

VILLAGE OF Monee

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FALL 2022 NEWSLETTER

Greetings!

As 2022 swiftly comes to a close, fall is here with winter soon to follow. Another year has gone by and your Village Team continues to happily serve you, our residents, with pride and commitment to integrity, progress and excellence.

It is my pleasure to continue serving you and the Village of Monee as your mayor.



Mayor
Dr. Therese M. Bogs

Mayor Bogs



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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 708-534-0800

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.

InvoiceCloud Online Service (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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Population of Monee: 5,148

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Village Clerk: Doneshia Codjoe
Village Deputy Clerk: Michelle Powell-Johnson
Village Treasurer: Norbert Snow

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Doug Horne Chuck Rakis
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Village Hall Hours

Monday-Friday 9:00am – 5:00pm

Police Department

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Chief of Police: Scott Koerner

Building Services

5500 W. Wilson St. Monee, IL 60449
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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*

Planning & Zoning Board

Chair: Christina Bettenhausen
Ed Brophy Joann Culp
Jim Lehnerer Ron Lindstrom
Oscar Trevino Pam West

Planning & Zoning Board Meetings

are held on the 3rd Wednesday of every month
****only if they have a reason to meet****

2022 Holiday Closures

Veteran's Day
November 11th

Thanksgiving Day
November 24th & 25th

Christmas Observance
December 23rd & 26th

New Year's Observance
December 30th &
January 2nd

Words from the Clerk



Village Clerk
Doneshia Codjoe

Happy Fall Monee!
I hope everyone had a
WONDERFUL Summer! Let's
get through the rest of this
year, finishing off STRONG!
Stay safe!

Doneshia Codjoe
Village Clerk

Here are some important dates to take note of...

April 4, 2023, Consolidated Election:

First day to circulate petitions is Tuesday,
September 20, 2022.

Candidates Guide will be out by Friday, August
26, 2022 on the Will County Clerk's website
however, packets can be picked up from the
Village Hall starting Monday, September 19, 2022
@9:00am.

Election Calendar will be out mid-September, no
later than the 1st week of October and available
on the Will County Clerk's website.

Local Election Official Handbook will be out mid-
September, no later than the 1st week of October.

*This information was provided by the Illinois State
Board of Elections and the Will County Clerk's
Office. More specific dates will be available once
received from the Illinois State Board of Elections.*

Grace Period Registration and Voting

If you're needing or wanting to register to vote, Grace Period Registration and Voting will be available for individuals who need to register to vote for the first time or to submit a change of address. To participate in Grace Period Registration, two forms of identification are required, one of which must show the voter's current address. Those who participate in Grace Period Registration must cast their ballots at the same time they register. Specific forms of identification can be found on the Will County Clerk's website: www.willcountyclerk.gov

If you need to look up your Voting information or to know if you're registered, you may do so at the web address below.

<https://www.willcountyclerk.gov/elections/voter-services/voter-lookup/>



Early Voting

Village of Monee Residents ONLY

Monday, October 31, 2022	9:30am - 3:30pm
Tuesday, November 1, 2022	9:30am - 4:30pm
Wednesday November 2, 2022	9:30am - 4:30pm
Thursday November 3, 2022	1:00pm - 7:00pm
Friday November 4, 2022	9:30am - 4:30pm
Saturday November 5, 2022	10:00am - 12:00pm

MONEE
Chamber of Commerce

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

POLICE DEPARTMENT

Chief's Corner



Chief Scott Koerner

School has returned. Buses and kids walking to and from. You know the drill. Drive like that's your kids out there. We will be in the area, and that is probably the type of ticket you don't want on your record. Be Smart!

Unfortunately, violence against our children has been at the forefront of the news. Shootings in and around schools should not be common place! We will pay extra attention to anything involving the schools this year. We have met with school officials and we are in this together. Diligence and preparation will not be ignored. All the area departments are on the same page and we are all supporting each other. Just like everything else, if somebody says something or does something, don't hesitate to call. It seems like there are always warning signs. Let us figure it out before it's too late!!

Did you ever wonder why people steal catalytic converters? Obviously, it has to have value, or they wouldn't steal it. It's called platinum, rhodium and palladium. Three very precious metals used to scrub your car's exhaust. And they are three very expensive precious metals. The junkyard will pay anywhere from \$30-\$500 for a used catalytic converter. If it's off a hybrid, it can draw over a \$1000. Is it illegal for a junkyard to buy stolen catalytic converters? Yes, it is. If they know it was stolen.....

Bottom line is you need to protect yourself. A converter is a very expensive item. Park in a lighted area. Install motion lights over your driveway. If your car has an alarm system, use it!! Paint the converter so that is easily identifiable. Bad guys don't like converters with identifying markings. Check the internet. Painting is pretty simple. If you're not sure, come by the PD. We'll help you figure it out.

The south suburban area has been getting hit hard with converter thefts. And they are all times day and night. We are no exception. With a little practice, the bad guys can snatch a converter in a couple of minutes. Used to be if you saw someone under a car, you assumed they were working on it. Not so much nowadays. If you see someone under a car, call us. We will sort it out.

And while we are talking about calling us (BTW, our number is still 911), remember we are only as successful as you make us. We can't deter or solve a whole lot of crime unless you are right there with us. Call! Don't hesitate, if it turns out to be nothing, no harm done. You won't get a bill or a scolding. We will probably thank you for keeping your eyes and ears open. You are not only our greatest ally, you are our best asset. Think of it this way. If you see something that doesn't look right and you just ignore it while your neighbor is getting ripped off, he is probably not gonna be very appreciative. It doesn't seem like it should be your place to get involved, until it happens to you, and you wonder why nobody called the police. For the most part, we are pretty good about it in Monee. Keep up the good work!

Finally, we deal with a lot of transient, homeless and handicapped people who are down on their luck. It comes with having a very busy interstate exchange. Sometimes, all these people need is for someone to step up and offer assistance. Here at MPD, we have a list of government and private organizations that are stepping up and providing the assistance these folks need. If you have an encounter with someone who obviously needs to be checked up on. Call us. We'll take it from there.

Be safe out there!!!

The world according to Deputy Chief Lazzaroni



D.C. Anthony Lazzaroni

Deputy Chief Lazzaroni reminds us that the holidays are a great time of year!! Don't mess it up by drinking and driving...it's not worth it. And texting continues to be a major cause of many of our crash reports. To top it off, he has even more bad news. It's gonna snow. Yup. No way around it. This aint your first rodeo! Drive like you been here before! A couple extra minutes may be the difference!! That will make your holiday season a whole lot more enjoyable...



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.



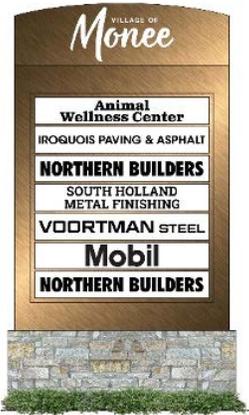
ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT



Director of
Economic Development
Bill Barnes

Being in my role with the village for one year has allowed me the opportunity to connect and work with some really inspiring and motivated people. A big part of my job is meeting with business owners interested in locating their business to Monee, as well as businesses currently located here and are looking to expand their operations. Here are some of the exciting projects that I have been involved with over the past several months, along with key projects:

- 1. Voortman Steel** – Located in Monee for 7 years is an international manufacturer with the only manufacturing facility based in The Netherlands. Voortman is looking to expand their operations right here in Monee, which will be a great thing for the community. Stay tuned on progress in the next newsletter!
- 2. Economic Development & Village Video** – Our new video featuring Mayor Bogs was recently debuted and launched on our website. The goal of this video is to entice businesses looking to move from higher taxed areas such as Cook County or other states to locate to Monee, as well as attracting families to build homes and live in our growing community.
- 3. Village Logo** – The new Village logo has been applied to the water tower at I-57, and is nicely illuminated at night time. It has been applied to all village media and communications... like this newsletter! The new logo portrays a more forward moving municipality, along with a more clean, fresh image to our residents and the businesses we are looking to attract.
- 4. Village Gateway Signage** – Because first impressions are key, in the next month you will be seeing large and attractive “Village of Monee” gateway signage at certain points entering the village. Also, one Industrial/Tenant sign will be installed at Governors Highway & Industrial Drive. These signs are Phase 1 of our three phase project to enhance the entryways to the village for years to come.
- 5. 90 Acres Land Acquisition** – The Village recently purchased and closed on 90 acres of land (known as the Bonnama Farm) at Egyptian Trail near Watson Cutoff to expand residential housing and potentially other things in the future. This will be a really great thing for the growth of our future!
- 6. Soulful Botanicals Hemp Extraction and CBD manufacturer** – This already successful business has recently completed construction of their business, which is located in the Ridgeland Industrial Park at 6360 W Emerald Parkway. They are very excited to have made the move from Green Garden, and we look forward to their success in our community.
- 7. ATF Tax Rebate Program** – Soon, businesses in the village who serve alcohol, tobacco, firearms and automobiles will receive a letter outlining how they can take advantage of a 50/50 shared incentive program to enhance your business.



BUILDING SERVICES

On behalf of all of us at the Building Services Department:

We would like to thank all of the residents who are responsive and attentive to our requests and follow through complying with all village codes and ordinances and keeping up with the property maintenance and making the village of Monee a desirable community.

As autumn/winter knocks on our door please continue to keep up with property maintenance. As our code compliance officers monitor our streets some of the things we look for:

- **General property maintenance**
- **Lawn** – no higher than 6”
- **Trash containers** – must be out of public view
- **Fences** – maintained in proper condition
- **Disabled/inoperative vehicles parked on unimproved surfaces**
- **Any home improvements that may require permitting**
- **Chickens (hens only)** – must apply for a license–no fee and must follow village ordinance on requirements for the coop construction and location

Please do not hesitate to email us with any questions and concerns: buildingservices@villageofmonee.org

PUBLIC WORKS DEPARTMENT

Water Main Flushing: Coming to a fire hydrant near you October 7, 2022!

During the week of October 7-11, Monee's Public Works Department will perform a final flush of the Village's water mains before the chill of winter sets in. This will be a shorter version of our spring flush, which will focus primarily on low demand areas. Here are a few tips to remember...

- **PLEASE WATCH FOR SIGNS POSTED IN YOUR NEIGHBORHOOD.**
Areas scheduled for flushing will have signs posted at least 24 hours in advance to inform residents.
- During and after flushing, if you encounter discolored water, please open a cold water tap and let the water run for 5 minutes. If the water does not run clear after 5 minutes, shut the water off, wait 30-45 minutes and repeat. Do not run water constantly for hours, as this is wasteful and ineffective.
- If possible, avoid running hot water taps while the water is discolored. This will help keep sediment from settling in your water heater.
- To avoid staining, do not wash clothes when flushing is occurring in your area, or any time water is discolored.



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

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 sidewalks and bus corners.
- Helping to shovel 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

Snow and Your Mailbox

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

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

If a mailbox is damaged from snow coming off a plow blade, the Village will not replace the mailbox. In case of an emergency, we have a limited amount of temp mail boxes you can use until your mail box can be fixed. If your mail box is down, please contact the public works department at 708-534-8306.

Taking time to prepare your mailbox for winter now can prevent serious headaches later. If your mailbox moves when shaken, it could be knocked over by snow thrown off the road by a passing snowplow. Residents should prepare mailboxes for winter by tightening screws and ensuring the post and receptacle are secure enough to endure large amounts of thrown snow. If a private contractor plows your driveway, we recommend that you learn their policies regarding damage to your (or your neighbor's) property caused by their operators or equipment.

PUBLIC WORKS DEPARTMENT

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).



Snow Plows and Driving

When the snow does come, please allow for extra drive time. Clear all snow from your vehicle including headlights and taillights. 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.

EMERGENCY MANAGEMENT AGENCY

What do we do?

We get asked this question often and it's not a quick answer because our agency covers a broad spectrum. The Emergency Management agency is tasked to develop, coordinate and promote a comprehensive Emergency Management Program. This program will incorporate planning, preparedness, response, and recovery activities to emergencies or disasters weather natural or man-made. We are liaisons and collaborate with local, state and federal agencies, profit and non-profit institutions and volunteer organizations, as well as activities related to the establishment of a comprehensive Emergency Management Program.



The Emergency Management Agency duties include:

- Develop and maintain the Village's Emergency Operation Plan a framework for the coordinated of emergency response across a broad spectrum of discipline and agencies.
- Develop and maintain emergency communication and warning equipment
- Promotion of mitigation activities, prevent and prepare before disaster happens
- Traffic control
- Emergency lighting
- Emergency power
- Severe weather spotting and weather support and notification
- Public education and information
- Event safety

If you would like to join our local team for a rewarding community experience, please contact us at 708-534-8305. We have a place for you within our program.

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

What's New at the Monee Heritage Center

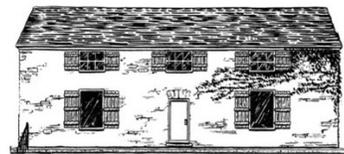
Copies of *Our Roots Are Deep*, the history of Monee from 1800-1974 by Muriel Mueller Milne which has been long out of print, are now available. Books can be purchased either at the Heritage Center for \$35, or online on the MHS website www.moneehistoricalsociety.com for \$40, which includes shipping. Buy one now for Holiday gift giving!

Notecards featuring an original drawing of the landmarked Creamery Building are on sale. They make wonderful holiday greeting cards or gift: \$1.50 each or 5 for \$5!

Mystery Book Club meets on the first Thursday of each month at 11:30 am. The meeting location alternates every other month between the Heritage Center and the Peotone Library. Check the MHS website or peotonelibrary.org for more details.

American History Book Club meets on the first Thursday of each month at 7:00 pm at the Heritage Center. We've gone from 1776 through Presidents Jackson, Polk and Buchanan. In honor of the season, our October session is all about the Salem Witch trials but in November we will go back to chronological order and start reading about the Civil War.

Story Time. We are exploring new ways of bringing the Library to Monee through our story times. We are looking for suggestions on what type of books, what age children and what time of day you would like to see us offer story time. Please contact us with any suggestions through the MHS website or email at monee.history@gmail.com. Currently we offer story time for preschoolers on the 2nd and 4th Friday mornings of the month at 10:30 a.m. but we would like to expand the program.



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MONEE HISTORICAL SOCIETY

UPCOMING EVENTS

Sat. Oct. 15, 4 – 7 pm. Walking Tour of St. Paul's Cemetery.

Start at the Heritage Center to see the Halloween Village and pick up maps of St. Paul's Cemetery. There you will find characters from Monee's past who will make an appearance to tell you about their lives in Monee!

Wed. Oct. 19, 6 – 7 pm. Haunted History at the Heritage Center.

Entertaining and chilling tales of the historical hauntings of the Midwest. Stories of the Eastland disaster, Brookfield Zoo, Fort Dearborn Massacre, John Dillinger and many more. Free but space is limited. Register at peotonelibrary.org.

Sat. Oct. 22, 10 am – 3 pm. October Heritage Day at the Heritage Center.

See the Halloween Village! Shop early for Christmas presents featuring Monee history – *Our Roots are Deep* and Heritage Center Notecards will be available for sale.

Fri. Oct. 28, 5:30 – 7:30 pm. Halloween Happenings at the Heritage Center.

See the Halloween Village and pick up spooky treats. Plus a few more surprises will be in store! Wear your Halloween costume!

Sat. Nov. 12, 10 – 3 pm. November Heritage Day at the Heritage Center.

Art of Toy Making at 1 pm. George Kester of Crete will demonstrate die caste metal toy making. Space is limited and registration is required. Go to the MHS website or Facebook page for more information.

Fri. Dec. 2 after Village tree lighting and Sat. Dec. 3, 10 am to 1 pm.

Pictures with Santa. Santa will be at the Heritage Center and available for individual photos!

Sat. Dec. 3, 10 am to 1 pm: December Heritage Day at the Heritage Center.

Quilt Raffle Drawing. Someone will take home our beautiful handmade quilt as an early Christmas present. Raffle tickets are \$5 each or 5 tickets for \$20. All proceeds go toward the ongoing mission of the Monee Historical Society to educate, inspire and enrich our community.

GET INVOLVED

There are opportunities for people of all interests and every skill set to add value to our community and have fun doing it!

The Historical Society meets at the Heritage Center on the 2nd Thursday of each month at 7 pm. For more details on all of our events and any schedule updates, please visit our website: moneehistoricalsociety.com, follow us on Facebook, subscribe to our YouTube channel or send an email to monee.history@gmail.com.

***Thank you for supporting the Monee Historical Society!
We look forward to seeing you soon at the Heritage Center!***

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 November - February

Open Tuesday-Sunday from:

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

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

May-August 14:
6 a.m.-7 p.m.

August 16-October:
8 a.m.-4 p.m.

www.reconnectwithnature.org

Preserve the Moment Photo Contest Through Saturday, Dec. 31

All ages **FREE**

The Forest Preserve District of Will County's seventh annual Preserve the Moment photo contest runs through Dec. 31. Winners will be chosen monthly, and each monthly finalist receives a \$75 MasterCard gift card. The eight monthly finalists' photos will vie for top honors in January 2023 via public voting on the District's Facebook page, with the first-place winner receiving a \$500 gift card; second place, \$250; and third place, \$150. The contest showcases the beauty of Will County preserves and the flora and fauna they protect. Photos must be taken by amateur photographers age 18 or older, and they must be snapped in a Will County forest preserve on or after the May 1 contest start date. For contest rules and submission instructions, visit ReconnectWithNature.org.

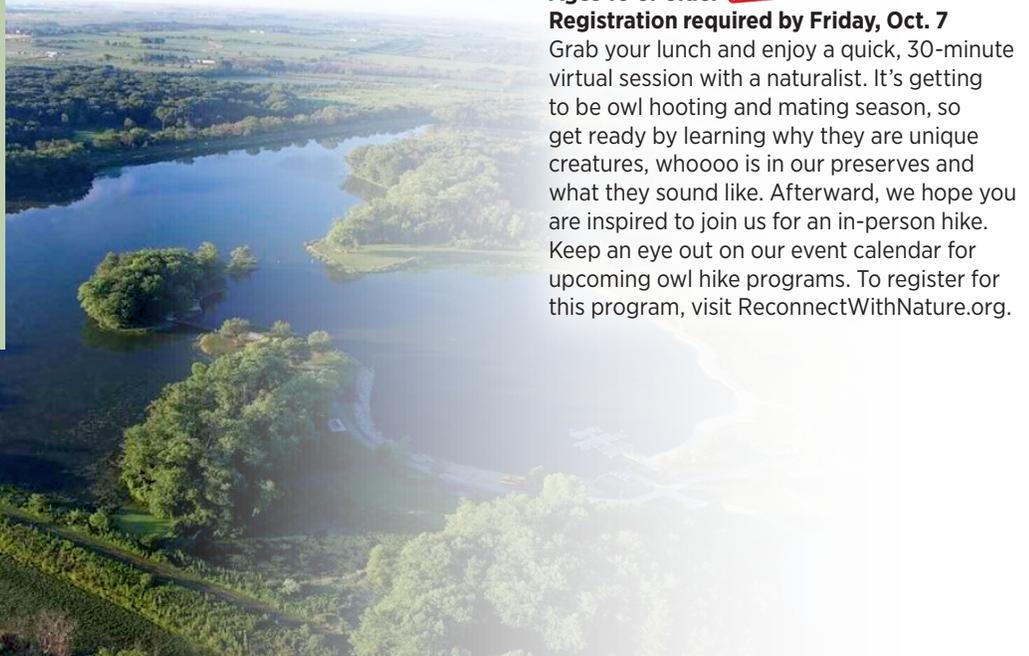
Woods Walk

Thursday, Sept. 1-Wednesday, Nov. 30

8 a.m. to sunset

All ages **FREE**

Get out and get moving! It's the 20th anniversary of Woods Walk! Experience 10 of Will County's best trails during their fall splendor. Trails range from 1.5 miles to 4 miles in length, and each trail offers its own unique experience. This year's quest features a bonus 11th trail at Raccoon Grove Nature Preserve in Monee Township in honor of the trail being included in the first Woods Walk. Pick up a hiking guide at a Forest Preserve visitor center or download one from the website on or after Sept. 1. Hike seven of the designated trails to earn a 2022 hiking medallion. For more details, visit ReconnectWithNature.org.



Birding in the Preserves - Zoom Webinar

Thursday, Oct. 6 - 7-8 p.m.

All ages **FREE**

Registration required by Thursday, Oct. 6

Learn about birds and birding from home on this virtual hike through one of Will County's forest preserves. Each month a different preserve is highlighted. You may be surprised at the different types of birds. Armed with this new information, you can then go out on your own to find birds. As a bonus, find out how you can contribute to citizen science just by walking a preserve and recording what you find. To register for this program, visit ReconnectWithNature.org.

Recycle Your Bicycle at Monee Reservoir

Through Sunday, Oct. 2 - 6 a.m. to sunset

All ages **FREE**

No registration required

Clean out the garage and make a difference by recycling your bicycle! Monee Reservoir is collecting for WorkingBikes.org, an organization that refurbishes and distributes bikes globally to individuals with disabilities and in developing countries. No bike is too old or rusty! The bike drop is located on the north side of the parking lot on a flat, accessible surface. Inside the visitor center, test your pedal power, turning on a light or making the music play on a repurposed exercise bike. Visitor center hours are 8 a.m. to 4 p.m. Tuesdays to Sundays in October.

Take a Break With Owls - Zoom Webinar

Friday, Oct. 7 - noon to 12:30 p.m.

Ages 10 or older **FREE**

Registration required by Friday, Oct. 7

Grab your lunch and enjoy a quick, 30-minute virtual session with a naturalist. It's getting to be owl hooting and mating season, so get ready by learning why they are unique creatures, whoooo is in our preserves and what they sound like. Afterward, we hope you are inspired to join us for an in-person hike. Keep an eye out on our event calendar for upcoming owl hike programs. To register for this program, visit ReconnectWithNature.org.

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

UPCOMING PROGRAMMING . . .

Sept. 29, 11am: Midewin National Tallgrass Prairie

Oct. 19: Haunted History Illinois Monee Heritage Center

More information, register and other programs on our website.

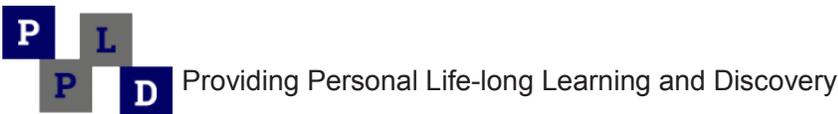
You probably know we have. . .



But did you know that with your Library Card you have access to. . . and more!



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.



Dial-a-Ride

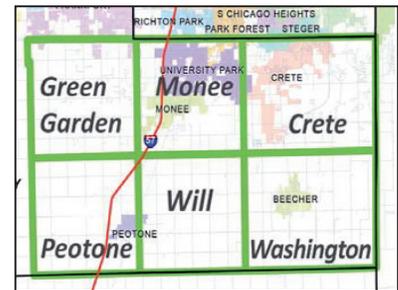


Monee Township has entered into an agreement with Will County Will Ride, through PACE Bus Company, for Transportation services.

This will service senior residents 60 years of age or over for medical visits and disabled residents for medical visits, vocational/educational training and shopping one day a week for seniors and disabled.

Once you are registered, contact Pace Dial A Ride, 1-800- 244-4410, for reservations. There is a \$2 fee per ride within the Township and \$4 per ride outside the Township, which will be collected at the time of service by the PACE Bus. All riders must NOW register and have a Dial-A-Ride ID. Contact the Monee Township for more information on registration, 708-534-6020.

No transportation service on major holidays: New Year's Day, Martin Luther King, Jr. Day, Lincoln's Birthday, President's Day, Good Friday, Memorial Day, Fourth of July, Labor Day, Columbus Day, Veteran's Day, Thanksgiving, the day after Thanksgiving and Christmas Day.



Welcome New Baby!

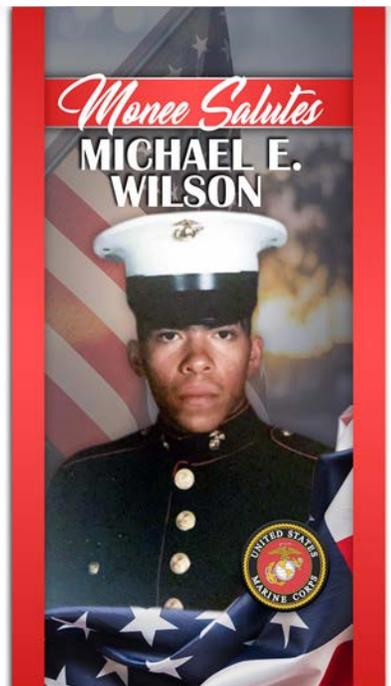
Stop by Parks and Recreation Department for a special "Monee's Newest Resident" bib.



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.

Monee Women's Club



Monee Women's Club established itself in 2015 as a group of like-minded women who wanted to actively support the Village in volunteerism, promote unity, charity and kindness. Our Purpose statement reads:

Our purpose is to promote friendship and networking among the women of Monee, reflecting a positive, encouraging and supportive community spirit, to further interest in supporting local education, events and businesses as well as philanthropic endeavors.

We are a diverse, fun group that gets together for monthly meetings, and most feature guest speakers of organizations or businesses that people should know about right in Monee. We also have several outings and get-togethers throughout the year to promote and foster the friendships that have been made.

We hold fundraisers to raise funds and awareness, the largest being for a local scholarship for a graduating senior. We have 3 flower fundraisers throughout the year – with GORGEOUS flowers. The recently completed mum fundraiser and the upcoming Poinsettia sale during holiday time.

If you would like to find out more about Monee Women's Club (MWC) please let us know! Find us on FB at <https://www.facebook.com/groups/323339251208817> Monee Women's Club or email us at womensclubmonee@gmail.com and see what we've been doing and what we're up to! We'd be glad to have you!



American Legion Auxiliary Unit 1200

Queen

OF HEARTS

We use the money to fund our BackPacks for homeless Vets Program. We also reach out to Veterans & connect them with resources for housing, jobs, medical help, mental help, education and so much more resources!

Frankies Touch of Italy
25921 Governors Hwy,
Monee IL



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
Transitional Interim Pastor: Eric Quinney
(eric.quinney-burnard@stpaulsmonee.org)
Secretary: Nancy Langenfeld
(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)

St. Paul's United Church of Christ Events

St. Paul's Pork Chop Dinner
Saturday, October 15, 2022
4:00pm to 7:00pm
Tickets are \$15.00
Carry out only

St. Paul's Veterans Day
Ceremony and Breakfast
Saturday, November 5, 2022
9:00am
There is no charge for the
breakfast. Veterans and their
family members, and the
community, are invited

St. Paul's 23rd Annual
White Elephant Sale,
Cookie Walk, and
Nativity Display
Saturday, December 10, 2022
9:00am to 12:00 noon

ACTION:LOVE



**1st and 3rd
Tuesday**

3:00 - 4:30

25655 S. Governors Hwy, Monee, Il.

Sponsored by Action:Love Food Pantry



NEED LEGAL HELP?

LET US BE YOUR GUIDE.

With the help of a lawyer, you can get

- > **Legal advice** on your questions
- > Confidence through a **next steps plan** to address the problem
- > **Peace of mind** that freedom from your legal situation is possible

Our team of volunteers believes justice should be available to all, not just the rich.

For a one-time copay of \$30 you will get clear legal guidance and support on next steps.

We serve all types of cases:

- > Divorce / custody
- > Landlord / tenant
- > Debt / collections
- > Estate planning
- > Immigration
- > Criminal records
- > And more

For over 20 years, Administer Justice has helped 80,000+ clients find freedom from their legal problems. **Schedule an appointment to get your questions answered.**

LOCATION

Southland Gospel Justice Center
Second Place Church
25528 S Willow Creek Ln
Monee, IL 60449

DETAILS

2nd Saturday of the month
9:00am – 12:00pm

Walk-ins welcome!

**CALL TOLL-FREE
(855) 818-4554**

to schedule an appointment today.



 **Administer Justice**

Seek Justice. Find Freedom.

Crete-Monee School District 201-U

Crete Monee School District 201-U is a pre-kindergarten through 12th grade unit school district. It serves approximately 5,000 students. The district has (4) K-5 elementary schools, a K-8 Magnet School, a middle school serving 6th, 7th and 8th grade students, and a four-year high school.

District 201-U serves a geographic area of 80 square miles and is located 32 miles south of the Chicago metropolitan area. The east boundary borders on the State of Indiana. The Crete-Monee School District includes the villages of Crete, Monee, University Park, and the Will County portion of Park Forest.



Crete-Monee School District 201-U
Unity Starts With "U"



Prairie State College

202 South Halsted Street, Chicago Heights, IL 60411

Prairie State College is a two-year community college based in Chicago Heights, Illinois, and the only college operated by Illinois Community College District 515. Prairie State College will offer rigorous academic programs, meet the needs of the local workforce, cultivate the values of sustainability, and demonstrate an awareness of its responsibilities in a global society.

As a publicly supported, comprehensive community college of Illinois governed by a local Board of Trustees and mandated to promote and provide educational opportunities to meet the particular educational needs of its district residents.



Governors State University

1 University Pkwy, University Park, 60484

Governors State University is a public university located in University Park, Will County, Illinois, United States. The 750 acres campus is located 30 miles south of Chicago, Illinois. GSU was founded in 1969. GSU is a comprehensive public university with a broad curriculum, offering degree programs Governors State University at the undergraduate, master's, and doctoral levels.

Governors State University has four colleges: The College of Arts and Sciences, the College of Business and Public Administration, the College of Education, and the College of Health and Human Services.



Keeping Our
Community Safe
#MoneeStrong





**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 Health Department
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

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WE WILL WIN

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.

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 Days
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.

PARKS & REC PROGRAMS

OCTOBER CLASSES:

Pirate Ship Craft Class -

We will be doing a small craft of a foam haunted Pirate Ship. We will engage with the children with fun questions about their favorite spooky monsters for Halloween.

Date: Monday, October 10th

Time: 5:00-5:35pm

Location: Firemen's Park

Ages: 5-10

Fee: \$6

Must sign up before October 7th.

Supplies are limited, don't delay to register!

NOVEMBER CLASSES:

Scratch! Color! Boom! Class -

We will be doing a small craft of a black pumpkin and leaves that scratch into color. We will engage with the children with fun questions about fall.

Date: Wednesday, November 2nd

Time: 5:00-5:30pm

Location: Firemen's Park

Ages: 3-10

Fee: \$6

Must sign up before November 1st.

Supplies are limited, don't delay to register!

Falling Leaves Class -

We will be doing a small craft of painting a wooden leaf with tempera paint. We will have paint brushes and leaves to paint with for some extra fun! Please dress for a mess!

Date: Monday, November 7th

Time: 5:00-5:45pm

Location: Firemen's Park

Ages: 5-12

Fee: \$7

Must sign up before November 4th.

Supplies are limited, don't delay to register!

Thanksgiving Class -

We will be doing a small craft of creating a turkey. We will engage with the children with fun questions about the holiday.

Date: Monday, November 14th

Time: 5:00-5:45pm

Location: Firemen's Park

Ages: 5-10

Fee: \$6

Must sign up before November 10th.

Supplies are limited, don't delay to register!

Scarecrow Class -

Come join us in creating a fun craft to celebrate the end of the harvest season. We will be doing a small craft of making a friendly scarecrow and his friends. We will engage with the children with fun questions about the holiday and painting.

Date: Monday, November 28th

Time: 5:00-5:45pm

Location: Firemen's Park

Ages: 5-10

Fee: \$6

Must sign up before November 23rd.

Supplies are limited, don't delay to register!

DECEMBER CLASSES:

Yeti Stuffed Animal Class -

Anyone looking for a best friend? Build your very own stuffed animal! Bundle up with this warm ADORABLE abominable Yeti this winter! I heard he makes the best snowmen! 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: Monday, December 5th

Time: 5:00-5:45pm

Location: Firemen's Park

Ages: 5-13

Fee: \$10

Don't delay, register ahead of time.

Ornament Class -

This can be created as a gift for a special someone. We will be doing a small craft in creating a holiday ornament. We will engage with the children with fun questions about their favorite things about winter.

Date: Monday, December 12th

Time: 5:00-5:45pm

Location: Firemen's Park

Ages: 5-12

Fee: \$6

Must sign up before.

Supplies are limited, don't delay to register!

Dashing Reindeer Class -

We will be doing a small craft of Reindeer. Please dress for a mess! We will engage with the children with fun questions about the holiday.

Date: Monday, December 19th

Time: 5:00-5:45pm

Location: Firemen's Park

Ages: 5-10

Fee: \$5

Supplies are limited, don't delay to register!

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: 4:45-5:30pm

Ages: 5-11

Location: Firemen's Park

Fee: \$55 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: 6:00-7:00pm

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 burns calories, tones muscles, limbers soft tissues and gets the added benefit of relaxing the mind. This class will be appropriate for all levels.

Day: Tuesdays &/or Thursdays,
4 week Sessions

Time: 6:00-7:00pm

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

SENIOR LUNCHEONS

Calling all Monee residents 55+ years young!



October

Join us for entertainment and lunch: Chicken, corn, salad, rolls and dessert.

Date: Wednesday, Oct. 26

Time: Noon-2pm

Location: Firemen's Park Building

Fee: \$5.00 per person

Registration deadline is Oct. 21.

Please list any allergies when registering.

November

Join us for entertainment and lunch: Turkey, green beans, stuffing and dessert.

Date: Wednesday, Nov. 16

Time: Noon-2pm

Location: Firemen's Park Building

Fee: \$5.00 per person

Registration deadline is Nov. 10th.

Please list any allergies when registering.



December

Join us for entertainment and lunch: ham, candied sweet potatoes and dessert.

Date: Wednesday, Dec. 14

Time: Noon-2pm

Location: Firemen's Park Building

Fee: \$5.00 per person

Registration deadline is Dec. 9th.

Please list any allergies when registering.



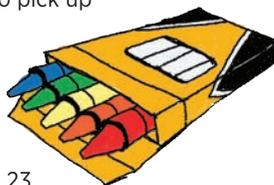
Coloring Contests for Kids

Children of Monee ages 3-9 years old can stop by the Village Hall or the Firemen's Park Building to pick up a coloring contest form.

There are 3 age groups (3-5, 6-7, 8-9) and one winner per group will be chosen.

Turkey Coloring Sheet will be available
Nov. 1-Nov. 22. Winners will be chosen Nov. 23.

Christmas Coloring Sheet will be available
Nov. 28-Dec. 22. Winners will be chosen Dec. 23.



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

Parks and Recreation is always looking for new ideas for programming.

PARKS & REC PROGRAMS

HALLOWEEN HAPPENINGS



Join us for Halloween Happenings at Firemen's Park!

Enjoy hayrides, trunk-or-treat, bonfire, costume contests, concessions, and more!

If you are interested in volunteering at Halloween Happenings, or any other upcoming event, visit villageofmonee.org or call 708-534-8302.



Would you like to host a trunk in our Trunk or Treat?

Decorate your vehicle, dress up in a not-so-scary costume, and bring enough candy to pass out to approx. 200 kids. Prizes will be awarded for the best decorated trunk.

Friday, Oct. 28 • 5:30pm – 7:30pm
Firemen's Park



HALLOWEEN HOUSE DECORATING CONTEST

Put on your hoodies, get ready to bring on fall and Halloween! Enter your home or nominate your neighbor's home starting September 26 through October 14. Forms will be available online starting September 20. Judging will begin Oct. 21-Oct. 24. 1st, 2nd and 3rd place winners will be announced Oct. 28.



How Many Candy Corns are in the jar?

Visit the Parks & Recreation Department Monday-Friday 9-5 with your child and let them take a guess at how many they think is in the jar. Winner closest without going over will win a gift card to a local restaurant.

Dates: Oct. 1-Oct. 31

Ages: 3-13

Location: Firemen's Park

Fee: FREE

VILLAGE OF Monee Holiday Events

Holiday Giving Program

This Holiday season the Village of Monee will have several opportunities for residents to help those in need. Collection dates: November 4- December 13. Drop off at either the Village Hall, Firemen's Park Building, Brian's Place, Straight Home Bar & Grill, Schoops or Dollar General. Items collected will be donated to families in need in the Crete-Monee School District and the Mico-Pantry.

Mitten Tree

Drop off new hats, gloves, scarfs or socks.



Toy Drive

More details to come.



Food Drive

Donate non-perishable items for local families in need.



Christmas Tree Lighting and Celebration

Friday, December 2 • 6:00-7:30pm

Village Hall, Historical Building and Firemen's Park Building

This is our 23rd year to gather together to light up the Village Tree! Join us on the evening of Friday, December 2nd to kick off the Christmas season. First is the Tree Lighting at the Village Hall, 5130 W. Court St.

Kids! Write a letter to Santa!



Children of Monee can write a letter to Santa with their Christmas wishes. Santa's Mailbox will be made available by the elves at the Monee Village Hall at 5130 W. Court Street starting November 1-December 13. Be sure to include your name and address so Santa can write you back.

The Village of Monee & Mary Pearson's Holiday Luminaries

Friday, December 2, during our Tree Lighting, we will have luminaries lit for your loved ones who you wish to honor or remember during the holiday season. Please visit our website for the registration form.

This is FREE to participate in. All entries are due by Dec. 1.



Holiday House Decorating Contest

We love the Holidays and Monee brings that magical feeling of the holidays to life as you drive around and look at all the lights!

Enter your home or nominate your neighbor's home starting November 28 through December 14.

Forms will be available online starting November 22.

Judging will begin December 16 through December 19.

1st, 2nd and 3rd place winners will be announced December 21.

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.

MONEE REGISTRATION WILL BE AT FIREMEN'S PARK BUILDING:

January 11 — 5pm-8pm
January 14 — 9am-Noon
January 18 — 5pm-8pm
January 21 — 9am-Noon
February 1 — 5pm-8pm
February 4 — 9am-Noon
February 8 — 5pm-8pm
February 11 — 9am-Noon

Dates & Times for Crete Registration TBA





Firemen's
Park Building-
Now booking room
rentals for 2023!
Call 708-534-8302
for more info.



Volunteers Are Always Appreciated

Volunteers are always appreciated for many of our programs and special events.

If you have a talent you would like to share or a few hours to help go to <http://villageofmonee.org/how-do-i/volunteer/> to complete the on-line form or call the Parks & Recreation Department at 708-534-8302.





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