

VILLAGE OF Monee

5130 W. Court Street Monee, Illinois 60449 708-534-8301 villageofmonee.org

SUMMER 2022 NEWSLETTER

Greetings!

As we are venturing into summer, I want to encourage everyone to enjoy Monee's dining establishments. Enjoy a meal, time with family and friends, or quiet alone time, and support our local eateries.

Our Parks and Rec Department has numerous activities and events planned, such as

- **MOVIES IN THE PARK**
- **FARMERS MARKET**
- **PARTY IN THE PARK • KIDS' DAY**
- **SENIOR SERVICES EXPO PICNIC**
- **NATIONAL NIGHT OUT AT MONEE RESERVOIR**
- **LOVE MONEE (A MAC EVENT)**
- **POOCH-A-PALOOZA** and of course, **MONEE'S FALL FEST. . . Phew!!!**

It looks like it's shaping up to be an event-filled and fun summer!!

Please support your Village, attend all or some of the events, and most importantly, *enjoy your summer!*

Mayor Bogs



Mayor
Dr. Therese M. Bogs

There's No Place Like **Monee**

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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 708-534-5721

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 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.



VILLAGE OF MONEE

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www.VillageofMonee.org

Population of Monee: 5,148

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

Village Trustees

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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

Building Services

5500 W. Wilson St. Monee, IL 60449

Phone: 708-534-8303

Fax: 708-534-0694

Building Services Hours

Monday-Friday 8:00am – 4:00pm

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

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

2022 Holiday Closures

July 4	Independence Day
September 5	Labor Day
November 11	Veterans Day
November 24	Thanksgiving
December 23 & 26	Christmas (Observance)

POLICE DEPARTMENT

Chief's Corner



Chief Scott Koerner

Well, we made it. Summer is here! Short sleeve shirts, windows down, swimming pools in full operation and fast cars on the loose.... Sounds wonderful!! Well....lets backtrack a little...the fast cars on the loose might be a problem. The most common nuisance complaint we get is 'speeders'. Springtime into early summer the number of these complaints usually triples. There is no one spot. Though the main thoroughfares tend

to attract more attention, every neighborhood reports an issue with speeding and reckless drivers. Most often, the offender tends to be on the 'youthful' side. We respond to these complaints, and we address it with the resources available. Sometimes, those resources are a little thin, handling other calls or higher priority traffic issues. That does not mean that your neighborhood isn't important to us. That's where we walk, our children play and occasionally our dog gets loose. We expect drivers to be respectful. Doesn't always happen. We will continue to monitor, and enforce speed laws every day. We will deploy our 'speed alert signs' and camera systems in affected areas. It is only one of our many responsibilities, but it is important to us.

Speaking of traffic, the Village of Monee and Will County have both been working diligently to address the traffic problems throughout eastern Will County. The commercial zone is growing quickly and there is a number of companies looking at the I-57 corridor for future development. The County is working to improve Monee Manhattan Road and to develop an east-west corridor between I-57 and Rt 394/Rt 1. The study was eye opening for us, as the traffic on Monee Manhattan is estimated to be approaching 3.6 million vehicles a year. That equals a lot of commerce, a lot of traffic on our roadways, a lot of people spending money in our County and unfortunately a few who view it as an opportunity to victimize our businesses and our community.

Summer tends to bring out a lot more nighttime traffic. So, keep those car doors locked, windows closed, garage doors down after dark and don't leave valuables in plain view. That is like sending an open invitation.... Catalytic converters are once again, a hot commodity. The most common thefts occur on SUVs and trucks, as well as hybrids. Etching numbers, or painting the converter can sometimes deter thieves. Parking in well-lit areas, installing motion detector lighting, cameras or a car alarm are all preventive measures. The most important form of prevention is simple. If you see something, say something. Call 911. If it don't feel right, call. If it looks out of place, call. Don't hesitate, call. That's why we are here. We will sort it out, and you will feel better.

Summer also brings in the insurance and construction scammers. According to the complaints received by the Office of the Illinois Attorney General, unscrupulous home repair contractors use some common techniques to gain the confidence of homeowners. Contractors might tell you they have "leftovers" from a larger job and can do the repair work for you at a discount. They might attempt to frighten you by claiming that your house contains health hazards or code violations that must be fixed right away. They might claim to be a representative of your insurance company in an attempt to get you to agree to work they say your insurance policy will pay for. They might offer a "free furnace cleaning" as an excuse to sell you a new furnace you do not need. Call if your not sure. Your local police or code enforcement officer will always respond to suspicious vendors. In general, consumers should always beware when a home repair contractor:

- contacts you or comes to your home uninvited;
- tells you that you need to make repairs immediately or your safety may be in danger;
- pressures you to sign papers today or talks too quickly, attempting to confuse you;
- tells you that he or she is doing work in your neighborhood and claims to have "extra materials" left over from another job;
- quotes a price that's out of line with other estimates;
- offers to drive you to your bank to withdraw funds to pay for his or her work;
- can be reached only by leaving messages with an answering service;
- drives an unmarked vehicle or has out-of-state license plates; or,
- asks you to pay for the entire job up front;
- enters or tries to enter your home uninvited, either alone or with a partner.

This information is readily available on the Illinois Attorney Generals webpage: Illinoisattorneygeneral.gov

Finally, when something in your neighborhood occurs and you may have recorded the incident or some person(s) who may be involved in the incident, on your personal or business security system. Call. Deterring crime and catching offenders is our primary responsibility. But, it is nearly impossible for us to do either without community support and assistance.



Be Safe, Courteous, & Smart!

DUNKIN'



2022 marks the 20th Anniversary of the Dunkin' and Illinois Law Enforcement Torch Run for Special Olympics Illinois partnership

Friday, August 19 • 5am-12pm
6001 W. Monee Manhattan Rd.

Each guest who makes a donation to the Torch Run will receive a coupon for a free donut. Guests who donate \$10 or more will receive a Dunkin' branded travel mug (while supplies last) and a coupon for a free medium hot coffee.

Cop on a Rooftop raises money for the athletes of Special Olympics Illinois.

Police Department contd.

The World According to Sgt. Brent Cash



Sgt. Brent Cash

Tis the season for bicycles, ATVs, golf carts, scooters and any other assorted form of transportation.

We need everyone to be extra mindful of sharing the road and giving space to all these alternate forms of transportation. For

you cyclists, remember to always wear a good helmet, make sure your bike is adjusted properly for a safe ride, check and make sure all your gear is ready to go, see traffic and make sure they see you, watch out for potholes or unlevel ground, stay in control and make sure you have good lights if riding at night. And anybody who rides a motorcycle already knows, ride like nobody sees you out there!!



Be safe, respect your fellow drivers and have a great summer!!

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**



Need to get rid of those old medications?

The drop box is located in the Police Department lobby.
Open Monday-Friday, 9am-5pm

CLERK'S OFFICE

From the Desk of the City Clerk



Village Clerk
Doneshia Codjoe

Happy Summer Monee! I'm thankful to have now reached 5 years of serving our community in the capacity as Village Clerk. It continues to be an honor and pleasure as our residents continue to add to my WHY. Things aren't perfect however, I'm hoping that with more communication, things will continue moving forward where everyone has the sense of

inclusion and cohesiveness. I'm looking forward to the years to come, continuing in the aid of having Monee be the best place to enjoy life raising a family, or relaxing towards and through the more graceful golden years.

Have a WONDERFUL, SAFE and Peaceful Summer!

Doneshia Codjoe
Village Clerk



Water 2021 Consumer Confidence Report

The Village of Monee Consumer Confidence Report for the Water Treated Calendar Year 2021 is now available on line at www.villageofmonee.org/ccr2021

You also can request a paper copy from emailing DPW directly from our website. This report is designed to inform you about the quality water and services that we deliver to you every day. Our constant goal is to provide you with a safe and dependable supply of drinking water.

We hope you will find this water quality information useful. If you have any questions about the information in this report please call the Public Works Department at 708-534-8306.

2021 Water Consumer Confidence Report:
www.villageofmonee.org/ccr2021

Do You Know What To Flush?

DO YOU KNOW? They may sound like simple questions, but there are still some misconceptions out there, and we want to clear them up. For example, would you flush cotton swabs? Dental floss? What about “flushable” wipes? Your answer should be a resounding, **“NO!”**

GOOD TO KNOW:

- Our sewer systems were designed to **only transport toilet paper, water and human waste**. Which means only toilet paper, water and human waste can be safely flushed down the toilet.
- Items marketed as “flushable” are regularly found in clogged pipes and broken pumps throughout the sanitary sewer system. Do not flush them.
- Flushing your trash leads to service interruptions and expensive repairs to home and municipal plumbing lines.
- If a clog occurs in your home’s plumbing, **the responsibility and cost of repairs falls to you**. If a clog occurs in the municipal sewer line, the cost of repairs could be passed on to users (you and your neighbors) in the form of higher utility fees.
- When a clog or breakdown occurs, **untreated sewage can back up into your home, your neighborhood or our waterways**. Yuck.
- If untreated sewage backs up into streets, it has a chance to enter our storm drains and waterways.
- Untreated sewage is a dangerous pollutant because it causes sudden increases in nitrogen and bacteria. High levels of nitrogen and bacteria result in declines to local aquatic life (like plants, fish and crabs), beach closures and health warnings on local seafood consumption.

TO FLUSH, OR NOT TO FLUSH?
THERE SHOULD BE NO QUESTION.

Find out what happens when you flush more than your personal business. ▲

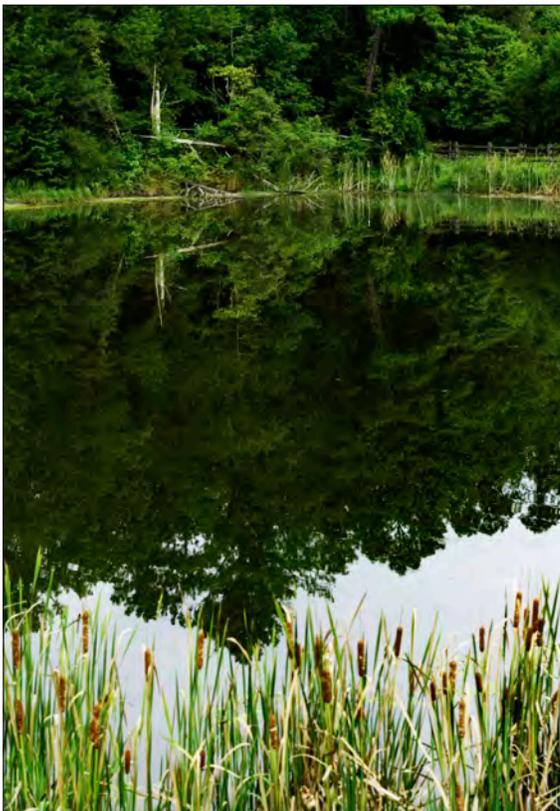
DO NOT FLUSH THESE ITEMS

- Any Wipes (even the 'flushable' ones)
- Paper Towels
- Hygiene Products
- Cat Litter
- Fats, Oils, & Grease

SO WHAT?
These items cause backups that flood your home and streets, requiring costly repairs and ruining everything.

GOOD TO DO (Or NOT do, in this case...)
NEVER FLUSH THESE ITEMS DOWN THE TOILET:

- Facial Tissues
- Paper Towels
- Baby wipes/personal hygiene wipes **even if they are labeled “flushable”**
- All-purpose cleaning wipes **even if they are labeled “flushable”**
- Diapers
- Condoms
- Cigarette Butts
- Dental Floss
- Dryer Sheets
- Toilet Bowl Scrubbing Pads
- Cotton swabs
- Feminine hygiene products
- Cat litter
- Fats, oils and grease from the kitchen
- Food scraps from the kitchen



Maintaining Our Ponds

Ponds and water features are valuable assets to any property owner. Left unmanaged, they can significantly detract from the true value of the property. Stagnant, nutrient waters can lead to excessive aquatic vegetation. The Village of Monee has a Marine Biochemist that specializes in aquatic management, that has been in business for over 45 years to come out and treat our ponds every year. With Marine Biochemists and homeowners we can work together to keep our ponds healthy for the vegetation and wild life. Following these steps as homeowners and can make a huge difference in our environment:

- Limit the amount of fertilizers used throughout the property. Over use of fertilizer can have a run off effect in to our ponds. The health of a water body is determined largely by the amounts of nutrients found in the system. Nutrients act as food for fish, birds, plants and algae. But too much of a nutrient level can create a nuisance.
- Do not add your own aquarium plants into the ponds. Exotic and nuisance aquatic plant growth can further unbalance the water. These organisms tend to quickly dominate the areas where they grow, increase sedimentation and interrupt the normal cycles of the ponds.

Taking these steps, we can all enjoy our ponds in the Village of Monee.

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
Friday 9:30am – 5:00pm
Saturday 9:30am – 3:00pm

JULY 2022 EVENTS



Geocaching Competition
June 1 - August 6, 2022
The Library will be open
Saturday, July 2 (9:30-3pm)
Closed Monday, July 4

YOUTH PROGRAMS

- Bookworm Buddies Story Time** (Ages 3-5yrs.)
Tuesday, July 5, 12, 19 & 26 @ 10:30 a.m.
- Little Learners Story Time** (Ages 6mo-3 yrs.)
Wednesday, July 6, 13, 20 & 27 @ 10:30 a.m.
- Makerspace** July 7 & 21 @ 4:30 or 6p.m. (register)
- Family Storytime in Monee** (Monee Heritage Center)
Friday, July 8 & 22 @ 10:30 a.m. (register)
- Afternoon Movie** Wednesdays July 13 & 27 @ 3:30pm
- Chalk the Parking Lot** (weather permitting)
Saturday, July 16 @ 10 a.m. - Noon
- Take and Make Tuesday**
July 19 - All Day pick-up - registration required.
- Baking with Ms. Sara** (online) Thursday, July 28 @ 5pm

Look on our online calendar for more programming and check our Facebook page and Instagram account for Library updates.

Summer Reading 2022

Registration begins on Wednesday, June 1 for kids, teens and adults. The kids and teens program runs through July 30. The adult program runs through August 31.

Thank you to our sponsors to date:

The Friends of the Peotone Public Library District Berkot's, Brian's Place, Tony's Pizza, Dralle Chevy Will County Fairgrounds, Compass Insurance, Pearl Chrysler, The Styled Canine, First Community Bank and Trust, Dreis & Krump Manufacturing, Jones Enterprises, Chambers & Sons Plumbing and the American Legion.



Upcoming Board Meeting:
Tuesday, July 19 @ 6:30 p.m.

Don't have time to come in and get a card?
You can register for a Digital Card on our website under the Resources tab.
Providing Personal Life-long Learning and Discovery

You probably know we have . . .



But did you know that with your Library Card you have access to . . .24/7.



No Library Card? No worries.
Apply for a Digital Card for using our e-Resources.



Applications are on our website for residents of the Peotone Public Library District
peotonelibrary.org/resources

ADULT PROGRAMS

- Tuesday Night Book Discussion** - July 5 @ 6:30 p.m.
 - Take and Make Craft Kit**
Monday, July 5-9 register to schedule pick-up.
 - Mystery Book Discussion** - Thursday, July 7 @ 11 a.m.
(Monee Heritage Center)
 - Book Bingo** Monday, July 11 @ 11 a.m.
 - DIY To-Go Wreath Craft** (register) Tues., July 12
 - Monday Movie Matinee** - July 18 @ 11:30 a.m.
 - Magic for Less - Disney Travel Presentation**
Thursday, July 21 @ 10 a.m.
 - Adult Puzzle Swap**
Monday, July 25 @ 9:30a.m. - 7:30p.m.
 - Girl Talk Book Discussion** - Tues., July 26 @ 6:30 p.m.
 - Volunteering to Make a Difference in Senior Lives** -
Thursday, July 28 @ 11 a.m. - Noon
- Check our online calendar for updates and more!

Friends of the Library

Next meeting: July 12 @ 1 p.m.
Cornerstone Coffee House



Mark your calendar for our
Summer Book Sale
Thursday, July 28 (4-7pm)
Friday, July 29 (10-4pm)
Saturday, July 30 (10- 2pm)

Peotone Public Library July 2022

** indicates children's programming - please call or check out our website for program sign-up and age restrictions

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
					1 **Musical Mayhem 10:30 a.m.	2 **Sensory Playtime 10:30 a.m.
3	4 Happy Fourth of July Library Closed 	5 **Bookworm Buddies 10:30am – 11 am Tuesday Night Book Discussion 6:30pm Adult Take-and-Make Craft (while they last)	6 **Little Learners 10:30am —11 am Computer Basics One-On-One by phone 11 – 11:30am Adult Take-and-Make Craft (while they last)	7 Mystery Book Discussion @ Heritage Center Monee 11am-Noon Adult Take-and-Make Craft (while they last) **Makerspace 4:30 p.m. or 6 p.m.	8 **Family Storytime (Monee Heritage Center) 10:30 a.m. Adult Take-and-Make Craft (while they last)	9 Adult Take-and-Make Craft (while they last)
10	11 Book Bingo 11 am **Ocean Story & Craft 4:30 or 6 p.m.	12 **Bookworm Buddies 10:30am – 11 am ***Goldfish Tasting 2 p.m. Adult DIY Wreath Craft 6pm-7pm	13 **Little Learners 10:30am —11 am Computer Basics One-On-One by phone 11 – 11:30am **Afternoon Movie 3:30 p.m.	14 YA Book Talk Online 5 p.m.	15	16 **Chalk the Parking Lot 10 a.m. - Noon
17	18 Adult Movie Matinee 11:30am-1:30pm YA Escape Room 4:00 or 6:00 p.m. (register)	19 **Bookworm Buddies 10:30am – 11 am **Take-and-Make Craft – register. Library Board Meeting 6:30pm	20 **Little Learners 10:30am —11 am Computer Basics One-On-One by phone 11 – 11:30am	21 **Makerspace 4:30 p.m. or 6 p.m. **Middle School Book Talk (Online) 5:00 p.m.	22 **Family Storytime (Monee Heritage Center) 10:30 a.m.	23
24	25 Adult Puzzle Swap 9:30am-7:30pm **Ocean Story & Craft 4:30 or 6 p.m.	26 **Bookworm Buddies 10:30am – 11 am Girl Talk Book Discussion 6:30pm	27 **Little Learners 10:30am —11 am Computer Basics One-On-One by phone 11 – 11:30am **Afternoon Movie 3:30 p.m.	28 Volunteering to Make a Difference in Senior Lives Presentation 11am-Noon **Baking with Ms. Sarah (Online) 5:00 p.m.	29	30 Family Fun Day 11 am -1 pm

VIRTUAL VIDEOS (YOU CAN CLICK AND WATCH) - VIRTUAL WEBINARS (YOU HAVE TO REGISTER TO GET THE LINK TO ATTEND

If you plan to attend our programs please register. It will help the library keep track of program statistics.

Please use the online calendar on our website to sign up for programs. <http://www.peotonelibrary.org/calendar>

Monee Reservoir

For more information on the 248-acre Monee Reservoir preserve, which is open year-round, visit the Forest Preserve District's website, ReconnectWithNature.org

To find and register for programs at this site, visit the Event Calendar at Reconnectwithnature.org/News-Events/Event-Calendar



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



Big Fish Contest

Friday, July 1-Wednesday, Aug. 31
6 a.m.-7 p.m. Tuesdays thru Sundays
Ages 16 or older. FREE
No registration required.

Monee Reservoir is your place for big fishing this summer. Through August 31, bring your catch to the visitor center to be measured, photographed, recorded and entered in the Big Fish contest. Prizes, including Forest Preserve gift cards and merchandise, will be awarded for the biggest bass, biggest catch and biggest panfish by length. Your photo will be included on the Monee Reservoir Big Fish display, and even if you don't have the biggest fish, there is a chance to win just for entering. Monee Reservoir supports catch and release and encourages all entries to be live and released. Winners will be notified Sept. 1. The visitor center and sidewalks are accessible.

Sidewalk Chalk Challenge

Friday, July 8-Sunday, July 24
6 a.m.-7 p.m. Tuesdays to Sundays
All ages. FREE
No registration required.

Enjoy the outdoors and become inspired by the beauty around you, then grab some sidewalk chalk and do your thing! Create your own unique chalk design and enter it in our contest for fabulous prizes. To enter, simply have Forest Preserve staff capture your art via camera and provide your contact information. At the conclusion of the Sidewalk Chalk Challenge, prizes, including Forest Preserve District merchandise, will be awarded for most Creative, most reflective of Monee Reservoir and best in show. Winners will be notified in August. The facility and sidewalks are accessible.



Kayak Kollege- 2 events:

Saturday, July 16 • 3 p.m.-5 p.m.

Registration required by Saturday, July 16

Saturday, Aug. 13 • 3 p.m.-5 p.m.

Registration required by Saturday, Aug. 13

\$35 per person.

Ages 10 or older. (Children must be accompanied by a registered adult.)

This workshop introduces participants to flat-water kayaking. Instruction, safety, paddle strokes and the variety of kayak types will be discussed on shore. Next, try out those paddling skills on the water alongside the instructor. All equipment, including personal flotation devices, is provided. Be sure to wear clothes and shoes that can get wet, and consider bringing sunscreen, sunglasses and a water bottle. No previous experience is required. The natural surface launch area is accessible by a paved trail from the parking lot.



Sunset Paddle - 2 events:

Saturday, July 16 • 7-10 p.m.

Registration required by Saturday, July 16

Saturday, Aug. 13 • 7-10 p.m.

Registration required by Saturday, Aug. 13

\$20 per person.

Ages 21 or older.

Enjoy a relaxing evening on the waters of Monee Reservoir. Watch as the sun sets and listen to the natural sounds as day shifts to night. Bring your own watercraft or we'll provide everything you need, including a life jacket, paddle and your choice of a canoe or kayak. Once off the water, hang by the fire and enjoy the drinks of your choice. (BYOB, but beer and wine only, please, for alcoholic beverages.) This is a recreational, self-guided, non-instructional trip on the water. Wear clothing that can get wet, including water shoes or old gym shoes. Prior paddling experience is strongly recommended. The launch area is easily accessible by a paved sidewalk from the parking lot.



COMMUNITY

Midnight Madness - 2 events:

Saturday, July 16 • 7 p.m.-midnight

Saturday, Aug. 13 • 7 p.m.-midnight

All ages. **FREE**

No registration required.

No, anglers, you're not dreaming. We are keeping the gates open until midnight for nighttime fishing. Fish often become more active at night, when the water cools and the moon is full. Let the kids stay up late and bring the family to enjoy fishing under the stars. The parking lot is well lit, and the shoreline is accessible; however, anglers are encouraged to bring a flashlight and bug repellent. The concessions building will be open for sales; no boat or equipment rentals will be available.



First Time Fishing

Sunday, July 17 • 10 a.m.-12 a.m.

\$5 per person.

Ages 7 and older.

Registration is required by Saturday, July 16: 708-534-8499

It's summertime, and the living is easy. Come to Monee Reservoir to learn rod-and-reel fishing basics. This two-hour workshop covers fundamental fishing skills, including how to put a pole together, tie a knot, bait a hook and cast. Safety and ethics will also be covered. Program participants will gain hands-on experience while fishing along the shore in the second hour. Everything needed for the program, including bait, will be provided. Shoreline fishing and paved trails are easily accessible.

National Night Out

Tuesday, Aug. 2 • 4:30-7:30 p.m.

All ages. **FREE**

No registration required.

Celebrate National Night Out at Monee Reservoir with a meet-and-greet with area first responders, including the Monee, Crete, Peotone and Forest Preserve District police departments. See emergency vehicles up close and get a picture with Willy the Woodchuck, the Forest Preserve District mascot. This annual national event is designed to enhance the relationship between neighbors and law enforcement while fostering a true sense of community. Learn more at <https://natw.org/>



Hummingbird Fest

Saturday, Aug. 20 • 1 p.m.-5 p.m.

Plum Creek Nature Center

All ages. **FREE**

No registration required to attend the event, but registration is required by Friday, Aug. 19, to attend a banding session: 708-946-2216.

This celebration puts the spotlight on hummingbirds and other pollinators. Sign up to watch Thorn Creek Audubon Society and Lincoln Land Association of Bird Banders' staff capture and band hummingbirds and learn about their banding project. Beyond the banding, leave empowered to take action at home. A naturalist will share native landscaping tips, and participants can view our live monarch and honeybee displays and learn how to help pollinators in their own yards. The Nature Foundation of Will County will be on site selling pollinator-friendly plants while supplies last. Make an upcycled hummingbird feeder made from a wine bottle, and adopt a hummingbird through the Lincoln Land Association. This event takes place both indoors and outdoors on paved pathways and uneven, natural terrain.

Banding sessions will be as follow:

Session 1: 1:30 p.m.-2:30 p.m. (40 Max)

Session 2: 2:00 p.m.-3:00 p.m. (30 Max)

Session 3: 2:30 p.m.-3:30 p.m. (40 Max)

Session 4: 3:00 p.m.-4:00 p.m. (40 Max)

Session 5: 3:30 p.m.-4:30 p.m. (40 Max)

Session 6: 4:00 p.m.-5:00 p.m. (40 Max)

PARKS & REC PROGRAMS

4th of July Chime Class -

Come join us in creating a fun craft to celebrate America's Freedom. We will be doing a small craft of painting a wooden chime with tempera paint. Please dress for a mess! We will engage with the children with fun questions about the holiday and painting.

Date: Wednesday, July 6
Time: 5:00-5:45pm
Location: Firemen's Park
Ages: 3-10 years
Fee: \$6

Must sign up before July 5.

Supplies are limited, don't delay to register!



Bug Aquarium Craft -

Do you like bugs and everything crawling and buzzing? Have you ever wanted one for a pet or wanted to study it up close? Come join Alison in creating a Bug aquarium for our little friends. Dress for a mess as we will be outside.

Date: Wednesday, August 3
Time: 4-5pm
Location: Firemen's Park
Ages: 5-13
Fee: \$8

Must sign up before August 2.



Summer Color Cups -

Want to stay hydrated in style this summer? Come join the Parks and Recreation team to design your very own reusable cup just for you! We have 12 cups with a variety of summer designs to choose from.

Date: Wednesday, August 17th
Time: 5:00-5:45pm
Location: Firemen's Park
Ages: 5-12
Fee: \$8

Must sign up by August 16.



Wolli Mammoth Toy Shop -

Anyone looking for a best friend? Come join the Parks and Rec team build your very own stuffed animal! This big mammoth is ready to stomp his way into your heart! Each child will receive an empty plush, a star and a birth certificate for their new friend!

Supplies are limited to 10 children.

Date: Monday, July 18
Time: 5:00- 5:45pm
Location: Firemen's Park
Ages: 5-14
Fee: \$8

Don't delay, register ahead of time!



Sea Shell Pottery Class -

Have you always wished you could have a sea shell of your very own? Create a beautiful design just like Mother Nature? Come join us with a relaxing pottery class, where we paint our very own seashells.

Date: Wednesday, August 24
Time: 5:00-5:45pm
Location: Firemen's Park
Ages: 5-13
Fee: \$6

Must sign up by August 23.



Frozen Dino Dig Class -

You love Dinosaurs? Are you hot from the summer heat? We are looking for some little scientists to help us free the Dinosaurs from the Permafrost! Come join us at the Park and Rec building for a fun summer activities.

Date: Monday, July 25
Time: 3-4pm
Location: Firemen's Park
Ages: 5-12
Fee: \$6

Must sign up before July 22.



Squirrel Stuffed Toy Shop -

Anyone looking for a best friend? Come join the Parks and Rec team build your very own stuffed animal! Squirrels are always found all over the park and they have been driving us NUTS! Let's help to find these small friends some homes. Each child will receive an empty plush, a star, and a birth certificate for their new friend! Supplies are limited to 10 children.

Date: Wednesday, September 19
Time: 5:00-5:45pm
Location: Firemen's Park
Ages: 5-14
Fee: \$8



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: Tuesdays, 8 week session
Time: 4:45pm-5:45pm
Ages: 5-12yrs
Location: Firemen's Park
Fee: \$50 per session

Muay Thai-Martial Arts

Muay Thai, the spectator sport of Thai 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: Mondays, 8 week session
Time: 6:00pm-7:00pm
Ages: 7 yrs.- Adult
Location: Firemen's Park
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
Ages: 16 and Older
Location: Firemen's Park
Fee: \$50 for BOTH Tues. & Thurs. per session
\$25 for one day a week per session
\$8.00 per walk-in



Kids Hip Hop & More

This class is for the beginner and advanced hip hop dancer. You will have fun learning new dance combinations in this innovative class, which emphasizes flexibility and balance using current music. Basic dance techniques of ballet, jazz, and hip hop will be taught. The session focuses on learning dance techniques, routines, and group work to develop a teamwork atmosphere.

Day: Wednesdays, 8 week session
Dates: July 6 - August 24
Time: 5pm-6pm
Ages: 4-12yrs
Location: Firemen's Park
Fee: \$50 per session

Hip Hop & More

This class is for the beginner and advanced hip hop dancer. You will have fun learning new dance combinations in this innovative class, which emphasizes flexibility and balance using current music. Basic dance techniques of ballet, jazz, and hip hop will be taught. The session focuses on learning dance techniques, routines, and group work to develop a teamwork atmosphere.

Day: Wednesdays, 8 week session
Dates: July 6 - August 24
Time: 6pm-7pm
Ages: 13 and up
Location: Firemen's Park
Fee: \$50 per session

Monarchs Dance Crew

This is a hip-hop competitive dance team for the purpose of competing against other teams in an organized dance competition and/or for hire at local events. Dancers are chosen through an audition process and will be required to purchase essential items such as shoes and warm-up/uniform separately if chosen. For information on the audition process please contact Monarchs Dance Crew at 815-348-7232.

Day/Time: Wednesdays 7pm-9pm; Sundays 3pm-5pm
Dates: July 6 - August 24
Time: 6pm-7pm
Ages: 17 and up
Location: Firemen's Park
Fee: \$30 per session for eight week session
Ability: Experienced Dancers Only
Other information:

Interested dancers must audition before attending rehearsal.

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 call 705-534-8302 or email dkroll@villageofmonee.org for more details.



PARKS & REC PROGRAMS

VILLAGE OF MONEE'S BEFORE AND AFTER SCHOOL CARE PROGRAM

Inside Monee Elementary School Only

Grades K-5 (2022-2023 School Year)

The Village of Monee's program is providing a safe before-and-after school program for children in grades Kindergarten through fifth 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 in to 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 • dkroll@villageofmonee.org

Program Sessions	5 Days	4 Days	3 Days	2 Days	1 Day
Before School	\$55	\$45	\$36	\$25	\$13
2nd child (10% discount)	\$51	\$41	\$33	\$23	\$11
Drop Off (one day only per week)					\$15

After School	\$66	\$55	\$43	\$30	\$15
2nd child (10% discount)	\$60	\$50	\$38	\$26	\$13
Drop Off (one day only per week)					\$18
1/2 Day Early Dismissal Upcharge					\$8

Before and After School	\$100	\$85	\$66	\$47	\$24
2nd child (10% discount)	\$92	\$78	\$61	\$43	\$22
Drop Off (one day only per week)					\$29
1/2 Day Early Dismissal Upcharge					\$8

LOCATION: Only at Monee Elementary School, 25425 S. Will Center Rd., Monee, IL 60449

NOTE: We do not credit accounts for days absent or transfer days from week to week.

MONEE HISTORICAL SOCIETY

Exciting things are happening at the Monee Historical Society!

This May, we hosted the Crete-Monee 201u Education Foundation's Spring Fling, with all proceeds going to helping our teachers and students. The Heritage Center was filled with supporters of our school district, school board members, village officials, township officials, and new friends, and was a great success!

Of special note to history lovers: New copies of *Our Roots Are Deep*, Muriel Mueller Milne's quintessential history of Monee that has been long out of print, are now available and can be ordered at the Heritage Center or at www.moneehistoricalsociety.com. The book is updated with a new forward and a new index (the better to find exactly what – and who – you want to learn more about!), and copies are \$35.00. This is an excellent way to learn a great deal more about what has happened in our area!

Don't forget to come join us for our Mystery Book Club, in conjunction with the Peotone Public Library, which takes place the first Thursday of each month. Meetings alternate between the Heritage Center and the Peotone Public Library, so check our website or peotonelibrary.org for more details.

And we've also had a great start to our very own American History Book Club, which takes place the first Thursday of each month at 7:00 pm at the Heritage Center. Previous books we've discussed have included *Founding Brothers* by Joseph J. Ellis, *Founding Mothers* by Cokie Roberts, and *Andrew Jackson* by Robert V. Remini. As we continue to read, we'll continue to go forward in time – with the Civil War and the presidency of Abraham Lincoln coming up!

We're continuing with our Heritage Days. On July 9, there will be a presentation by Loren Buchmeier of Crozehead Cooperage Company of Monee. Buchmeier is one of less than 50 master coopers worldwide, and he has the only cooperage in Illinois (one of 26 nationwide). He is an artisanal cooper, meaning they make the barrels with only hand tools, as they did since before 56 B.C., the first time oak barrels were documented – when Julius Caesar's legions found them in Gaul and Germany, crafted by Celtic tribes.

And we're also having Storytime every other Friday at the Heritage Center, and Fun Facts with Docent Dave and Stories of the Past with Miss Phyllis starting this summer!



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MONEE HISTORICAL SOCIETY

If you'd like to get involved, go to moneehistoricalsociety.com, email monee.history@gmail.com, or find us on Facebook and YouTube. There are opportunities for people of all interest levels and skill sets at MHS. The Historical Society meets the second Thursday at 7 pm each month at the Heritage Center. For schedule updates, please visit our website.

MONEE EMERGENCY MANAGEMENT AGENCY



Outdoor Warning Sirens

A change happened to the way Outdoor Warning Sirens are activated, as Monee and seven other Villages on the East side of Will County and Cook updated the "Software" for the activation of outdoor warning sirens. In the past sirens were activated by a 911 dispatcher when they received a weather report of a tornado in our area. With human intervention delays in activation could happen while procedures and operations are acted on and carried out. Under the New software system, siren activation will happen automatically when the National Weather Service issues a Tornado Warning for the eastern part of Will County and puts out the polygon warning box for the area included in the tornado warning and it touches our electronic fence within seconds of receiving the alert our warning sirens will automatically activate and alert residents of the tornado warning. This new system and operation will not only save time it will

save lives. It will help eliminate any possible errors that could occur during manual operation. As an additional safety factor a complete back up computer will be located in Crete at their Emergency Management Agency and in the event of a failure to the main system the backup system will activate keeping all participating municipalities protected. The cost of this system is being split between eight participating municipalities and how many sirens they have. As a final reminder these sirens are designed to provide warning to people outdoors. In addition to these sirens it is recommended to have a NOAA emergency Weather Alert Radio in your home available at Amazon and Walmart, and even have a weather app or two on your smart phone to be alerted when the weather turns deadly.

**** Remember ****

When the sirens sound, take action immediately to get indoors, into a basement, if possible, or in the middle of your home like a hallway or interior room.



**Will County Health Department
Environmental Health Laboratory**

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.



Laboratory Services:

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

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

Fast Turnaround!

Environmental Health Lab	East Branch Office	North Branch Office
501 Ella Avenue Joliet, IL 60433 Phone: 815-727-8517 Fax: 815-740-7633	5601 Monee-Manhattan Rd. Monee, IL 60449 Phone: 708-534-5721 Fax: 708-534-3455	323 Quadrangle Dr. Bolingbrook, IL 60440 Phone: 630-679-7030 Fax: 630-679-7031

WIC PROGRAM

Our Program Provides:

- Nutrition education
- Health care referrals
- Breastfeeding support
- 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:

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

Monee Hours:
Tuesday: 8:30 am-4:15
*Please call for additional hours on Mondays and Wednesdays

Will County Community Health Center

BEHAVIORAL HEALTH SERVICES, MONEE BRANCH

The Will County Community Health Center Monee Office offers screening, assessment, and psychiatry treatment for a range of adult, child and adolescent mental health services.



Our Provider: Dr. Balin Durr, Psychiatrist
Hours of Operation: 9am-4pm on Tuesdays

All clients Will Require a Work-up Medical Visit for A Behavioral Health Referral: This work-up visit can be done at any of our Community Health Center locations. The work-up must include vital signs, Physical Examination, Baseline Laboratory Assessment, Specialty Consultation/Testing: when indicated by history or physical examination

Medicaid Accepted. Uninsured? Discounts!
We accept Medicaid, Medicare, private insurance, and some HMO's & PPO's. No insurance? Discounts may be available on a sliding fee scale (based on income & family size)

Eastern Branch Office
5601 W. Monee-Manhattan Road, Suite 110
Monee, IL 60449
815-727-8670
<https://willcountyhealth.org/chc/>



CALL US TO SCHEDULE YOUR VACCINE APPOINTMENT
815-774-7386

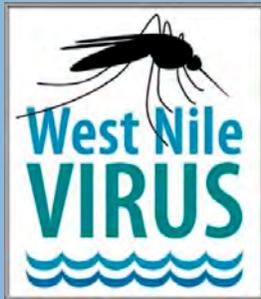


The Will County Health Department

provides quality HIV/STD prevention and care services, including PrEP (Pre exposure prophylaxis), for those at highest risk of acquiring HIV/STD's, linkage to care for person's living with HIV, surveillance of HIV cases and a HIV support group. In addition, WCHD staff conducts surveillance on positive cases of Chlamydia, Gonorrhea, and Syphilis.

The WCHD also has a Lead Poisoning Prevention program. This is a comprehensive community intervention program available to prevent childhood lead poisoning and provides nursing case management and referral for environmental inspections for children with elevated blood lead levels.

Please call 815-727-8830 with questions or for more information.



Will County Health Department & Community Health Center

To report a dead bird on your property, please call

815-740-7631 or email

westnile@willcountyhealth.org



The most common birds to carry the West Nile Virus are Robins, Crows & Blue Jays.



Highly Pathogenic Avian Influenza

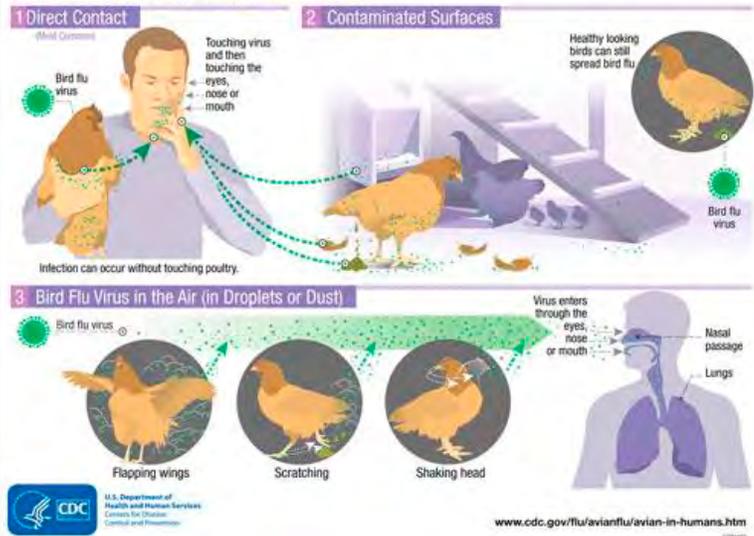
HPAI affects wild aquatic birds, such as ducks, geese, or swans, it can also affect domesticated birds including chickens, ducks, and turkeys. Raptors (eagles & hawks), owls and scavenger species such as crows, gulls, and ravens.

If you locate any of the above-mentioned birds or more than 5 dead birds of any species on a property, contact Illinois Department of Natural Resources.

Due to the increase of HPAI IDPH will test birds submitted for both WNV & HPAI.

How Infected Backyard Poultry Could Spread Bird Flu to People

Human Infections with Bird Flu Viruses Rare But Possible





Horseback Riding Lessons

STAR Equestrian Center, LCC

To get more info or to register contact starequestriancenter@gmail.com

88th Ave., Monee, IL

- ✓ 5 lessons
- ✓ Fee \$200
- ✓ Evenings & Weekends

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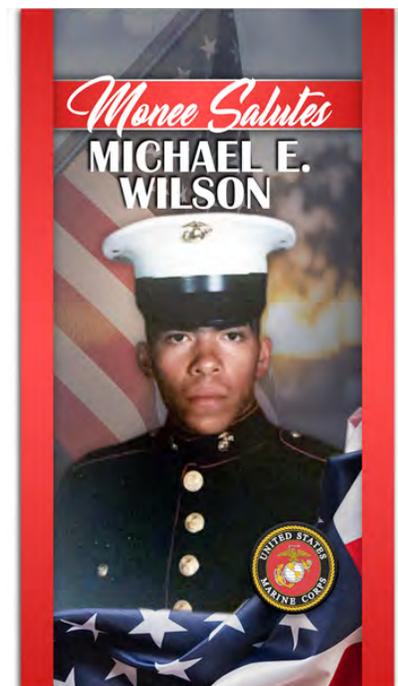
Monee Mavericks was established in 2001. Since then we have won numerous IVY League Super Bowls and Cheer Competitions. We have competed in numerous Football Tournaments including a National Championship Game. We accept children from ages 5-14, no high school children. We are training harder than ever and, thanks to all the Coaches, we come to each game with more fight. For more information please visit our Facebook page or our website www.maverickfootballcheer.com



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

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

Join Parks & Recreation at Monee's local parks!

Not everyone knows these parks, but we would like to spend some time with you at them.



FREE HOT DOG LUNCH
for the first 100 people who attend

JUMPY & GAMES

PARTY IN THE PARK

Save the Date

July 26 at Potawatomi Park
August 9 at Friendship Park
August 23 at Firemen's Park

Back to School Ice cream social with the Police Department
(while supplies last)



FREE Kids Day

Inspiring and Creative Activities

JULY 9th
10am-12pm
Firemen's Park
Concessions will be open!

Activities
Touch-a-Truck
11am Oreo Stacking Contest
Jump houses
Water fun
AND SO MUCH MORE

Call 708-534-8302
5218 W. Court St Monee IL 60449

Pooch-a-Palooza

AUGUST 13TH | 10AM-1PM

Attention Good Boys!!

Tell your Hooman to bring you to the park! Monee Parks & Recreation loves pooches and seeing rescues get new homes. Bring your furry family member on a leash over to Firemen's Park to meet some pet vendors and meet some rescues looking for a new home.

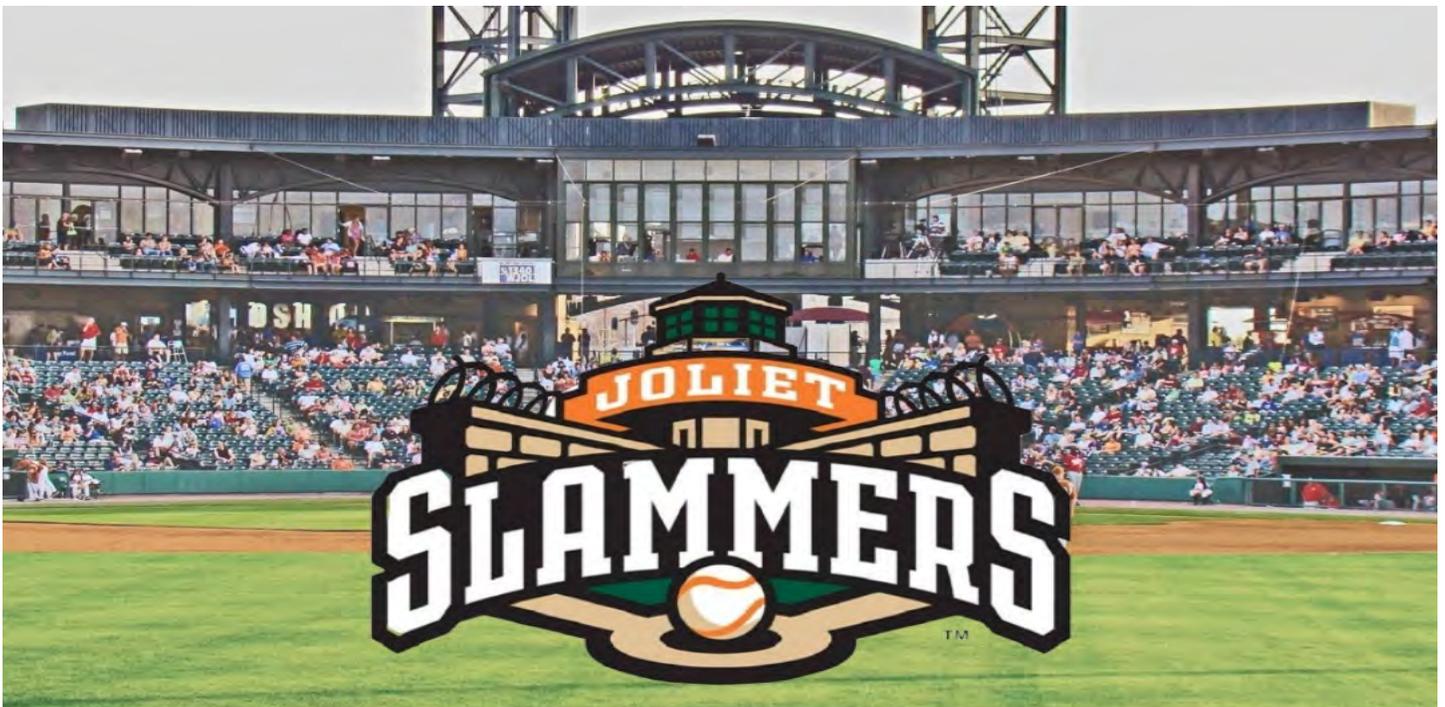


FARMER'S MARKET

SAVE THE DATES:

JULY 16TH
AUGUST 20TH
SEPTEMBER 9TH-11TH
OCTOBER 8TH

FOR ANY QUESTIONS, EMAIL
ACHIN@VILLAGEOFMONEE.ORG



12th Annual **Monee Family Baseball Night**

- Who:** Joliet Slammers vs. Empire State Greys
- Where:** DuPage Medical Group Field
1 Mayor Schultz Dr., Joliet, IL
- When:** Saturday, July 23rd, 2022
6:05pm (gates open @ 5:05pm)
- Price:** \$10 per person (2 and under FREE)
- Contact:** Monee Chamber (Lee) (708) 421-1786
Village of Monee (708) 534-8301

All proceeds go towards the Monee Chamber Scholarship Fund

MONEE PARK AND RECREATION
MOVIE NIGHT

ALL SHOWS AT DUSK/8PM

FILM 5218 W. COURT ST.

SHREK
showing...
WEDNESDAY, JULY 13TH

LORAX
showing...
WEDNESDAY, JULY 27TH

MADAGASCAR
showing...
WEDNESDAY, AUGUST 10TH

Senior EXPO

Join us at Firemen's Park for this special Expo **Just for Senior Citizens and their caregivers.**

Learn what services are available to you from various organizations like Will County Senior Services, Will County Health Department, IL Department of Treasury, Will County Forest Preserve, State Representatives staff will be on hand to answer questions.

A FREE Hotdog lunch will be provided for the first 100 senior citizens who attend.

Date: Wed., July 20
Time: 10:00am-1:00pm
Location: 5218 W. Court Street
Fee: FREE



NATIONAL NIGHT OUT 2022
AUGUST 2, 2022 4:30pm-7:30pm

Location: Ridgeland Avenue, South of Pauling Road

Join the Monee Police Department and other Will County Agencies at the Monee Reservoir for an evening of fun games, jumpies and more.



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