

Winter  
2025

VILLAGE OF  
**Monee**

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



*Happy  
New Year!*



Mayor  
Dr. Therese M. Bogs

*Monee has just celebrated its 150th anniversary, and as we head into the next 150 years, we do so with a vision of growth, safety, and excitement.*

*I encourage all residents to enjoy everything that the Village has to offer through our Parks and Rec programming, events hosted by the Monee Historical Society, and the delicious food and beverage served at our local dining establishments. There is certainly a variety for all!*

*I extend my warmest wishes to all our Village of Monee residents, families, and employees for a prosperous and successful 2025!*

*Mayor Bogs*

## 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](http://www.VillageOfMonee.org) and click on Bill Payment online.

### UPS Drop Box

The Village of Monee has a UPS Drop box in the outer driveway at Village Hall, 5130 W. Court St. Take advantage of this convenient way to ship your letters and packages. Get many necessary supplies right in the box. Various pick up times.

### Typographical Errors

Our staff has made every effort to prepare this newsletter as accurately as possible, however, errors can occur. Circumstances may require that adjustments be made to programs, fees, schedules, etc. All typographical and printing errors are subject to corrections.



**South Suburbs**  
**25711 S. Egyptian Trail, Monee IL 60449**  
**Phone: 708-534-8301 • Fax: 708-534-0694**  
**www.VillageofMonee.org**

**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](http://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](mailto: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).

## 2025 Holiday Closures

Wednesday, January 1 <b>New Year's Day</b>	Monday, May 26 <b>Memorial Day</b>	Thursday, November 27 Friday, November 28 <b>Thanksgiving</b>
Monday, January 20 <b>MLK Jr. Day</b>	Friday, July 4 <b>Independence Day</b>	Wednesday, December 24 <b>Christmas Eve</b>
Monday, February 17 <b>President's Day</b>	Monday, September 1 <b>Labor Day</b>	Thursday, December 25 <b>Christmas Day</b>
Friday, April 18 <b>Good Friday</b>	Tuesday, November 11 <b>Veterans Day</b>	

# POLICE DEPARTMENT



## Chief's Corner



**Chief**  
**Scott Koerner**

The Village Newsletter is a quarterly article that is sent to all residents with the intent of keeping our community informed. It is intended to be positive and informative. Parks have an amazing number of programs targeting all ages and interests. Their new facility is starting to take shape and will be a crown jewel of the Village's efforts to create a safe and family targeted environment. Public Works is overseeing the upgrade of our aging infrastructure and various road improvements. They too are preparing to move into a new facility that will allow them to better maintain and store their growing equipment list. Equipment that just happens to be essential to keeping our roads clear, our water flowing and our neighborhoods clean and safe.

It seems like we need to contribute to the positive vibes that are popping up all over Monee. No negative crime stats. No tales of misery and woe. Everybody here is 'Officer Friendly', at your service. We can start with our new School Resource Officer! We have dedicated an Officer to be present and active within the walls of the Monee Elementary School. Studies show that the positive interaction of law enforcement with children as young as five years old can have a lasting effect on their future choices. That is an investment into our future and the future of these children. Plus, there is that little bonus of having an on-duty Police Officer present for the safety of our little ones. We are certainly proud of working with the Crete Monee School District to get this program moving forward.

As we continue to grow, we find it more and more necessary to coordinate with other agencies. This has led to our active participation with the Will County Major Crimes Task Force and the Illinois Law Enforcement Alarm Systems. We help other agencies when they call, knowing they will reciprocate when we are the ones in need. Our Officers meet all of the state's mandated training deadlines, and advanced training in truck enforcement and use of force are standard at MPD. Critical incident response training as well as handling those in mental health crisis are priorities and we continue to exceed the state standards. We now have a supervisor assigned to assure us that our training is second to none. That same Sergeant is also actively seeking

and applying for available grants. We just received a grant for new radios and a second grant for new protective equipment. Nearly \$25,000 in savings to our community. Many more are in the process.

On a sidenote, we were denied a federal grant to supplement our manpower. Apparently, our crime rate was too low. I think we can live with that rejection.

We are also hiring both new applicants and lateral transfers. We will have an Officer graduating from the Academy in late December and two more Officers are expected to begin training in January of 2025. It is very likely we will be testing again in 2025, and we continue to accept applications from qualified Officers for lateral transfers. Our IT department has committed an intern to help us handle all the new body cameras and upgraded in-car video systems. Computer upgrades and expansions are also on the schedule. This will take a big burden off our patrol officers who are currently helping with court reporting and IT needs.

The new year means the Village will start exploring options to build a new Police Station. The current facility is a converted factory and is starting to show signs of infrastructure deterioration. It is poorly designed and lacks sufficient storage. When it was converted, there were eight police officers in Monee. We have tripled in size and will probably double again in personnel over the next ten years. A new facility is becoming a critical need. We want to be ahead of the curve.

We have a very busy year coming up. And with all the aforementioned activities on the schedule, they are still secondary to our primary mission. To Protect and Serve. It should be and will be our strongest attribute. We have several open investigations that are waiting on lab results, records request and prosecutorial review. We have increased truck enforcement and traffic concentration patrols. Our patrol staffing reflects targeted enforcement and strong presence in the areas with the most need. We participate in several community events and maintain a presence whenever a local event is planned. Our Officers are also active off duty, supporting several charities and working with our community. We are excited for the future of our department, because it is a reflection of the future of our entire Village.

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

## The world according to Sgt. Jamal Martin



**Sgt.**  
**Jamal Martin**

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



### 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**





Director of Economic Development  
**Bill Barnes**

## Monee Featured on WGN Radio!

Mayor Therese Bogs, Trustee Heidi Gonzalez and Economic Development Director Bill Barnes were interviewed by WGN Radio host Jon Hansen and were featured on "Your Hometown" segment on October 31st throughout the day online and on radio. Also interviewed and featured were Dr. Lynlee Wessels of Animal Wellness, Ben Morrall, President of Voortman Steel, and Christy Holsten of the Monee Historical Society. According to WGN staff, they said "Mayor Bogs was the nicest mayor that they've interviewed in their 96 episodes that they've aired over eight years. Way to go Mayor Bogs! Video and radio interview spots are

featured on our village website homepage. In addition to reaching thousands of viewers, we also reached tens of thousands of listeners in the airing of seventy :30 radio commercials promoting our Fall Festival and economic growth opportunities in Monee.



## Voortman Steel Groundbreaking

On October 29, 2024, Voortman Steel held their official ground-breaking ceremony for Phase One of their 120,000 square foot office/manufacturing facility located on the former Rainbow Farms property. Guest speakers included: Marc Voortman (Global CEO); Ben Morall (Voortman Steel U.S. President); Governor, JB Pritzker; State Representative, Jackie Haas; Doug Pryor (Director of Will County Economic Development).

Phase One of this development will cost \$50+ million dollars (includes a \$10 million grant for State of Illinois), and will begin construction Spring 2025. Voortman Steel is a global manufacturer of industrial CNC machines and conveyor systems, and currently

has just one 1 million square foot manufacturing facility in The Netherlands. Monee will become their first and only U.S. manufacturing and corporate headquarters, and will employ an additional fifty or so employees beyond their current 70 employees in their current 20,000 square foot facility on Industrial Drive.

Voortman's expansion will bring more skilled technical careers, international visitors, and an increase to our tax base, and will bring greater exposure to our community for many years to come. We appreciate Voortman Steel making their decision to remain and expand in Monee, and not move out of state!

## Dollar Tree/Starbucks Development Update

As of early December, exteriors of both buildings were up, so that work can continue on the inside during the winter. Once the developer has completed their portion of the project, Dollar Tree and Starbucks will then continue onward, completing the interior of the buildings. Businesses should be open to customers in late winter/early spring.

One thing to point out is that Starbucks or Dollar Tree only locate to towns and locations where they see growth. Certainly one can clearly see as you drive through Monee... our village is growing and improving... especially over the last year!

For people interested in employment, visit Dollar Tree and Starbucks' websites to apply.



## Words from the Clerk —



Village Clerk  
**Doneshia Codjoe**

### Happy Winter Monee!

We have made it through 2024 and whether it was challenging or smooth sailing, Happy New Year! Here's to another opportunity to go for it and give it all you've got. Let's make the decision to be more intentional and be a better version of ourselves. I'm thankful for our community and the growth thus far. There's much more to be done and I encourage everyone to look past the distractions so that we can work together towards a better future of our Village with the AWESOME resident voices in it.

Peace and Blessings,  
*Clerk Codjoe*

## The Consolidated Election date is April 1, 2025.

**Please get out to VOTE!**

### Voters Registration

Illinois residents may register to vote online, in person or by mail.

#### In Person:

Anyone wanting or needing to register to vote can do so at the Monee Village Hall during normal business hours of Monday – Friday from 9:00am to 5:00pm with a Deputy Registrar.

\*Driver's license facilities with a Deputy Registrar  
\*Will County Clerk's Office

Acceptable forms of identification for registering can be found on the Will County Clerk's website at [www.willcountyclerk.gov](http://www.willcountyclerk.gov) (voter services)

#### Online:

You can register online at <http://www.elections.il.gov/votingandregistrationsystems/register.aspx> (Illinois State Board of Elections Website)

Registration is closed during the 27 days prior to an election however, one can still register in person on Election Day under the guidelines of Grace Period Registration.

## Important Upcoming Dates for the Consolidated Election

**Jan 2:**  
First day to apply for Vote by Mail

**Feb 20:**  
First day to Vote by Mail or Early Vote

**March 4:**  
Regular Registration closes

**March 5:**  
Grace Period Registration opens

**March 7:**  
First day to Vote by Mail or Early Vote if primary held

**April 1:**  
**ELECTION DAY!**

# VILLAGE OF Monee MEMORIAL PARK

The Monee Memorial Park is a newly created serene park located in the heart of Monee at the corner of Governors Highway and Court Street. Mayor Bogs, the Board of Trustees and village administration continue their work to enhance our small but ever-growing village to make this an even more beautiful place for our residents to live.

This park serves as a meaningful tribute to current residents or a family member who has passed. Engraved In Memoriam walkway pavers and tree plaques offer a way to honor and remember loved ones. Whether you're seeking solace, a quiet place to reflect, or just a beautiful outdoor setting to enjoy, this space has something to offer for everyone.



## 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 temp mail boxes you can use until your mail box can be fixed. If your mail box is down, please contact the public works department at 708-534-8306.

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

## Spring Cleaning Tips

All of this winter weather could mean damage to your yard. Here are some tips to clean up your yard and prevent winter yard damage:

### Clean up rock salt and other deicing products

Using rock salt, ice melt, and other liquid or solid products to deice the sidewalk or the street may be important in the winter to keep you from falling or sliding around on the roads. Some of the products can potentially cause damage to your greenery. When the snow starts to melt, make sure that you clear off the deicing materials off your lawn, shrubs and trees to protect against any winter yard damage. Apply gypsum to the areas of the lawn where road salt or salt from the driveway or sidewalks may have made contact.

### Prune trees and shrubs

You many have put burlap around your trees or shrubs to protect them from the worst of the winter. If so, now is a great time to remove the burlap. However, winter storms may have done damage to the shrubs or trees in your yard. Make sure that you clean up your yard by pruning any branches damaged by the winter, so that new growth can take its place.

### Remove dead materials and litter

One of the pitfalls from winter is that many things may blow onto your lawn that do not need to be there. Once the snow melts, you may see that litter has made it onto your lawn. Obviously, you need to clean it up. Other things you will need to remove include things like leaves, pinecones, fallen tree branches, and dog waste that may have ended up on your lawn.

### Trim back perennials and remove annuals

Cut back the dead leaves and branches on your perennials to ensure future growth. In addition, if you have some annuals that you did not remove in the fall, now would be a good time to do so. Many of this plant material could end up in your composting bin.

### Control weeds

If you did not get rid of any existing weeds at the end of fall, apply weed controls when temperatures are 50 degrees or higher. Do not put the weeds, though, in the compost pile, as they could sprout and overwhelm your yard.

### Fertilize for spring

Now is a good time to start on spring fertilizing to get your yard ready for summer enjoyment. Use a fertilizer, which includes crabgrass preventer. Follow label directions to avoid over fertilization.



## Furnace Maintenance

It is always a good idea to call a licensed HVAC contractor to have your furnace checked for the winter season. Furnaces have numerous items that can go wrong and that can affect your life safety. So have them checked! And along with the furnace, ensure all your CO2 Detectors are functioning properly!

## Fireplace Safety Reminder

**Know the type of fireplace that is installed in your home (gas, log, electric) and protect it by:**

- ▶ Keep flammable and combustible articles at least three feet away from the open fire
- ▶ Make certain that your smoke detectors are working
- ▶ Always use a fireplace screen in front of your fireplace
- ▶ Always supervise children when using your fireplace

### Keep fireplaces clean:

- ▶ Have your chimney thoroughly cleaned and inspected at least once a year. Make sure that the flue is carefully inspected both inside and out
- ▶ Burn only hard woods as they contain smaller amounts of creosote, a black tarry substance that can block passageways and/or easily ignite
- ▶ Put cool ashes in a metal container when you clean out your fireplace
- ▶ Never leave a fire in your fireplace unattended
- ▶ Burn only seasoned firewood
- ▶ Never burn paper, charcoal or rags
- ▶ When using artificial logs, burn only one at a time

## General Reminders to keep Monee beautiful and a desirable community:

- ✓ No storing of inoperable vehicles in view of general public
- ✓ All vehicles must be parked on impervious surfaces
- ✓ No blocking the sidewalk with your parked vehicles or other items
- ✓ Store your trash bins out of public view
- ✓ Maintain your property including fences and driveways

## Monee Based Businesses

License Renewals are due!! Along with the renewals are the required annual inspection,

Please call to schedule yours as soon as possible after making payment for the license renewal!!

## Residents & Business Owners

As we approach that time of year where we have to find a place to relocate the fallen snow, please remember:

Per Section 5-3-14: No person, firm, corporation, or institution, public or private, shall plow or remove or cause to be plowed or removed ice or snow from any shopping center, parking lot, commercial or institutional service area or driveway or any other public or private service area or driveway and deposit such ice or snow on a public highway or dedicated right of way, or along the shoulder or edge of a public highway or dedicated right of way. Said prohibition shall be applicable to residential driveway or sidewalk.

## Permits

Please check with the Building Services Department before starting your next project to verify if a permit is needed. Failure to obtain a permit when required may result in fines and penalties.

By following code guidelines, your project will meet the minimum standard of safety and will be less likely to cause injury to you, your family and future owners.

Additionally, all General & Sub-contractors are required to be licensed, bonded and insured with the Village of Monee.

## Resale & Rentals

All residential and commercial/industrial properties are required to have an Occupancy Inspection PRIOR to the closing of the sale. Rentals are required to have an Occupancy Inspection performed PRIOR to a new tenant move-in!



## WINTER WEATHER SAFETY FOR YOU AND YOUR FAMILY

### BEFORE A WINTER STORM

Before the storm strikes, make sure your home, office and vehicles are stocked with the supplies you might need if stranded in a winter storm. Know how to dress for varying degrees of cold weather.

#### AT HOME AND WORK.

- ✓ Your primary concerns at home or work during a winter storm are loss of heat, power and telephone service and a shortage of supplies if storm conditions continue for more than a day. In either place, you should have **Home & Work Winter Storm Survival Kit**.

#### IN VEHICLES.

- ✓ Before you leave the house, call 511 for the latest traffic weather conditions. **TAKE IT SLOW IN THE SNOW.**
- ✓ Fully check and winterize your vehicle before the winter season begins. Carry a **Car Winter Storm Survival Kit**.

#### ON THE FARM, PET OWNERS.

- ✓ Move animals to sheltered areas or bring pets inside.
- ✓ Haul extra feed to nearby feeding areas.
- ✓ Have water available. Most animals die from dehydration in winter storms.
- ✓ Make sure pets have plenty of food, water, and a warm shelter.

### DURING A WINTER STORM

When caught in a winter storm, there are life-saving actions you can take to protect yourself outside, in a vehicle and inside your home or office.

#### OUTSIDE

- ✓ **Find Shelter.**
- ✓ **When There Is No Shelter Nearby:** Build a simple temporary shelter or snow cave for protection from the wind.
- ✓ **Melt Snow for Drinking Water:** Eating unmelted snow will lower your body temperature.
- ✓ **Exercise:** From time to time, move arms, legs, fingers and toes vigorously to keep blood circulating.

#### IN VEHICLES

- ✓ Slow down!
- ✓ Make sure your vehicle is completely clear of ice or snow before starting the trip.
- ✓ Let someone know where you are going and what route you will take.
- ✓ Don't leave the house without the following: a fully charged mobile phone, car charger, and a emergency supplies kit in your car.
- ✓ If your car gets stuck during a storm, stay in the vehicle!
- ✓ Run the motor about 10 minutes each hour for heat.
- ✓ Clear snow from the exhaust pipe to avoid gas poisoning. While running the motor, open the window a little for fresh air to avoid carbon monoxide poisoning.
- ✓ Turn on the dome light at night when running the engine.
- ✓ After snow stops falling, raise the hood to indicate you need help.

#### INSIDE

**Stay Inside:** When using a fire place, wood stove, space heater, or other heating device, use fire safeguards and properly ventilate. If you have a gas furnace, make sure it is not blocked by a snowdrift. If you have an upstairs gas furnace that vents out the roof, you may need to turn off the upstairs unit the snow melts from your roof.

### AFTER A WINTER STORM

Caution! Winter Storm Dangers Linger

When the snow and ice melt, it's tempting to relieve that cabin fever and hit the roads. But melting snow can cause floods, partially cleared roads may be icy or blocked, and creeks and rivers often overflow from the rush of melting snow and ice. Heavy snow may have knocked down power lines and caused gas leaks, both of which can be deadly, but are not obvious at first glance. Follow the tips below to stay safe.

- ✓ Stay Informed. Stay tuned to your local news or 511 for updated information on road conditions.
- ✓ Avoid Flooded Roads and Heed Road Danger Signs.
- ✓ Check Your Home, Contact Family and Isolated Neighbors.
- ✓ Roadway Hazards.



## National Weather Service revises watch, warning and advisory products for cold

### Hazard Simplification project seeks to simplify weather messaging

Cold weather can be deadly – people exposed to extreme cold are susceptible to frostbite and can succumb to hypothermia in minutes. So as we prepare for the frigid wind chills and sub-freezing temperatures that winter can bring, NOAA's National Weather Service is simplifying a suite of cold weather forecast products to improve messaging of winter hazards and provide better decision support.

This effort is part of the Hazard Simplification initiative which integrates public and partner engagements and social science research to improve and evolve our alerting system.

#### The following changes went in place on October 1:

##### Extreme Cold Consolidation and Renaming

- ✧ Wind Chill Watches will be renamed to an **Extreme Cold Watch**
- ✧ Wind Chill Warnings will be renamed to an **Extreme Cold Warning**
- ✧ Wind Chill Advisory will be renamed a **Cold Weather Advisory**

##### Freeze Consolidation

- ✧ Hard Freeze Watches will be renamed to a **Freeze Watch**
- ✧ Hard Freeze Warnings will be consolidated to a **Freeze Warning**

These changes seek to clarify that cold can be dangerous with or without wind, addressing a common misconception that extreme cold is only tied to colder temperatures when there is wind. Dangerously cold weather can accompany or follow wintry precipitation, and the cold messaging can be overshadowed by the wintry precipitation.

<h4>EXTREME COLD WATCH</h4> <p>An Extreme Cold Watch is issued when dangerously cold air, with or without wind, is possible.</p> <p>Check the forecast, and be prepared in case a Warning is issued.</p> <p><b>Be Prepared</b></p>	<h4>EXTREME COLD WARNING</h4> <p>An Extreme Cold Warning is issued when dangerously cold air, with or without wind, is expected.</p> <p>Conditions could lead to frostbite or hypothermia. Limit time outside, dress in layers, and cover up exposed skin.</p> <p><b>Take Action!</b></p>
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## 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](http://moneechamber.org) and connect with us on Facebook.

## Happy New Year!

Last year the Village celebrated its 150th anniversary and now moves forward into the New Year. The village would like to thank all residents that participated in the property tax rebate program last year.

The village levy was passed October 2024, the Village Mayor as well as the Board of Trustees voted not to increase the Village of Monee's portion of your tax bill. The village has been very fortunate that the village levy has not been increased in over 4 years.

Many residents inquire about how their tax bills are calculated as well as how those tax dollars are utilized. To calculate your tax bill there are a few terms that need to be understood.

### TERMS YOU SHOULD KNOW WHEN CALCULATING YOUR TAX BILL:

**Equalization Factor:** the factor that must be applied to local assessments to bring about the percentage of increase or decrease that will result in an equalized assessed value equal to one-third of the market value of taxable property in a jurisdiction. The equalization factor is a multiplier used to ensure that the total equalized value, or EAV, of real estate property in all Illinois counties equals 33 1/3 percent of the fair market value. This process is known as inter-county equalization. Each county is assigned its own equalization factor. The equalization factor does not cause taxes to go up or down.

**Equalized Assessed Value:** the assessed value multiplied by the state-certified equalization factor minus any exemptions. Tax bills are calculated by multiplying the equalized assessed value by the tax rate.

**Exemption:** a reduction in the assessed value of a property. Will County offers many exemptions, including a general homestead exemption and exemptions for senior citizens, veterans, and disabled persons.

**Levy:** the amount of money a taxing body certifies to be raised from the property tax.

**Market Value:** the most probable sale price of a property in a competitive and open market, assuming that the buyer and seller are acting prudently and knowledgeably, allowing sufficient time for the sale, and assuming that the transaction is not affected by undue pressures.

**Tax Rate:** the amount of tax due stated in terms of a percentage of the tax base within a certain tax code.

#### To calculate your tax bill, follow these steps:

(Your home's market value / 3) x Equalization Factor  
(1.014) - Exemptions = Equalized Assessed Value

(200,000/3) x 1.014 - 0.00 (No Exemption) =

(66,666.66) x 1.014 = 67,599.99

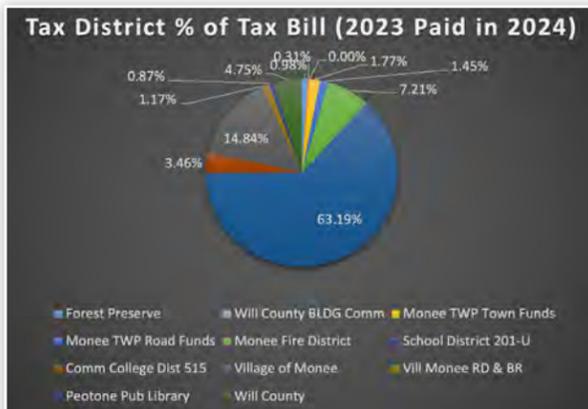
The properties equalized assessed value is \$67,599.99

#### Calculate the tax bill as follows:

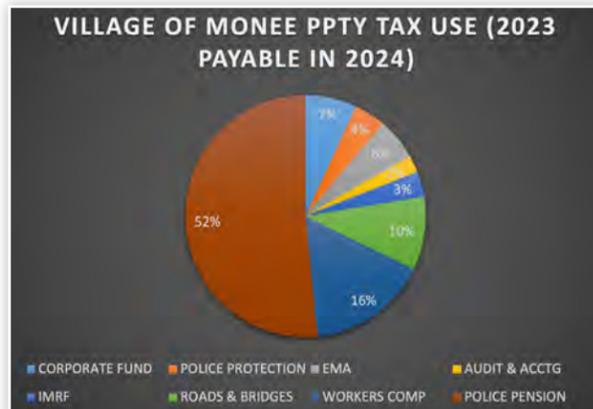
Equalized Assessed Value x Tax Rate (13.6690%)

67,599.99 x 13.6690% = 9,240.24 Tax Due

#### TOTAL TAX BILL (TAXING DISTRICT PERCENTAGE)



#### HOW VILLAGE OF MONEE TAXES ARE EXPENDED:



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MONEE HISTORICAL SOCIETY

The Monee Historical Society is committed to the preservation of Monee's history and the life of our community. The Historical Society and its dedicated volunteers are located in the Monee Heritage Center at the Creamery at Fireman's Park on Court Street in the village.

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, and on Saturdays, once a month from 10:00 AM - 3:00 PM. Please check our website for those dates. Other open times are available by calling 708-534-8635.

#### Ensuring the Future by Preserving the Past

P.O. Box 171 Monee, IL 60449

[www.moneehistoricalsociety.com](http://www.moneehistoricalsociety.com)



#### 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](mailto:info@moneehistoricalsociety.com)

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



#### Upcoming Events:

##### The Hidden Prairie

Did you know that one of the last remaining nature prairies is right here in Monee? We are honored to have Judith Wallace from the Will County Forest Preserve District to bring the topic to life. Judith will be with here during the 1st quarter of the year to bring her personal experience with the prairie and the efforts being made to preserve its natural state. Watch our Facebook page for more details. You don't want to miss this.

##### Women's History Event

During the months of February and March, MHS will once again have our Great Quilt Display along with women's vintage clothing. Every year the collection grows, and we are proud to be able to display them for all to see. With 2 floors, we can showcase many different styles and times. Be sure to stop in and see for yourself.

##### Stitches

New to MHS and the Peotone Public Library District is the Stitches Club. Gather with friends, old and new, as we share the talents of embroidery, knitting, crochet or any other crafting talent you may have. Meetings are on the second Wednesday of every month at 6:00 pm, starting January 8. No experience is necessary, if you are open to a new crafting experience!

##### Fund-raiser at Frankie's Touch of Italy

Mark your calendar for Thursday, January 30 to let Frankie's do the cooking. Any purchase made; Frankie's has graciously agreed to donate a portion of the receipts to MHS.

#### 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

New to MHS and the Peotone Library District is the Classic Book Club! Featuring books like The Great Gatsby, Anne of Green Gables and many others, that are sure to bring generations of book readers to MHS. Check our website for titles of the current readings.

Still a favorite is the MHS History Book Club, held on the first Thursday of every month at the Monee Heritage Center. We are currently gathering the list for 2025. January is Readers Choice. Bring your favorite in to discuss.



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

**HOURS:**

**PRESERVE:**

April-October:  
6 a.m.-Sunset

November-March:  
8 a.m.-Sunset

**VISITOR CENTER**

Closed December - February

**Open Tuesday-Sunday from:**

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

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

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

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

**Monee Reservoir Preserve is Open Year-Round**

While Monee Reservoir Visitor Center is closed for the winter season until March 1, the 248-acre Monee Reservoir Preserve remains open year-round. The preserve, which is open 8 a.m. to sunset through March, features 1.66 miles of natural surface trail, ideal for hiking, running, cross-country skiing, snowshoeing, geocaching and wildlife viewing. Fishing is allowed year-round, but ice fishing is not allowed.

**Book a Shelter in 2024**

If you want to book a Forest Preserve picnic shelter in 2025, including the Bluegill Hill and Catfish Corner shelters at Monee Reservoir, permits go on sale Jan. 1. Picnic permits can be purchased online at [ReconnectWithNature.org](http://ReconnectWithNature.org) or in person at visitor centers.

**Dog Park Permits**

2025 dog park permits went on sale Nov. 1 and can be purchased online or at a visitor center, including Plum Creek Nature Center, which remains open year-round. The Forest Preserve has six off-leash dog parks including one at Plum Valley Preserve in Crete Township.

**Winter Walkers**

**Goodenow Grove Nature Preserve, Crete Township**  
**Saturday, January 4 — 9:30-11:00 a.m.**

Join a naturalist at different forest preserves in Will County throughout January and February. You can find the full lineup of all eight Winter Walkers programs on the Forest Preserve's Event Calendar at [ReconnectWithNature.org](http://ReconnectWithNature.org). Free, all ages.

**Winter Sowing**

**Plum Creek Nature Center**  
**Tuesday, February 4 — 6:00-7:30 p.m.**

Follow along step by step to create your own mini greenhouse from upcycled household materials. Choose from a selection of native seeds or bring your own to plant. All materials will be provided. Ages 16 or older; \$5 per person. Register by Feb. 2.

**Winter Walkers**

**Thorn Creek Woods Nature Preserve, Park Forest**  
**Saturday, Feb. 16 — 1:00-2:30 p.m.**

Want a little nature in your winter? Looking to explore the preserves? Get outside, trek the trails and enjoy the magic of the season! Free, all ages. Register by Feb. 14.

**Building a Bird-friendly Backyard**

**(Zoom webinar)**  
**Wednesday, Feb. 26 — Noon-1:00 p.m.**

Learn the do's and don'ts for birdhouses and bird feeders. Free, all ages. Register online by Feb. 25.

**Maple Syrup Magic**

**Plum Creek Nature Center**  
**Saturday, March 15 — 10:00 a.m.-2:00 p.m.**

Learn how American Indians and settlers perfected syrup making. See first-hand how it's made, find maple trees on-site, and try real maple syrup. History has never been sweeter. Free, all ages.

*Save the Date*

**Surf and Turf Concert**  
July 13

**National Night Out**  
August 5



**MONEE ALLIANCE OF CHURCHES DIRECTORY & INFORMATION**

**Family of Faith**

6645 West Steger Road  
Monee, IL 60449  
708-235-1901  
[fofc.org](http://fofc.org)

**Living Creek Christian Church**

4820 W. Court St.  
Monee, IL 60449  
708-672-6515  
[www.livingcreek.org](http://www.livingcreek.org)

**Monee Free Methodist Church**

25528 S. Willow Creek Ln.  
Monee, IL 60449  
708-534-5683  
[www.moneefree.com](http://www.moneefree.com)

**New Hope Christian Community Church**

4700 W. Court St.  
Monee, IL 60449  
708-235-0995  
[Newhopechristiancommunitychurch.org](http://Newhopechristiancommunitychurch.org)

**Second Place Church**

25528 S Willow Creek Ln  
Monee, IL 60449  
217-212-4902  
[secondplacechurch.com](http://secondplacechurch.com)

**St. Boniface Catholic Church**

5304 W. Main St.  
Monee, IL 60449  
708-534-9682  
[stbonifacemonee.org](http://stbonifacemonee.org)

**St. George Coptic Orthodox Church**

4601 W. Pauling Rd.  
Monee, IL 60449  
708-534-6003  
[www.stgeorgechicago.org](http://www.stgeorgechicago.org)

**St. Paul's United Church of Christ**

5323 W. Margaret St.  
Monee, IL 60449  
708-534-8471  
[stpaulsmonee.org](http://stpaulsmonee.org)

**Trinity Christian Church**

26900 S. Will Center Rd.  
Monee, IL 60449  
708-941-7900  
[trinitymonee.com](http://trinitymonee.com)

**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](mailto: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**



**PEOTONE PUBLIC LIBRARY**  
515 N. First St. Peotone, IL  
708-258-3436

Did you know you have a library? Most of Monee falls under the Peotone Public Library District.

- Copying, Printing, & Faxing
- Storytimes
- Genealogy Resources
- Study/Meeting Rooms
- Homeschooling Resources
- Stitch Club
- Book Clubs
- Author Presentations
- DVDs
- Museum Passes
- E-Books

And so much more!

## HISTORIES FOR KIDS PRESENTS

SUPERHEROES THEN AND NOW

March 13th, 6 PM

*Registration is required.*

Visit [www.peotonelibrary.org](http://www.peotonelibrary.org) for more information.

### ADULT WINTER READING

Beginning in January of 2025, track your reading and earn tickets to win prizes at the Peotone Public Library.

### DIGITAL LIBRARY CARDS

Interested in e-resources such as audiobooks? Apply for a Digital Library Card online for access to a limited catalog.



### LIBRARY HOURS

- MON: 9:30 AM - 8:00 PM
- TUES: 9:30 AM - 8:00 PM
- WED: 9:30 AM - 8:00 PM
- THUR: 9:30 AM - 8:00 PM
- FRI: 9:30 AM - 5:00 PM
- SAT: 9:30 AM - 3:00 PM

## HEALTHY STARTS WITH WIC

The Will County Health Department's Woman, Infants, and Children Supplement Nutrition Program (WIC) provides **wholesome food, nutrition education, breastfeeding support, health care referrals, and more** for income-eligible women who are pregnant or post-partum, infants, and children up to 5 years old.



### Our Locations

- Joliet - Main Office**  
501 Ella Ave. Joliet, IL 60433  
815-727-8524
- Bolingbrook - Northern Branch Office**  
323 Quadrangle Dr. Suite 335 Bolingbrook, IL 60440  
630-679-7010
- Monee - Eastern Branch Office** 5601 W. Monee-Manhattan Rd. Suite 110 Monee, IL 60449  
708-534-5777

### WANT MORE INFO?

To have a WIC representative contact you, provide your contact information by scanning the QR code with your phones camera.



Follow our Facebook page!



This institution is an equal opportunity provider.



EVERY WEDNESDAY 8AM-4PM

Will County Community Health Center- Monee Site

## PRIMARY CARE

For All Ages, 0-100+

- Illness Care
- Well-Woman Care
- Routine Physical Exams
- Immunizations
- School & Sports Physicals
- STI Testing
- Laboratory Testing
- Health Insurance Enrollment Counselors (last Wednesday of every month)  
\*Call 815-774-6090 to learn what to bring\*

### CONTACT US

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

Medicaid, Medicare, Private Insurance, and some HMO's and PPO's Accepted & Discounts for Uninsured using sliding fee scale (based on income & family size)

### Will County Health Department Immunizations

Clinics wherever you live to get all vaccines!

- Joliet- 501 Ella Ave**
- Bolingbrook- 323 Quadrangle Dr**
- Monee- 5601 W. Monee-Manhattan Rd**

Call 815-740-8143 for an Appointment!

Able to help the uninsured & underinsured. Medicaid, Medicare PPO and BCBS PPO is accepted.

# JANUARY IS RADON ACTION MONTH

Avoid this radioactive cancer-causing gas with easy & cheap DIY test kits to test your air at home.



Will County Health Department & Community Health Center  
 MORE INFO [www.willcountyhealth.org](http://www.willcountyhealth.org)

## WINTER SELFCARE CHECKLIST

- ✓ Take a long walk in the snow
- ✓ Make hot cocoa with family or friends
- ✓ Create an at-home spa day
- ✓ Get cozy with a good book
- ✓ SCHEDULE ANNUAL WELL-WOMAN APPOINTMENT

BEGIN THE NEW YEAR WITH SOME SELF CARE AND WELLNESS. CALL YOUR PROVIDER TO BOOK YOUR WELL-WOMAN APPOINTMENT TODAY!

NEED A PROVIDER? NEED HEALTH INSURANCE? WE CAN HELP! CALL 1-815-727-8670

FOR MORE INFORMATION ABOUT WELL-WOMAN VISITS- SCAN OUR QR CODE




Will County Health Department & Community Health Center  
 Funding provided in whole or part by the Illinois Department of Public Health, Illinois Title V Program

### It's time for my FREE Developmental Screening!!

WHAT'S A DEVELOPMENTAL SCREENING?

Scan QR Code to watch a great video for more information & to find free developmental screenings in Will County!




Funding provided in whole or part by the Illinois Department of Human Services

### THANKS! FROM: THE BOTTOM OF YOUR LUNGS

QUITTING ISN'T EASY- BUT FINDING HELP TO GET STARTED CAN BE

FOR HELP QUITTING, CALL THE ILLINOIS TOBACCO QUITLINE 1-866-784-8937 OR VISIT [QUITYES.ORG](http://QUITYES.ORG)



Will County Health Department & Community Health Center

## HOMETOWN HEROES MILITARY BANNERS

### A SALUTE TO OUR LOCAL HEROES

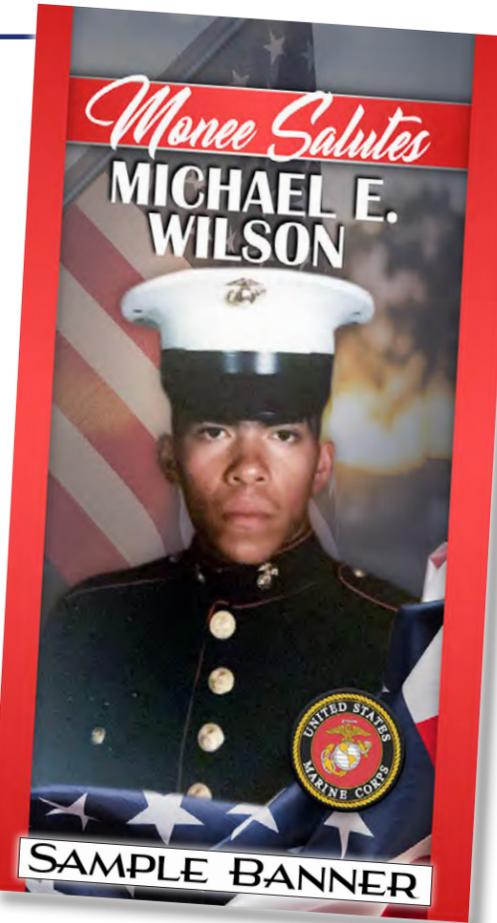
*The Village of Monee is proud to honor Hometown Heroes who have served or are currently serving our country in the U.S. Military. This Hometown Heroes program will serve as a small token of our gratitude.*

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

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



### 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.

## 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)

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

<b>After School</b>	\$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

<b>Before and After School</b>	\$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

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.

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



### Let's Get Squirrely!

**SQUIRREL!** Let's make a squirrel friend for you to keep company! Your kids will love some stuffing fun with this basket! Supplies include squirrel, fluff to stuff, a wishing star, and a birth certificate. *Maximum is 12. Limited supplies.*

**Location:** Fireman's Park-Kitchen  
**Age:** 5-12  
**Day:** Monday  
**Date:** January 6  
**Time:** 5-6pm  
**Fee:** \$7 - Walk-in \$11

### Young Rembrandts Kids Drawing Club

Does your child already like to draw? Does your child want to learn to draw something new and exciting each week? Young Rembrandts is coming to the Village of Monee to not only teach kids how to draw but also how to properly color with markers, color pencils, fine-tip markers and even putting a creative spin on coloring with crayons. Throughout the entire school year, each week will feature a different subject matter, different coloring method that has been kid-tested, kid-approved. All supplies provided. Pictures go home same day. Come join the drawing fun! *Walk-ins are NOT ACCEPTED. Registration closes the Monday prior to the class start.*

**Instructor:** Young Rembrandts Staff  
**Grade:** 1st-6th  
**Location:** Fireman's Park-Kitchen  
**Day:** Wednesday  
**Date:** January 22 - February 26  
 March 5 - April 16  
*\*No class on 3/26*  
**Time:** 6-7pm  
**Fee:** \$72

### Valentine's Day Cup!

Come join us in personalize your own cup for Valentine's Day! The children will be able to color the design that goes around the small cup for themselves or someone special. You will also get a Valentine's Day treat! It is a reusable cup for years of fun! *Must sign up before February 4. Supplies are limited, don't delay to register!*

**Location:** Fireman's Park  
**Age:** 4-8  
**Day:** Thursday  
**Date:** February 6  
**Time:** 5-5:45pm  
**Fee:** \$7

### Family Bowl Day!

New! Looking for something to do with your family? Look no further. Join us at Tinley Bowl for bowling! The fee includes bowling, shoe rental, pizza, and pop! *The deadline for this event is Monday, January 27th, or when it is full. We will not be accepting any walk-ins. The maximum for this event is 30 people.*

**Location:** Tinley Bowl:  
 7601 183rd St., Tinley Park  
**Age:** All  
**Day:** Saturday  
**Date:** February 8  
**Time:** 11:30am-1:30pm  
**Fee:** \$22

### Banking 101

Meet with a banking manager from Old National Bank. You will learn about how to open a bank account, how to write a check, and how to balance a checkbook.

**Instructor:** Old National Manager  
**Location:** Fireman's Park  
**Age:** 9-12  
**Day:** Wednesday  
**Date:** February 12  
 March 19  
**Time:** 5-6pm

**Fee:**

### Cooking Classes

Chef Tierra William will teach kids how to cook from scratch! Max class size is 10 students. Walk-ins are highly discouraged. Call Parks and Recreation office for student allergies.

**Instructor:** Chef Tierra  
**Location:** Fireman's Park  
**Age:** 5-15  
**Day:** Fridays  
**Date:** Varies  
**Time:** 5-6pm  
**Fee:** Varies

### Black Success and Empower Expo

Highlighting black-owned businesses and successful African Americans in the Community.

**Location:** University Town Center  
**Day:** Saturday  
**Date:** February 15  
**Time:** 11am-2pm

### Teen Finance Seminars

Edward Jones is committed to improving financial education within the communities we serve, with a strong focus on teenage learners, so that the next generation has the resources they need for a stronger financial future.

**Instructor:** Edward Jones  
**Grade:** 9th-12th  
**Day:** Mondays  
**Time:** 5-6pm (all dates)  
**Fee:**

### Financial Fitness: Power of Budgeting

**Location:** Fireman's Park  
 5218 W. Court St.  
**Date:** March 3

### Foundations of Investing Basics

**Location:** Old Village Hall  
 5130 W. Court St.  
**Date:** March 10

### Edward Jones Perspective Update

**Location:** Fireman's Park  
 5218 W. Court St.  
**Date:** March 17

**CRETE-MONEE UNIVERSITY PARK BASEBALL**

## BASEBALL & SOFTBALL REGISTRATION

**9:00AM-12:00PM**

JANUARY 11TH 2025  
JANUARY 18TH 2025

REGISTER TODAY  
FIREMEN'S PARK:  
5218 W. Court St., Monee IL.

## Shamrock Search

Lucky the Leprechaun is coming to town! Let's go on a hunt find all the shamrocks he left for us to find! Maybe you will even find the luckiest one of all! We will be doing a craft and enjoying a leprechaun's favorite treats! This is a drop-off program. Please let us know if your child has any allergies. We will not accept walk-ins for this event. *Register before March 3rd.*

**Location:** Fireman's Park  
**Age:** 5-9  
**Day:** Monday  
**Date:** March 10  
**Time:** 6-7:30pm  
**Fee:** \$15

## Dance Class for Children & Teens: Spring Session

**Dates:** January 18th – April 11th, 2025  
**Day/Time:** Fridays 5:30-7pm  
**Ages:** 4-14  
**Fee:** \$60 per 12-week session. **No Drop-Ins!**  
*Registration Ends January 10th*

## Monee Youth Co-Ed Basketball

**Dates:** April 1st – May 29th, 2025  
**Day/Time:** Tuesdays & Thursdays 6:30–8:30pm  
**Ages:** 7-11  
**Fee:** \$65 per player **No Walk-Ins!**  
*Registration Starts January 13th Ends March 14th*

## 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:** 4:45-5:30pm  
**Ages:** 5-13  
**Fee:** \$30 per session

## 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.

**Instructor:** Master Washington  
**Day:** Every Monday - 4-Week Sessions  
**Time:** 6-7pm  
**Ages:** 14 & Older  
**Fee:** \$30 per Session

## 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

## 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



Monee Parks & Recreation

# BREAKFAST BINGO

Thursdays @ 10:30am-12:00pm

Come join us for this FREE Senior Bingo! We will have Free Refreshments, Great Prizes, and Fun for all! For Ages 50+. This event isn't limited to Monee Residents.

JANUARY 9TH  
 FEBRUARY 6TH  
 MARCH 20TH  
 APRIL 10TH

FREE

Thank you to our Sponsor

**FIREMEN'S PARK:**  
 5218 W. COURT ST., MONEE IL

## SENIOR LUNCHEONS

Calling all Monee residents 55+ years young!

### JOIN US FOR ENTERTAINMENT AND LUNCH...

#### JANUARY —

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

#### FEBRUARY —

**Date:** Wednesday, Feb. 12  
**Time:** Noon-2pm  
**Location:** Firemen's Park Bldg.  
**Fee:** \$7.00 per person

#### MARCH —

**Date:** Wednesday, March 12  
**Time:** Noon-2pm  
**Location:** Firemen's Park Bldg.  
**Fee:** \$7.00 per person

*\*Please list any allergies when registering\**

2nd Annual  
**BLACK HISTORY SHOWCASE**  
Feb. 1st 2025, 1pm-3pm

Let's Celebrate diversity and inclusion this February with our Black History Showcase event! We will have GSU Dance Company, Village Of Monee Youth Dance Team, G-Mar and so much more! All Ages are welcome! Tickets on sale starting Nov. 25th. You can purchase tickets at the Village of Monee Hall or Villageofmonee.org.  
**Fee: \$7 / \$5 W/Student ID**

**GSU DANCE COMPANY**

**FEATURING: G-MAR FROM 3 PIECE**  
NEW SINGLE ON POWER 92

Location: Sherman Hall (Governors State University)  
Building E1530 GSU  
1 University Parkway, University Park 60484

Monee Parks & Recreation  
**FAMILY BOWLING DAY**  
FEB. 8TH, 11:30AM - 1:30PM

New! Looking for something to do with your family? Look no further. Join us at Tinley Bowl for bowling! This family event is perfect for everyone of all ages! The fee includes bowling, shoe rental, pizza, and pop! The deadline to register for this event is Monday, January 27th or when it is full. We will not be accepting any walk-ins. The maximum for this event is 30 people!

**FEE : \$22 PER PERSON**

Contact us: **708-534-8302** Location: Tinley Bowl  
**7601 183rd St., Tinley Park, IL 60477**

VILLAGE OF Monee  
PARKS & RECREATION  
**Women's HISTORY MONTH**  
MARCH 15TH, 11:30AM - 2:00PM

The Village of Monee will celebrate the contributions and achievements of Women in Monee and our surrounding communities. This event is not limited to Monee residents.

All Ages Welcome  
**FREE**

**Monee Elementary**  
25425 S. Will Center Rd.,  
Monee IL 60449  
708-534-8302

VILLAGE OF Monee  
PARKS & RECREATION  
**HOCKEY NIGHT**  
MARCH 28TH @ 7:30PM  
CHICAGO UNITED CENTER

**\$175 PER TICKET**  
(\$40 Food & Beverage Credit included)  
Transportation is not included  
Section 211 Row 7 & 8

Original Ticket Price: \$205  
Limited Tickets for sale. Don't delay!  
To buy tickets visit Monee Village Hall! First come first serve! Last day to purchase is March 14th.  
Contact us if you have questions: 708-534-8302

**2ND ANNUAL BLACK SUCCESS EMPOWERMENT EXPO**  
SATURDAY FEBRUARY 15, 2025  
11AM-2PM  
90 TOWN CENTER UNIVERSITY PARK, IL

HIGHLIGHTING BLACK-OWNED BUSINESSES SUCCESSFUL AFRICAN AMERICANS IN THE COMMUNITY

SAVE BY: **JANUARY 27, 2025**

MUSIC FOOD SPEAKERS SHOPPING

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VILLAGEOFMONEE.ORG  
(708) 534-8302

VILLAGE OF UNIVERSITY PARK  
WWW.UNIVERSITY-PARK-IL.COM  
708-534-6451

VENDORS & SPONSORS ARE NEEDED  
SPACE IS LIMITED  
\$20.00 PER SPACE

**SOUL FOOD CELEBRATION**  
FEB, 22ND 1PM-3PM  
**FREE**

Come join us in celebrating African Americans' many achievements, culture, and history with our Soul Food Celebration. There will be Monee Youth Dance Class, music and more! Afterward we will continue the celebration at Granny Ma's. This event is for all ages and is open to non Monee Residents.

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**EASTER Breakfast**  
Saturday, April 5th 8am-11am

Come join us for Breakfast with the Easter Bunny. Serving pancakes, sausage, and a beverage for an egg-cellent meal!

**Adult \$8 | Children \$6**  
Purchase Tickets at the Monee Village Hall  
**Schoop's** Contact us: 708-534-8302  
5701 W. Monee Manhattan Rd. Monee, IL 60449

**FREE! EASTER EGG HUNT**  
April 12th 9:30am to 10:30am

Come join us for an egg-sclusive Easter event! We will have an assortment of activities hopping around!

9:30am Pooch Pics | 10:00am Refreshments | 10:30am Egg Hunt

Presented by Village of Monee Parks & Recreation and The Monee Alliance of Churches

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5130 W. Court St. | Monee, IL 60449

## ATTENTION

**The Monee Village Hall at 5130 W. Court Street will close to village business permanently at 5 p.m. December 31, 2024\***  
Business will resume on January 6, 2025 at the new village hall, 25711 S. Egyptian Trail.



*Village Administrator Ruben Bautista said, "We are excited about this move and the opportunities it presents to better serve our community. We appreciate the public's understanding and patience during this transition."*

**The Court Street building is expected to become the new location for the Monee Parks & Rec department.**

*\*Due to the upcoming closure of the current village hall... and relocation to the new village hall... the village will be canceling the board meeting originally scheduled for January 8, 2025.*

SAVE THE DATE

**MOVIES  
IN THE PARK**

WISH - JUNE 11TH  
LILO & STITCH - JUNE 25TH  
HOW TO TRAIN YOUR DRAGON - JULY 16TH  
ELF - JULY 30TH  
LYLE LYLE CROCODILE - AUG 13TH

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