

2015

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

233 S. Main St.

Mayor's Court

March 10, 2015-4:00 pm
 March 24, 2015-4:00 pm
 April 14, 2015-4:00 pm
 April 28, 2015-4:00 pm

Council

March 10, 2015-6:30 pm
 March 24, 2015-6:30 pm
 April 14, 2015-6:30 pm
 April 28, 2015-6:30 pm

Planning Commission

March 17, 2015-6:00 pm
 April 21, 2015-6:00 pm

Park Board

March 11, 2015-6:30 pm
 April 8, 2015-6:30 pm

Finance Committee

Council Library—233 S. Main Street, Monroe, OH
 March 24, 2015-5:45 pm
 April 28, 2015-5:45 pm

Public Involvement Committee

6 East Avenue, Monroe, OH
 April 27, 2015-5:30 pm

Welcome Chief Buchanan



Chief Buchanan became our Chief of Police on November 17, 2014. Chief Buchanan has been in law enforcement for 15 years. He is a veteran of the United States Marine Corps where he served in the infantry. He grew up in Weirton, West Virginia and is a graduate of Wright State University. Chief Buchanan began his law enforcement career with the City of Lebanon in 1999. Some of his duties included Range Master, Taser Instructor, Accreditation Manager, Field Training Supervisor, Recruitment Supervisor and Patrol Sergeant. He served 13 years as a member of the Warren County Tactical Response Team as a Rifleman, Sniper/Spotter and most recently as the Sniper Team Leader. He is a 2011 graduate of the Northwestern University School of Police Staff and Command. Chief Buchanan is a member of the Centerville Church of Christ. He and his wife Autumn, have two children, daughter Ellenor, and son Wyatt.

Introducing Firefighter...



Zach Bernard graduated from Madison High School. Zach has been in the fire service for 10 years, has a degree in fire science, is a State of Ohio Firefighter/Paramedic and is a rescue technician with the Butler County Technical Rescue Team.

Happy Birthday Monroe!

The Public Involvement Committee of Council began planning for Monroe's 200th birthday celebration to take place in September of 2017. The Committee would like to hear suggestions and will need volunteers for this event. You can contact us with your suggestions or to volunteer by sending an email to cityhall@monroeohio.org or calling 513-539-7374 option 7.

DAYLIGHT SAVING TIME

Sunday, March 8, 2015 your clocks are to be turned forward one hour starting at 2:00 am.

In conjunction with the Public Education Program,

“ Change Your Clock, Change Your Batteries, ”

the Monroe Fire Department encourages everyone to make it a habit to change the batteries in their smoke detectors.



Online Payments Now Available

We are now accepting online payments for utility bills. Payments can be made with a Visa, MasterCard, or Discover card. The Citizen Self Service (CSS) payment portal can be accessed by visiting:

<https://opay.monroehio.org/mss>.

As customers access the site, they will be asked to register a valid email address to set up their account. Once the account is created, customers can pay their bill with a credit card as well as view current and historical information including water consumption, bill details, and payments. Functionality through the portal will continue to evolve over time to include the ability to make payments and retrieve information for other City services.

Monroe Historical Society News



The Monroe Historical Society would like to thank Monroe Local Schools Instructor Tom Burklow and everyone who came out on a cold, unpleasant evening for our January program. The *never-before-seen, Lemon -Monroe High School History Project* movie was enjoyed by all and we have been asked to have another showing. We are working on a date sometime in May. We will keep everyone informed via Facebook and our website.

As always, we encourage you to become a member of the Society to help support our mission and in return you will receive our quarterly newsletter, the Monroe Legend. It has been expanded to 12 pages and is full of historical articles, photos and of course, you will get the latest news on all our events and programs.

Speaking of programs, the next one is **Thursday, April 30 at 7:00 p.m.** in the East Avenue Community Room. The public is always welcome to join us! Memberships start at just \$10.00 and forms are available on our website: www.monroeh-historicalsociety.org

In other news, the Society has begun early preparations for Monroe's Bicentennial celebration in September 2017. Our big project will be to update our 1967 and 1992 history books. Monroe has changed and grown drastically in the past 25 years, so this will be a large endeavor for our Board and volunteers. We will be needing researchers, typists, writer's, photographers, advertisers, etc. to help us make something spectacular that can be shared for generations. If you are interested in helping, contact Susan Wise or Elaine Kuth at (513) 539-2270 or email us at: info@monroehhistoricalsociety.org.

The Office of Monroe Public Works



PARKS SYSTEMS MASTER PLAN

The City of Monroe has begun the process of developing a Park System Master Plan. The Park System Master Plan will establish needs and set clear priorities for our existing parkland as well as any future park development. Brandstetter Carroll Inc. has been selected to assist the City with the completion of this project. The process to develop the Park System Master Plan includes conducting a household needs assessment. This assessment will be conducted by mail and phone. The steering committee has been formed and had their first meeting in February. Additional public participation will involve conducting public workshops as well as providing information on the website created specifically for this project. The process of updating that website with more information including a questionnaire for our residents will be completed very soon. Please check the City's website and the mind mixer for future public participation and project involvement notifications. The link for the mind mixer website is: <http://OurMonroeParks.mindmixer.com>

Monroe Lions Club

Easter Egg Hunt

Come join the fun at the Monroe Community Park located at
500 South Main Street

Saturday, April 4, 2015 at 1:00 p.m.

There will be lots of eggs to be gathered.



MONROE GARDEN CLUB

The Monroe Garden Club will meet on Tuesday, March 17 at 7:00 p.m. in the James Monroe Room in the Monroe City Building. This will be a workshop evening making items to sell at the Spring Craft Show sponsored by the Monroe Lending Library to be held in May. Bring a snack to share and bring a friend.

The April 21st meeting will also meet at 7:00 p.m. in the James Monroe Room in the City Building. This will be a hands on workshop on flower arranging taught by Naomi Ormes. The Garden Club will provide containers. A fee will be charged for the flowers used. If you want to learn arranging from an expert, this is the program for you.

The Garden Club is celebrating their 55th anniversary this year. Ruth Cast founded our group in 1960. We invite you to join us if you are interested in gardening flowers, vegetables, containers and meeting new friends.



COMMUNITY ROOMS

The James Monroe Community Room is located on the first floor of the City Building. The cost to reserve the room is \$100.00, however, \$50.00 is refundable assuming upon inspection, there is no damage and the room is found to be in a clean and orderly condition.

The Monroe Community Room is located at the new Library/Community Center, at 6 East Avenue. The cost to reserve the room is \$150.00, however \$100.00 is refundable assuming there is no damage and the room is found to be in a clean and orderly condition.

The Small Conference Room is also located at the new Library/Community Center.

All rooms can be reserved at no charge for local Monroe groups as well as nonprofit associations. Simply submit a \$100.00 deposit with your reservation. Upon inspection of the room, assuming there are no damages and the room is found to be in a clean orderly condition, the full deposit will be refunded to you.

For more information or to reserve the Community Rooms or the Conference room for your next function call 513-539-7374 option 0 or email Peggy Stiver at stiverp@monroehio.org or Heather Rippl at ripplh@monroehio.org.

Monroe Band Program

You are invited to the Monroe Band Program's Sounds of Sundaes on Tuesday, March 31st from 6:00 p.m.- 8:30 p.m. This is going to be a fun-filled evening of music, ice cream, games, and much, much more! The Monroe Pep Band will be performing tunes from our 2015 season, along with a few new songs for your enjoyment. While the Pep Band is performing, you are welcome to create your own sundae and enjoy the music. We will also have a variety of games, raffles, and a silent auction throughout the school. Tickets are \$3.00. That will buy you access to our games, and the ability to purchase raffle tickets/place bids on our silent auction. Be sure to visit us on Facebook <https://www.facebook.com/monroebandboosters> for more updates! Mark this date on your calendar and come out to support the Monroe Band Program and your sweet tooth!



City of Monroe Taxes Due

**City of Monroe Taxes are Due April 15, 2015.
Tax Forms Will Not Be Mailed Out This Year.**

1. We will accept any generic tax form.
2. You can bring your W-2(s) and Federal Schedules to the City of Monroe and we will prepare your local tax return (residents). Page 1 of your Federal Return is required.
3. Visit our website at www.monroehio.org to download a form.
4. Forms are available at the front desk of the City Building.
5. You can call the Tax Office and request a form at 513-539-7374 ext. 1009. Leave your name and complete address.
6. E-file is available: compute your return yourself online. You will need to create a PIN when entering the E-file program. Just follow the instructions. Your E-filed return must be printed, signed and sent in to the Tax Office to be considered filed.

If you receive a Federal Extension for 2014, you must file a copy with the Tax Office by **April 15, 2015.**

TAX OFFICE HOURS-MONDAY THRU FRIDAY 8:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m.

City of Monroe, 233 S. Main Street, Monroe, OH 45050



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

We welcome new members to the Library Board of Directors, Karen Branum and John MacDonald. They join Judy Mann, David Schofield, Kay Long, Ryszard Szopinski and Peggy Abernathy.

March Activities

Children's Library

Adult Library

Thursday, March 12th, 6:30 p.m. Needlecraft Group. Grab your yarn, needles, beads and sit by the fireplace with us.

Monday, March 23rd, 7:00 p.m. Book Review Group
Book: LIGHT BETWEEN OCEANS by M.L. Stedman

YOGA CLASSES

Instructor Lisa Pratt

Chair Yoga Tuesday's 4:00 –5:00 p.m.

Floor Yoga Thursday's 10:30-11:30 a.m.

Classes are free but donation of \$5.00 is suggested.

April Activities

Children's Library

Adult Library

Thursday, April 9th, 6:30 p.m. Needlecraft Group.

Monday, April 27th, 7:00 p.m. Book Review Group
Book: FIGHTING THE FOG by Andrea Hulshult
This is a special one; the author will be in attendance to discuss the book and her writing process. Be certain and mark you calendar.

Bag of Books Sale

Bag full of books, adult hardback and paperback and children's books, some new, some gently used for \$5.00 per bag. Best deal in town. You cannot beat the value.

MONROE LENDING LIBRARY QUARTER AUCTIONS

The Auctions will be held on Saturday March 7th and Saturday April 11th in Library Center, 6 East Avenue, Monroe. Seating and preview begin at 6:15 p.m., auctions begins at 7:00 p.m. Bidding paddles are \$2.00 each. A snack bar is available for food purchase. Proceeds of auction support the Monroe Lending Library Operating Fund. We thank you for your continuing support as the library receives no state or federal funds.

DAYTON DRAGON RAFFLE TICKETS

The Monroe Lending Library is selling raffle tickets at \$5.00 for a Dayton Dragons game on Thursday, May 21st, 2015. The winner will win a SUITE FOR THE GAME AND CAN INVITE 20 GUESTS. The drawing will be held on May 8th, 2015.

MONROE LENDING LIBRARY CRAFT AND VENDOR SHOW

will be held on Saturday, May 16th, 2015, from 10:00 a.m.-3:00 p.m. The fair will be in the Community Room at 6 East Avenue in Monroe. If you are interested in reserving a table for this event, applications can be picked up at the Library and are due by April 15th, 2015. Space is available on a first come, first serve basis.

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.

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
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DIRECTOR OF PUBLIC WORKS

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MONROE MESSENGER

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We welcome your comments and questions

Please call 539-7374 ext. 1006

For past issues, visit www.monroehio.org



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@monroehio.org

Office Hours:

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

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