

Fall 2024

VILLAGE OF *Monee*

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

villageofmonee.org



What an incredible summer it has been! From road resurfacing, water main replacement, and the new Court Street sidewalk to Parks and Rec activities and Monee Historical Society programs, Monee continues to improve and provide great opportunities for fun and enjoyment within our wonderful Village. Monee's 150th celebrations along with Fall Fest and The Moving Wall Vietnam Veteran's Memorial are true examples of our fellowship and the care we have for our great community.

It is a privilege to be able to showcase and highlight our community, but it is not without a huge thank you to our staff, volunteers, and you, our residents, for making these numerous events so successful. It is your participation and gathering of friends and family to enjoy these events with that really makes Monee so special.

Fall Fest
Sept. 6th-8th 2024

Thank you to all of the Staff, Volunteers, Organizations, and Vendors that have made this year's Moving Wall and Fall Fest such a huge success!

Gratefully yours,
Mayor Therese M. Bogs

Three photographs are arranged on the right side of the poster. The top photo shows a seal on a stage. The middle photo shows a fairground with many blue and white tents. The bottom photo shows a group of people gathered around a large black sign or wall.

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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 Assessor708-534-6023
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 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).

2024 Holiday Closures

November 11

Veterans Day

November 28

Thanksgiving

December 25 & 26

Christmas (Observance)

December 31 & January 1

New Year's (Observance)



Chief's Corner —



**Chief
Scott Koerner**

It has been an exciting 150th anniversary party here in Monee so far. Hope you have taken the time to enjoy some of the many events that have been held thus far. The crown jewels have to be the Moving Wall to honor our fallen Vietnam Veterans and our annual Fallfest. I'll let Parks Director Dianna Kroll keep you updated on future events. We are proud to say that you

have no reason to not feel safe at a Monee sponsored event. We try to show a police presence whenever feasible and always add resources for our larger gatherings. Patrol Officers are briefed for all upcoming events and make sure that they keep a close eye on the area. We maintain a close relationship with all the public safety departments in the area and can count on their support when needed. You can't operate on a loner mentality and expect to provide the best protection for your community. We work with law enforcement entities at every level. We count on them to supplement us every day on patrol. We count on them to bring tactical resources in the event of a critical incident. And we count on them to process our evidence submissions and contribute with investigative expertise that a small town may not have.

MPD has grown with a distinct purpose. Since 2017, calls for police service have increased nearly 40 percent. While our population has remained steady in the 5100 to 5300 range, commercial development has grown exponentially.

Thirty to forty thousand cars and trucks are making their way through our commercial zones every day. It is important for the department's leadership and the Village Board to keep a close eye on public safety. We all feel like that commitment has been met. So, when you decide to go out in Monee, whether it's a Movie in the Park, or just playing on the swings with your family, you should have no qualms about your safety. And even more importantly your family's safety.

Change is imminent. As we grow with our community, new faces from different places are now a fixture at MPD and throughout our community. We are younger and bringing a new energy to our mission. Sixty five percent of MPD Officers came to the department after 2017. The different beliefs that exist along generational lines affects us just the same as it does everywhere. The good news is that our beliefs and attitudes aren't different for any of us when it comes to ethical, responsible and fair treatment of everyone we meet. It is a philosophy that has been instilled by our veteran Officers and will carry on to the next generation of MPD. We take pride in our professionalism and the strides we have made in becoming a Police Department our community can be proud of. We may not be perfect, but we're working on it!! Be Smart, Be Careful and as always Be Safe!

... Be Safe, Be Courteous and Be Smart ...

The world according to Sgt. Brent Cash —



**Sgt.
Brent Cash**

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 here and our driving habits need to adapt to those annual 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 remember, 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. But, the reality is that it gets 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 road assistance in the Chicago area, call *999. If your not sure whether you should travel, look up road conditions at <https://idot.illinois.gov>

... Stay Safe and Stay Alert ...

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.

GOT OLD, EXPIRED, MEDICATIONS?

Dispose of them properly at the Police Dept. lobby. Open Monday-Friday, 9am-5pm

**Call for details,
if needed
708-534-8308**



PUBLIC WORKS DEPARTMENT



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. 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 several 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 also 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.

A graphic titled "TO FLUSH, OR NOT TO FLUSH?" with the subtitle "THERE SHOULD BE NO QUESTION". It features a toilet icon and a sad face icon. Below the title, it says "DO NOT FLUSH THESE ITEMS" and lists: "Any Wipes (even the 'flushable' ones)", "Paper Towels", "Hygiene Products", "Cat Litter", and "Fats, Oils, & Grease". It also includes text: "Find out what happens when you flush more than your personal business. SO WHAT? These items cause backups that flood your home and streets, requiring costly repairs and ruining everything!" and "GOOD TO DO (Or NOT do, in this case...) NEVER FLUSH THESE ITEMS DOWN THE TOILET:". A list of items to not flush is provided: Facial tissues, Paper towels, Baby wipes/personal hygiene wipes even if they are labeled "flushable", All-purpose cleaning wipes even if they are labeled "flushable", Diapers, Condoms, Cigarette butts, Dental floss, Dryer sheets, Toilet bowl scrubbing pads, Cotton swabs, Feminine hygiene products, Cat litter, Fats, oils and grease from the kitchen, and Food scraps from the kitchen.



PUBLIC WORKS DEPARTMENT

Winter Tips to Help Our Community Work Together

The winter snow can offer ample opportunities for recreational activities but many of us see it as a tiresome chore that rarely comes at a convenient time. This is further complicated by the Village's commitment to keeping the streets as clear and safe as possible. With a little insight and useful tips you can minimize the frustrations and stay warm (or enjoying the recreational aspects of winter).

- ❄️ Keep our children safe; Please keep in mind plow drivers often cannot see children on the plow hills. We know they look fun but they can cause serious injuries or even a fatality. Educating our children where to safely play in snow is best. Also keep in mind our children walk to bus stops and even to school. Please help shovel our sidewalk and bus corners.
- ❄️ Helping shoveling our neighbor's sidewalks increases our safety for all residents, from the elderly to our children.
- ❄️ Avoid walking on the streets. With the snowy conditions, vehicles and especially plows have inherently limited visibility and pedestrians in the street are just encouraging needless hazards.
- ❄️ Avoid placing your garbage cans in the street when plows are out.
- ❄️ Avoid placing your snow to the west side of your driveway will minimize potential drifting in your drive, since the wind typically out of the west.
- ❄️ Do not shovel snow onto the street. Actually clearing the snow along the curb up the street will reduce the snow being pushed by the plow and minimize the amount deposited at end of your driveway.
- ❄️ Your mail carrier will also appreciate if keep your mailbox accessible.



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 temporary mailboxes you can use until your mailbox can be fixed. If your mailbox 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.



Snow Removal

One way to assist the Village in snow removal from streets is to have your vehicle parked in your driveway so the snowplows do not have to go around the vehicles on the street. Please keep in mind that parking vehicles on the street during a snow event 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 snowfall, 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.



Keep Hydrants Clear

In winter, fire hydrants can become buried by the snow making it difficult for the Fire Protection District to locate and use the hydrants.

Residents can help by ensuring the hydrant near one's home or business is kept free from snow on all sides. Please keep a clear path from the street to the hydrant as well.

BE PREPARED FOR A TORNADO

Tornadoes can destroy buildings, flip cars, and create deadly flying debris.



FEMA

FEMA V-1010/March 2018

Tornadoes are violently rotating columns of air that extend from a thunderstorm to the ground.



Can happen anytime



Bring intense winds



Can happen anywhere



Look like funnels

IF YOU ARE UNDER A TORNADO WARNING, FIND SAFE SHELTER RIGHT AWAY

Go to a safe room, basement, or storm cellar.



If you can safely get to a sturdy building, do so immediately.

If there is no basement, get to a small, interior room on the lowest level.



Do not get under an overpass or bridge. You're safer in a low, flat location.

Stay away from windows, doors, and outside walls.



Watch out for flying debris that can cause injury or death.



Use your arms to protect your head and neck.

HOW TO STAY SAFE WHEN A TORNADO THREATENS



Know your area's tornado risk. In the U.S., the Midwest and the Southeast have a greater risk for tornadoes.

Know the signs of a tornado, including a rotating funnel-shaped cloud, an approaching cloud of debris, or a loud roar—similar to a freight train.

Sign up for your community's warning system. The Emergency Alert System (EAS) and National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration (NOAA) Weather Radio also provide emergency alerts. If your community has sirens, become familiar with the warning tone.

Pay attention to weather reports. Meteorologists can predict when conditions might be right for a tornado.

Identify and practice going to a safe shelter for high winds, such as a safe room built using FEMA criteria or a storm shelter built to ICC 500 standards. The next best protection is a small, interior, windowless room in a sturdy building on the lowest level.

Consider constructing a safe room that meets FEMA or ICC 500 standards.



Immediately go to a safe location that you identified.

Take additional cover by shielding your head and neck with your arms and putting materials such as furniture and blankets around you.

Listen to EAS, NOAA Weather Radio, or local alerting systems for current emergency information and instructions.

Do not try to outrun a tornado in a vehicle.

If you are in a car or outdoors and cannot get to a building, cover your head and neck with your arms and cover your body with a coat or blanket, if possible.



Keep listening to EAS, NOAA Weather Radio, and local authorities for updated information.

If you are trapped, cover your mouth with a cloth or mask to avoid breathing dust. Try to send a text, bang on a pipe or wall, or use a whistle instead of shouting.

Stay clear of fallen power lines or broken utility lines.

Do not enter damaged buildings until you are told that they are safe.

Save your phone calls for emergencies. Phone systems are often down or busy after a disaster. Use text messaging or social media to communicate with family and friends.

Be careful during clean-up. Wear thick-soled shoes, long pants, and work gloves.



Take an Active Role in Your Safety

Go to **Ready.gov/tornadoes**. Download the **FEMA app** to get more information about preparing for a **tornado**.



EMERGENCY DOCUMENTS CHECKLIST

IDENTIFICATION AND FAMILY DOCUMENTS

- Birth certificates
- Social Security cards
- Driver's licenses
- Passports
- Marriage papers (marriage license, divorce decree, prenuptial agreement, etc.)
- Adoption papers
- Child custody agreements
- Government civilian and/or military records (ID numbers, discharge records)
- Citizenship documents (green cards, visas, citizenship or naturalization certificates)
- Diplomas and certifications
- Photos of family members and pets
- Pet documentation (registration, vaccination, microchip tag numbers)

FINANCIAL DOCUMENTS

- Tax information (tax returns, personal and business property tax statements)
- Financial information (bank or credit union statements, credit or debit card statements, account numbers, bank contact information)
- Investment documents (portfolio summaries, stock certificates, bonds, CDs)
- Business incorporation documents (articles of incorporation, bylaws, etc.)
- Insurance info (cards and summaries for health, homeowners, life, auto, other)
- Bills and other obligations (bills, mortgages, loans, account and contact info)

PROPERTY DOCUMENTS

- Vehicle documentation (certified copies of titles, VIN numbers, registration papers)
- Real estate documents (certified copies of deeds for home and business, mortgage notes, chain of title documents)
- Appraisals (receipts or appraisals for valuable items or major purchases)
- Inventory of items in your home (photos of valuables, listing with each item's description, brand, model, serial number)

LEGAL DOCUMENTS

- Last will and testament
- Living will
- Powers of attorney
- Trust documentation
- End-of-life arrangements (letter of instruction, organ donor designation, funeral and burial contracts, obituary, death notice)

MEDICAL DOCUMENTS

- Insurance information (copy of health insurance card and policy summaries)
- Medications list (including schedules and dosages)
- Immunization records
- Allergy info
- Medical records (medical alerts, past surgeries, chronic conditions)



**MONEE
Fire Dist.
Open House**

Join the Monee Fire District on Sat., Oct. 12, 11am-3pm at Station 1, 5500 W. Main Street, Monee.

Hotdogs, popcorn and more!



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, complying with all village codes and ordinances as well as keeping up with the property maintenance which makes 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 INCHES** — Please do not blow grass clippings onto the street as it can lead to serious injuries for those that ride bicycles, motorcycles and can clog sewer drains and enter waterways causing pollution.
- **BURNING LEAVES IS PROHIBITED**
- **TRASH CONTAINERS** must be out of the public view when stored.
- **MAINTAINING YOUR PROPERTY** including fences and driveways.
- **NO STORAGE OF ANY TYPE ON SIDEWALKS OR THE STREET** including basketball hoops.
- **NO VEHICLES PARKED ON UNIMPROVED SURFACES** — Also, no disabled vehicles parked on driveways or street. Inoperable vehicles also include unregistered/unlicensed vehicles.

If you intend to take advantage of branch pick up offered by our Public Works Department, please know that they are not permitted to be at the curb more than 3 days prior to the scheduled pick up.



Selling Real Estate —

Thinking of selling your home or commercial property? Please call the Building Services for details on the required inspections or follow the link *Document Center · Monee, IL · CivicEngage (villageofmonee.org)* for more information.



Rental Property —

Prior to engaging in the business of renting any rental unit to the public, every owner of a rental property, whether occupied or vacant, shall file with the Village a completed license application and pay the appropriate fee for each rental unit.

Certificate of Occupancy: A Certificate of Occupancy includes an inspection of the unit and shall be required upon any of the following events:

1. Change of Ownership.
2. Change of Occupancy of a tenant.
3. Newly identified property as a Rental Unit.



Permits —

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. Any permitted work within the limits of the Village requires both Contractors and Subcontractors to be licensed with the Village.

For a list of contractors who have already registered with us follow the link *Resource Directory · Monee, IL · CivicEngage (villageofmonee.org)*

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



ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT



Director of Economic Development
Bill Barnes

Future Village Hall

Construction work began on the former Riverside Medical Center in July to transform this 9,000 square foot space into the new and larger Monee Village Hall. Targeted completion date is year-end. The village was very fortunate to have purchased this property for such a great price for a building that was in very excellent condition with an ideal overall layout. Once completed, the public will be invited to an open house.



Greenspace/Parks

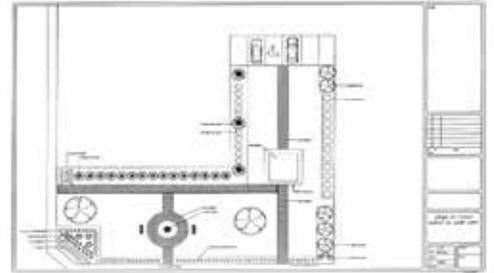
To complement Memorial Park (corner of Court Street & Governors Highway), the Village will be working with landscapers and contractors early spring to create public park space at 5511 W Court St. (south of Memorial Park).



This park space will honor Monee's namesake "Marie (Mah-nee as she was referred) LeFevre-Bailey" with a life-size bronze statue (created by Bradley University student Sydney Ryan), which will be installed in late spring 2025.



This park will also have a 20' x 20' pavilion, paver walkways, decorative ornamental lights and newly planted trees, bushes and plants. Just as commercial/industrial and residential development is important to Monee, beautification and park space for our residents is as equally as vital, and the village continues to invest in enhancing our village for a more peaceful way of life.



Retail Development

After much anticipation, excavation on this \$3 million major retailer development began in early August.

Having these two major retailers locating into Monee will lead many other restaurants and retailers into our village in the future. US Federal Properties Co. is a national developer managing this project.



Starbucks is expected to be open around Thanksgiving.



Dollar Tree opening by year-end.

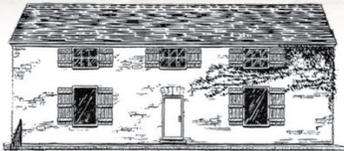
Animal Wellness Center
Of Monee
Exceeding Your Expectations

HAPPY 20th ANNIVERSARY

MONEE
CHAMBER OF COMMERCE

The Monee Chamber of Commerce would like to congratulate Dr. Wessels and her staff on their 20th Anniversary here in Monee! Thank you for taking such good care of all the animals!

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.



SHOP THE MHS GIFT SHOP

Looking for a special 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:



MHS Quilt Raffle

MHS members have been celebrating the **150th Birthday of Monee** and created 3 quilts and 2 hand-made crocheted afghans. The quilts are made with a railroad square and feather pattern to acknowledge the history of Monee. One quilt will remain the property of MHS, and you can own the other 2 and the afghans!



Tickets are \$5 each or 4 for \$18.74
(the year of incorporation).

Get your quilt tickets at MHS or on our website:

moneehistoricalsociety.com

or scan the QR code →



The drawing will be on November 9th, during the 150th Birthday Party Celebration!

Ensuring the Future by Preserving the Past

Monee Historical Society P. O. Box 171 Monee, IL 60449
www.moneehistoricalsociety.com



MONEE HISTORICAL SOCIETY

HAPPY 150TH BIRTHDAY MONEE!

Saturday, November 9 - Celebration begins at 10am

Celebrate with us on November 9th, the date Monee was incorporated in 1874, with a birthday cake fit for a sesquicentennial celebration!

Join us at the Village Hall for Birthday Cake, viewing of the time capsule and more.

**150 candles will top the cake,
and we plan to share with all.**



Children's Moo-rie Craft

Saturday, October 19

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

Trunk or Treats

Friday, October 25

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 6

HO! HO! HO! Santa is coming once again to the Monee Historical Society. Watch the village tree lighting and Santa's arrival at the village hall. Just a quick walk to MHS for photos with the man in red and to make sure you are on the nice list. Then head to the Parks building for hot chocolate and cookies! **Free event.**

The Market at MHS

Saturday, December 7 • 10am-3pm

Looking for a special holiday gift? Shop small at 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.

MEMBERSHIP HAS ITS ADVANTAGE

Become a member of MHS and join us as we welcome authors, professors, local historians and more. Each month at the membership meetings, MHS is proud to host presentations on various topics that are sure to educate and inspire you. Join us and see for yourself!

If you would like to become a member, please call us at 708-534-8635 or e-mail us at info@moneehistorical.com

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. We are currently gathering the list for the 2025 History Book Club.

**WATCH OUR WEBSITE
AND FACEBOOK FOR
ADDITIONAL EVENTS!**

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.*

Don't have a library card?

Apply online for a digital card to access eBooks and Online Resources on our website:
peotonelibrary.org/resource

With your digital card the Library is open 24/7. If you have a physical library card you can already access our e-collection.



Just a few of our many e-books, streaming and databases available.



Providing Personal Life-Long Learning and Discovery



CALLING ALL VETERANS!

Are you a veteran or do you have a family member who is or was in the armed forces?

JOIN US!!!!

**Monee American Legion Post #1200 and
Monee American Legion Auxiliary**

We offer support, fun and friendship for veterans and their families.

We love to welcome new members!

Come check it out and see if this is the right place for you!

Meetings are held the 2nd Tuesday of every month @ 7:00 pm.

**The Auxiliary meets at Frankie's Touch of Italy
The Legion meets at Brians in the back room**



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!

Frankie's Touch of Italy
25921 Governors Hwy
Monee, IL

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



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



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.

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.

FREE!



HALLOWEEN HAPPENINGS

October 25th, 5:30pm - 7:30pm

We will have Trunk-or-Treat, Sick Dj, All-Ages Costume Contest, Candy Corn guesses contest, FREE Hot dogs, Goodie Bags, Hayrides, Games, and SO MUCH MORE!

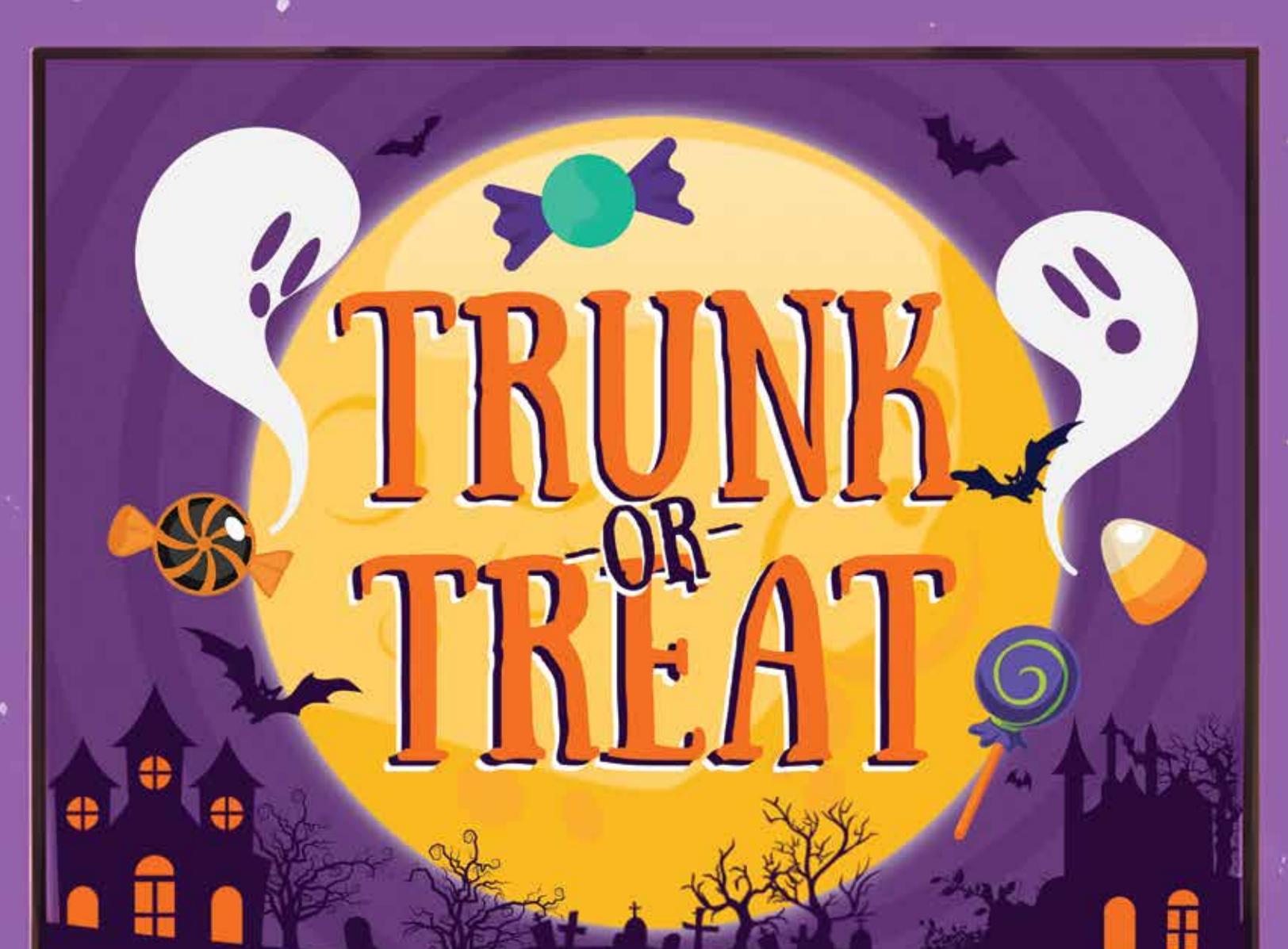
Want to join Trunk-or-Treat? Or looking for more information?
Call: 708-534-8302

NO TRICKS, JUST TREATS! JOIN US FOR A FANG-TASTIC HALLOWEEN HAPPENINGS.



Firemen's Park: 5218 W. Court
Street, Monee, IL 60449





TRUNK -OR- TREAT

October 25th, 5:30pm - 7:30pm



Love Halloween? Want to give back to your community? Maybe Network your business? No matter the reason, we need your help! Businesses, organizations, groups, families and everyone in-between are welcome to join us! Last year we had our biggest attendance of Halloween Happenings yet! We are asking participants to decorate your trunk and bring enough Candy for 1000 kids!

IF YOU WANT TO BE INVOLVED IN THIS HUGE EVENT, PLEASE CALL 708-534-8302

Firemen's Park: 5218 W. Court St., Monee IL



FREE!

HALLOWEEN Movies in the Park

Oct. 11th @ Dusk

In celebration of Halloween and Hispanic Heritage Month (9/15-10/15), we will be showing Puss in Boots: Last wish. Join Gato and Perrito on this wild journey to find the last wish! We have benches but you are welcome to bring your own seating arrangements This event is FREE and for all ages!

Call us for any question: 708-534-8302
Under the Pavilion: 5218 W. Court St., Monee IL



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

TRICK OR TREATING

HOURS
Rain or Shine

OCTOBER 31st
4-7pm

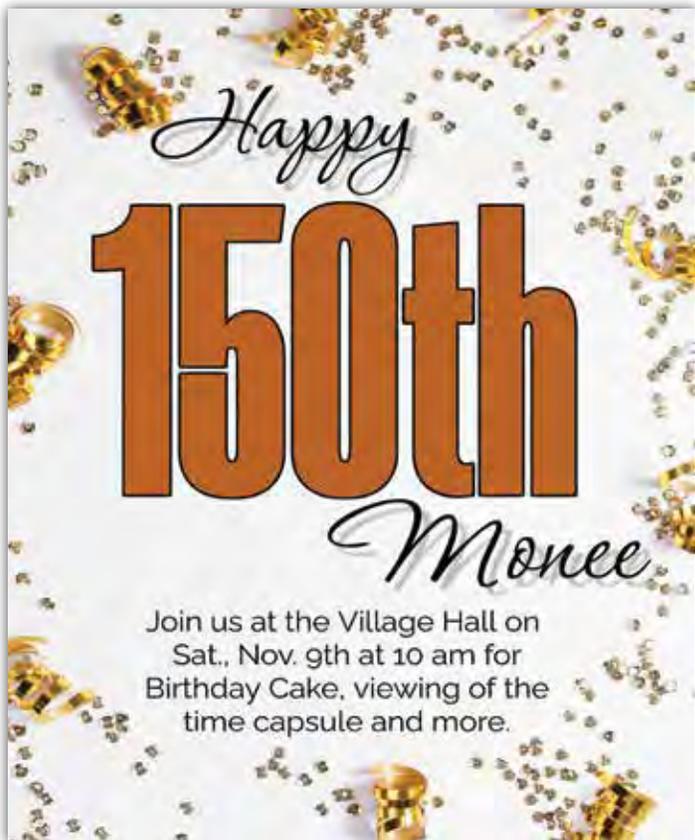




October
Awareness month
Support Expo

On Saturday October 5 - 9am-Noon
Firemen's Park, 5218 W. Court St.

Support and information for those going through, survivor or
lost someone due to breast cancer.



Happy
150th
Monee

Join us at the Village Hall on
Sat., Nov. 9th at 10 am for
Birthday Cake, viewing of the
time capsule and more.



**SCAVENGER
HUNT**

JOIN US AS WE CELEBRATE MONEE'S 150th BIRTHDAY

This FREE contest is a combination of a scavenger hunt
and research about Monee. Stop by the Village Hall or
the Park Building for the list. Deadline to complete and
turn in everything into the Village hall by Friday, Oct. 18,
4:00pm. The winner will be announced on Nov. 9 at
10am at the Village Hall.

Village of Monee's BEFORE AND AFTER SCHOOL CARE PROGRAM

Only Inside Monee Elementary School, 25425 S. Will Center Rd. Monee, IL

Grades K-5 (2024-2025 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.**

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

Each participant is required to pay a registration fee of \$30.

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

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

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

CALL or EMAIL Parks & Recreation Department for more info 708-534-8302



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.





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!

Youth 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.

Instructor: Master Washington

- Day:** Every Tuesday - 4-Week Sessions
- Time:** 5-6pm
- Ages:** 5-13
- Fee:** \$30 per session

Youth Cooking Class

Chef Tierra will teach kids to create their own food from scratch! Max class size is 10 students. Call the Parks & Recreation office for student allergies.

- Day/Time:** Fridays 5-6pm
- Ages:** 5-15
- Fee:** Prices will vary depending on the class

~ **SPRING SESSION** ~

Dance Class for Children and Teens

- Dates:** January 18th – April 12th, 2025
- Day/Time:** Saturdays 9:00am - 10:45am
- Ages:** 4-14
- Fee:** \$60 per 12-week session.

Registration Starts November 18th - Ends January 10th

Yoga

Yoga has been around for thousands of years, providing aid to a healthy lifestyle. Yoga burns calories, tone muscles, limbers soft tissues and gets the added benefit of relaxing the mind. This class will be appropriate for all levels.

Instructor: Maria

- 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

HIIT Fitness

High-Intensity Interval Training is a type of interval training exercise. It incorporates several rounds that alternate between several minutes of high intensity movements to significantly increase the heart rate to at least 80% of one's maximum heart rate, followed by a short period of lower intensity movements. Please wear athletic wear and shoes you like to move and sweat in. Also, bring a towel and a water bottle.

- Days/Time:** Wednesdays - 6:00-6:45pm
Saturday - 8:00-8:45am
- Ages:** 18 and Older
- Fee:** \$40 for a 4-Week Session
\$7 Drop-In

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.

- Day:** Every Monday - 4-Week Sessions
- Time:** 5-6pm
- Ages:** 14 & Older
- Fee:** \$30 per Session

Adult Co-Ed Dodgeball League

This is a 7-week league. Relive your memories of middle school gym class with our Co-Ed dodgeball league. You won't be able to dodge having a good time! **No Drop-Ins!**

- Dates:** January 14th - February 25th, 2025
- Day/Time:** Tuesdays 6:30pm - 8:30pm
- Ages:** 18 & Older
- Fee:** \$10 per player
\$50 per team (Min. 6 players: Max. 8 players)

Registration Starts October 21st - Ends December 30th



NEW DAYS TUESDAYS & THURSDAYS

Senior Fitness

Our senior fitness class will help motivate and inspire you to reach or maintain your fitness goals.

Days/Time: Tuesdays & Thursdays 8:00-8:45am

Ages: 50 & Up

Fee: \$35 for a 4-Week Session
\$7 Drop-In

SENIOR LUNCHEONS

*Join us for Entertainment
and Lunch . . .*

**Luncheons at Fireman's Park Building
NOON-2pm • \$7 per person**

OCTOBER 23rd —

Fried chicken.

Performance by Todd Beebe

Registration deadline is October 18

NOVEMBER 20th —

Turkey and sides.

Performer TBA

Registration deadline is November 15

DECEMBER 11th —

Ham and sides.

Performance by Crete-Monee Choir

Registration deadline is December 6

Please list any allergies when registering

SENIOR BINGO

THURSDAYS

SEPT 19	SEPT 26
OCT 10	OCT 31
NOV 7	NOV 21
DEC 5	DEC 12
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11AM-12:30PM
FIREMEN'S PARK
5218 WEST COURT STREET, MONEE

**GREAT PRIZES!
FUN FOR ALL!**

Monee Parks & Recreation

CLOTHING & TOY DRIVE

Get ready Monee! Our annual Toy and Winter clothes drive is coming up soon! We only accept new toys and clothes. All donations go to help the families and children of Monee Elementary! More info to come! Please keep an eye on our website and Parks & Recreation Page for more info!

Nov. 11th - Dec 13th
Questions call us at 708-534-8302

www.Villageofmonee.org

HOLIDAY EVENTS

HOLIDAY GIVING PROGRAM

Collection dates: **November 4 - December 13.**

This Holiday season the Village of Monee will have several opportunities for residents to help those in need. 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.



FOOD DRIVE

Donate non-perishable items for local families in need.



TOY DRIVE

Toys go to families in need at Monee Elementary School



KIDS! WRITE A LETTER TO SANTA!

November 1 - December 15

Children of Monee can write a letter to santa with your christmas wishes. Santa's mailbox will be made available by the elves at the Monee Village Hall at 5130 W. Court Street.

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 6th

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 Nov. 27th.

Village Of Monee and Parks & Recreation presents

Tree Lighting Ceremony

With Santa & Mary Pearson Holiday Luminaries

Friday, Dec 6th at 6pm

Join us at the Village Hall to help Santa light the Christmas Tree and view the beautiful Mary Pearson's Holiday Luminary display. Afterwards come join us at the Parks Building and Heritage Center for refreshments and family fun! There will be free opportunity to take pictures with Santa, bring your cameras!

Monee Village Hall
5130 W. Court St., Monee IL 60449
For more info contact: 708-534-8302

Breakfast with Santa

DECEMBER 7th • 8am to 11am

JOIN MONEE PARKS & RECREATION AND SANTA FOR BREAKFAST AT SCHOOPS! WE WILL BE SERVING PANCAKES, SAUSAGE AND BEVERAGE. FREE PHOTO OPPORTUNITIES WITH SANTA. WE WILL ALSO HAVE OUR TOY DRIVE AT THE EVENT!

Pay at the Village Hall
Adult: \$10
Children: \$8
\$2 off when you donate a New, Unopen toy. Limit one per person.

Contact us at: 708-534-8302

Schoop's
5701 W. Monee Manhattan Rd.
Monee 60449

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