

VILLAGE OF Monee

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Monee, IL 60449

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villageofmonee.org

Fall 2023

Welcome Fall!



Mayor
Dr. Therese M. Bogs

It has been an exciting and productive year so far with continued water main and roadway improvements, as well as the addition of sidewalks along Monee Manhattan Road. This brings to the village much-needed accessibility, safe routes for pedestrians to travel, and a way to bring easier access to our local businesses.

The pavilion at Firemen's Park has been completed and will bring decades of shelter and a place to gather for our residents and visitors alike. Work has begun on Phase 1 of Firemen's Park, which is made financially possible due to the \$600,000.00 received from the OSLAD Grant.

Monee congratulates **Crozehead Cooperage** on their upcoming grand opening of **The Crow and Calico**, and also welcomes **Tractor Supply Company**, our first new business to the Towne Center! Tractor Supply will start construction in the spring. The Village is excited and energized by the newly established businesses, and intends to continue to search for quality businesses that will make Monee a place to call home.

Be sure to read the newsletter, cover to cover, to get the information you need regarding our numerous activities and events taking place in your village, such as Monee's 150th anniversary festivities which will take place all of 2024!

As always, my wishes for health and safety to all in our remarkable Village of Monee.

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 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 Dept. 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.



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Village Hall Hours

Monday-Friday 9:00am – 5:00pm

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

Village Trustees

Heidi Gonzalez John Henson
Doug Horne Chuck Rakis
Michael Wilson Scott Youdris

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*

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
Email: buildingservices@villageofmonee.org
Hours:
Monday-Friday 8:00am – 4:00pm

PLANNING & ZONING

Chair: Christina Bettenhausen

Board

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 (if needed).

2023 Holiday Closures

November 10	Veterans Day
November 23	Thanksgiving
December 25 & 26	Christmas (Observance)
December 31 & January 1	New Year's (Observance)

Chief's Corner —



Chief
Scott Koerner

This fall we find Monee PD fully staffed for the first time in over three years. Thanks to Mayor Bogs and the Board of Trustees for their support and patience. Losing police officers in big numbers has become a nationwide epidemic. Hiring new officers has taken up a lot more of our time than we anticipated. Quality candidates are in demand and departments now find themselves competing with each other. We are fortunate that our salary range and benefits are competitive with similar sized departments in the south half of the metro area. We can't compete with larger departments and we don't try. Many agencies are now offering hiring and retention bonuses in an attempt to attract the best of the best. It has become very difficult to attract young people to law enforcement. That is why it has taken so long to fill our roster. But we are proud of the fact that we did not, and will not lower our standards. We think backgrounds are the most important part of the hiring process. We are diligent and committed to finding people who have the passion, the integrity and the commitment to be a police officer. In our case, to be an excellent police officer. Not

everyone is cut out for this profession. Add into the mix, a variety of new laws that seem to favor the bad guys. Then you have media that seemingly highlight and berate any police misconduct, while barely mentioning all the good things officers do every day. Don't misconstrue my meaning. Police misconduct should be disciplined appropriately, and transparency should be standard policy. But remember these highly publicized incidents occur very rarely, while officers are handling thousands of dangerous situations every day with no fanfare and no call for accolades. It is indeed a very noble profession.

All that being said, do you know someone who just might fit the mold and has an interest? Tell them to come see us. We will give any possible candidate an orientation to our world. When you look past the cover, you will find a lot of great people who will sprint to your aid at a moment's notice. People who love what they do and who truly care for the communities they protect. Whether you're a student, a veteran or a garbage man (like I was), think about what you can bring to the table. Think about the pride in knowing that you could truly serve and protect. Then come see us . . . you might like what you find . . . **A Police Officer.**

The world according to Sgt. Dan DePaolo —



Sgt.
Dan DePaolo

It is time to change into our winter uniforms and prep all our gear for the typical Illinois weather which means, pack everything!! Don't go out there unprepared!! That's almost worse than not locking your doors!!

Winter is kicking in the door and our driving habits need to adapt to a few of those minor annoyances like freezing rain, black ice and slick bridges. It doesn't have to be snowing to make your next trip an adventure. It always amazes those of us in law enforcement how many life-long Illinoisans forget

how to drive in December. And let us tell you what your dealer doesn't: **all-wheel drive and four-wheel drive will slide into a ditch just as quickly as the old rear-wheel drive.** In this environment, good tires are probably more important than which wheel is pulling you forward. Don't get me wrong, the newer systems are designed to control wheel slip and shorten stopping distances. That being said, it is slick out there!! Control your urges and **SLOW DOWN!!** Prepare an emergency kit that contains jumper cables, flares or reflectors, windshield washer fluid, a small ice scraper, traction material, blankets, non-perishable food and a first-aid kit. Always carry your cell phone and make sure you have a car charger in case of emergency.

For emergency assistance in the Chicago area, call *999.

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**



Got old expired, or left behind, medications?

Dispose of them properly at the Monee PD lobby.

Open Monday-Friday, 9am-5pm

Hydrant Flushing —

Fall is here once again, and with it comes our annual Fall water main flushing. Our process will be much the same as it has been in recent years, flushing water mains throughout the Village, and should take about 3-4 weeks to complete. One thing that will be different, however, is that we may schedule additional flushes as needed. These additional flushes will likely be isolated to specific areas, and will not be system-wide. This is being done as part of an ongoing effort to improve water quality. While we take a great deal of pride in the quality of the water we deliver to our residents, we will never take anything for granted and will always strive to provide the best possible water quality.

As we all know, flushing water mains can be an inconvenience for residents, but it is an essential maintenance procedure, the benefits of which are twofold. First, sediment resulting from natural mineral content can cause degraded water quality, and flushing is the most economical method by which to remove that sediment. Secondly, flushing water mains serves as a “stress test” for our distribution system, allowing us to identify and repair problems that arise from increased flows.



As we move forward, a few important things to remember are:

- Operations will commence at 7am daily, and will normally end at 3pm. Flushing may, however, continue to as late as 7pm as circumstances warrant.
- Water main flushing will continue every weekday until we have flushed our entire distribution system. We estimate that the entire process will take 3-4 weeks to complete.
- Depending on a number of factors, a water main may take a matter of minutes to run clear, and sometimes can be a matter of hours. Mains are flushed continuously until the water runs clear, therefore it is difficult to establish an accurate timeline not only for completion, but for informing residents of exactly when their area will be flushed. Please keep in mind that the attached schedule is an estimate, and exact dates and times are subject to change as conditions warrant.
- **PLEASE WATCH FOR SIGNS 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.

PUBLIC WORKS DEPARTMENT

Dear Residents,

We hope this letter finds you well. As part of our ongoing efforts to promote water conservation and maintain the efficiency of our community's plumbing systems, we would like to provide you with a detailed guide on how to check for toilet leaks and, if necessary, how to fix them. A leaky toilet can waste a significant amount of water and contribute to higher utility bills, so it's important to address any issues promptly.

Step 1: Identifying Toilet Leaks

1. Remove the Tank Lid: Carefully lift the lid from the back of the toilet tank and set it aside on a flat surface.
2. Food Coloring Test: Place a few drops of food coloring into the toilet tank's water. Wait for about 15-20 minutes without flushing. If the water in the toilet bowl changes color, there may be a leak in the tank that's allowing water to seep into the bowl.
3. Visual Inspection: Check around the base of the toilet and along the water supply line for any visible signs of water pooling or dampness.



Step 2: Fixing Toilet Leaks

If you've determined that your toilet has a leak, here's what you can do to address the issue:

1. Adjust the Flapper Chain: Lift the toilet tank's lid again and observe the flapper, the rubber mechanism at the bottom of the tank. Ensure that the flapper chain has enough slack to allow the flapper to close fully but not so much that it gets tangled or caught under the flapper. This can often be the cause of a leak into the bowl.
2. Replace the Flapper: If the flapper appears worn or damaged, it's recommended to replace it. Flappers are relatively inexpensive and can be found at most hardware stores. Follow the manufacturer's instructions for installation.
3. Check the Fill Valve: Sometimes, the fill valve (the mechanism that refills the tank after flushing) may be the source of the leak. Adjust the water level in the tank by adjusting the fill valve's float arm or adjusting the screw mechanism, if applicable.
4. Check for a Faulty Float: If the toilet keeps running continuously, it might be due to a faulty float. Ensure that the float mechanism moves freely and isn't getting stuck. If the float isn't rising and falling properly, it may need to be replaced.
5. Check the Wax Ring: If you notice water around the base of the toilet, the wax ring between the toilet base and the floor may need replacement. This might require more advanced plumbing skills, so it's advisable to consult a professional plumber.

If, after attempting these steps, you're unable to resolve the issue or if the leak appears to be more complex, we recommend reaching out to a qualified plumber for assistance. Please remember that your safety is paramount, so exercise caution and follow the manufacturer's guidelines when making any repairs.

We appreciate your cooperation in maintaining the efficient functioning of our plumbing systems and conserving water. By promptly addressing toilet leaks, we not only contribute to a more sustainable environment but also help keep utility costs in check for all residents.

If you have any questions or need further assistance, please don't hesitate to contact our department of public works at 708-534-8306.

Sincerely,

Brendan Smith

Water & Sewer Foreman
Village of Monee DPW

Being compliant with Village ordinances keeps Monee looking good!

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"

Please do not blow grass clippings into the street



BURNING OF LEAVES IS PROHIBITED



FENCES

Maintained and in proper condition



TRASH CONTAINERS

Must be out of the public view when stored



NO STORAGE OF ANY TYPE ON SIDEWALKS OR STREETS

Including basketball hoops



NO VEHICLES PARKED ON UNIMPROVED SURFACES NO DISABLED VEHICLES PARKED ON DRIVEWAYS OR STREETS

Inoperable vehicles also include unregistered/unlicensed vehicles

CHICKENS ARE ALLOWED *(Hens only)*

Must apply for a license. No license fee. Must follow Village ordinance on the requirements for the coop construction and location.

*** see ordinance 5-2-12 and 11-6-1 on our website under Municipal Codes ***



For Specific Municipal Codes please visit our website:
www.villageofmonee.com

If you have any plans on doing any improvements whether inside or outside of your property, please call us at 708-534-8303 to verify if a permit may be required.

****** Have a Safe Holiday ******

Tractor Supply Coming to Monee



Director
Bill Barnes

After six months of meetings, negotiations, plan reviews and village board approval, I am pleased to announce that Monee's Towne Center (located at Monee Manhattan Road/Wilson & Governors Highway/Egyptian Trail) will be home to a 20,000 square foot TSC (Tractor Supply Co) with an outdoor garden center.

As initially envisioned and presented in the "comprehensive plan", TSC fits into the "hardware store" retailer category. As an added bonus, "pet supplies" are a large part of their product offering.

Tractor Supply Company, founded in 1938, is an American retail chain of stores that sells products for home improvement, agriculture, lawn and garden maintenance, livestock, equine and pet care for recreational farmers and ranchers, pet owners, and landowners. The company has 2,000 stores and is headquartered in Brentwood, Tennessee.

TSC carries between 15,500 and 20,000 products in store, including work and recreational clothing, lawn and garden tools, home goods, fencing, truck beds, chicken coops, pet food, and feed for farm animals. Around 15 percent of in-store products are unique to the store's region. Online, the company offers thirteen product categories and sells between 125,000 and 150,000 products.



In 2020, the livestock and pet products category accounted for 47 percent of the company's sales. Two categories tied for second-highest sales with 21 percent each: hardware, tools, truck and towing products; and seasonal products

such as lawn and garden equipment, gifts, and toys. Ground-breaking is expected to take place early spring 2024, with a targeted completion date around year-end 2024/early 2025.

In conjunction with this development, village administration was given approval to work with PSI Construction, Bradley to develop final roadway and infrastructure plans for the Towne Center, and begin construction in spring/summer 2024. This will be necessary to more easily attract other retailers (including a grocery store) to bring this long-awaited Towne Center into a reality.



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 fees, free will donations and Chamber fundraisers. Funds raised go towards scholarships to college bound seniors in high school annually and other charities.

We invite all local businesses to be a part of the Monee Chamber and look forward to serving you and your business. To learn more about the Chamber and see our events visit our website moneechamber.org and connect with us on Facebook.



Police Chief Koerner receiving a donation from the Chamber for the IL Special Olympics Polar Plunge Fundraiser



Emergency Preparedness Checklist

The next time disaster strikes, you may not have much time to act. Prepare now for a sudden emergency.

Learn how to protect yourself and cope with disaster by planning ahead. This checklist will help you get started. Discuss these ideas with your family, then prepare an emergency plan. Post the plan where everyone will see it-on the refrigerator or bulletin board.

For additional information about how to prepare for hazards in your community, contact your local emergency management or civil defense office and American Red Cross chapter.



American Red Cross
Mile High Chapter

Emergency Checklist

Call Your Emergency Management Office or American Red Cross Chapter

- Find out which disasters could occur in your area.
- Ask how to prepare for each disaster.
- Ask how you would be warned of an emergency.
- Learn your community's evacuation routes.
- Ask about special assistance for elderly or disabled persons.

Also...

- Ask your workplace about emergency plans.
- Learn about emergency plans for your children's school or day care center.

Create an Emergency Plan

- Meet with household members to discuss the dangers of fire, severe weather, earthquakes and other emergencies. Explain how to respond to each.
- Find the safe spots in your home for each type of disaster.

- Discuss what to do about power outages and personal injuries.
- Draw a floor plan of your home. Mark two escape routes from each room.
- Show family members how to turn off the water, gas and electricity at main switches when necessary.
- Post emergency telephone numbers near telephones.
- Teach children how and when to call 911, police and fire.
- Instruct household members to turn on the radio for emergency information.
- Pick one out-of-state and one local friend or relative for family members to call if separated during a disaster (it is often easier to call out-of-state than within the affected area).
- Teach children your out-of-state contact's phone numbers.
- Pick two emergency meeting places.
 - 1) A place near your home in case of a fire.
 - 2) A place outside your neighborhood in case you cannot return home after a disaster.
- Take a basic first aid and CPR class.
- Keep family records in a water and fire-proof container.

Prepare a Disaster Supplies Kit

Assemble supplies you might need in an evacuation. Store them in an easy-to-carry container such as a backpack or duffle bag.

Include:

- A supply of water (one gallon per person per day). Store water in sealed, unbreakable containers. Identify the storage date and replace every six months.
- A supply of non-perishable packaged or canned food and a non-electric can opener.
- A change of clothing, rain gear and sturdy shoes.
- Blankets or sleeping bags.
- A first aid kit and prescription medications.
- An extra pair of glasses.
- A battery-powered radio, flashlight and plenty of extra batteries.
- Credit cards and cash.
- An extra set of car keys.
- A list of family physicians.
- A list of important family information; the style and serial number of medical devices such as pacemakers.
- Special items for infants, elderly or disabled family members.

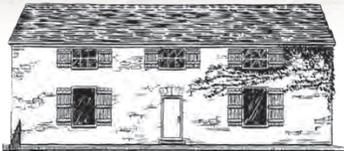
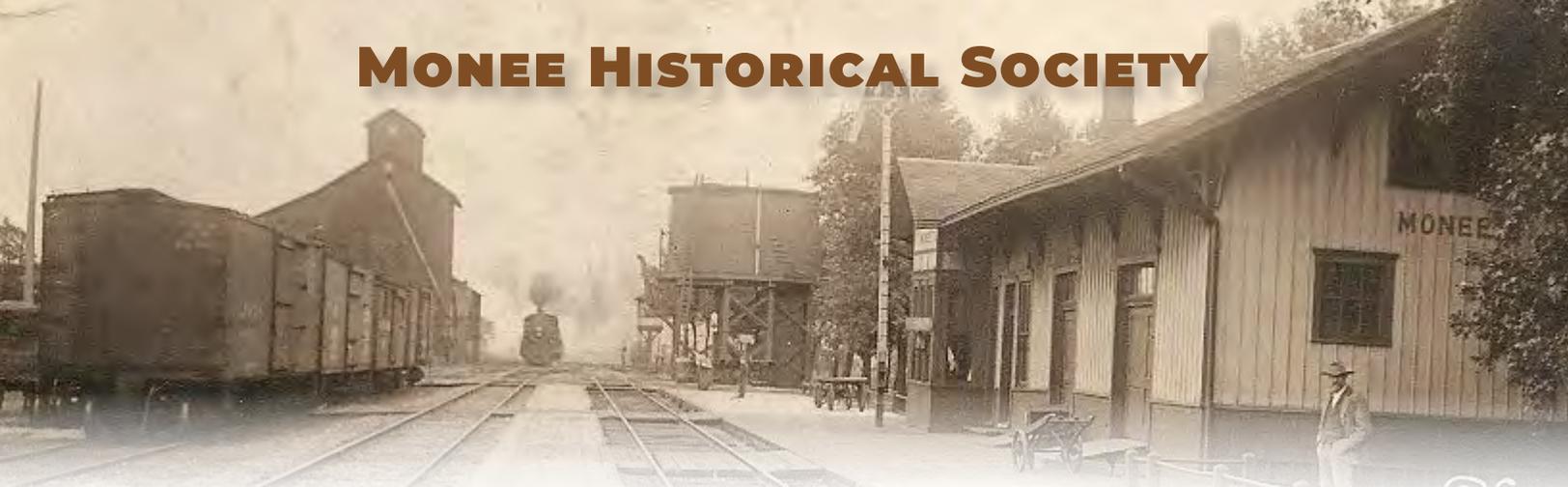
The Village of Monee is



The Village of Monee has been certified as a Storm Ready Community by the National Weather Service.

There are less than one hundred communities in Illinois that have achieved this certification. Monee Emergency Management has been working on this for several years. The Village had to meet criteria in Emergency Operations planning, Coordination and Partnership Development and Community preparedness. An on site review was done by the National Weather Service, State of Illinois Emergency Management, Will County Emergency Management and Kendall County Emergency Management. Monee Emergency Management is **"Ready before, during and after the storm."**

MONEE HISTORICAL SOCIETY



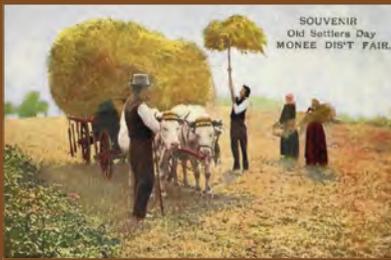
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MONEE HISTORICAL SOCIETY

The Monee Historical Society consists of volunteers that are dedicated to the preservation of Monee's history. The Historical Society is housed in the Monee Heritage Center at the Creamery at Fireman's Park.

Our hope is to maintain an awareness and appreciation of the history of the place we call home.

The Historical Society is open every Tuesday 10:00 AM - 3:00 PM., as well as one Saturday a month. Please check our website for those dates.



Fall Harvest Postcard

SHOP THE MHS GIFT SHOP

Looking for a special holiday gift? Look no further than the Monee Historical Society Gift Shop. We carry MHS logo items and are proud to carry one-of-a-kind art pieces from our talented, local artists. All items support the artists and the Monee Historical Society.

COME JOIN US!

We need fresh ideas and new energy to create more ways for the community to come together. That is where you fit in! If you would like to become a member, please call 708-534-8635 or e-mail info@moneehistoricalsociety.com

Want an easy way to find us? Just use your phone to scan the QR code:



Upcoming Events:

HISTORIC CEMETERY WALK —

Join us for our 2nd Annual Cemetery Walk at St. Paul's Church Cemetery and learn about some of Monee's most interesting past residents. Then, head over to the Creamery for refreshments. Tours are free, but please register ahead. E-mail: info@moneehistoricalsociety.com or call 708-534-8635.

CHILDRENS PUMPKIN CRAFT — SATURDAY OCTOBER 21

Bring your little one in to make their very own stuffed pumpkin friend! This event is free, but participants must register with Peotone Public Library at: www.peotonelibrary.org.

THE GREAT CHICAGO FIRE 1871: A PHOENIX FROM THE ASHES PRESENTATION — WEDNESDAY OCTOBER 18 - 6:00PM

Joining us as we listen to the story of the Chicago Fire with presenter Terry Lynch. This is sure to be a fun and entertaining evening.

TRUNK OR TREATS — FRIDAY OCTOBER 27

Start your Halloween early with a visit to the Monee Historical Society Trunk or Treats. Dress up and trick or treat with us. Watch our website for further details.

VISIT WITH SANTA — FRIDAY DECEMBER 1

HO HO HO! Santa is coming once again to the Monee Historical Society. Watch the village tree lighting and then head over for hot chocolate and a visit with the man in red. Free event.

ORAL HISTORY PROJECTS ON OUR YOUTUBE CHANNEL —

Learn first-hand of Monee and the surrounding areas history from the first families that helped to settle and establish our town. Each month, a new interview will premier that is sure to be educational and informative. Use our QR code to take you directly to our channel!



BOOK CLUBS —

Whether you like mystery or history, we have the club for you! On the first Thursday of every month, the mystery club meets in the morning and the history club meets in the evening. Check our website for book titles and locations.

HERITAGE DAY —

Plan to attend our Heritage Day events on the second Saturday of the month. We will have speakers to present a variety of topics from the history of Monee to the Underground Railroad in our area. Always an interesting time and plenty of conversation! Check our website for speakers and topics.

COMMUNITY

MONEE ALLIANCE OF CHURCHES DIRECTORY & INFORMATION

Family of Faith

6645 West Steger Road
Monee, IL 60449
708-235-1901
fofc.org

Living Creek Christian Church

4820 W. Court St.
Monee, IL 60449
708-672-6515
www.livingcreek.org

Monee Free Methodist Church

25528 S. Willow Creek Ln.
Monee, IL 60449
708-534-5683
www.moneefree.com

New Hope Christian Community Church

4700 W. Court St.
Monee, IL 60449
708-235-0995
Newhopechristiancommunity
church.org

Second Place Church

25528 S Willow Creek Ln
Monee, IL 60449
217-212-4902
secondplacechurch.com

St. Boniface Catholic Church

5304 W. Main St.
Monee, IL 60449
708-534-9682
stbonifacemonee.org

St. George Coptic Orthodox Church

4601 W. Pauling Rd.
Monee, IL 60449
708-534-6003
www.stgeorgechicago.org

St. Paul's United Church of Christ

5323 W. Margaret St.
Monee, IL 60449
708-534-8471
stpaulsmonee.org

Trinity Christian Church

26900 S. Will Center Rd.
Monee, IL 60449
708-941-7900
trinitymonee.com

MONEE COMMUNITY

KIDS CLUB

WEDNESDAYS

6:00-7:30pm | Family of Faith Church

Monee Kids Club is for children K-6th grade. Each week weaves together music, Bible teaching, small group discussions, crafts, Bible memory, and creative activities. Everything is based on God's Word and biblical principles to create a clear and simple bottom line each week. Come early to have dinner as a family from 5-5:45pm. Donations accepted!

VISIT WWW.SECONDPLACECHURCH.COM OR SCAN TO SIGN UP:



Trinity Evangelical Christian Church - trintymonee.com

FREE...

- Christian Education
- Marriage Ministry
- Generosity Plans
- Mentors

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SOUL CENTER
BRINGING LIFE TO A HIGHER GROUND

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, IL 60468
708-258-3436 • www.peotonelibrary.org



Monday-Thursday: 9:30am – 8:00pm
Friday: 9:30am – 5:00pm
Saturday: 9:30am – 3:00pm



The Library offers programming to district residents for all ages. For more events and to register, please go to our website.

**Have you downloaded the Library App yet?
Look for PrairieCat Mobile where you get your apps.**

With your Library Card you can access print and digital materials. 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 and have access to our online resources and digital materials available 24/7. E-books, e-audio, craft classes, streaming TV/Movies, language learning, research and more available.

P L D Providing Personal Life-Long Learning and Discovery



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!

6:45pm Tuesdays

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 and connect them with resources for housing, jobs, medical help, mental help, education and so much more!

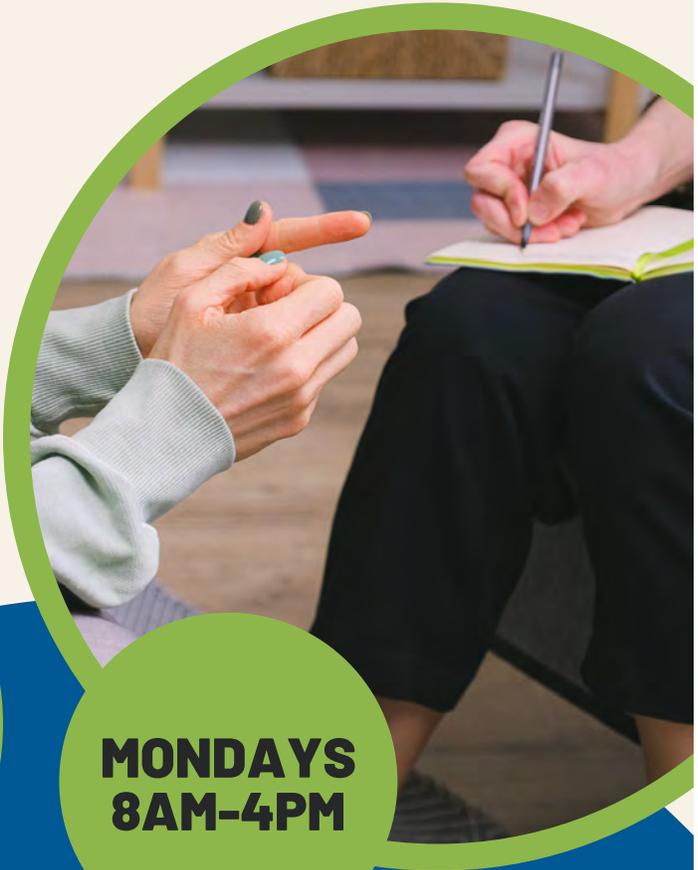
Frankies Touch of Italy

**25921 Governors Hwy,
Monee, IL**



Will County
Health Department &
Community Health Center

Need Help?



**MONDAYS
8AM-4PM**

The Will County Health Department offers Behavioral Health services at our Eastern Branch office in Monee (5601 W. Monee-Manhattan Road) every Monday from 8:00 am-4:00 PM

For more information contact Behavioral Health Intake at
815-727-8521

November Lung Cancer Awareness Month

Test your home today!
Radon test kits are
available at all of our
locations.



Will County
Health Department &
Community Health Center

www.willcountyhealth.org

Radon is the **#1** environmental cause of cancer deaths and the **#2** cause of lung cancer deaths.

AMERICAN LUNG ASSOCIATION.

“ I'M NOT GOING TO GET ADDICTED FROM A COUPLE PUFFS ”

ACTUALLY, 1 IN 4 TEENS WHO TRY NICOTINE ARE HOOKED WITHIN ONE MONTH

ADDICTION HAPPENS FASTER THAN YOU THINK

MY LIFE MY QUIT™

A FREE & CONFIDENTIAL WAY FOR TEENS TO QUIT VAPING

IF YOU NEED HELP QUITTING- DON'T WAIT!

TEXT "START MY QUIT" TO 36872

OR VISIT ITQL.MYLIFEMYQUIT.ORG

THIS PROJECT WAS MADE POSSIBLE BY FUNDS RECEIVED FROM THE ILLINOIS DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC HEALTH



It's that time of year!

Time to get your Flu Shot!



Shots available for all ages at

Will County Health Department-5601 Monee-Manhattan Rd in Monee!

Call for an appointment 815-740-8143

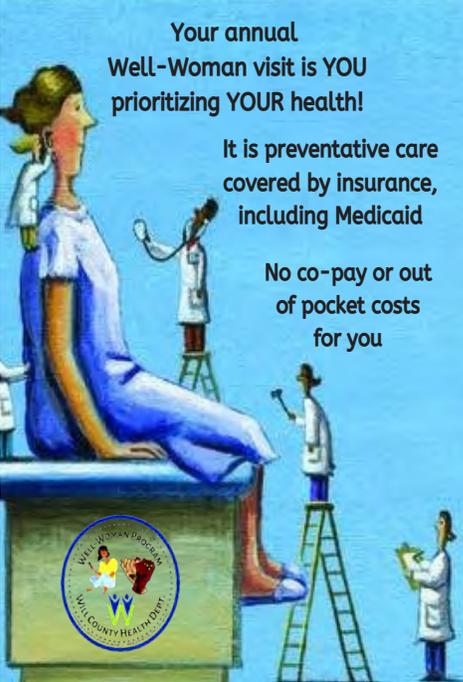
Medicare and Medicaid accepted. Low-cost shots for uninsured and under-insured.



WORLD BREASTFEEDING MONTH

Breastfeeding can have great moments, but there can also be bumps along the road. Know that you can always get help from your local WIC agency. Whether you are pregnant or just had your baby, it is not too late to reach out and ask for help and resources. Will County WIC is here for you!

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



Your annual Well-Woman visit is YOU prioritizing YOUR health!

It is preventative care covered by insurance, including Medicaid

No co-pay or out of pocket costs for you




Call your provider today to make your yearly appointment!

Don't have a provider? Need insurance?

Call 815-727-8670 or use our QR Code for more information!

Funding provided in whole or in part by the Illinois Department of Public Health, OWHFS, IL Title V Program



MONEE Food Pantries

Helping Families in Need in Our Community

Micro Pantries

Village Hall, 5130 W. Court Street
Golf Vista Club House, 4930 W. Court Street
Trinity Church, 26900 W. Will Center Road
St. Paul's Church, 5323 W. Margaret Street
Second Place Church 25528 S. Willow Creek Lane

Drive through Food Pantries

Action Love Food Pantry 25655 S. Governors Hwy, Unit A 1st & 3rd Tuesdays of the month 3pm-4:30pm or until food is gone	New Hope Church 4700 W. Court Street 1st Monday of the month, unless it's a holiday 4pm until food is gone
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DOES YOUR WATER COME FROM A WELL?




- IF YOU ARE ON A PRIVATE WELL IT IS YOUR RESPONSIBILITY TO ASSURE IT IS A SAFE.
- USE THE WILL COUNTY HEALTH DEPARTMENT ENVIRONMENTAL HEALTH LABORATORY
- SAMPLE BOTTLES CAN BE PICKED UP AT ANY OF OUR LOCATIONS.

WWW.WILLCOUNTYHEALTH.ORG



VILLAGE OF MONEE'S BEFORE AND AFTER SCHOOL CARE PROGRAM

Inside Monee Elementary School Only Grades K-5 (2023-2024 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**

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.

VILLAGE OF
Monee
Parks & Recreation

FREE!

HALLOWEEN HAPPENINGS

OCTOBER 27TH, 5:30PM-7:30PM

We will have Trunk or Treat, DJ, Kids Halloween Costume Contest, Goodies bags, Hayrides and a Bonfire!



TRUNK OR TREAT

**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 award for the best decorated trunk.**



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

HOMETOWN HEROES MILITARY BANNERS

A SALUTE TO OUR LOCAL HEROES

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.

Eligibility:

Individuals to be recognized must be a current or former resident of the Village of Monee and must have served in any of the following branches of service:

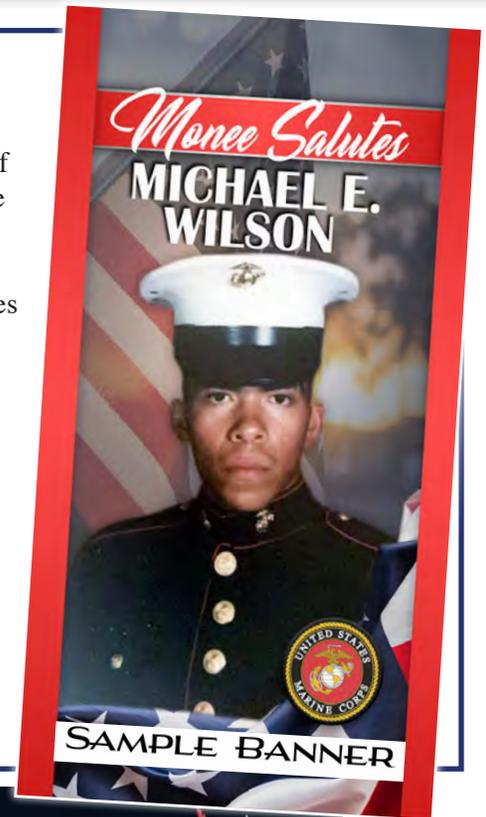
Army ★ Navy ★ Air Force ★ Marines
Coast Guard ★ National Guard

Ordering a Banner:

To order a banner, simply fill out the application that is provided at the Village Hall or on the Village's website:

www.VillageofMonee.org

Return the completed form, photo of individual in uniform and fee to the Village Hall.



**11th
NOV**

VILLAGE OF
Monee

*Veterans Day
Ceremony*

Join the Monee American Legion Post #1200
in front of the Village of Monee:
5130 W. Court Street
Saturday, Nov. 11
11:00AM
Coffee and donuts to follow.

...we shall never forget...

A graphic for the Veterans Day Ceremony. It features a bald eagle with its wings spread, holding a banner that says "NATIONAL SALUTE" and "U.S. MILITARY". Below the eagle are several military medals and the American Legion Post 1200 logo. The background is a dark blue field with white stars.

Christmas in Monee



Friday, Dec. 1, 6:00pm-7:30pm

Starting at 6pm, join us in front of the Village Hall, 5130 W. Court St.

**Santa will arrive on the Big Red Sleigh
(Monee Fire Truck)
to help light up our tree.**

**Mary Pearson's Holiday Luminaries
will be displayed by the tree.**
(Forms on our website)

**Then walk over to the Heritage Center
to meet & take pictures with Santa.**

**Head over to the Parks Building next door
for Christmas Around the World with
cookies, hot chocolate and crafts for the kids!**

Saturday, Dec. 9, 8am-11am

Schoop's

5701 W. Monee Manhattan Rd. Monee 60449

**BREAKFAST
WITH
SANTA
TOY DRIVE**

Serving pancakes, sausage and a beverage
FREE PHOTO WITH SANTA

\$10 per person **\$8** children

\$2 off when you donate a new, unopened toy.
Limit one per person.

All toys will go to The Pediatric Oncology Treasure Chest Foundation



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, or Schoops. Items collected will be donated to the in need in the Crete-Monee School District and the Mico-Pantry.

Mitten Tree

Drop Off new hats, gloves, scarves or socks and hang them on our tree.



Toy Drive

Help a family have a happy holiday. Drop off a wrapped gift of new clothes or a toy. Be sure to write if it is for a boy or girls, size and/or what age the gift would be for.



Food Drive

Donate non-perishable items for local families in need.



The Village of Monee and Mary Pearson's Holiday Luminaries

Friday, December 1, 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 November 30th.



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 starting **November 1-December 13**.

Be sure to include your name and address so Santa can write you back.

PROGRAMS



All Classes held at the Firemen's Park Building.
Sign up today at the Village Hall in Monee!
Please register at least one week before date of event or program to ensure your spot!

Design & Unwind: Bracelets, Keychains, and Beads!

Make the Friendship Bracelets!

Children will be offered a variety of crafting activities such as friendship bracelets, keychains, and more. They will have the opportunity to make a variety of different breaded and braided crafts all while unwinding and talking about the current school year. *Supplies are limited, register as soon as possible!*

Date: Monday, October 9th
Time: 5pm-6pm
Ages: 5-18
Fee: \$6

Register by October 6th

Mini Pumpkin Painting

Stop at the Parks & Recreation Pumpkin Patch to grab a Fall Friend!

The pumpkin patch is full, and we could really use some help clearing it out! Join the Parks and Rec team with designing your very own mini pumpkin. Each kid will receive a mini craft pumpkin that they will have an opportunity to paint and design. *Supplies are limited!*

Date: Monday, October 23rd
Time: 5pm to 6pm
Ages: 5-18
Fee: \$6

Register by October 20th

Design & Unwind: Painting Class

Bring out your inner Picasso!

Sometimes we could all use a little craft break! Come join Emilie at the Parks and Rec building to unwind and paint. There will be a variety of different painting crafts including canvases, rocks, and accessories. Take a break and fall into some creativity! Supplies are limited, sign up today!

Date: Monday, November 6th
Time: 5pm-6pm
Ages: 5-18
Fee: \$5

Register by November 3rd

Assorted Crafts

Don't Leaf me Hanging!

Come stop by the Parks & Rec building to say one last huzzah for Fall! Children will have the opportunity to participate in creating some clay pottery and a variety of other fall crafts all while talking about the things they are thankful for! *Spots are limited, sign up today!*

Date: Monday, November 20th
Time: 5pm-6pm
Ages: 5-18
Fee: \$6

Register by November 17th

Holiday Plush Workshop

Want to celebrate the holiday season with a new friend?

Come join the Parks & Rec team in building your very own friend. We will have an assortment of different stuffed animals for children to choose from. There are camo bears, squirrels, mammoths, and many more. Each child will receive a plush, a star, and a birth certificate for their new friend. *Supplies and spots are limited, so sign up today!*

Date: Monday, December 4th
Time: 5pm-6pm
Ages: 5-18
Fee: \$5

Register by December 1st

Holiday Cookie Decorating Class

It's the Most Wonderful Time of the Year!

Step into the holiday season with a little bit of holiday cookie decorating, some assorted holiday crafts, and just a holly jolly time all around. Everyone will get a cookie and a variety of different decorating tools to use on their cookie. There will also be some additional crafts to participate in. *Spots are limited, make sure you sign up now, so you don't miss out on this holly jolly holiday celebration!*

Date: Wednesday, December 18th
Time: 5pm-6pm
Ages: All ages
Fee: \$6

Register by December 15th

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.

Dates: Starting September 1st
Day: Tuesdays, 4 week session
Time: 4:45pm-5:30pm
Ages: 5-11 years
Fee: \$30 per session

Dance Class for Children and Teens

This 10-week dance class is perfect for movers to learn about dance, try a wide variety of styles while making new friends and lasting memories! Designed for movers of all levels.

Dates: September 21st – December 1st
Days/Time: Thursday: 7:15pm-8:15pm
Saturday: 9am-10am
Fee: \$100 per session

Kids Fitness

Hey Parents! Are you looking for a constructive and fun activity for your kids, that will improve their fitness and confidence? Your child will improve their strength and conditioning in a fun environment.

Dates: Starting September 20th
Day: Every Wednesday, 8-Week Session
Time: 4:30pm-5:30pm
Ages: 4-17
Fee: \$40 per session
Drop-In Fee: \$7 per class

Tween/Teen After School Program

Looking for something fun to do after school? Want a break from doing homework? Want to de-stress and improve your mental health? Want a space to learn something new? Come join the Parks & Rec team after school! Teens and Tweens will get to learn a cool craft, learn how to make a new tasty drink and snack, and just vibe after school!

Dates: Starting September 18 - December 11
Day: Every Other Monday
Time: 4:30-5:30pm
Ages: Tweens and Teens
Fee: \$9 a session
(includes crafts, drink, and snack)

Teen Youth Council

Teens, want to give back to your community? Want to be part of something bigger? Want to gain volunteer hours to help with future academic and career pursuits? If this all sounds very interesting to you, then contact Parks & Supervisor Emilie Kostecka at EKostecka@villageofmonee.org for more information



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 & Thursdays, 4 Week Sessions
Time: 6:00-7:00pm
Ages: 16 yrs and older
Fee: \$50 for BOTH Tues. & Thurs.
\$25 for one day per week
\$8 per walk-in

Zumba

Zumba is an interval workout. The classes move between high- and low-intensity dance moves designed to get your heart rate up and boost cardio endurance. Zumba is an exhilarating, effective, easy-to-follow, Latin-inspired, calorie-burning dance fitness party! Please wear comfortable clothing and gym shoes.

Day: Tuesdays & Thursdays, 4 Week Sessions
Time: Tuesday: 7:15-8:15pm
Thursday: 5:00-6:00pm
Ages: 16 yrs and older
Fee: \$40 for BOTH Tues. & Thurs.
\$20 for one day per week
\$7 per walk-in



**BASEBALL
REGISTRATION
JANUARY THRU FEBRUARY**

PROGRAMS

Adult Fitness

Our Senior Fitness classes will help motivate and inspire you to reach or maintain your fitness goals. These workout classes will improve cardio endurance and burn calories!

- Dates:** Starting September 18th
- Days:** Every Monday and Friday, 4-Week Sessions
- Time:** 8am-9pm
- Ages:** 21 & Up
- Fee:** \$35 per session
- Drop-In Fee:** \$5 per class

Adult Taekwondo & Hapkido

Master Washington understands that completing goals through commitment is important to one's inner personal success in life. With an emphasis on honor and hard work. Taekwondo specializes in helping students of all ages and ability levels to achieve their personal fitness goals.

- Dates:** Starting October 2nd
- Day:** Every Monday, 4-Week Sessions
- Time:** 6pm-7pm
- Ages:** 14 & Older
- Fee:** \$50 per session

SENIOR LUNCHEONS

**Calling all Monee residents 55+ years young!
Join us for Entertainment and Lunch . . .**

OCTOBER —

Chicken, corn, salad, rolls and dessert.

- Date:** Wednesday, Oct. 25
- Time:** Noon-2pm
- Location:** Bult Field
28261 S Kedzie Ave,
Monee, IL 60449
- Fee:** \$7.00 per person

*Registration deadline is Oct. 20**

NOVEMBER —

Turkey, green beans, stuffing and dessert.

- Date:** Wednesday, Nov. 15
- Time:** Noon-2pm
- Location:** Firemen's Park Bldg.
- Fee:** \$7.00 per person

*Registration deadline is Nov. 10**

DECEMBER —

Ham, candied sweet potatoes and dessert.

- Date:** Wednesday, Dec. 13
- Time:** Noon-2pm
- Location:** Firemen's Park Bldg.
- Fee:** \$7.00 per person

*Registration deadline is Dec. 8**

Please list any allergies when registering



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.

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.

Once you are registered, contact **Pace Dial-A-Ride, 1-800-244-4410**, for reservations.

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, 4th of July, Labor Day, Columbus Day, Veteran's Day, Thanksgiving, the day after Thanksgiving and Christmas Day.



150th Anniversary Cruise
March 31st - April 5th, 2024

\$702 FOR PERSON
Interior

\$1035 FOR PERSON
Balcony

\$774 FOR PERSON
Ocean View

- Prices shown are per person and based on double occupancy.
- Vaccinations are not required
- COVID-19 testing is not required
- Drink package not included
- Airfare is NOT included
- Bring your government issued identification (valid driver's license with original birth certificate or a valid passport) that is required

Deposit: \$100.00
Deposit is Due: **November 18, 2023**
Final Payment is Due: **December 18, 2023**
For more information (including flight info) or to make a payment, please contact: Natasha (773) 562-6054 or send an e-mail to: natasha@perfecttravel.com





VILLAGE OF Monee PARKS & RECREATION

FREE

Adult
GAME NIGHT

Oct. 20th & Nov. 17th
FROM 6PM-8PM

Come and join us for an adult game night! Bring your friends and family that are over the age of 21 for great fun!
Games provided and games are welcomed!

Ask for Kevin: 708-534-8302
Firemen's Park: 5218 W. Court St., Monee IL 60449



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

Welcome New Baby!

Monee Parks & Recreation would like to deliver a very special "Monee's Newest Resident" bib to your newborn son or daughter. To receive your bib, simply call the Parks & Recreation Dept. at 534-8302 to arrange pick-up or delivery.





5130 W. Court St. | Monee, IL 60449

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Fall Fest



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NEW LIFE PHYSICAL THERAPY & REHABILITATION

MONEE TOBACCO

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Frankie's "Touch of Italy" Pizzeria

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