light Up the Sky” Fourth of July Festival. The day will end in a bang with fireworks displays on Saturday, July 4 at Monroe Community Park.

Events are planned for the whole day, including a parade, rides and games for the kids, skydivers, live music and Disc Golf.

9:00 a.m.- Disc Golf Tournament

12:00 p.m.– Parade to the City Park

5:00 p.m.-Team Fastrax parachutes in flag

7:00 p.m.-Concert with The Remains

Dark:-Fireworks

Multiple food vendors will be in on hand, allowing attendees a wide selection of food. Craft vendors will be airbrushing tattoos, face painting and many more fun activities for the whole family.

The City of Monroe will be hosting the Fourth of July parade departing from the Kroger Marketplace, down Macready to Main Street ending with an opening ceremony at the park.

## *From the desk of Dan Arthur, Public Works Director*

### **Carson Roadway Improvements Project**

This summer the City of Monroe will be making improvements to Carson Road from S. Main Street, west, to the Corporation limits. The project will consist of approximately 1'-3' of roadway widening on the south side of Carson Road. The City will be installing new storm sewer and associated storm structures such as manholes and catch basins along Carson Road to carry all storm water runoff to the west and outlet it in to the existing storm sewer located on the south side of Carson Road. New water service lines will be installed from the existing 12" water main to the existing shutoff locations. New concrete drive aprons will be constructed as part of this project as well. At the end of the construction the entire roadway will be milled and resurfaced with 2" of new asphalt. A minimum of one lane of travel will be maintained at all times during the construction process to allow residents access to their homes. This project will begin after the completion of the 2014-15 school year and we are intending to complete the project prior to the start of the 2015-16 school year to avoid any conflicts with school bussing schedules.

### **North Union Road Retaining Wall Rehabilitation**

The City of Monroe will be hiring a contractor to remove existing wall sections along the east side N. Union Road and the banks of Shaker Creek. The existing sheet pile wall sections that are falling in towards the creek will be removed along with the tie-backs that run to the west side of Union Road. These sections will be replaced with new sheet pile wall sections and rock channel protection along the front of the wall. The new wall sections will be painted in the field. A minimum of one lane of travel will be maintained at all time during this project on Union Road. This project will begin in the summer and be completed within 60-90 days of the start of construction.

### **Britton Lane – Roadway and Utility Improvements**

This project includes full-depth reclamation of the asphalt pavement, the installation of a new 12" ductile iron water main with new ¾ inch copper water services, installation of new fire hydrants, the removal and replacement of existing storm structures and storm pipe, and removal and replacement of residential drive aprons required to install the new water main. The work will also include miscellaneous work such as manhole adjustments, any necessary removal and replacement of signs and mailboxes, and associated grading, seeding and straw. For coordination purposes the curb work and resurfacing of Deneen Avenue were included in this project instead of the annual resurfacing project. A minimum of one lane of travel shall be maintained at all times during construction. The bid opening for this project will be held in late June and awarded at the first Council meeting in July. Depending on the scheduling of this project, we may decide to complete the utility work in 2015 with the pavement work to follow in the spring of 2016.

### **Pavement Resurfacing Program**

This year's Pavement Resurfacing program includes three (3) 2 inch Mill & Pave projects located on Valleybrook Drive, the alley between East Avenue and Old Street just north of E. Elm Street and the City of Monroe Fire House located on State Route 4. The existing culvert on Valleybrook Drive will be removed and replaced with a 43x68 inch elliptical, reinforced concrete pipe. This project will also include quantities of curb and gutter removed as part of the inlet installation and culverts installation as well as curb in need of repairs along with associated grading, seeding and straw. Bids will include removal of replacement of sidewalk as part of the installation of the new storm culvert on Valleybrook Dr. A new concrete drive will be installed at the City of Monroe Fire House from State Route 4 to the existing concrete pad. In addition, this project also includes base repairs and a 2 inch overlay of the existing walking path at Monroe Crossings Park. This project will begin this summer and be completed by mid November prior to the closing of the asphalt plants.



## *Congratulations Officer Doughman and Helix*



Congratulations to Officer Mike Doughman and his K-9 partner, Helix. They recently competed against 28 other K-9 teams from across Ohio. They placed 5<sup>th</sup> in narcotics searches and 9<sup>th</sup> in overall patrol tactics. We are very proud and congratulate them on an excellent job!



## *Meet your 4th of July Parade Grand Marshal*

Thomas L. Schuler enlisted in the Army Air Corps on July 15th, 1942, one day before his 20th Birthday. Tom spent 3.5 years in the Army Air Corp and was stationed on nine different air fields and four training bases. Tom Graduated from Aerial Gunnery School and then was stationed at Barksdale AAF where he applied for pilot training. He passed all the requirements and began Air Cadet Training in San Antonio, Texas in January of 1943. Tom took his first solo flight in May of that year. Tom was one of 50 men from a class of 200 that were selected for Ariel and Ground Gunnery Training. His plane was equipped with a 50 caliber machine gun. After three weeks of shooting, he was awarded the rating of expert. On December 5, 1943 Tom graduated and received his wings and rank of 2nd Lieutenant. Tom then trained on various types of aircraft on many bases across the country. Tom was still in training for combat duty when the first atomic bomb was dropped on Japan. His training then ended and he was discharged in time for him to be home for Christmas of 1945.

Tom then enrolled at Ohio State University in March, 1946. Tom graduated with a Bachelor of Science Degree in Business in December, 1948. Tom then was employed with Sorg Paper Company in Middletown, Ohio starting as a Buyer in Purchasing and ending his 31 year career as Vice President of Materials.

## *From the desk of Fire Chief Centers*



Fire Prevention Week is nearly upon us. This year's FPW is scheduled for October 4 - 10 with October 9 being Fire Prevention Day. This year's theme is **"Hear the Beep Where you Sleep; Every Bedroom Needs a Working Smoke Alarm"**. Did you know that the National Fire Protection Association determined that 42% of the 36,000 respondents to an online poll did not know that a smoke detector should be placed in every bedroom of the home? Smoke detectors should also be placed outside the sleeping area, and on every level of the home.

According to NFPA statistics, half of all U.S. home fire deaths occur at night between the hours of 11:00 p.m. and 7:00 a.m., when people are most likely to be sleeping. Having a working smoke alarm in the home cuts the risk of dying in a fire in half. These facts underscore the extreme importance of having working smoke alarms in all bedrooms. Three out of every five U.S. home fire deaths resulted from fires in homes with no smoke alarms, or no functioning smoke alarms.

Together we can reduce the number of deaths resulting from home fires! The Monroe Fire Department staff will again be providing Fire Safety Education for our school aged children K-2 grades, in our daycare centers, and for our church groups this year. If you belong to a group, club, or committee and would like the Fire Department to speak about Fire Safety, give us a call. This is an exciting time of year for the Fire Department as we are able to reach hundreds of children with our fire safety messages. We will also partner with some of our local businesses for special events related to Fire Prevention Week this year.

Don't forget your Fire Department when you need CPR training, First-Aid Classes, Fire Extinguisher Training, Foster Care Inspections, and Car Seat Installation. Having a block party? Give us a call and we'll stop by with the fire engine and fire safety literature.

## *From the desk of Police Lieutenant Chasteen*

**National Night Out** is an event that will take place in over 30,000 communities nationwide on August 4, 2015 from 6:00 p.m. until 9:00 p.m. Monroe citizens are invited for a time of fun, free food and to learn more about safety and crime prevention. Area organizations and businesses will have booths set up to talk to citizens about their services and products, as well as getting to know the community members. The goal of this event is to bring all members of the community together to show that we are united against crime and for safety. Please join us at the Monroe Kroger, 3033 Heritage Green Drive, Monroe, Ohio 45050 on August 4, 2015 from 6:00 p.m.-9:00 p.m.

Lieutenant David Chasteen

[Monroe Police Department](#)

P. 513-539-9234

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## Monroe Lending Library

Hours: Monday-Thursday 10:00 a.m-8:00 p.m. Friday-Saturday 10:00 a.m-2:00 p.m. Closed Sunday

Address: 6 East Avenue, Monroe, Ohio 45050

Phone: 513-360-0100

### Adult Library

Needlecraft Group: Thursday, July 9, 6:30 p.m.  
Slip away with your bag of yarn and needles, beads and cross-stitch. We always have a lively conversation going.

Book Review Group: Monday, July 20, 11:00 a.m.  
Book: MY NAME IS MARY SUITER by Robin Oliveria

### YOGA CLASSES

Instructor Lisa Pratt  
Chair Yoga Tuesday's 3:00 -4:00 p.m.  
Floor Yoga Thursday's 10:30-11:30 a.m.  
Classes are free but donation of \$5.00 is suggested.

### Adult Library

Needlecraft Group: Thursday, August 13, 6:30 p.m.

Book Review Group: Monday, August 17, 11:00 a.m.  
Book: MONUMENT MEN by Robert Edsel

### Bag of Books Sale

We have a variety of gently used books for children and adults for sale. Hardbacks \$1.00 each, paperbacks \$0.50 each, children's books \$0.25 each or 5 for \$1.00. Fill a bag of books for only \$5.00.

### SUMMER READING PROGRAM

Enroll your child in the summer reading program to keep their reading skills up to par. The program runs from June 1 through July 31. For every 5 hours read, the child will be rewarded with a small gift from the library. Stop by the library for a reading log sheet. Must be a member of the Monroe Lending Library to participate.

### SUMMER ENRICHMENT PROGRAM

**S IS FOR SPACE** will be held Friday July 10, 17 and 24 at 11:00 a.m. Each session lasts approximately 1hour. Children will listen to stories read by library staff about the planets and participate in craft projects.

On July 10 and 24, the Cincinnati Observatory will join us to present THE PLANETS AND THEIR ORBITS AND TOUR OF THE UNIVERSE. The program will conclude on July 24 with a pizza party after the presentation. Parents are welcome to attend. Drop by the library to register or give us a call at 513-360-0100. There is no charge for this program.

### MONROE LENDING LIBRARY RAFFLEMANIA

Join us Saturday, July 11 and August 1 for our monthly RAFFLEMANIA. Bid using tickets on a variety of new products. Special raffle for a Z tablet. Also featuring a split-the-pot raffle. This is our primary source of income to purchase new books and DVS's. Invite your friends, family, neighbors, co-workers for a night of fun, laughs and great raffle items. Doors open at 6:15 p.m.; raffle starts at 7:00 p.m.

### KROGER COMMUNITY REWARD PROGRAM

The Monroe Lending Library has been approved by Kroger to receive proceeds through their Community Rewards Program. We are asking our patrons to register their Kroger Plus Card online at Kroger.com/community rewards. The official name we are registered as, is Friends of the Monroe Lending Library. We have been assigned **Organization Number 72653**.

Registering for the Community Rewards Program does not affect the points you accumulate on your Kroger Plus Card. You will continue to get credit for all your purchases as usual. By registering for the library, Kroger will pay up to \$1,000,000 on a quarterly basis to participating organizations based on their percentage of spending. They will pay out \$4,000,000 to non-profit organizations this year, The monies will be divided among the total number of organizations registered.

Did you know the Monroe Lending Library has computers for use by visitors to our library.

We are always looking for volunteers. It's a great way to meet nice people and keep up on the latest best sellers. Drop by or call us at 360-0100.

**Monroe Public Works****Street Sweeping Schedule for 2015****Route 1, Weeks of February 26, June 1, August 30, and November 16, 2015**

Ambergreen Ct., Apple Knoll Ln., Apple Ridge Ct., Autumn Oak St., Babbling Brooke Dr., Bayberry Ln., Bendel Dr., Blue Springs Dr., Brandon Dr., Bridgewater Ln., Buckeye Dr., Carol Anne Ln., Cherry Mill Ct., Churchill Manor Ct., Clark Blvd., DeBord Ln., Diamond Lop, East Brooke Dr., Forest Pond Dr., Granny Smith Ln., Green Oval Dr., Griffin Ln., Hailey Ln., Harbor Cove Ct., Heritage Trail Dr., Hollybrook Dr., Hollytree Dr., Jerri Ct., Kameron Dr., Kelsey Trail, MacIntosh Ln., Maya Ct., Meadowood Dr., Michelle Ln., Niederlander Ln., Northbrook Ln., Oaklawn Dr., Onyx Ct., Opal Ct., Riley Ln., Roden Park Dr., Ruby Ln., S. Main St., Sagewood Ct., Salzman Rd., Scarlet Oak Dr., Serena Way, Shanda Dr., Songbird Ct., Stone Ridge Ln., Sutton Ridge Ct., Tall Oaks Dr., Thomas Pointe Ct., Trey Ct., Twin Cove Dr., Valleybrook Dr., Winsesap Ln., Woodgate Ct., Woodland Ct.

**Route 2, Weeks of March 2, June 8, September 8, and November 30, 2015**

Bedrock Dr., Bernard Dr., Brittony Woods Dr., Brookhurst Dr., Canterbury Ct., Chaney Ct., Church St., (W of Main), Cincinnati Circle, Cincy-Dayton Rd., Cornerstone Dr., Deneen Ave., Douglas Ave., Doverdale Dr., Edgewood Dr., Enterprise Dr., Ethel Dr., Fox Run Pl., Heatherwood Ct., Heritage Green Dr., (S. of 63), Hickory Hill Ct., Hidden Creek Dr., Highland Dr., Hunterbrook Ct., Lee Ct., Lee Price Ave., Lena Dr., Lewitt Ct., Lynette Ct., Macready Ave., Mason Ave., Meadowlark Ln., Moder Dr., Mt. Pleasant Dr., N Sands Ave., Nightstar Ct., Ohi Ave., Overbrook Ct., Parkview Ct., Paxton Circle, Pebblestone Dr., Penbrooke Ct., Rachel Ln., Ravenwood Ct., Raymond Dr., Ridge Wood Dr., Ridgeway Ct., S. Sands Ave., Sands Ave., Sandstone Ct., Scott Alan Dr., Seminary Dr., Slate Branch Ct., Sleepy Hollow Dr., Sunset Ct., Tarryton Ct., Rodhunter Rd., W. Elm St., Wellington Ct., Wexford Dr., Wexford Way, Wicklow Ln., Willowbrook Dr., Winding Brook Ln., Winston Ln., Woodyard Dr., Wyandot Woods Blvd., Wyndham Pl., Xenia Ct.

**Route 3, Weeks of March 9, June 15, September 14, and December 7, 2014**

Austin Smith Dr., Backtrail Ln., Belmont Ln., Bluegrass Ln., Bobtail Way., Bridle Creek Dr., Bridle Pass Way, Buggywhip Ct., Church St. (East of Main), Coachside Ct., Corridor Park, Courtland Dr., Creek Ct., Davis Dr., Dobbin Ct., E. Arrielle Ct., E Elm St. (East of Main), East Ave., Ferncliff Ct., Fieldstone Ct., Foalrun Ct., Forest View Ct., Furlong Ln., Gateway Blvd., Gorman Ct., Greentree Rd., (75 bridge), Helsing Dr., Hiteshue Ave., Jonah Ct., Joy Dr., Kenneland Ct., Kenwood Ct., Keswick Dr., Leah Ct., Lebanon St., Linn Ct., Meadowlands Dr., Meeker Ln., N. Main St., N. Union Rd., New Garver Rd., Obenour Ct., Old Carriage Ct., Old Orchard Ln., Old St., Paddock Ln., Pleasant Ct., Randy Ln., Red Fox Ct., Ridgepoint Dr., Ridgeview Ln., Rustic Ct., Sackett Dr., Senate Dr., Shady Ct., St. Rt. 63, Stablewatch Ct., Steeplechase Ln., Stewart Way, Stillpass Way, Stonemill Ct., Tam-O-Shanter Way., Timrick Pl., Trails End Dr., Trotter Ln., Turfview Ct., Vista Ct., W. Arrielle Ct., Walden Ct., William K. Robinson Dr., Wm. Groth Dr., Woodsdale Dr., Wren Ct., Wyndcrest Ct.

## City Administration Offices Closed

The City of Monroe Administration Offices will be closed on the following days in 2015.

- January 1st - New Year 's Day
- January 19th - Martin Luther King, Jr. Day
- February 16th - President 's Day
- May 25th - Memorial Day
- July 3rd - Independence Day
- September 7th - Labor Day
- November 11th - Veteran 's Day
- November 26th - Thanksgiving Day
- November 27th - Friday after Thanksgiving
- December 24th - Christmas Eve
- December 25th - Christmas Day



### CITY COUNCIL

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Dan Clark  
Anna Hale  
Todd Hickman  
Lora Stillman

## MONROE

### City Contact Information

Police and Fire Emergency	9-1-1
Police Non Emergency	539-9234
Detectives	360-2206
Crime Tip Line	360-2211
Records	360-2208
Fire Non Emergency	539-8380
Public Works	727-8953

The following offices can be contacted by calling 539-7374 and dialing the following extensions:

Mayor and Council	1012
City Manager	Option 7
Development, Planning & Zoning	Option 4
Finance and Income Tax	Option 3
Property Maintenance Hotline	2000
Water, Sewer, and Trash	Option 2

[cityhall@monroeohio.org](mailto:cityhall@monroeohio.org)

Office Hours:  
8:00am to 5:00pm Monday-Friday

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