

From the Village Clerk

The Desk of Monee Village Clerk

Happy New Year Monee! As another year is upon us, so is a clean slate. A moment in time for us to stand together as we have through this rough time during a pandemic to become the change we want to see. Everyone won't always see eye to eye however, together we can achieve so much more than we can divided. Monee is a great home and each and everyone of us in it, plays a part. Pointing fingers doesn't create change. Creating invalid issues for others to make a name for ourselves doesn't create positive change. From our small "Family" town and beyond as we grow, let's show the

STRENGTH of Monee. Making Monee a place to be proud of for generations and generations to come.

Thank you to **EVERYONE** who has and is playing a part in aiding and helping make it through to end this pandemic. Praying for all who've lost loved ones

and friends. Unfortunately, I too know how it feels. Looking forward to the days when we can again, love on one another and enjoying one another without boundaries regardless of race, background, gender or political party. #America #MoneeStrong

Police Chief's Corner

The goal of every modern police agency is to achieve the highest level of professionalism possible with the resources you have access to.

Recently, we filled the long-vacant Deputy Chief's (DC) position and backfilled with a new Sergeant and a new Officer. Taking it at face value, it doesn't appear that the DC promotion will increase patrol at the street level. More Officers on the street is always the desired outcome when your community sees you expending its tax dollars.

However, the bottom line is that this promotion fulfills a much-needed boost to the 'administrative' side of police work. In addition to having a DC there to coordinate and complete our many new mandates and obligations, this promotion allows us to 'free up' our Sergeants to work in the community and lead their personnel on a much more regular basis.

You see, we can't ignore training mandated by the state and feds that requires each officer to be an expert with a firearm, a Taser, driving a car, dealing with an autistic male, or a highly intoxicated female.

They have to know how to properly handle a domestic violence situation, which requires them to carry a small book of paperwork that needs to be completed after taking the aggressor out of the situation, one way or the other.

In addition, if a juvenile is abused or involved, a completely new set of rules go into effect after they first assure the child's safety.

Now, onto our next call, to explain to the victim how their identity was stolen and the many resources they have to

protect themselves in the future. We aren't even talking about burglars, armed robbers, or carjackings. Almost every incident is attached to its own required documents, acquired evidence or statements, and video logging, just to start.

All of this has to be backed up administratively for reporting to the state and the feds. Now, take a couple of Chicago phone book size folders, and you rename them policy manuals... which have to be changed or updated every time the legislators (all levels) get back together.

Normally, they leave a laundry list of changes they expect to be implemented without any funding or guidance. I digress, there's no sense in involving the politicians..... I have covered the tip of the iceberg for what happens in a Police Department every day.

We won't complain about it, we will just train up on it and try to make ourselves better at everything we do. Training is not cheap, and it plays havoc with patrol schedules. However, it is right up there with the most important things we do.

We don't just give somebody the keys to the car and a gun and tell them to go be the Police.... Sometimes it might appear that way... but we really don't. Hopefully, it shows!

Consequently, this story was written to explain what a new Deputy Chief means to MPD. Most importantly, what it means is that we can't afford to fall behind in this day and age.

This is just one more step forward in answering the challenges of our community and our profession. Be Smart, Be Safe and always Be Courteous.

Important Information

VILLAGE OF MONEE
5130 W. Court St. Monee, IL 60449
Phone: 708-534-8301
Fax: 708-534-0694
www.VillageofMonee.org
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.

2021 Consolidated Election

Early Voting Dates and Times for the Village of Monee at VILLAGE HALL for Monee Residents Only

Early Voting Dates and times from Monday, March 22 - Saturday, March 27:
Monday, March 22 - 9:30am - 4:30pm
Tuesday, March 23 - 9:30am - 4:30pm
Wednesday, March 24 - 9:30am - 4:30pm
Thursday, March 25 - 1:00pm - 7:00pm
Friday, March 26 - 9:30am - 4:00pm
Saturday, March 27 - 9:00am - 11:00am
Election Day - Tuesday, April 6

Building Services & Code Compliance

We have a lot of Monee Businesses who have not called to schedule their annual inspections. We will be delivering the licenses during these inspections. Code Compliance Officers are still working with residents to attain compliance in regards to Ordinance 1908. This Ordinance 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 the rising numbers and health risk concerns of both our residents and staff.

In addition, should you choose to rent your residential property, you must be licensed as the landlord, and the property MUST obtain a current occupancy permit before a tenant occupies the property.

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



Monee and Will County residents wanting a Covid-19 vaccination, please go to www.willcountyhealth.org and complete a short survey/registration. A quick link is also available on the Village of Monee web page and village of Monee Facebook.



We would like to **WELCOME** you new baby to Monee with this cute bib! Call 708-534-8302 or email us at dkroll@villageofmonee.org so we can send one out to you.

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.

Cleaning Streets

Cleaning village streets is no easy task and requires strategic coordination 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 snowfall, drifting snow, and sub-zero temperatures).

Snow Plows

When the snow does come, please allow for extra drive time. Clear all snow from your vehicle, including headlights and tail lights. Give plow operators plenty of room to do their job for you.

Don't try to race a plow or make quick moves to "get away." Cars are not always visible, and big trucks cannot stop quickly to respond to sudden movements by cars. Please be smart and safe this winter.

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.