

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

May 12, 2015-4:00 pm

May 26, 2015-4:00 pm

June 9, 2015-4:00 pm

June 23, 2015-4:00 pm

Council

May 12, 2015-6:30 pm

May 26, 2015-6:30 pm

June 9, 2015-6:30 pm

June 23, 2015-6:30 pm

Planning Commission

May 19, 2015-6:00 pm

June 16, 2015-6:00 pm

Park Board

May 13, 2015-6:30 pm

June 10, 2015-6:30 pm

Finance Committee

Council Library

**233 S. Main Street,
Monroe, OH**

May 26, 2015-5:45 pm

June 23, 2015-5:45 pm

Memorial Day Service



Please join the City of Monroe as we honor Memorial Day on Monday, May 25, 2014 at 10:00 a.m. at the Veteran's Memorial located at Main Street and State Route 63.

Interactive Financial Transparency Platform

The City of Monroe has a new financial data platform powered by OpenGov.com that provides residents and City officials unprecedented access to the City's budget information. The powerful visualization software transforms volumes of raw data into actionable insight and information, enabling better analysis and understanding of the City's budget.

The OpenGov platform displays 5 years of City spending and revenue detail in a user-friendly portal access at www.monroeoh.opengov.com. Visitors to the site can access the City's current budget, compare it to previous years dating back to 2009 to visualize how expenditures and revenues were affected by the economic downturn.

Monroe residents and staff can now explore long-term budget trends and quickly access specific financial information. Residents can easily answer questions such as, "What did the City spend on Fire Department Operations?" or "How has City spending on Parks changed over the past five years?" and download or share the data on social media.

Beyond sharing information with the public, governments also use OpenGov internally to create custom reports, manage operations to budget, and keep administrators and legislators informed.

OpenGov is a financial data platform that advances the way state and local governments do business. By transforming the way budget data is accessed, visualized, and analyzed, OpenGov enables government administrators to make smarter, data-driven decisions and empowers the public with meaningful information about their government's finances. The OpenGov platform provides instant online access to the budget, and interactively displays current and historic revenue and expenses down to the department and object level. The expanding OpenGov network includes more than 250 leading governments across 36 states. Learn more at <http://opengov.com/press>.



From the Desk of:

The Office of Monroe Public Works

Daniel J. Arthur, P.E., Director of Public Works

The City of Monroe is centrally located between Cincinnati and Dayton. "Firmly Founded, Proudly Growing" Monroe has a growing population of approximately 13,000. Monroe has all the conveniences of a city yet strives to maintain a "small town" atmosphere. The City would like to continue providing family recreational activities that encourage families to get out and enjoy a night together. By providing a "Movie in the Park" community members along with neighbors and friends have an opportunity to spend time together in a family friendly environment, while also enjoying a great movie. This will be Monroe's seventh year hosting "Movie in the Park," in the past there has been a great turn out, with many community members. The City plans to provide three "Movie in the Park" events this summer. You can help sponsor these events with a donation to the City of Monroe Parks. **Any amount of donation is very much appreciated and welcomed;** however, we do have two levels of sponsor ranking and they are as follows:

Gold Sponsor (\$1,200+) - At this level you receive a naming right of the event, along with any additional audio/video message to be played/ announced prior to the movie. You have the option of marketing material or point of sale at the event. The sponsorship will be mentioned in a press release such as the local paper and the Monroe Messenger. A banner/poster can be hung at the event as advertisement.

Silver Sponsor (\$600+) - The sponsorship will be mentioned in a press release such as the local paper and the Monroe Messenger. A banner/poster can be hung at the event as advertisement.

Please contact the City of Monroe Public Works Department at (513) 727-8953 or email arthurd@monroeohio.org or hugarg@monroeohio.org if you are interested in participating in this event or to receive any additional information.

Movies in the Park

The Movies in the Park series will begin on Friday, June 5 in the Monroe Community Park and will continue on Friday, July 17 and end on Saturday, August 22, weather permitting. Grab the kids and a blanket and head to the park and settle down at dusk for a fun filled movie! Concessions will be available for sale. The 2015 movies titles will be determined soon.



PARKS SYSTEMS MASTER PLAN

The City of Monroe has begun the process of developing a Park System Master Plan to improve the parks and recreation system throughout Monroe. A public workshop was held on Wednesday, April 29 in the James Monroe Community Room for you to provide input to answer four basic questions.

Your answers to these questions will provide the framework and the priorities for the proposed improvements to the parks and recreation system. The City wants the Master Plan to reflect the desires and needs of the citizens of Monroe. Therefore, your responses to these questions are very important. If you cannot make it to the workshop, please provide your answers in writing or call the Public Works Department at (513) 727-8953. Please mail your responses to:

Monroe Public Works Department
c/o Daniel Arthur, PE, Director
1000 Holman Ave
Monroe, Ohio 45050

Or email your thoughts to Gina Hugar at hugarg@monroeohio.org

1. What parks and recreation facilities and programs do you currently use?
2. What do you like about your Monroe Parks?
3. What issues or concerns do you have or what is missing from your parks and recreation system? How can the system be improved?
4. Imagine it is the years 2025. You are very pleased with the improvements that have been made to your park and recreation system since the Master Plan was completed. What has happened to make the parks more successful and enjoyable? How have the recreation and leisure opportunities changed?

We are looking forward to hearing from you!!!!

City of Monroe Public Works Department

Monroe Historical Society

Spring is here and that means a very busy time for **your** Historical Society! We say "**your**" because our job is to preserve all the great memories, facts, details and items from Monroe – the wonderful little town **you** call home!

If you haven't been to the Community Park lately, stop by after the baseball opening day parade on Saturday, May 2 and visit the log cabin to see our new roof. (it's pretty exciting for us, anyway!) We'll be happy to give you a short tour of early 1800's life in Monroe.

On Saturday, May 9, we will be hosting our annual Spring Tea! Leslie Sumner and Jessie Hull will be returning to serve up a wonderful full course tea menu including carrot mint soup, asparagus quiche, traditional cucumber sandwiches, French macaroons, strawberry shortcake, assorted teas and more! Seating's begin at 10:30 a.m. with the last one at 3 p.m. Tickets are \$15 and extremely limited. The format has been changed just a bit to allow more time for guests to visit and tour the exhibits. Speaking of exhibits, the theme this year is "Textiles" and we have a beautiful display of vintage materials, buttons, sewing notions, etc. All proceeds of the tea fundraiser will go towards preservation of our many antique dresses, uniforms, hats, gloves, and quilts. To RSVP for this event, contact Leslie at 539-1036, no later than Friday, May 1.

The Society will be participating in the City-Wide Garage Sale on Friday, June 5—one day only-starting at 9 a.m. until sold out! Weather permitting, we will be set up on the front porch of the museum and adjoining parking lot – 10 E. Elm St. If it rains, drive around back – we will be in the basement. There is plenty of parking in the rear lot. We have a wide assortment of items of interest!

Looking ahead... watch for us in the Monroe Fourth of July parade. Glen and Jane Majors will be driving their gorgeous blue '57 Chevy convertible, which is always a big hit with the crowd!

Mark your calendars for our next program on Thursday, July 30 at 7p.m. in the East Avenue Community Room. We will be discussing finding your roots (including DNA testing) with Pam White of the Butler County Chapter of the Ohio Genealogical Association! All programs are free and open to the public.

If you haven't officially become a member of the Society yet, it's not too late! Memberships start at just \$10 a year. You can get more information on joining us and all our events on our website: www.monroeh-historicalsociety.org



Prescription Discount Card Program

As a member of National League of Cities (NLC), the City of Monroe offers residents a free prescription discount card that provides savings of up to 75% off the retail price of prescription medication, at no cost to the City.

Residents who are without health insurance or a traditional pharmacy benefit plan, or have prescriptions not covered by insurance have a solution to obtain medications at a discount. The card may be used for pet medications that are also used to treat a human condition that can be obtained from a participating pharmacy. The discount cards are widely accepted at all national chain pharmacies and most local independent pharmacies.

You can pick up your free prescription discount card at the City Building located at 233 South Main Street. For additional information visit www.nlc.org/prescriptioncard.

Large Item Pickup

This year, the Large Item Pick up has been set for Saturday, June 13. To have your items picked up simply follow these guidelines, all dimensions are maximum.

- Carpet**- cut to 4 foot lengths and tie in 2 foot rolls.
- Wood**- Bundled in 4 foot lengths and 2 foot in diameter and tied. Please hammer all nails.
- Fencing**- Bundled in 4 foot lengths and 2 foot rolls.
- Metal Poles**- Cut to 4 foot lengths and tied together.
- Construction Debris**- Place in cans or bags of no more than 60 lbs. Do not place in boxes.
- Furniture/Appliances**- Appliances containing chlorofluorocarbons (CFCs) i.e. refrigerators, freezers, air conditioners, or ice makers, are not collectible until CFC removal is complete. Please call Rumpke at 513-742-2900 once CFC removal is certified. Please place the item at the curb for collection with a CFC removal sticker and the completed Refrigerant Recovery Statement.
- Miscellaneous Small Items**- Place small household items in cans or bags. Drain all fluids from items that contain gasoline or oil.

On Saturday, June 13, several Rumpke trucks will be on the job to pick up these items. Please place your items at the curb the evening of Friday, June 12.

The following items **ARE NOT** considered large items and will NOT be picked up: car batteries, household chemicals, car and truck tires, yard waste (grass, leaves, and brush), rocks, dirt, concrete, regular trash.

PLEASE NOTE: Board of Health now requires any mattresses & box springs that are being disposed of, must be completely wrapped in plastic before any trash vendor can pick them up and take to the landfill.



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 of 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.



Online Payments

We are now accepting online payments for utility bills. Payments can be made with a Visa, MasterCard, or Discover. 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.

The Butler County Health Department

The Health Department annually receives grant funding from the Ohio Department of Health to identify health needs, gaps, and barriers in the county and to provide interventions that meet the needs, fill the gaps and remove the barriers related to infant mortality. The priority population is underinsured women and children, especially those who are of lower socio-economic levels and minorities.

The Health Department is excited to work in collaboration with several other agencies to sponsor two (High Hopes Community) baby showers in the near future. We are including an invitation with this letter. All pregnant women from Butler County are welcome. There will be education and support for the new moms and babies-to-be in our communities.

Your are invited to enjoy a day full of fun, food, education and support for the new babies-to-be. There will be games, gifts, raffles, prizes...something for everyone!

If you have any further questions, call Butler County Health Department 513-887-5249

Date: May 8, 2015
Time: 11:00 a.m.—2:00 p.m.
Where: Booker T. Washington
 Community Center
 1140 S. Front Street
 Hamilton, Ohio 45011

Monroe Community Park

The Monroe Park Board invites you to sponsor a hole on the Disc Golf Course at the Monroe Community Park. It is a great way to advertise your business. Disc Golf is one of American’s fastest growing sports and an activity the whole family can enjoy. The course layout and basic rules may be found on the City of Monroe’s website at www.monroehio.org. Just visit the attractions page. Your sign is 12”x12”. It will be mounted right below the numbered hole layout sign for all to see. We will use your artwork or block print your company name.

The cost for hole 2, 3, 4, 5, 6, 7, 8, 10, 11, 12, 13, 14, 15, 16, 17, 20, 21, 22 and 23 is \$150.00 for approximately two years, beginning upon acceptance through December 31, 2016. The cost for hole 1, 9, 18, 19, 24 is \$300 for two years. We look forward to seeing you and your business on the course! Return the form below to The City of Monroe, Attn: Public Works Dept., P.O. Box 330, Monroe, Ohio 45050. Please call Gina Hugar with the Public Works Department at 513-727-8953 or email her at hugarg@monroehio.org for additional information or questions that you may have.

Please make checks payable to City of Monroe.

Sponsorship information:

Name of Organization: _____
 Address: _____
 Phone number: _____
 Contact name: _____
 Signature: _____
 Date: _____
 Date of Payment: _____
 Method of Payment: _____ Cash _____ Check No. _____ Credit card

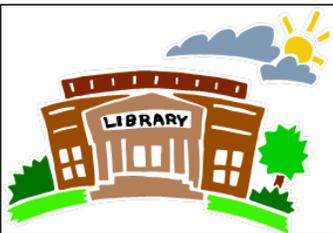
Sponsorship valid and paid through: December 31, 2016

Renewal date: _____

Received by: _____

Thank you for your support! The City of Monroe will not be liable for damages or theft.

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

May Activities

Children's Library

Summer Reading Program

The Library is hosting a Summer Reading Program for children from June 1 to July 31, 2015. Members can stop by the Library after May 4 to pick up a Reading Flyer for their children to complete. Benchmark recognition at 5 hours, 10 hours, 15 hours and 20 hours.

Adult Library

Needlecraft Group Thursday, May 14, 6:30 p.m.
Book Review Group Monday, May 18, 11:00 a.m.
Book: THE ROUND HOUSE by Louise Erdrich

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 a donation of \$5.00 is suggested.

MONROE LENDING LIBRARY RAFFLEMANIA

Will be held on Saturday, May 2 and Saturday June 6, 2015 in the Library Center, 6 East Avenue, Monroe. Doors open at 6:15 p.m. raffle starts at 7:00 p.m. Tickets are a quarter each. To reserve the best seats, RSVP to Judy Mann at 513-594-4845 (cell) A snack bar is available. Proceeds support the Monroe Lending Library Operating Fund. We thank you for your continued support.

DAYTON DRAGON RAFFLE TICKETS

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

MONROE LENDING LIBRARY CRAFT AND VENDOR SHOW

will be held on Saturday, May 16, 2015, from 10:00 a.m.-3:00 p.m. The fair will be in the Community Room at 6 East Avenue in Monroe.

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.

June Activities

Children's Library

Summer Writing Workshop

The Library is sponsoring a Summer Writing Workshop for children school ages 4-6 grade on Monday evenings from 6:30 – 8:00 p.m. beginning June 8, 2015 The workshops were created and will be led by a retired teacher who loves to write. The workshop is intended to foster a love for writing, help children learn the thought process, spur children's imagination and self-expression. Sign up at the Library after May 4, 2015. Questions can be sent to monroelibrary@cinci.rr.com.

Adult Library

Needlecraft Group Thursday, June 11, 6:30 p.m.
Book Review Group Monday, June 15, 11:00 a.m.
Book: THE IMMORTAL LIFE OF HENRIETTA LOCKS by Rebecca Sklott.

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. You cannot beat the value. Sale is ongoing during library open hours.

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

Monroe Garden Club



The Monroe Garden Club will meet Tuesday, May 19 at 6:30 p.m. at the Veterans Memorial Park.

We will enjoy an evening of clean up and planting for the Memorial Day Celebration. Members are then invited to go to Super Wok for food and fellowship.

The June meeting will be a Field Trip on Saturday, June 20th. Members will meet at 11 a.m. in the City Building Parking lot to carpool, to the Secret Garden in Waynesville. We will get lunch, enjoy a day of shopping and learning. The Secret Garden is always a fun place to go. Invite a friend for this fun day out with fellow gardeners and friends.

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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Todd Hickman
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Please call 539-7374 ext. 1006

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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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Monroe, Ohio 45050