

From the Mayor's desk

This year has been challenging, and it is wonderful to know we have some amazing residents doing wonderful things like Jeremy, Mary, Zack, and Maddy Rodrigues, of Monee. They have collected over 350 toys and donated them to Comer Children's Hospital. Many other families, businesses, and churches here in Monee have been contributing to those in need this Holiday

Season. It is very heartwarming to know we have such a wonderful community. On behalf of the Village of Monee Board of Trustees, Administration, and myself, we want to wish everyone a Merry Christmas, Happy New Year, and good health! Mayor James F. Popp

Public Works

Village of Monee Public Works Departments wants you to have a safe winter season. While we cannot ensure you will be trouble-free, the safety tips offered may help you avoid problems that can occur during winter driving. Driving at reduced speeds enables you to stop quicker.

Activate the turn signal sooner than usual. This will give other drivers more time to react. Touch your brake pedal to warn other drivers of your intention to slow or stop. Maintain at least triple the distance from the vehicle in front of you than normal.

Keep your gas tank at least half-full. Allow more time for travel. Drive with your lights on. Always wear your seat belts. If you happen to get stuck in the snow, try to clear a path, straighten front wheels, use an abrasive material under the wheels and gently press the accelerator. Do not spin the tires.

Police Chief's Corner

In the last few years, our traffic volume has been on a continual uptick. I-57 is the primary route for getting in and out of our growing commercial area, and with most of the east-west traffic converging on Monee-Manhattan Road, the area has become gridlocked during the peak hours. Amazon is the largest employer in the area and obviously contributes greatly to the congestion and traffic incidents. Shift changes around the 5 pm -7 pm traffic rush is usually someplace you should avoid, if possible.

The holiday season and 'Prime' time keeps Amazon shifts at full speed and often brings in additional staffing. During certain times of the year, you may see the Will County Sheriffs Police or our Monee Officers working in the Amazon lot and directing traffic along Monee-Manhattan Road through the peak hours. Amazon management takes the extra step to pay for these officers on contract to improve traffic flow and safety. When you're sitting in traffic and not sure how long it's going to take you to clear the area, all that effort probably doesn't seem to matter. There are numerous contributing factors, including the rapid growth of the area, and the popularity of the Monee I-57 interchange. Between Kankakee and Chicago, our exit ramps and numerous gas and food vendors keep the area bustling twenty-four hours a day. The interchange was not designed for the

traffic we are now seeing. Our Village officials have been very aggressive in working with Will County and the Illinois Department of Transportation to seek out improvements and alternatives. There is progress on all fronts as the County works to expand Monee-Manhattan Road and IDOT acknowledges the need for serious renovation of the entire interchange. The unfortunate part is that 'progress' never comes as quickly as we'd like, and it can be a painful venture when construction begins. But it is good to know our state and county partners are joining us at the table. Hopefully, we can keep an obsolete infrastructure from inhibiting our place as a future leader in South Suburban commerce while maintaining our hometown atmosphere. The last, but not least important, part of the I-57 puzzle is safety. Our traffic crash count has increased dramatically over the last five years. Specifically, in the area of 57 and Monee-Manhattan Road. Incidences of road rage and hit and run crashes are rising annually. We make an effort through high visibility and strict enforcement. We have an impact... we need more. So, please be patient, alter your routes when possible, and always call 911 when the other guy just has to act a fool... Be Safe, Be Courteous, and Be Smart.

Important Information

VILLAGE OF MONEE
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Population of Monee: 5,148
Mayor: Jim Popp
Village Clerk: Doneshia 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 9:00 am – 5:00 pm
Village Board Meetings typically meet on the 2nd and 4th Wednesdays of each month at 6:30 pm at the Monee Village Hall (5130 W. Court St.).
Next Village Board Meeting: December 9
Board meetings are open to the public and can be viewed on YouTube by going through our website.
2020 Holiday Closures
December 24th & 25th, Christmas
www.VillageofMonee.org

Important Phone Numbers
Monee Township708-534-6020
26121 Egyptian Trail, Monee

Monee Township Assessor . . 708-534-6023
46 Town Center Road, University Park
Monee Post Office708-534-8057
5410 W. Main St. Monee
Peotone & Monee Library . . .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 Use815-727-8631
Will County Health Dept. . . .708-534-5777
J.U.L.I.E. (811 before you dig) 800-892-0123
Allied Waste/Republic708-385-8252
Comcast800-581-3734
AT&T888-887-5328
Will County Animal Control . .815-462-5633

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.

Illinois Department of Public Health Information

The Village of Monee website has many useful links to useful resources such as Illinois Department of Public Health (IDPH) website. We have been directing the public to there to get the latest information on the COVID-19 virus. IDPH has many other resources that can be utilized. Visit them at www.dph.illinois.gov to learn more about things such as :

- Birth, Death, Other Records
- Emergency Preparedness & Response
- Life Stages & Populations
- Food Safety
- Diseases and Conditions
- Health Care Regulation
- Prevention & Wellness
- Environmental Health Protection
- Lab Testing & Services
- Provider and Partner Resources

Village Hall Closed for Martin Luther King Jr. Day

Martin Luther King Jr. Day is on Jan. 18, 2021, which marks the 26th anniversary that celebrates the Civil Rights leader's life and legacy. In observance of this day the Monee Village Hall will be closed.

Winter Tips

Winter Tips to Help Our Community Work Together

The winter snow can offer many 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 play in the snow safely is best. Also, keep in mind our children walk to bus stops and even to school. Please help shovel the 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

Snow Removal

There are 70.2 miles of road in Monee. Each road can take 2-4 passes to plow completely. Snow conditions affect plowing and salting time. Operators strive to get the streets 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 snowplows 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 violates local ordinances and that citations will be issued to violators.

Building Services

Building Services & Code Compliance Department
Monee Businesses should have received their annual Business License renewals. Please do not forget to schedule your annual Business Inspection with Building Services. Building Services would like to inform all Residents, Business Owners, and Contractors that the Village Hall is closed to the public during the recent increase of Covid-19 cases until further notice. However, Building Services is here to help and is functioning daily during these times. Code Compliance Officers will be once again seeking compliance in regards to Ord 1908. This Ord states that all garbage, rubbish, or recycling containers shall be stored behind a privacy fence OR out of view from public areas. If you do receive a notice and need additional clarification, please do not hesitate to reach out to our code compliance department. Please, do not forget if you are selling your home or commercial property – a resale inspection for Occupancy IS REQUIRED. We are providing virtual inspections with respect to rising COVID numbers and health risks concerns of both our residents and staff. If you have any questions regarding Inspections, Home Repairs, Improvements, Building Structures, Code Compliance, or need a Building Permit, please call us at (708) 534-8303 or email us at buildingervices@villageofmonee.org.

2021 Monee Baseball & Softball

Registration dates and time guidelines to keep everyone safe:



Saturday, January 23 & 30

Registration Times
Last Names Starting with:
A-D 10 - 10:30 am
E-I 10:30 - 11 am
J-M 11 - 11:30 am
N-R 11:30 - Noon
S-V Noon - 12:30 pm
W-Z 12:30 - 1 pm

Friday, January 29

Registration Times
Last Names Starting With:
A-D 5 - 5:30 pm
E-I 5:30 - 6 pm
J-M 6 - 6:30 pm
N-R 6:30 - 7 pm
S-V 7 - 7:30 pm
W-Z 7:30 - 8 pm

Location: Firemen's Park Building, 5218 W. Court Street
More information will be available on the website after the New Year.