



# VILLAGE of MONEE



5130 W Court St, Monee, IL 60449 | 708-534-8301

[www.villageofmonee.org](http://www.villageofmonee.org)

## *There's No Place Like Monee...*



Mayor Dr. Therese M. Bogs

### **A happy, healthy, and prosperous 2022 to all!**

The past 7 months have been exciting as I embrace the position of Mayor, and continue to work towards moving our village forward.

Having re-established the position of Economic Development Director, we now have a liaison to lead the village's planning and implementation of economic development strategies.

We have taken a pro-active approach and are committed to upgrading our roadways, updating our water mains and sanitary lines, while also pursuing new construction projects of ADA compliant sidewalks and bike paths.

I am very proud of all our department heads and employees with their continued excitement and commitment towards their service and representation of the village.

My administration prides itself on having a welcoming, fair, and encouraging environment, and I look forward to our journey together as I continue to serve you further.

*Mayor Bogs*



### **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**



## Important Phone Numbers

**Police Department** ..... 708-534-8308  
5357 W. Main Street, Monee

**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 Street, 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

### 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](http://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.



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**[www.VillageofMonee.org](http://www.VillageofMonee.org)**

Population of Monee: 5,148

**Mayor:** Dr. Therese Bogs  
**Village Clerk:** Doneshia Smith-Codjoe  
**Village Deputy Clerk:** Michelle Powell  
**Village Treasurer:** Norbert Snow

### Village Trustees

Heidi Gonzalez  
Doug Horne  
Anthony Raczek  
Elizabeth Rakis  
Scott Youdris

### Village Hall Hours

Monday-Friday 9:00am – 5:00pm

### Police Department

**5357 W. Main St. Monee, IL 60449**

**Phone: 708-534-8308**

**Fax: 708-534-3321**

**Chief of Police:** Scott Koerner

**Village Board Meetings** are held on the 2nd and 4th Wednesdays of every 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](http://www.VillageofMonee.org)

*\* Meeting dates may change or be cancelled due to Holidays*

## 2021-2022 Holiday Closures

December 31	New Year's Eve
January 17	Martin Luther King Day
February 21	Presidents' Day
April 15	Good Friday

# POLICE DEPARTMENT

## Chief's Corner



Chief Scott Koerner

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. Most of the east-west traffic converges on Monee Manhattan Road (MM), and the area can 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 change around the 5p-7p traffic rush is usually some place you should avoid if possible. Holiday season and 'Prime' time keeps Amazon shifts at full speed and often brings in additional staffing. More businesses are moving into the Ridgeland corridor, and prospective builders like what they see in Monee. The County has taken notice and is conducting traffic studies and proposing improvements to the MM traffic flow. Re-routing of truck traffic is also being proposed to offset increases moving east and west between I-57 and Rt. 394. During certain times of the year you may also see Officers working in the Amazon lot and directing traffic along MM through the peak hours. Amazon management takes the extra step to contract these Officers, to assist in improving traffic flow and safety.

When your 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. Village officials have been very aggressive in working with Will County and Illinois DOT to seek out improvements and alternatives. There is progress on all fronts. 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, and hopefully we can keep 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 I-57 and MM. Incidence of road rage, and hit and run crashes is rising annually. We make the effort through high visibility and strict enforcement. We have an impact....we want more of impact. That's where you can help....be patient, alter your routes when possible and always call 911 when the other guy just has to act a fool . . .

*Be Safe, Courteous, & Smart!*

## The world according to Sgt. Jamal Martin



Sgt. Jamal Martin

Sgt. Jamal Martin loves the snow. Except when he has to work in it. We all live in Northern Illinois. We have all driven in the snow and ice. And yet, many of us....seem to have memory loss every winter. We just plain forget how to drive in inclement weather. So, here is a little hint: Four wheel drive, all wheel drive and front wheel drive get better traction in the snow and ice. That doesn't decrease your stopping distance. Let's be a little bit more conscious of our surroundings and the changing weather. That extra 5-10 minutes is not worth the risk you take by driving too fast for the winter conditions. So put the phone down, slow down and watch out for the other guy. And don't forget, two inches of snowfall kicks in the local parking restrictions. Don't be that guy! Be the smart one!! It will definitely improve your mental well-being during the holiday season!!



### 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**

# WILL COUNTY HEALTH DEPARTMENT

## WIC Program

Our program provides nutrition education, health care referrals, breastfeeding support and an EBT card to purchase nutritious supplemental foods.

Eligibility includes:

- Pregnant, breastfeeding, or postpartum women, infants, and children under the age of 5
- Residence in Illinois
- Income requirements

Due to COVID 19, WIC is not currently seeing clients in person and all appointments are completed by phone at this time.

Please call the office nearest you at:

Joliet 815-727-8524  
 Bolingbrook 630-679-7010  
 Monee 708-534-5777

Hours

Monday, Tuesday, Thursday, Friday 8:30-4:15  
 Wednesday 10:30-6:15

## Environmental Health

CONDUCTS ROUTINE INSPECTIONS & INVESTIGATES COMPLAINTS FOR:



Food Facilities  
 Private well & septic  
 Tanning Salons



Tattoo & Body Art Facilities  
 West Nile Virus Surveillance

**Located at 5601 W Monee-Manhattan Rd Suite 109, Monee, IL**

**Hours Monday- Friday 8:00am-4:00pm**

**708-534-5721**

**WWW.WILLCOUNTYHEALTH.ORG**



**COVID-19 QUESTIONS?**

Our team of Customer Service Representatives is ready to help answer any question.

815-774-7386

Call Center Hours of Operation:  
**Monday - Friday**  
**8:00 AM - 4:30 PM**

**The call center can help...**

- Schedule, Reschedule or Cancel your COVID-19 Vaccination Appointment through the Will County Health Department
- Find a COVID-19 Vaccination Location near you
- Find a COVID-19 Testing Location near you
- Answer basic COVID-19 questions:
  - Information on available COVID-19 Vaccinations
  - General COVID-19 Vaccine related guidelines
  - Where to locate guidelines on the CDC website
- Sign up for the Will County Health Department Weekly Newsletter
- Obtain Proof of COVID-19 Vaccinations



### Will County Health Department

#### Environmental Health Laboratory

**Laboratory Services:**

- Routine Bacterial Screen \$20
- Bacterial Screen with Count \$25
- Chlorine Check \$5
- Nitrate Analysis \$18
- Fluoride Analysis \$24
- Hardness Analysis \$18

*If you obtain drinking water from your own well, you alone are responsible for assuring that it is safe. For this reason, routine testing is highly recommended.*

*Samples must be collected in sterile bottles which can be picked up at any of our locations.*

**Hours:**  
 Monday-Thursday: 8:30 am to 4:00 pm  
 Fridays and the day before a holiday, samples are accepted until noon. Branch hours may differ. Contact individual branches for hours of operation.  
**Or visit [www.willcountyhealth.org](http://www.willcountyhealth.org)**

### Fast Turnaround!

**Environmental Health Lab**  
 501 Ella Avenue  
 Joliet, IL 60433  
 Phone: 815-727-8517  
 Fax: 815-740-7633

**East Branch Office**  
 5601 Monee-Manhattan Rd.,  
 Monee, IL 60449  
 Phone: 708-534-5721  
 708-534-3455

**North Branch Office**  
 323 Quadrangle Dr.  
 Bolingbrook, IL 60440  
 Phone: 630-679-7030  
 Fax: 630-679-7031



## Snow Plows and Driving

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 always stop quickly to respond to sudden moves by cars. Please be smart and safe this winter.

## 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 salting 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

A circular graphic with a blue background. In the center is a red fire hydrant. Above the hydrant are two white snowflakes. Below the hydrant is a red double-headed arrow with the text "3 feet" in white. The entire graphic is set against a white background within the circle.

### 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.

## Salt Brine Fact Sheet

**Frequently asked questions regarding the Village's use of salt brine to enhance road safety, while minimizing cost and environmental impact.**

### 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.

## Monee Historical Society

*These are exciting times to be involved with the Monee Historical Society!*

After years of hard work and partnership with the Village of Monee, we had our official ribbon-cutting for the new Monee Heritage Center at the Creamery in September. The plan is to be open on Wednesdays from 10-3 and Saturdays from 10-3.

Recently the Historical Society honored fallen Civil War soldiers buried at St. Paul's with new headstones and also dedicated the Cemetery as a Will County Landmark; held our first annual Tree Trimming at the Creamery, which we expect to make a new tradition; participated in a ceremony to honor Monee's veterans who have passed away with our first Wreaths Across America wreath-laying event; and are partnering with the Peotone Public Library to offer a story time for children and a mystery book club!

Copies of Our Roots Are Deep, the story of Monee's history, are now available and can be ordered at the Heritage Center or online. The book is updated with new content and copies are \$35.00.

The 2022 calendar of events is being finalized and will be available on our website. There are lots of exciting exhibits, programming and events in the works!



The Monee Creamery Restoration

Our Monee Historical Society Advisory Board is now in formation, and there are opportunities for people of all interest levels and skill sets at MHS. The Historical Society meets the second Thursday at 7pm each month at the Heritage Center. For schedule updates, please visit our website.



### M H S

MONEE HISTORICAL SOCIETY

**Get Involved!**  
**Donate! Volunteer!**  
**Become an**  
**MHS member!**  
**Become a**  
**part of History!**

**Phone:**  
**708-288-5756**

**Email:**  
**monee.history@gmail.com**

**Website:**  
**moneehistoricalsociety.com**

**Facebook:**  
**www.facebook.com/MoneeHistory**



## Monee Women's Club

The Monee Women's Club is welcoming new and returning members. This social club is open to Monee women ages 18 and up. The Monee Women's Club was established in 2015 to meet other women in our village. We are a dedicated and hard-working social network of women who actively volunteer at village functions, fund scholarships and other philanthropic endeavors, have group outings and get-togethers, and have formed friendships in the process.

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.

## 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    Mon-Thurs 9:30am - 8:00pm  
 708-258-3436    Friday 9:30am - 5:00pm  
 www.peotonelibrary.org    Saturday 9:30am - 3:00pm

Use our downloadable and digital items with a Digital Card\*.  
 Apply on our website on the Resources tab.



\* Your Regular Library Card (apply at the Library) allows you to use the downloadable and digital items and check out physical items from the Library.



## Monee Alliance of Churches Church Directory/Information

### Family of Faith

fofc.org  
 Church: 6645 West Steger Road  
 Monee, IL 60449 • 708-235-1901  
 Sundays: 9:30am  
 Pastor David Feddes (dfeddes@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)  
 (mgrubermann@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)

### New Hope Christian Community Church

newhopechristiancommunitychurch.org  
 Church: 4700 W. Court St.  
 Monee, IL 60449 • 708-235-0995  
 Sundays: 11:00am  
 Sunday School - 9:30am  
 Bible Study - 7:00pm on Facebook  
 at New Hope CCC  
 James Hunt (Senior Pastor)  
 (revjameshunt@att.net)  
 Joe Johnson (Associate Pastor)  
 (pastorjoej79@gmail.com)  
 Debra Jackson (Executive Assistant):  
 newhopeoffice2007@att.net

### Second Place Church

www.secondplace.church  
 25528 S Willow Creek Ln,  
 Monee, IL 60449  
 708-587-0033  
 Saturdays: 5pm  
 Sundays: 9am on Facebook and YouTube  
 Pastor Joe Dascenzo  
 (joe@secondplacechurch.com)  
 Dave Short  
 (dave@secondplacechurch.com)

### St. Boniface Catholic Church

stbonifacemonee.org  
 Church: 5304 W. Main St.,  
 Monee, IL 60449 • 708-534-9682  
 Saturdays: 5:30pm  
 Sundays: 9am  
 Father Roger Kutzner  
 (st.boniface@comcast.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  
 (frsamuel@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  
 Bridge Pastor:  
 david.holston@stpaulsmonee.org  
 Secretary:  
 nancy.langenfeld@stpaulsmonee.org

### Trinity Christian Church

trinitymonee.org  
 Church: 26900 S. Will Center Rd.  
 Monee, IL 60449 • 708-534-9084  
 Sunday: (SS - 9:30am)  
 Sunday Worship - 10:00am  
 Contemporary Worship and  
 Children's Church  
 Pastor Joe Pudjak  
 (trinitymoneepastor@gmail.com)

## Monee Reservoir

Monee Reservoir is located at  
27341 Ridgeland Avenue, Monee, IL  
On Ridgeland Avenue just south of  
Pauling Road in Monee Township  
708.534.8499

### HOURS:

#### PRESERVE:

April-October:  
6 a.m.-Sunset

November-March:  
8 a.m.-Sunset

#### VISITOR CENTER

Closed December - February

#### Open Tuesday-Sunday from:

March:  
8 a.m.-4 p.m.

April-September:  
6 a.m.-6 p.m.

October-November:  
8 a.m.-4 p.m.

[www.reconnectwithnature.org](http://www.reconnectwithnature.org)

### Nature Play Day—Snow

Wednesday, January 12 • 10-11:30 a.m.  
Plum Creek Nature Center  
Free

Ages 3-5 (accompanied by a registered adult)  
Registration is required: 708.946.2216 or  
ReconnectWithNature.org.

Join the Forest Preserve District's monthly nature-themed programs for tots 3-5 years old. January's theme is snow! Play as we explore the wonders of snow on the trails of Plum Creek Nature Center. Be prepared for indoor and outdoor activities including a hike, story, games, music, art and more. We encourage experiencing the outdoors - rain or shine - so please dress accordingly.

### Meet a Beekeeper

Sunday, February 6 • 12:30-2:30 p.m.  
Plum Creek Nature Center  
Free  
All ages  
No Registration required.



Meet local beekeeper Mike Rusnak to discuss the art of beekeeping. Ask questions, chat, and troubleshoot with Rusnak who has more than 15 years of beekeeping experience to share. Pick up specific beekeeping tips or simply learn more about the world of beekeeping.

### Nature Play Day - Woodchucks

Wednesday, February 9 • 10-11:30 a.m.  
Plum Creek Nature Center  
Free

Ages 3-5 (accompanied by a registered adult)  
Registration is required: 708.946.2216 or  
ReconnectWithNature.org

Join the Forest Preserve District's monthly nature-themed programs for tots 3-5 years old. February's theme is woodchucks and we will be looking for signs of them in the woods around the nature center. Be prepared for indoor and outdoor activities including a hike, story, games, music, art and more. We encourage experiencing the outdoors - rain or shine - so please dress accordingly.

### Morning Bird Hike

Saturday, February 12 • 8-10 a.m.  
Monee Reservoir  
Free

Ages 16 and older  
Registration is required by Friday,  
February 11: 708.946.2216 or  
ReconnectWithNature.org

Don't let the cold stop you from going outside and enjoying nature. Birds can be found all through the winter and the Forest Preserve District's Monee Reservoir is a great place to find them. Open water



in the reservoir means many ducks. And with no leaves in the way, birds are easier to spot in the fields and woods. Join the Forest Preserve on this guided hike in search of the birds at Monee Reservoir in the winter. Beginners are welcome and encouraged as this is a great way to gain birding knowledge. Participants will enjoy a hike of 1.5 to 2 miles on paved and natural surfaces across uneven terrain. Be sure to dress for the weather.

### Excursion Hike: Plum Creek Greenway Trail

Saturday, February 19  
10 a.m.-3 p.m.

Goodnow Grove  
Nature Preserve  
Free

Ages 18 or older  
Registration is required by  
Thursday, February 17: 815.727.8700 or  
ReconnectWithNature.org.

Join the Forest Preserve for an active day outdoors on this excursion hike while embracing the Norwegian philosophy of Friluftsliv (pronounced free-loofts-liv). Friluftsliv means open air living or outdoor living. We will embrace a day outdoors despite the weather! The hike will be a little over 6 miles on the Plum Creek Greenway Trail through Goodnow Grove Nature Preserve. Halfway through the hike, we will stop and each lunch outdoors. Pack a sack lunch, water bottle and dress for the weather. This program takes place entirely outdoors. This program will start at the Goodnow Grove Equestrian Parking lot on Goodnow Road west of Dutton Road in Beecher. The hike will be approximately 6.5 miles over uneven terrain with snow or ice possible on the trail.



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 this year's Monee Fall Fest possible!***

**NEW!**

# Crete Monee Baseball and Softball

**Crete and Monee Recreational**

**Baseball and Softball teams have JOINED together.**

***Our children go to school together, why not play together?***

Still part of the Will-Kan & Kan-Will Leagues and play other local towns.

By expanding, we can offer more options for teams and fields.

## **REGISTRATION WILL BE:**

**January 12 — 5pm-7pm**

**Monee Firemen's Park Building**

**January 15 — 9am-Noon**

**Monee Firemen's Park Building**

**January 21 — 6pm -8pm**

**Crete Town Hall**

**January 22 — 10am-2pm**

**Crete Town Hall**

**February 4 — 6pm-8pm**

**Crete Town Hall**

**February 5 — 10am-2pm**

**Crete Town Hall**

**February 9 — 5pm-7pm**

**Monee Firemen's Park Building**

**February 12 — 9am-Noon**

**Monee Firemen's Park Building**





**STARTING August 18**  
**Inside Monee Elementary School Only:**

**Village of Monee’s Before and After School Care Program**

**The Village of Monee’s program is providing a safe before-and-after school program for children in Kindergarten through fifth grade of Monee Elementary School.**

This program is held in the cafeteria of the school. The program hours are 7:00am until school begins and after school until 6:30pm. We accommodate full-time, part-time and flexible schedules.

Parents are not locked into a weekly schedule, you can change each week, even skip.

Pay for only what you need. Each participant is required to pay a registration fee of \$30.

**CALL or EMAIL Parks & Recreation Department for more info**  
**708-534-8302 or email [dkroll@villageofmonee.org](mailto:dkroll@villageofmonee.org)**

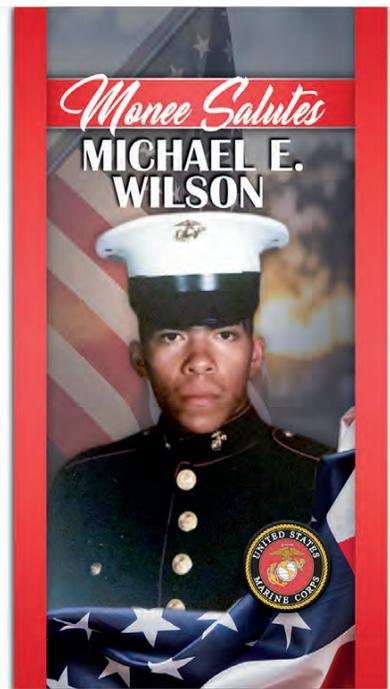
PRICE LIST	5 DAY S	4 DAYS	3 DAYS	2 DAYS	1 DAY	PROGRAM LOCATION	
Before School	\$55	\$45	\$36	\$25	\$13	<b>ONLY</b> Monee Elementary School 25425 S Will Center Rd, Monee, IL 60449	
2nd child (10% discount)	\$51	\$41	\$33	\$23	\$11		
<i>Drop Off (One Day Only Per Week)</i>					\$15		
After School	\$66	\$55	\$43	\$30	\$15		
2nd child (10% discount)	\$60	\$50	\$38	\$26	\$13		
<i>Drop Off (One Day Only Per Week)</i>					\$18		
½ Day Early Dismissal Upcharge					\$8		
Before and After School	\$100	\$85	\$66	\$47	\$24		
2nd child (10% discount)	\$92	\$78	\$61	\$43	\$22		
<i>Drop Off (One Day Only Per Week)</i>					\$29		
½ Day Early Dismissal Upcharge					\$8		
<b>Note: We do not credit accounts for days absent or transfer days from week to week.</b>							



# HOMETOWN HEROES

## MILITARY BANNERS

A SALUTE TO OUR LOCAL HEROES



SAMPLE BANNER

The Village of Monee is proud to honor Hometown Heroes who have served or are currently serving our country in the U.S. Military. This Hometown Heroes program will serve as a small token of our gratitude.

For more information, contact the Village Hall or visit our website at [www.VillageofMonee.org](http://www.VillageofMonee.org)

To apply for a banner, fill out the application available at the Village Hall or on the Village of Monee website.



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### 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 correct.

# PARKS & REC PROGRAMS

## 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:** 5:30pm-6:30pm  
**Location:** Firemen's Park Building  
**Ages:** Adult  
**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:** Sundays, 8 week session  
**Time:** 9:30am-10:30am  
**Ages:** 7 yrs - Adult  
**Location:** Firemen's Park Building  
**Fee:** \$55 per session

## Snowman Canvas Tote Bag

Come join us to color your very own Canvas Tote bag for winter! Children will have a great time customize their own bag while learning the relationship of colors. This class will also teach them how to color with intention! Supplies

are limited to 12 children. Don't delay to register!

**Day:** Monday, January 10th  
**Time:** 4:30pm-5:15pm  
**Ages:** 5-12  
**Location:** Firemen's Park  
**Fee:** \$8.00

## Scratch and BOOM Color!

Come join us in a small craft where we scratch the dark to reveal rainbows of colors! Your children will customize a snowflake and snowman craft for a half an hour! Supplies are limited to 12 children. Don't delay register at the Village Hall!

**Day:** Monday, January 19th  
**Time:** 4:30pm-5:00pm  
**Ages:** 3-5  
**Location:** Firemen's Park  
**Fee:** \$5.00



## Color the Puzzle!

Come join the fun and color a puzzle craft! Your child will create their very own puzzle with a winter theme! We will also educate the children on how to make colors work in harmony with the color wheel! Supplies are limited to 12 children. Don't delay register at the Village Hall!

**Day:** Monday, January 24th  
**Time:** 4:30pm-5:15pm  
**Ages:** 5-12  
**Location:** Firemen's Park  
**Fee:** \$8.00

## Polar Bear Stuffed Animal Class

Brrrrr!!!! Did someone need a Polar bear friend to keep them warm this winter? Come join the Parks and Rec team build your very own stuffed animal! Each child will receive an empty plush, a star and a birth certificate for their new friend! Supplies are limited to 10 children. Don't delay, register ahead of time!!

**Day:** Wednesday, January 26th  
**Time:** 5:00pm-5:30pm  
**Ages:** 5-12  
**Location:** Firemen's Park  
**Fee:** \$8.00

## Monster Valentines

Valentine's Day is almost here! Come join us and create a box to hold your Valentine cards! With mixed media, the children will design their very own box to hold all their goodies! Supplies are limited to 12 children. Don't delay to register at the Village Hall!

**Day:** Monday, February 7th  
**Time:** 4:30pm-5:15pm  
**Ages:** 5-12  
**Location:** Firemen's Park  
**Fee:** \$5.00



## Valentine Craft Day

Come join us to create some valentine crafts and spread some love! This two craft class will come with a surprise treat! Supplies are limited to 12 children. Don't delay to register at the Village Hall!

**Day:** Wednesday, February 23rd  
**Time:** 4:30pm-5:15pm  
**Ages:** 5-12  
**Location:** Firemen's Park  
**Fee:** \$8.00

# PARKS & REC PROGRAMS

## St. Patrick's Day Craft

Come join us in creating some fun St. Patrick's crafts. This class has two crafts that the children will be doing! We will create a Leprechaun toy and a pot of gold craft! Supplies are limited to 12 children. Don't delay to register at the Village Hall!

**Day:** Monday, March 7th  
**Time:** 4:30pm-5:15pm  
**Ages:** 5-12  
**Location:** Firemen's Park  
**Fee:** \$5.00



## Treasure Chest Craft

Join us as we build a Leprechaun treasure chest with mixed media! Don't worry he let us borrow them! Each child will receive a palm sized chest to design that can hold their own treasures! At the end of class the children will receive a surprise to put in their box! Supplies are limited to 12 children. Don't delay to register at the Village Hall!

**Day:** Monday, March 21st  
**Time:** 4:30pm  
**Ages:** 5-12  
**Location:** Firemen's Park  
**Fee:** \$5.00

## SENIOR LUNCHEONS: *Calling all Monee residents 55+ years young!*



### January

Calling all Monee residents 55+ years young! Join us for entertainment and lunch: Chicken, biscuits, mac & cheese, corn, dessert.

**Date:** Wednesday, Jan. 19  
**Time:** Noon-2:00pm  
**Location:** Firemen's Park Building  
**Fee:** \$5.00 per person

### February

Calling all Monee residents 55+ years young! Join us for entertainment and lunch: Ham or turkey sandwiches, fruit, potato salad, dessert.

**Date:** Wednesday, Feb. 16  
**Time:** Noon-2:00pm  
**Location:** Firemen's Park Building  
**Fee:** \$5.00 per person

## Firemen's Park Building is available for your next party!

A \$200 deposit is required and returned after the party.  
\$40 per hour (2-hour minimum)  
For more information, please email [dkroll@villageofmonee.org](mailto:dkroll@villageofmonee.org) for more details.



*Do you have a talent you want to share with the community?*

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**Breakfast with the Easter Bunny**

April

**Community Egg Hunt**

April 16

**Earth Day / Monee Clean Up Event**

April 23

**Curb Appeal Contest Registration Begins**

April 15

**Community Wide Spring Garage Sales**

May 27 & 28

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