

2016

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

233 S. Main St.

CELEBRATE THE FOURTH OF JULY



Mayor's Court
 July 12, 2016-4:00 pm
 July 26, 2016-4:00 pm
 August 9, 2016-4:00 pm
 August 23, 2016-4:00 pm

Council
 July 12, 2016-6:30 pm
 July 26, 2016-6:30 pm
 August 9, 2016-6:30 pm
 August 23, 2016-6:30 pm

Planning Commission
 July 19, 2016-6:00 pm
 August 23, 2016-6:00 pm

Park Board
 August 10, 2016-6:30 pm

Finance Committee
Council Library—233 S. Main Street, Monroe, OH
 July 26, 2016-5:45 pm
 August 25, 2016-5:45 pm

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 a.m. in the Kroger parking lot and begin promptly at 12:00 p.m. 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.

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 or 513-539-7374 extension 1006.

LIGHT UP THE SKY

Come join the fun for July 4. The schedule is as follows:

- 12:00 noon - Parade from Kroger to Community Park
- 12:30 - Vintage Base Ball tourney
- 1:00 pm - Rides begin, Beer Garden Opens
- 5:00 pm - Parking at the park *CLOSED*
FREE parking and shuttle at LMHS
- 7:00-11:00 pm The Remains take the stage
- Dark - Fireworks

NATIONAL NIGHT OUT

This year we will be having our night out on Thursday, August 4, 2016 from 5:00 p.m. to 9:00 p.m. at Kroger, 3033 Heritage Green Drive. We will have "Little One" (an actual monster truck that kids can climb and play on), skydivers, police vehicles, Monroe Fire Department, Butler County Emergency Management Agency vehicles, military vehicles, an inflatable obstacle course, Care flight and many other groups and attractions. The best part is that it is all free even the food that is being provided by Kroger.

MOVIE IN THE PARK

Grab the kids and a blanket and head to the park and settle down at dusk for a fun filled movie:

July 23rd Star Wars and August 12th Zootopia



MONROE HISTORICAL SOCIETY NEWS

Be sure to watch for the Monroe Historical Society in the 4th of July Parade and stop by the log cabin, located in the Monroe Community Park, for a visit! We will have the cabin open for the Monroe Lion's Club Light Up the Sky event Monday, July 4th! It is going to be an amazing event this year!!! Our Museum, 1910 Building and log cabin are open by appointment. If you are interested in taking a tour please send us an email info@monroeohhistoricalsociety.org or call (513) 539-2270. We hope everyone is enjoying their Monroe Legend newsletter and be sure to check our website for updates on events and programs.



MONROE GARDEN CLUB

The Monroe Garden Club will not be meeting in July. Enjoy Monroe's 4th of July Parade at noon and Light Up the Sky in the evening. On Tuesday, August 16, we will carpool from the City Building at 6:30 p.m. and drive to Chrisholm Historic Farmstead for a house and garden tour at 7:00 p.m. The Farmstead is only 20 minutes from Monroe, 2070 Woodsdale Road, Trenton 45067.

SHAKESPEARE IN THE PARK



The City of Monroe will be hosting a free play in the Community Park on Wednesday, August 31, 2016 at 7:00 p.m. (Weather permitting) The play to be shown will be Macbeth. Please bring your own chair or blanket and enjoy the show!

FROM THE DESK OF DAN ARTHUR, PUBLIC WORKS

Pavement Resurfacing Program

The 2016 Pavement Resurfacing program includes nine (9) 2" Mill & Pave projects located on Wyndcrest Court, Gorman Court, Davis Drive between Gorman Court and Sackett Drive, Sackett Drive, Belmont Lane, Helsing Drive, Meadowlands Court, Forest View Court and South Main Street (Cincinnati-Dayton Road) from the Mound Cemetery entrance to the south corporation limit of Monroe. This project will also include the removal and replacement of seven (7) curb inlets along Wyndcrest Court and removal and replacement of existing pipe to tie in the proposed curb inlets. Macready Avenue will be re-striped from Britton Lane to Heritage Green Drive. West Elm Street will be re-striped at the intersection and South Main Street will be re-striped from the Mound Cemetery entrance to the south corporation limit after it has been milled and paved. This project will begin this summer and be completed prior to the start of the 2016-2017 Monroe school calendar year.

Britton Lane Improvements project

The Britton Lane Improvements project will be wrapping up this summer. During July you will see them finishing the installation of the driveway approaches, finish grading the site with topsoil and applying the grass seed and protection. We recognize that this is not the best time to try and grow grass, but the contractor is responsible for establishment of the grass and will be required to come back next Spring to address any areas that did not germinate this Fall. The final step in the process will be to install the surface course of asphalt and apply the permanent striping. We have truly appreciated your patience and understanding with this project and hope that you enjoy this street for many years.

FROM THE DESK OF FIRE CHIEF CENTERS

Hopefully this finds you all doing well, and enjoying your summer! And of course it wouldn't be summer without a few safety tips as we venture out for fun in the sun.

Heat Related Health Issues- While we all enjoy getting out in the sun, keep in mind that those with pre-existing health conditions as well as the elderly and children are more susceptible to heat related issues. Heat cramps, heat stroke, and dehydration can lead to very serious medical issues, and outdoor activities should be monitored to stress lots of fluids, shade, and rest periods. Do not leave humans or animals in unventilated cars in warm weather. Do not believe that you will only be gone for a few minutes, and do not believe that a slightly open window is enough ventilation.

Pool Safety- Children should never be left unsupervised in, at, or near pools, ponds, lakes, rivers, or creeks. It only takes a few seconds for a small child to wander into these dangerous situations. A common theme with drowning incidents is the statement, "I only had my eyes off them for a second". Locked entry gates, motion alarms, and close supervision are always a good idea when children and water mix.

Bon Fires- Bon fires are somewhat complicated. In short, a fire in an approved bon fire container can be no less than 15 feet from a structure. A bon fire not in an approved container shall be no larger than 3 feet in diameter, 2 feet high, and no less than 50 feet from a structure unless in a barbecue pit. We do not recommend any open fire containers on wood decks, and would consider a wood deck to be a structure. You should mitigate any chance of the fire spreading prior to burning such as tall grass, excessive brush, leaves, and garbage. The fire should be attended AT ALL TIMES! A fire extinguisher or water hose should be available during use. Hot embers should be thoroughly doused with water before discarding them...don't place them in combustible containers, on your deck, or near any structure. All fires should contain only ordinary combustibles such as untreated wood or logs. No plastics, rubber, or flammable liquid should be used. And finally, if a fire is determined to be objectionable or a danger to an adjacent property, the fire department will request the fire be put out.

If you have questions or concerns, please call the fire station for assistance. Let's be safe this year and every year.

TOUCH-A-TRUCK

We will be having our annual Touch-A-Truck event on Friday, August 12, 2016 from 10:00 a.m. to 1:00 p.m. at Monroe Community Park. We will have Care flight, the Mobile ICU, Monroe Fire Department, the Ohio Army National Guard, an inflatable obstacle course and may other trucks and pieces of equipment for the kids to play on.



MONROE POLICE DEPARTMENT**“Don’t leave them in it, not even for a minute.”**

It’s the time of year that we start seeing the temperatures and humidity rise. Every year, hundreds of pets die in hot parked cars. And a child dies every ten days on average from heatstroke after being left in a hot vehicle. Frightening statistics. Safe Kids Worldwide, reports 14 percent of adults admit to leaving infants and toddlers alone in a parked vehicle. And cars heat up incredibly fast. If the outside temperature is 70° F in just ten minutes time the temperature inside your vehicle can rise almost 20° F. Cracking the windows down makes no difference since pets and kids are still at risk for heat exhaustion, organ failure or death. The solution is easy, “Don’t leave them in it, not even for a minute.”

Vacation check program

Do you have plans to go out of town this summer? Monroe Police Department offers a vacation check service. We will check the security of your home while you are on vacation. Just give us a call with your travel plans and emergency numbers, and we will check your home while you are out of town.

Security measures

When doing your yard work, trim shrubbery hiding doors or windows and cut tree branches that could help a thief climb to second story windows.

While working or entertaining in the rear of the house, be sure you keep the front of your house locked-up. Many criminals cruise residential neighborhoods looking for open garages and open front doors with the homeowners in the rear.

Make sure all entrances are well lit at night. Motion sensors, timers, and light sensors are an inexpensive option. Decorative lighting, designed properly, also doubles as security lighting.

Be very cautious of “contractors” who “happen to be in your neighborhood”, or “are doing a job near-by” or “have left over material”. If you did not call the person, you normally **DO NOT** want to do business with them.

DO NOT allow door-to-door salespersons in your home. Quite often an excuse to use the restroom or use your phone is a way to get in your home to steal.

Protect your tools. Lawnmowers, trimmers, other power tools, along with hand tools like shovels, trimmers, etc. are big theft items. Do not leave them out at night. Keep them locked up in a garage or shed. We invest a lot of money in these tools. Don’t offer free stuff to thieves. Remember to close the garage door at night. Also keep the door between the garage and your house locked.

Your children’s toys are another item to protect. The police find many bikes just abandoned in parks from being “borrowed” from someone’s front yard.

While doing your spring clean-up around the house, do a digital inventory of your yard tools. Carry a digital camera and photograph your tools. The kids bikes too. If they are stolen you will have photos to provide law enforcement of the items. It only takes a few minutes.

While you are at it, go ahead and photograph your entire home interior. This would be extremely handy in a burglary, or even in the event of a fire or storm. Insurance companies will want an itemized list of lost items. Photographs are the best.

Keep a copy of the photographs off site. Tell a friend or relative to document their property also, then exchange copies. If your house is destroyed in a fire, you can then retrieve the information from this location.

DO NOT hide a key. If you can think of a place to hide it, a burglar can think of the same place. Give a key to trusted neighbor or relative.

Get to know your neighborhood. Learn who or what fits, and who or what does not. You know your neighborhood better than the police. If something is suspicious to you, trust your instincts.

Security Assessments

If you are worried about the security of your home, please contact me for a free in home security assessment. I will come out and help you find any security weaknesses that you may have in your home.

I can be contacted by email at kingj@monroeohio.org or 513-360-2210.

Have a great, safe summer.

Ptl. Joshua D. King

Community Service Officer/Public Information Officer

Monroe Police Department

MONROE LENDING LIBRARY

6 East Ave, Monroe OH 45050

Phone 513-360-0100

Hours: Mon-Thurs. 10:00 a.m.-8:00 p.m.

Fri and Sat. 10:00 a.m.-2:00 p.m.

The Library will be closed Monday, July 4, 2016 in observance of Independence Day.

CHILDREN READING PROGRAM

The Reading program will be held June 1 through July 31 for all school-age children who are members of the Monroe Lending Library.

Stop by the library to pick up a reading flyer to participate. Not a member, not a problem, you can join when you pick up the flyer. Happy Reading!

Adult Library

The Needlecraft Group meets the second Thursday of each month. Bring your latest project and join a group of like minds to knit, crochet or cross-stitch.

Needlecraft Group Thursday, July 14 6:30 p.m. and Thursday, August 11 at 6:30 p.m.

Book Review Group

Meets the third Monday of each month at 11:00 a.m. They alternate between fiction and non-fiction books.

Monday, July 18 at 11 a.m., Book: The Circle by Dave Eggers

Monday, August 15th at 11 a.m. Book: Beethoven's Hair: An Extraordinary Historical Odyssey and a Scientific Mystery Solved by Russell Martin.

RAFFLEMANIA

Saturday, July 9 and Saturday, August 13. Come join the fun. We'll be raffling lots of prizes like gift cards, gift baskets, jewelry, toys, Pampered Chef and more. Doors open at 6:15 p.m. with raffle beginning at 7:00 p.m. Come hungry, we have a snack bar. To reserve a table or a seat, RSVP to Judy Mann at 513-594-4845.

SOUTHWEST OHIO AIR QUALITY AGENCY

Be Aware of Air Quality While Enjoying Summertime Activities

Hot, sunny days are great for visiting the pools, going on a picnic and playing outside, but they also allow ozone to build. Ozone is a combination of air pollutants, such as vehicle exhaust and industrial emissions, which thrives with heat and sunlight. Higher ozone levels may cause unhealthy air quality, especially impacting people with asthma or other respiratory illnesses. As a public service, the Southwest Ohio Air Quality Agency monitors air quality on a daily basis and notifies the public if we are forecasting the likelihood of unhealthy air quality levels.

The U.S. Environmental Protection Agency has set the ozone standard at 70 parts per billion which equals 100 on the Air Quality Index. When Agency staff forecasts an exceedance, or an Air Quality Index of 105 or higher, we'll issue an Air Quality Advisory. This official notification is your cue to safeguard your outdoor exertion, especially if you suffer from a cardiac or respiratory illness. It's also your opportunity to follow best practices to reduce air pollutants. Simple actions like not idling your vehicle, carpooling, suspending mowing, and conserving electricity can make a positive difference.

As of June 7, the Agency has issued two Air Quality Advisories. There are plenty of warm summer days ahead, so keep yourself informed by visiting our website at SouthwestOhioAir.org or interacting with us at [Facebook.com/SouthwestOhioAir](https://www.facebook.com/SouthwestOhioAir).

Have an enjoyable, healthy summer.

Brad Miller is the Assistant Director of the Southwest Ohio Air Quality Agency.

COMMUNITY PARAMEDICINE

The Monroe Fire Department will be initiating a trial program for Community Paramedicine this month. Community Paramedicine was signed in to law by the Governor on June 30 of 2015, and was activated on October 1. This was a change in the scope of practice for Ohio EMT's and Paramedics that will allow them to function in non-emergency roles in the communities they serve. By definition, Community Paramedicine is a new and evolving model of community-based health care in which Paramedics and EMT's function outside their customary emergency response and transport roles in ways that facilitate more appropriate use of emergency care resources and/or enhance access to primary care for medically underserved populations. CP programs typically are designed to address specific local problems and to take advantage of locally developed linkages and collaborations between and among emergency medical services and other health care and social service providers. The Monroe program was developed through a partnership with the Mount Pleasant Retirement Community and will address issues involving our elderly residents. Specified target groups have been established and data will be gathered to determine how we can better serve our elderly community. The Community Paramedicine trial is one of several safety initiatives being developed in the City of Monroe. In addition to the CP program, the City has committed to having 100% of its staff members trained in CPR & First Aid, providing AED's in all public buildings, and expanding our resident safety training programs with CPR Blitz Programs, additional Smoke Detector partnership programs, and Neighborhood Safety Blitz Projects. The Fire Department will also be heading an accreditation project through the Safe Communities Coalition of the National Safety Council. Our goal is simple; make Monroe the safest place possible to live, work, and play.

FAQ

Is Community Paramedicine mandatory for Fire Departments in the State of Ohio? No, Community Paramedicine is a voluntary program that each individual department can evaluate and determine its feasibility in their communities.

Why participate in Community Paramedicine? Community Paramedicine allows for an expanded service to an underserved population. The program does not replace services provided by a health care provider, but fills gaps in coverage before and after service is provided. An example would be an elderly resident whom has a serious health condition, and is transported frequently. The Community Paramedics would schedule visits to evaluate and assist the resident, and reduce the likelihood of a 911 transport through a proactive care plan. These visits will allow our staff to evaluate additional needs and "plug" the resident into ancillary service providers such as Council on Aging. This will also allow the Fire Department to provide a home fire safety evaluation to participants during the visit.

Will there be a fee for Community Paramedic visits? No, the service provided will be part of the normal services provided by the Fire Department.

How is this program funded? Monroe's program will be operated from within our current budget, with our current duty staff. Long-term plans are to develop partnerships with our hospital systems and insurance carriers, to develop long-term project sustainability.

How do I enroll in this program? The current project is in a "trial" phase. Over the next 6 months we will develop a project matrix to establish best practice, time tables, illness criteria, and general treatment data. Following the review of the acquired data, we will determine how best to serve our community as a whole, as well as how we will qualify residents for the program.

Will the Community Paramedic Program provide everything that is needed for participants? This is a complicated question. Once a criteria has been established for participants, (which is who meets the program guidelines) the resident will be evaluated to determine their specific needs. Some of these needs will be met by introducing the resident to County and private programs that provide food, cleaning services, and transportation services as well as other coordinated assistance. Other services that can be met by the Fire Department staff will be provided directly.

MONROE PUBLIC WORKS**Street Sweeping Schedule for 2016****Route 1, Weeks of August 30, and November 16, 2016**

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 September 8, and November 30, 2016

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 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. Arielle Ct., Walden Ct., William K. Robinson Dr., Wm. Groth Dr., Woodsdale Dr., Wren Ct., Wyndcrest Ct.

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| 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:

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| 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@monroehio.org

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



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City Administration Offices Closed

The City of Monroe Administration Offices will be closed on the following days in 2016.

- January 1st - New Year 's Day
- January 18th - Martin Luther King, Jr. Day
- February 15th - President 's Day
- May 30th - Memorial Day
- July 4th- Independence Day
- September 5th - Labor Day
- November 11th - Veteran 's Day
- November 24th - Thanksgiving Day
- November 25th - Friday after Thanksgiving
- December 23rd - Christmas Eve
- December 26th - Christmas Day

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