There’s No Place Like Monee...
Water, Sewer & Garbage Billing Information
Water, sewer and garbage bills are sent out bi-monthly: January, March, May, July, September and November. The amount shown on your bill is due before the late date shown on the bill. The $30.00 penalty amount is due on or after the late day shown on the bill. (No discount is given for filling swimming pools).

After Hours Payment Depository
There is a depository box, adjacent to the main doors of the Monee Village Hall, 5130 W. Court St. This depository may be used for payment of water bills and park program fees.

PSN: Payment Service Network, Inc.
(Online Transactions)
Your online payments can be made by either electronic fund transfer (EFT) from your bank account as well as from your credit or debit card. (A transaction fee may apply). For more information, please call the Village Hall or go to the Village website at www.VillageofMonee.org and click on Bill Payment online.

UPS Drop Box
The Village of Monee has a UPS Drop box in the outer driveway at Village Hall, 5130 W. Court St. Take advantage of this convenient way to ship your letters and packages. Get many necessary supplies right in the box. Various pick up times.

Typographical Errors
Our staff has made every effort to prepare this newsletter as accurately as possible, however, errors can occur. Circumstances may require that adjustments be made to programs, fees, schedules, etc. All typographical and printing errors are subject to corrections.

Important Phone Numbers
Monee Township  708-534-6020
26121 Egyptian Trail, Monee
Monee Township Assessor  708-534-6023
46 Town Center Road, University Park
Monee Post Office  708-534-8057
5410 W. Main St. Monee
Peotone Library (including Monee)  708-258-3436
515 N. First Street, Peotone
Crete-Monee 201-U
School District Administration  708-367-8300
www.cm201u.org
Will County Court Questions  815-727-8592
Will County Land Use  815-727-8631
Will County Health Department  708-534-5777
J.U.L.I.E. (811 before you dig)  800-892-0123
Allied Waste/Republic Services  708-385-8252
Comcast  800-581-3734
AT&T  888-887-5328
Will County Animal Control  815-462-5633

Village Board Meetings typically meet on the 2nd and 4th Wednesdays of each month at 6:30pm at the Monee Village Hall (5130 W. Court St.). Board meetings are open to the public and can be viewed on YouTube by going through our website. www.VillageofMonee.org

January 8  May 13  September 9
January 22  May 27  September 23
February 12  June 10  October 14
February 26  June 24  October 28
March 11  July 8  November 11*
March 25  July 22  November 25 *
April 8  August 12  December 9
April 22  August 26  December 23 *

* Meeting dates may change or be cancelled due to Holidays

2020 Holiday Closures
January 1st, New Year’s Day
February 17th, President’s Day
April 10th, Good Friday
May 25th, Memorial Day
July 3rd, Independence Day
September 7th, Labor Day
November 11th, Veterans Day
November 26th & 27th, Thanksgiving
December 24th & 25th, Christmas

Mayor: Jim Popp
Village Clerk: Donesha Smith-Codjoe
Village Deputy Clerk: Michelle Powell
Village Treasurer: Norbert Snow

Village Trustees
Janet Blue  Anthony Raczek
Heidi Gonzalez  Mike Wilson
Doug Horne  Scott Youdris

Village Hall Hours
Monday-Friday 9:00am - 5:00 pm
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Chief’s Corner

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What makes a Village safe is the participation of its residents. Plain and simple. We, the Police, are only as good as you make us. Your aggressive participation and bellicose group mentality have more to do with crime deterrence than anything we can do. Don’t get me wrong, we still have to be an aggressive and dedicated Department that sends a strong message of unity between us and our citizens. But it is you, our eyes and ears, that make bad guys think that this might not be the place to do their business. Your Mayor and Board of Trustees listens and acts by initiating strict rental agreements, a strong code enforcement section and making sure your Police Officers have the resources they need to do their job in a professional manner. It is truly a team effort.

Thank you Monee, for making us proud to represent you and for making our job just a little bit easier. We feel your support every day!

Be Safe, Courteous, & Smart!

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Just a reminder.

The Police Department parking lot is a safe spot for any internet exchanges, or anytime you are meeting someone under less than ideal conditions.

Call for details if needed. 708-534-8308
Building Department
Frank Giordano
Building Services Manager
FGiordano@VillageofMonee.org
Shannon Kruzel
Administrative Assistant
SKruzel@VillageofMonee.org

Code Enforcement
Officers
Mike Thompson
Code Enforcement
MThompson@VillageofMonee.org
Ray Plumley
Code Enforcement
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Business licenses for Monee based locations
Annual Business License Renewals are due no later than January 31, 2020.
Annual Fees: Except where otherwise expressly provided, the fee specified for each annual license, when required for a full calendar year, shall apply only when such fee is paid to the village clerk on or before January 31 of such calendar year. Payment of an annual license fee on or after February 1 of such calendar year, when required for a full calendar year, is a delinquent payment, except for a new business, and the applicable annual license fee shall be two hundred percent (200%) of the specified annual fee. (Ord. 1530, 04.12.2010). In addition to the renewal a yearly inspection is required and can be scheduled by calling the Building Department @ 708/534-8303.

Selling your home?
The Village of Monee requires any properties within the village to have a pre-sale inspection performed prior to closing. Fee is $50.00. You are also required to schedule a final water read to close your account.

Renting your home?
Ordinance 1864 was passed in June 2018 requiring all property owners to register the rental property with the Village and perform annual inspections.

The Village of Monee will be asking for the public's input for its Comprehensive Plan.
This is a 12-18 month process and is a good opportunity for residents and businesses to give input on land use here in Monee.
Stay tuned for more information.

Being compliant with Village ordinances keeps Monee looking good!
Placement Of Containers For Collection; Time Period: It shall be the duty of any person having household garbage or rubbish to comply with all provisions of this chapter, and on each day of garbage, rubbish or recycling collection to place the containers as aforesaid on the curb in front of the residential premises receiving said disposal services no earlier than seven o’clock (7:00) P.M. on the day before collection and should be removed by seven o’clock (7:00) P.M. the day of collection. All garbage, rubbish, or recycling containers shall not be stored in the front yards on nontrash days. All garbage, rubbish, or recycling containers shall be stored behind a privacy fence or out of view from public areas. (Ord. 1504, 6-24-2009)

All inoperable motor vehicles, whether on private or public property and in view of the general public are to be considered a nuisance. Inoperable vehicles means any motor vehicle for which a period of at least seven (7) days, the engine, wheels or other parts have been removed or on which the engine, wheels or other parts have been altered or so treated that the vehicle is incapable of being driven under its own motor power.

To park, store, keep any vehicle in any rear, side or front setbacks on private or public property on grass or gravel is prohibited.

**Penalty: Any person found to be in violation may be subject to a fine. (Ord. 1773, 12-14-2016)**

licenses for contractors
Any permitted work within the limits of the Village require both Contractors and Subcontractors to be licensed with the Village. All licenses are from January 1 thru December 31.
The application, fees and requirements can be found on the Village of Monee website.

If you are like millions of animal owners nationwide, your pet is an important member of your household. The likelihood that you and your animals will survive an emergency such as a fire or flood, tornado or terrorist attack depends largely on emergency planning done today. Some of the things you can do to prepare for the unexpected, such as assembling an animal emergency supply kit and developing a pet care buddy system, are the same for any emergency. Whether you decide to stay put in an emergency or evacuate to a safer location, you will need to make plans in advance to your pets. Keep in mind that what’s best for you is typically what’s best for your animals.

If you must evacuate, take your pets with you if possible. However, if you are going to a public shelter, it is important to understand that animals may not be allowed inside. Plan in advance for shelter alternatives that will both you and your pets.

Make a back-up emergency plan in case you can’t care for your animals yourself. Develop a buddy system with neighbors, friends and relatives to make sure that someone is available to care for or evacuate your pets if you are unable to do so. Be prepared to improvise and use what you have on hand to make it on your own for at least 3 days, maybe longer.

This information was developed by the U.S. Department of Homeland Security in consultation with: American Veterinary Medical Association, and The Humane Society of the U.S. with American Kennel Club, The American Society for the Prevention of Cruelty to Animals, American Veterinary Medical Association, and The Humane Society of the U.S.

1 Prepare: Get a Pet Emergency Supply Kit.
   Just as you do with your family’s emergency supply kit, think first about the basics for survival, particularly food and water. Consider two kits. In one, put everything you and your pets will need to stay where you are. The other should be a lightweight, smaller version you can take with you if you and your pets have to get away. Plus, be sure to review your kits regularly to ensure that their contents, especially foods and medicines, are fresh.

   Food. Keep at least three days of food in an air-tight, waterproof container.

   Water. Store at least three days of water specifically for your pets in addition to water you need for yourself and your family.

   Medicines and medical records. Keep an extra supply of medicines your pet takes on a regular basis in a waterproof container.

   First aid kit. Talk to your veterinarian about what is most appropriate for your pet’s medical emergencies. Most kits should include cotton bandage rolls, bandage tape and scissors; antifungal ointment; flea and tick preventives; basic nonprescription alcohol and saline solution; include a pet first aid reference book.

   Collar with ID tag, harness, or leash. Your pet should wear a collar with its rabies tag and identification at all times. Include a backup leash, collar and ID tag in your pet’s emergency supply kit. In addition, place copies of your pet’s registration information, adoption papers, vaccination documents and medical records in a clean plastic bag or waterproof container to protect them and add them to your kit. You should also consider talking with your veterinarian about permanent identification such as microchipping and enrolling your pet in a recovery database.

   Crate or other pet carrier. If you need to evacuate in an emergency situation take your pets and animals with you provided that it is practical to do so. In many cases, your ability to do so will be aided by having a sturdy, safe, comfortable crate or carrier ready for transporting your pet. The carrier should be large enough for your pet to stand, turn around and lie down.

   Sanitation. Include pet litter and litter box (if appropriate, newspapers, paper towels, plastic trash bags and household cleaning bleach) to provide for your pet’s sanitation needs. You can use bleach as a disinfectant (dilute one part bleach to one part water), or in an emergency you can use Clorox bleach. Use 16 ounces of regular household liquid bleach per gallon of water to control of color safe bleaches, or those with added cleaners.

A picture of you and your pet together. If you become separated from your pet during an emergency, a picture of you and your pet together will help you document ownership and allow others to assist you in identifying your pet. Include detailed information about species, breed, age, sex, color and distinguishing characteristics.

   Familiar items. Put favorite toys, treats or bedding in your kit.

   Create a plan to get away. Plan how you will assemble your pets and anticipate where you will go. If you must evacuate, take your pets with you. If practical, if you go to a public shelter, keep in mind your animals may not be allowed inside. Secure appropriate lodging in advance depending on the number and type of animals in your care. Consider family or friends willing to take in you and your pets if an emergency. Other options may include a hotel or motel that takes pets or a boarding facility such as a kennel or veterinary hospital that is near an evacuation facility or your family’s meeting place. Find out before an emergency happens if any of these facilities in your area might be viable options for you and your pets.

   Develop a buddy system. Plan with neighbors, friends or relatives to make sure that someone is available to care for or evacuate your pets if you are unable to do so. Talk with your pet care buddy about your evacuation plans and show them where you keep your pet’s emergency supply kit. Also designate specific locations, one in your immediate neighborhood and another further away where you will meet in an emergency.


   Be prepared to assess the situation. Use whatever you have on hand to take care of yourself and ensure your pet’s safety during an emergency. Depending on your circumstances and the nature of the emergency the first important decision is whether you stay put or get away. You should understand and plan for both possibilities. Use common sense and the information you are learning here to determine if there is immediate danger.

   In any emergency, local authorities may or may not immediately be able to provide information on what is happening and what you should do. However, watch TV, listen to the radio or check the Internet for instructions. If you’re specifically told to evacuate, shelter-in-place or seek medical treatment, do so immediately.

3 Stay Informed: Know About Types of Emergencies.

   Some of the things you can do to prepare for the unexpected, such as assembling an emergency supply kit for yourself, your family and your pets, is the same regardless of the type of emergency. However, it’s important to stay informed about what might happen and know what types of emergencies are likely to affect your region as well as emergency plans that may have been established by your state and local government. For more information about how to prepare, visit www.ready.gov or call 1-800-BE-READY.

   Be prepared to adapt this information to your personal circumstances and make every effort to follow instructions received from authorities on the scene. With these simple preparations, you can be ready for the unexpected. Those who take the time to prepare themselves and their pets will likely encounter less difficulty, stress and worry. Take the time now to get yourself and your pet ready.

   Preparing for Your Pets Makes Sense.

   Get Ready Now.
Snow Removal

There are 70.2 miles of road in Monee. Each road can take 2-4 passes to completely plow. Snow conditions affect plowing and sanding time. Operators strive to get the roads to a safe drivable condition as soon as they can. The Village of Monee’s policy is to have major arterial roads plowed within 12 hours after a major storm, secondary collector roads plowed within 24 hours, and residential streets plowed within 36 hours. The school bus routes are done first, followed by the steepest roads and connector roads. Side streets, flat roads and cul-de-sacs are done last, unless they form part of completing a route in the most efficient, cost effective and time-saving way. One way to assist the Village in snow removal from streets is to have your vehicle parked in your driveway so the snow plows do not have to go around the vehicles on the street. Please keep in mind that parking vehicles on the street during a snow event is a violation of local ordinances, and that citations will be issued to violators.

Cleaning village streets is no easy task, and requires strategic coordination in order to:

- Keep the main roads clear for emergency vehicles
- Clear subdivisions streets (especially the naturally problematic cul-de-sac)
- Supplement state and county maintained routes
- Work around residents that leave cars on streets or throw snow onto the streets, which is an issue of public safety, and contributes to unnecessary delays and costs to all taxpayers. (These are violations of local code).
- Minimize overtime and overworking of our public workers and equipment (which is complicated by prolonged snow fall, drifting snow, and sub-zero temperatures).

Winter Tips to Help Our Community Work Together

The winter snow can offer ample opportunities for recreational activities but many of us see it as a tiresome chore that rarely comes at a convenient time. This is further complicated by the Village’s commitment to keeping the streets as clear and safe as possible. With a little insight and useful tips you can minimize the frustrations and stay warm (or enjoying the recreational aspects of winter).

- Keep our children safe; Please keep in mind plow drivers often cannot see children on the plow hills. We know they look fun but they can cause serious injuries or even a fatality. Educating our children where to safely play in snow is best. Also keep in mind our children walk to bus stops and even to school. Please help shovel our sidewalk and bus corners.
- Helping shoveling our neighbor’s sidewalks increases our safety for all residents, from the elderly to our children.
- Avoid walking on the streets. With the snowy conditions, vehicles and especially plows have inherently limited visibility and pedestrians in the street are just encouraging needless hazards.
- Avoid placing your garbage cans in the street when plows are out.
- Avoid placing your snow to the west side of your driveway will minimize potential drifting in your drive, since the wind typically out of the west.
- Do not shovel snow onto the street. Actually clearing the snow along the curb up the street will reduce the snow being pushed by the plow and minimize the amount deposited at end of your driveway.
- Your mail carrier will also appreciate if keep your mailbox accessible

Keep Hydrants Clear

In winter, fire hydrants can become buried by the snow making it difficult for the Fire Protection District to locate and use the hydrants. Residents can help by ensuring the hydrant near one’s home or business is kept free from snow on all sides. Please keep a clear path from the street to the hydrant as well.
Snow and Your Mailbox

Regrettably, in extreme winter conditions, mailboxes can be damaged during snow removal because they are installed close to the road in the highway right-of-way as a courtesy to the US Postal Service. In most cases, damage to mailboxes is a result of the force of snow coming off a plow’s blade. This scenario is dependent on weather conditions, amount of snowfall, and the weight of snow. At times, the Village or private contractor’s plow will accidentally hit and damage a mailbox. This is an unfortunate consequence of snow removal with heavy equipment in challenging weather conditions.

How can you determine how your mailbox was damaged? Typically, if a mailbox is pushed over and has no impact marks, it was probably knocked over by the weight of snow coming off a plow’s blade. If the mailbox or post shows evidence of an impact, it may have been struck by a Town or private contractor plow blade or a passing vehicle. The angle at which a mailbox has fallen also helps to determine the source of damage.

If a mailbox is damaged from snow coming off a plow blade, the Village will not replace the mailbox. In case of an emergency, we have a limited amount of temp mail boxes you can use until your mail box can be fixed. If your mail box is down, please contact the public works department at 708-534-8306. Taking time to prepare your mailbox for winter now can prevent serious headaches later. If your mailbox moves when shaken, it could be knocked over by snow thrown off the road by a passing snowplow. Residents should prepare mailboxes for winter by tightening screws and ensuring the post and receptacle are secure enough to endure large amounts of thrown snow. If a private contractor plows your driveway, we recommend that you learn their policies regarding damage to your (or your neighbor’s) property caused by their operators or equipment.

Help Plan Monee’s Parks & Recreation Future At Community Input Meeting

Community input is sought for a Comprehensive Parks and Recreation Master Plan in the development stages by the Village of Monee. A public meeting is scheduled for Tuesday, February 25, 2020 at the Village Hall located at 5130 W. Court Street at 6:30 pm to allow interested residents to share their ideas and desires for the Village's parks and recreational programs in the future.

When developed, the Master Plan will provide insight and direction on how the Village of Monee proceeds on future projects and programs to enhance the quality of life in Monee. The primary objective of the meeting is “to learn everything and anything residents would like to share about the Village’s parks and recreation activities”, according to Village Parks and Recreation Director Dianna Kroll.

For additional information, please contact Dianna Kroll at 708-534-8302 or at dkroll@villageofmonee.org.
What is salt brine?
Salt brine is a solution of salt (typically sodium chloride) and water. It has a freezing point lower than pure water and, as such, is a useful tool in reducing the adhesion of snow and ice to road surfaces. In addition to brine made with sodium chloride, some winter maintenance agencies also use brines made with calcium chloride or magnesium chloride. Nonetheless, these brines are solutions of salt and water, with a freezing point lower than the freezing point of pure water. The freezing point of brine is a function of the salt being used in the brine (sodium chloride, calcium chloride, or magnesium chloride) and the percentage by weight of that salt in the solution.

Why is salt brine important?
Rock salt, or solid salt, is simply crystals of sodium chloride. Until it has gone into solution—that is, until it has formed brine—it will do nothing to stop snow from freezing to the pavement surface. Agencies that use rock salt in their winter maintenance activities are doing so to create brine on the road surface. Therefore, brine is an integral and critical part of winter maintenance activities.

What is the difference between anti-icing and deicing?
Anti-icing is a proactive approach taken to decrease the likelihood of snow and ice bonding to a pavement surface. Additionally, anti-icing can prevent frost from forming on pavement surfaces. Anti-icing involves placing a layer of brine on the surface of the pavement before a winter storm has begun. This layer prevents the snow and ice from freezing to (or icing onto) the road. The alternative—which is called deicing—is to let the snow bond/freeze to the road, then apply pre-wetted rock salt to break the bond between the snow and the pavement.

Studies have shown that anti-icing will achieve the same level of service on a road or highway using between one-quarter and one-fifth the amount of salt used in deicing. Typically, anti-icing is performed using trucks carrying tanks, which have pumps to spray the brine onto the pavement surfaces. In many places lines or stripes of brine can be seen on a road before a given event. Some people call these safety stripes! Usually, brine is applied at rates of between 30 and 50 gallons per lane mile.

Are all those liquids pure salt brine?
No, they are not. Increasingly, agencies are blending brines to take into account the particular storm conditions they expect to deal with. Blends often use by-products from a variety of processes applied to natural materials. Organics might include by-products from cheese whey and sugar beet or similar ingredients. The purpose of organics is to increase the longevity of the brine on the pavement surface. Evidence has been presented that organics may reduce corrosion of vehicles and infrastructure. Usually, the concentration of organic additives in brine ranges from 5 to 20 percent. One typical mixture is 85% salt brine, 5% calcium chloride brine, and 10% organic.

What is pre-wetting, and where does it fit into all of this?
As discussed above, rock salt does not reduce the freezing temperature of the pavement surface until it has created a brine. Rock salt is typically pre-wetted while it is being applied to the pavement surface. Rock salt can be pre-wetted in many ways. The general idea is to get the rock salt wet as it leaves the plow truck. This not only jump-starts the freezing temperature reduction process (and thus gets the salt “working” more quickly) but it also helps the rock salt stay on the road after it is spread. When rock salt is not pre-wet, as much as 30% may end up bouncing straight into the ditch or gutter. Pre-wetting is normally done at rates of around 8 -10 gallons of brine per ton of solid material, but some agencies are now working on using slurries of rock salt, which has as much as 50 gallons of brine per ton of solid material.

What about corrosion, isn’t brine more corrosive than rock salt?
As previously noted, if an agency is using rock salt to its best advantage, it is employing brine. So, rock salt and brine are just two sides of the same coin. That said, yes, chlorides can cause corrosion in metals, and if not treated properly this can cause damage to vehicles and infrastructure. Some organic additives may have corrosion-resistant benefits. Certainly, laboratory studies show that some of the organics reduce corrosion substantially. However, the best way to reduce or avoid corrosion is to take the extra precaution of rinsing off any residue from the road salt or the brine the road salt has become.

So, does putting down a liquid on a cold road just freeze to the road?
Brine does have a lot of water in it. For example, sodium chloride brine is typically 23.3% sodium chloride when it is applied. That means that it is 76.7% water. But, the salt is in a solution in the water, and that solution has a lower freezing point than pure water, as noted earlier. In particular, when salt brine is applied at a 23.3% concentration, it will freeze (without any additional dilution) at about -6° F. Unless the road surface is extremely cold, the brine will not freeze to the road. Of course, as it melts snow and ice, it becomes more diluted and—unless additional treatments are made or the road is cleared of snow and ice by plowing—the road will refreeze eventually. But the short answer to this question is NO – the brine will not freeze on the road when it is applied.

So, the brine won’t freeze, but will it make the road slippery some other way?
There have been concerns about this slippery issue since the early days of using brines in the US. Indeed, AASHTO (the American Association of State Highway and Transportation Officials) considered this issue back in the 1990s. They concluded there might be an issue of slipperiness with some brines, but it would only occur in very unusual circumstances. These circumstances could be avoided by simply not applying brine when pavement temperatures were warm, or when the air humidity fell within certain ranges. Provided those restrictions are followed, brines do not cause slippery roads at all—rather they enhance road safety and mobility during winter weather and are a clear benefit to the traveling public.
Spring Cleaning Tips

All of this winter weather could mean damage to your yard. Here are some tips to clean up your yard and prevent winter yard damage:

**Clean up rock salt and other deicing products**
Using rock salt, ice melt, and other liquid or solid products to deice the sidewalk or the street may be important in the winter to keep you from falling or sliding around on the roads. Some of the products can potentially cause damage to your greenery. When the snow starts to melt, make sure that you clear off the deicing materials off your lawn, shrubs and trees to protect against any winter yard damage. Apply gypsum to the areas of the lawn where road salt or salt from the driveway or sidewalks may have made contact.

**Prune trees and shrubs**
You may have put burlap around your trees or shrubs to protect them from the worst of the winter. If so, now is a great time to remove the burlap. However, winter storms may have done damage to the shrubs or trees in your yard. Make sure that you clean up your yard by pruning any branches damaged by the winter, so that new growth can take its place.

**Remove dead materials and litter**
One of the pitfalls from winter is that many things may blow onto your lawn that do not need to be there. Once the snow melts, you may see that litter has made it onto your lawn. Obviously, you need to clean it up. Other things you will need to remove include things like leaves, pinecones, fallen tree branches, and dog waste that may have ended up on your lawn.

**Fertilize for spring**
Now is a good time to start on spring fertilizing to get your yard ready for summer enjoyment. Use a fertilizer, which includes crabgrass preventer. Follow label directions to avoid over fertilization.

**Control weeds**
If you did not get rid of any existing weeds at the end of fall, apply weed controls when temperatures are 50 degrees or higher. Do not put the weeds, though, in the compost pile, as they could sprout and overwhelm your yard.

Hydrant Flushing

Spring is here once again, and with it comes our annual spring water main flushing. Our process will be much the same as it has been in recent years, flushing water mains throughout the Village, and should take about 3-4 weeks to complete. One thing that will be different, however, is that we may schedule additional flushes as needed throughout the summer months. These additional flushes will likely be isolated to specific areas, and will not be system-wide. This is being done as part of an ongoing effort to improve water quality. While we take a great deal of pride in the quality of the water we deliver to our residents, we will never take anything for granted and will always strive to provide the best possible water quality.

As we all know, flushing water mains can be an inconvenience for residents, but it is an essential maintenance procedure, the benefits of which are twofold. First, sediment resulting from natural mineral content can cause degraded water quality, and flushing is the most economical method by which to remove that sediment. Secondly, flushing water mains serves as a “stress test” for our distribution system, allowing us to identify and repair problems that arise from increased flows.

As we move forward, a few important things to remember are:

- Water mains will be flushed beginning the month of April 2020. Operations will commence at 7am daily, and will normally end at 3pm. Flushing may, however, continue to as late as 7pm as circumstances warrant.
- Water main flushing will continue every weekday until we have flushed our entire distribution system. We estimate that the entire process will take 3-4 weeks to complete.
- We will begin flushing at the nearest point to our water source, which is our 50,000 gallon elevated water tank on South Chestnut Road. From there we will fan out to the east, south, and north all the way to the far reaches of our system. At that point we will return to the tank on Chestnut, fan out to the west, and repeat the process.
- Depending on a number of factors, a water main may take a matter of minutes to run clear, and sometimes can be a matter of hours. Mains are flushed continuously until the water runs clear, therefore it is difficult to establish an accurate timeline not only for completion, but for informing residents of exactly when their area will be flushed. Please keep in mind that the attached schedule is an estimate, and exact dates and times are subject to change as conditions warrant.
- PLEASE WATCH FOR SIGNS IN YOUR NEIGHBORHOOD. Areas scheduled for flushing will have signs posted at least 24 hours in advance to inform residents.
- During and after flushing, if you encounter discolored water, please open a cold water tap and let the water run for 5 minutes. If the water does not run clear after 5 minutes, shut the water off, wait 30-45 minutes and repeat. Do not run water constantly for hours, as this is wasteful and ineffective.
- If possible, avoid running hot water taps while the water is discolored. This will help keep sediment from settling in your water heater.
- To avoid staining, do not wash clothes when flushing is occurring in your area, or any time water is discolored.

Any questions regarding water main flushing can be directed to the Village of Monee Public Works Department at 708-534-8306.
The Monee Women’s Club

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Our members are young professionals, moms with children of all ages, those who have lived in Monee their whole lives, and seniors with fountains of wisdom and experience to share. We meet monthly, have nominal annual membership dues, and would be delighted to have more ladies join us. You may also find us on Facebook at Monee Women’s Club if you would like to join or would like to find out more.

Monee Historical Society Partners with Amazon!

Please help support the Monee Historical Societies efforts to renovate the landmarked Monee Creamery at Firemen’s Park whenever you make a purchase at Amazon.com. With their AmazonSmile program, .05% of your purchase will be donated to the Monee Historical Society at no additional cost to you.

The historical society will use that donation to help fund the ongoing Creamery restoration.

How to Donate—at NO COST to you!

To participate, start shopping by going to: smile.amazon.com instead of amazon.com every time you place an order.

Choose Monee Historical Society as your preferred charity. Once you select the Monee Historical Society the first time, this becomes the default charity every time.

All funds raised will go directly to the renovation of the Monee Creamery Building, new home of the MHS and other civic organizations. For more information, contact us at:

www.moneehistoricalsociety.com
or monee.history@gmail.com

Winter Updates

Big things are happening at the Monee Historical Society! The long-awaited restoration of the landmarked Monee Creamery has begun. Structural repairs and improvements are underway and a new electrical panel installed. A chair lift has been purchased and will be installed soon.

Next steps will be to install lighting, HVAC and new plumbing.

HOW YOU CAN HELP

We appreciate and accept donations of any size! Please mail to MHS, PO Box 171, Monee, IL 60449. Don’t forget you can also donate by choosing the MHS as your charity when ordering from Amazon on line.

Our monthly meetings are the second Thursday of the month at 7:30 pm in the Monee Community Building in Firemen’s Park.

Come join us! Become a member!

Please email: monee.history@gmail.com if you have any questions or would like more information. Thank you for supporting the Monee Historical Society!

MONEE HISTORICAL SOCIETY

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WELCOME from the Monee Chamber of Commerce!

The Monee Chamber of Commerce is a nonprofit organization, dedicated to serving the needs of their business owner members, helping to continually connect their businesses to the consumer community. The Monee Chamber is composed of a network of village and non-village businesses whose main objectives are to help promote and ensure the prosperity and further growth of local businesses.

The Monee Chamber is solely supported by Chamber membership dues, free will donations, and Chamber fundraisers. We, as the Monee Chamber, invite all local businesses to be a part of this organization and look forward to serving you and your business.

Wishing you and your business all the best!
Monee Chamber of Commerce
Pooch-a-palooza 2019
Thank You to Our Sponsors:

- Mac's K-9
- Cuddle Clones
- BARK=BOX
- Village of Monee

Village of Monee | Winter/Spring 2020
Dial-a-Ride

The Monee Township has entered into an agreement with Will County Will Ride, through PACE Bus Company, for transportation services. The Will Ride services senior residents 60 yrs. and older and those who are disabled. Transportation is provided for medical visits, vocational or educational training and/or to go shopping one day a week.

Once you are registered, contact PACE Dial-a-Ride at 1-800-244-4410 to make reservations. There is a fee of $4.00 per ride if traveling outside of Monee Township or $2.00 per ride if traveling within Monee Township which will be collected at the time of service.

Please contact Monee Township for more information at 708-534-6020.

Peotone Public Library District

Serving the communities of Green Garden, Peotone, Wilton Center and parts of Monee and Will Townships.

515 N. First Street, Peotone
708-258-3436
www.peotonelibrary.org

Mon-Thurs: 9:30am – 8:00pm
Fri: 9:30am – 5:00pm
Sat: 9:30am – 3:00pm

Some of the many uses of your library card:
• More than books, magazines, DVDs and Blu-rays
• Check out Mobile HotSpots
• Convert VHS to DVD or USB Drive
• Scan photos/documents @ the New Scanning Station
• Explore databases - including Creativebug®
• Stream movies, TV shows and more with Acorn TV®

Mark your calendar
2020 Census – make sure you get counted by using one of our public access computers.

Monee Alliance of Churches

Family of Faith
fofc.org
Church: 6645 West Steger Road
Monee, IL 60449 • 708-235-1901
Sundays: 9:30am
Pastor David Feddes (dfeedes@msn.com)

Living Creek Christian Church
www.livingcreek.org
Ministry Center & Office: 4820 W. Court St.,
Monee, IL 60449 • 708-672-6515
Current Worship Venue: Rich South High School Auditorium (Richton Park)
Sundays: 8:30am & 10am
Pastor Randy Roberts (Senior Minister):
rroberts@livingcreek.org
Pastor Josh Rutledge (Minister of Youth/ Worship): jrutledge@livingcreek.org
Ashley Grubermann (Children’s Director):
agrubermann@livingcreek.org
Janene Preston (Early Childhood Director):
jpreston@livingcreek.org

Monee Free Methodist Church
www.moneefree.com
Church: 25528 S. Willow Creek Ln.
Monee, IL 60449 • 708-534-5683
Sundays: 10:30am
Pastor Kevin DeVries (Lead Pastor)
kdevries@moneefree.com
Pastor Bethany Abbott (Associate Pastor of Family Ministry)
babott@moneefree.com

New Hope Christian Community Church
Newhopechristiancommunitychurch.org
Church: 4700 W. Court St.
Monee, IL 60449 • 708-235-0995
Sundays: 9:30am
Saturday: 9:45am
James Hunt (Senior Pastor):
revjameshunt@att.net
Joe Johnson (Associate Pastor):
pastorjoej79@gmail.com
Debra Jackson (Executive Assistant):
newhopeoffice2007@att.net

Second Place Church
secondplacechurch.org
Church: 6370 West Emerald Pkwy,
Monee, IL 60449 • 708-587-0033
Sundays: 9am
Pastor Joe Dascenzo:
joe@secondplacechurch.com
Dave Short: dave@secondplacechurch.com
More info: info@secondplacechurch.com

St. Boniface Catholic Church
stbonifacemonee.org
Church: 5304 W. Main St.,
Monee, IL 60449 • 708-534-9682
Sundays: 9am
Father Roger Kutzner
Office: office@st.boniface.comcastbiz.net

St. George Coptic Orthodox Church
www.stgeorgechicago.org
Church: 4601 W. Pauling Rd.,
Monee, IL 60449 • 708-534-6003
Sundays: 8:30am
Father Samuel Azmy
(frksamuel@yahoo.com)

St. Paul’s United Church of Christ
stpaulsmonee.org
Church: 5323 W. Margaret St.
Monee, IL 60449 • 708-534-8471
Sundays: 10:30am (Sept-May);
9:30am (summer)
Mary Rose Linker (Minister to Children, Youth, and Families):
youth-minister@stpaulsmonee.org
General Info: office@stpaulsmonee.org

Trinity Christian Church
trinitymonee.org
Church: 26900 S. Will Center Rd.
Monee, IL 60449 • 708-534-9084
Sundays: 10:30am
Pastor Joe Pudjak:
trinitymoneepastor@gmail.com
It’s never too late to sign up for AWANA Clubs!

AWANA provides exciting opportunities for children to meet new friends, play games, learn about the Bible, and have tons of fun! Each club engages students in God’s Word through game time, large group time, and handbook time.

**AWANA Clubs**

- **Dates:** Wednesdays through April
- **Time:** Wednesdays, 6:30-8pm
- **Location:** Monee Free Methodist Church (25528 S. Willow Creek Ln, Monee)
- **Ages:** PreK (2 years before Kindergarten) – 6th grade
- **Cost:** $30 registration fee

**Free Food Pantry**

- **Dates:** 1st and 3rd Tuesday of the Month
- **Time:** 4-6pm
- **Location:** Second Place Church (6370 W. Emerald Pkwy, Monee)
- **More info:** info@secondplacechurch.com

**Working Together Days**

- **Dates:** 1st Friday of the Month
- **Time:** 8:30am - 5pm
- **Location:** Second Place Church (6370 W. Emerald Pkwy, Monee)
- **More info:** info@secondplacechurch.com

**Ladies’ Spring Tea**

You are cordially invited to our annual Ladies’ Spring Tea at Monee Free Methodist Church! We would love for you and any other special ladies in your life of all ages to join us! We will enjoy a delicious lunch, beautiful music, and consider what it means to “drink deeply” from God’s Word.

- **Date:** Saturday, March 28th
- **Time:** 11am-2pm
- **Location:** Monee Free Methodist Church (25528 S. Willow Creek Ln, Monee)
- **Cost:** $15 per adult/$8 per child (12 and under)
- **Contact:** Call/text us at 708-534-5683 or visit moneefree.com

**Homeschool Resource Center**

Homeschool Resource Center is a ministry of Family of Faith Church, provides information, fellowship, and resources to homeschooling families. This fall we are offering basketball, soccer, volleyball, and cross country for homeschooled boys and girls ages 10-18. HSRC also offers a curriculum library for homeschooling families and an email loop containing current information on upcoming events, field trips, and opportunities in sports, music, co-ops and more.

For more information, visit www.fofchomeschool.org or e-mail kristi.boss@fofc.org.

**Lincolnway Special Recreation Association**

LWSRA allows residents residing within the Village Boundaries (taxpayers of the Village of Monee) to register for their classes at the in-district rates. Stop by LWSRA at 1900 Heather Glen Dr., New Lenox. Or Call 815-320-3500 for more details.

**Community Easter Event**

Save the Date:

Saturday, April 11
STARTING FEBRUARY 3, 2020
Village of Monee’s Before and After School Care Program
For ONLY Monee Elementary School
Grades K-5 (2019-2020 School Year)

The Village of Monee’s program is designed to provide a safe, structured before-and-after school program for children attending District #cm201u schools in grades Kindergarten through fifth. The program is staffed with trained employees and maintains a 10:1 ratio. The program hours are 7:00am until school begins and after school until 6:30pm. We accommodate full-time, part-time and flexible schedules. Each participant is required to pay a registration fee of $30.

WEEKLY PAYMENT IS DUE BY 9:00AM ON THURSDAY OF THE PREVIOUS WEEK or a $25 late fee per child will be charged. Payment can be made through the program, Mail-in, or dropped off at the Village Hall, 5130 W Court St, IL 60449, Monday–Friday 9a.m. to 5p.m.

CALL or EMAIL Parks & Recreation Department for more info
708-534-8302
dkroll@villageofmonee.org

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Thank you to our Vendors who provided various above and beyond products.

- Village of Crete EMA & Public Works
- Village of Peotone
- Will County EMA
**Preschool Music & Movement**
Little ones will have a blast as we sing, dance, and play the morning away! Parents are requested to stay and participate. Walk-ins are welcome for this class!

**Day:** Mondays  
**Dates:** Winter Session (6 weeks): January 6, 13, 20, 27 and February 3, 10  
**Time:** 10:00am-10:45am  
**Location:** Firemen’s Park Building  
**Ages:** 2-5 years  
**Fee:** $5 per week; or $25 for 6 week session

**Little Tykes Sports Class**
Come have a ball with us! We’ll have fun learning and practicing basic sports skills while we get our winter energy out! Parents are requested to stay and play as they help their little ones learn. Can’t wait to play with you! Walk-ins are welcome for this class!

**Day:** Mondays  
**Dates:** Spring Session (8 weeks): March 9, 16, 23, 30 and April 6, 13, 20, 27  
**Time:** 10:00am-10:45am  
**Location:** Firemen’s Park Building  
**Ages:** 2-5 years  
**Fee:** $5 per week; or $35 for 8 week session

**Silly Science**
Kids, looking for something to do on your day off from school? Learn about various science topics through hands-on activities, projects, and experiments with Miss Bethany at Silly Science.

**Session 1:** Monday, January 20 (Martin Luther King Jr. Day)  
*Sign up by Friday, January 17  
**Session 2:** Monday, March 30 (CM201U Spring Break)  
*Sign up by Friday, March 27

**Time:** 11am-12pm  
**Location:** Firemen’s Park Building  
**Ages:** 6-12 years  
**Fee:** $10 per student

*Please register by the Friday before each session by 5pm at Village Hall or by calling Parks & Recreation at 708-534-8302.*

**Homemade Dog Treats**
Come and make two kinds of homemade treats for your pup!

**Dates:** Thursday, January 16  
**Time:** 4:15-5:15pm  
**Location:** Firemen’s Park Building  
**Ages:** Kids & Teens, Ages 6+  
**Fee:** $10

**Valentine Treats**
Come and make homemade treats to enjoy or gift this Valentine’s Day! We’ll make our own fancy chocolates and dipped pretzels!

**Dates:** Thursday, February 13  
**Time:** 4:15-5:15pm  
**Location:** Firemen’s Park Building  
**Ages:** Kids & Teens, Ages 6+  
**Fee:** $15

**Spring Treats**
Come and make homemade spring-themed treats to eat or share! Bunny chow and spring oreo cookie pops are on the menu this time!

**Dates:** Thursday, April 2  
**Time:** 2-3:30pm (CM201U Spring Break)  
**Location:** Firemen’s Park Building  
**Ages:** Kids & Teens, Ages 6+  
**Fee:** $15

*Please register by the Friday before each session by 5pm at Village Hall or by calling Parks & Recreation at 708-534-8302.*
PARKS & REC PROGRAMS

Welcome New Baby!
Stop by Parks and Recreation Department for a special “Monee’s Newest Resident” bib.

Taekwondo
Taekwondo is an ancient Martial Art offering a variety of benefits for all ages and physical abilities, including improved concentration, coordination, balance and self-esteem.

Day: Tuesday, 8 week session  
Time: 4:45pm-5:45pm  
Location: Firemen’s Park Building  
Ages: 5-11 years  
Fee: $50 per session

Muay Thai–Martial Arts
Instructor Pete Farias teaches Muay Thia, the spectator sport of Thia Boxing with ancient military roots and Bruce Lee Jeet Kune. Students will learn strength, conditioning, stance, footwork, kicks and both defensive and offensive techniques. Wear comfortable clothing.

Day: Thursday, 8 week session  
Time: 7:15pm-8:15pm  
Ages: 13 yrs and up  
Fee: $55 per session

Yoga
Yoga has been around for thousands of years, providing aid to a healthy lifestyle. Yoga burn calories, tone muscles, limbers soft tissues and get the added benefit of relaxing the mind. This class will be appropriate for all levels.

Day: Tuesdays &/or Thursdays, 4 Week Sessions  
Time: 6:00pm-7:00pm  
Location: Firemen’s Park Building  
Ages: 16 yrs and older  
Fee: $50 for BOTH Tues. & Thurs. per session  
$25 for one day per week  
$8.00 per walk-in

Baseball and Softball Registration!

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Friday, January 17, 5-8pm  
Saturday, January 18, 10-1pm

Friday, January 31, 5-8pm  
Saturday, February 1, 10-1pm

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(Players Age as of May 1, 2020)

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Also ADD ON Volunteer Fee of $65 will be refunded at the end of the season as long as required duties have been performed.
There will be a Cancellation fee of $50.00 per player before 3/31/2020. No refunds after 4/1/2020.
There will be a Late Registration fee of $20 per Family after March 1, 2020.
**SENIOR LUNCHEONS:** Calling all Monee residents 55+ years young!

**January**
Calling all Monee residents 55+ years young! Join us for entertainment and lunch: TBD
Date: Friday, Jan. 31
Time: Noon-2:00pm
Location: Firemen’s Park Building
Fee: $5.00 per person
**Registration deadline is Jan. 25th. Please list any allergies when registering.**

**February**
Calling all Monee residents 55+ years young! Join us for entertainment and lunch: TBD
Date: Friday, Feb. 21
Time: Noon-2:00pm
Location: Firemen’s Park Building
Fee: $5.00 per person
**Registration deadline is Feb. 17th. Please list any allergies when registering.**

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**Monee Township Senior Programs and Events**
The Monee Township Senior Committee was formed to develop activities for the seniors (65 and older) population in the township and surrounding communities.

For more information about these upcoming programs and events, visit their website at www.MoneeTownship.com/Senior-Page, email MoneeTownship@aol.com, or call 708-534-6020. They are located at 26121 Egyptian Trail.

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**COMMUNITY WIDE GARAGE SALE**
MAY 8 & 9TH
FRIDAY & SATURDAY 9am-5pm

Sell from your own home. Permits are not needed for sale, but all Village Garage Sales Rules apply. Register your address at the Village Hall for $5.00 before May 1 to be included on the Garage Sale List that will be posted.
Coloring Contests for Kids **Free**

Children of Monee ages 3-12 years old can stop by the Village Hall or the Firemen’s Park Building to pick up a coloring contest form. There are 4 age groups (3-5, 6-7, 8-9, 10-12) and one winner per group will be chosen.

Spring coloring contest begins on March 1, due by March 31, 2020
Arbor Day Coloring Contest begins on April 1, due by April 26, 2020

**Guess the Number of Candy Hearts!** **Free**

Guess the number of candy hearts in the jar at the Village Hall for a chance to win a prize. The closest to the correct number will win a prize. Ages 12 & Under, one entry per person. The jar will be out at the Village Hall from January 14-February 14 at noon.

The winner will be notified by Friday, February 15th.

**How Many Jelly Beans are in Jar** **Free**

Monee Kids ages 12 & under are invited to stop by the Village Hall to take a guess at the number of jelly beans in the jar. One entry per person. The jar will be at the Village Hall from March 18-April 20. The winner will be notified by April 22.

The Beautification Committee presents, Keeping Monee Clean 2020!
Join us for activities improving our community which include Monee clean-up, educational materials and coloring books related to storm water and recycling, learn how to make a rain barrel and more!
Community Easter Egg Hunt - FREE

The Village of Monee and the Monee Alliance of Churches (MAC) will host a fun morning of Easter fun. Come out for an Easter Egg Hunt, a visit from the Easter Bunny and refreshments. Bring your own container to collect eggs.

SATURDAY
April 11th

10:00 am Refreshments
10:30 am Egg Hunt

Firemen’s Park