

Fall 2025

VILLAGE OF *Monee*

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

villageofmonee.org



Mayor
Dr. Therese M. Bogs

What a great summer we have had in Monee! Fall Fest was such fun and we hope everyone was able to enjoy all of its offerings! As summer comes to a close, and we look forward to a fruitful fall and holiday season, we want to highlight a few of the many amazing things the Village has completed: The opening of Starbucks, Dollar Tree, and the new Marie LeFevre Bailly Park, complete with bronze statue, are additions we are proud to bring to Monee.

Phase 1 of Fireman's Park has also been completed as well as the new DPW building. Continued sidewalk placement promotes connectivity within our Village, providing safe routes for pedestrians to travel. The Village continues towards growth and development and is excited to see Tractor Supply completed in the coming months.

There are always numerous events happening within the Village, so please be sure to read the newsletter, cover to cover, to get the information you need regarding these activities and events!

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

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 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: 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 in the Board Meeting room at Monee Parks & Recreation Admin Building, (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).

2025 Holiday Closures

November 11	Veterans Day
November 27 & 28	Thanksgiving
December 24 & 25	Christmas (Observance)
December 31 & January 1	New Year's (Observance)



Chief's Corner



Chief
Scott Koerner

It was a safe and peaceful summer to hang out in Monee. Gotta like that!!! Our next mission is to continue this trend through the holiday season. Holidays tend to add a greater and disproportionate degree of stress on most communities as get-togethers increase, expenditures take off, families gather, and scammers target the charitable. For many people, extreme emotions and depression go hand in hand with Christmas. A holiday that is defined by

the joy of giving and the celebration of beliefs and families, can often become overwhelming for those who are alone or in need. We are your Police Department. Our number one mission is to Protect and Serve. Everyday when we head out on patrol, our goal is to be the line between good and bad. That often means more than catching bad guys! We have a book in our patrol operations room that is dedicated to providing assistance for those in need. From Chicago to Joliet to Kankakee, there are dozens of organizations that are willing to lend a hand to those in need or provide guidance for those who have lost their way. Our own Monee Alliance of Churches is a major player and has helped a number of residents without fanfare. We have contacts for Veterans, for Alzheimer patients, those with Autism, the elderly, the children, the poor, the abused and those who just need someone to talk to. We stay in contact with animal shelters and can recommend services. This is a daily part of our job. It has always been. While legislators and their 'new' ideas are popping up in the public safety sector regularly, the Patrol Officer just continues to do what he has always done... handle it.

A Police Officer understands that he often wears a variety of hats, from peacekeeper to social worker and confidant, to dog catcher and marriage counselor. At least in this day and age we are more prepared and better trained. We understand signs and symptoms of those who are in despair or dealing with mental health issues. We understand better ways to communicate and listen. We understand that our community

needs us to be leaders in compassionate care. When you sign up to be a cop, they really can't explain the huge variety of situations and personalities you are going to encounter. You can have all the advanced training in the world and all the great minds of political leadership, but the only real lessons will be learned on the street. And that should cover your first couple of hours on the beat. Don't forget to check those stop sign violators, monitor the kids when school gets out and follow up with the neighbors on those car burglaries. And if your getting hungry, eat fast. You never know what's coming over the radio next.

This year violent crime continues to drop and remains much lower than years past. We have been able to maintain a high degree of effective and proactive initiatives. Our stats say that we are doing a much better job than many of our neighbors. We are almost fully staffed for the first time in several years. Monee is a safe community because of the support of the Mayor and Village Board, as well as the buy-in of the community. Our crime solve rate is among the best. It's up to us to utilize the resources provided and have a strong and constant presence. Unfortunately, we can't be everywhere all the time... that's where you come in!!

Finally, I feel like a broken record. We have lost count of the number of scams that are occurring every day. From construction fraud, bank fraud and internet phishing to phone solicitors and fake everything. It is becoming more and more difficult to decipher the legitimate from the criminals. We will help. Don't give your personal information, bank info, credit card stuff or anything similar to anybody you don't know and haven't verified. If you're not sure, call us. We may not have the answer, but we can find someone who does... just another hat we are wearing.

Be Safe, Be Courteous, Be Smart. Happy Holidays!!

Sgt. Cancialosi's Best Advice:



Sergeant
Cancialosi

We've made the change into our winter uniforms and prepped all our gear for the typical Illinois weather..... which means pack everything!! Don't go out 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 be as late as 7pm as circumstances warrant.
- Water main flushing will continue every weekday until we have flushed our entire distribution system. We estimate that the entire process will take 3-4 weeks to complete.
- Depending on a number of factors, a water main may take a matter of minutes to run clear, and sometimes can be a matter of hours. Mains are flushed continuously until the water runs clear, therefore it is difficult to establish an accurate timeline not only for completion, but for informing residents of exactly when their area will be flushed. Please keep in mind that the attached schedule is an estimate, and exact dates and times are subject to change as conditions warrant.
- **PLEASE WATCH FOR SIGNS IN YOUR NEIGHBORHOOD.** Areas scheduled for flushing will have signs posted at least 24 hours in advance to inform residents.
- During and after flushing, if you encounter discolored water, please open a cold water tap and let the water run for 5 minutes. If the water does not run clear after 5 minutes, shut the water off, wait 30-45 minutes and repeat. Do not run water constantly for hours, as this is wasteful and ineffective.
- If possible, avoid running hot water taps while the water is discolored. This will help keep sediment from settling in your water heater.
- To avoid staining, do not wash clothes when flushing is occurring in your area, or any time water is discolored.

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

PUBLIC WORKS DEPARTMENT

Why is Fall Clean Up Necessary?

The benefits of fall yard cleanup are many: It helps shield your grass from smothering during winter, prevents pest infestation, enhances soil fertility, and supports a healthy ecosystem. Plus, a clean yard now means less work in spring and a nice-looking landscape. Too many leaves on your lawn before winter can harm the grass. Cleaning up leaves stops snow mold, a winter-loving fungus, from attacking your grass. Clearing your lawn of dead grass or thatch in the fall gives new sprouts room to grow. They don't have to battle for sun, water, or nutrition. Without the layer of leaves and debris, the ground warms up faster. This makes for an earlier and healthier start for your garden plants.

Clean gutters and drainage areas help water flow freely, stopping floods or ice dams.

When Should You Clean Up Your Yard In Fall?

Start your fall cleaning once most of the leaves are off the trees, generally in late October or November. Aim to clean up after most leaves have fallen but before it starts to snow.



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 1 day prior to the scheduled pick up.

What Can I Flush Down the Toilet?

Just because something can be flushed down the toilet does not mean it should be. Only flush the 3 P's: pee, poo, and paper (toilet paper). Toilet paper is specifically designed to break down in the water. Although paper towels, napkins, and facial tissue appear to be the same material, they do not disintegrate in water like toilet paper. Any items flushed other than toilet paper can create costly clogs in your home pipes, our community sewer pipes, and our water reclamation facilities. The U.S. Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) encourages all Americans to only flush toilet paper, not disinfecting wipes or other non-flushable items that should be disposed of in the trash.



DO NOT Flush These Items Down the Toilet:

- Disinfecting, Baby, or Flushable Wipes
- Paper Towels
- Facial Tissue/Napkins
- Cloth/Towels
- Feminine Care Products
- Medicine

What Can I Pour Down the Drain?

Dispose of all fats, oils, and grease in the garbage. This includes butter, cooking oils, fry oil, oils, diaries, and grease left from cooking meat and/or anything else that gels or solidifies at room temperature. While these will go down the drain or toilet when warm or with soap, but as they cool or mix with water they solidify in your pipes creating a clog that is very messy and difficult to remove.





Where does the litter go when it snows?

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- **Decomposition slows:**
Cold temperatures and thick snow cover drastically slow the decomposition process for all types of litter, even biodegradable waste.
- **Frozen mess:**
As temperatures fluctuate around the freezing point, materials like paper, cardboard, and pet waste can freeze and become locked in place by layers of ice and snow.
- **Difficult cleanup:**
Litter frozen in snow is difficult or impossible for municipal services to clean up until the spring thaw.

A wave of pollution in the spring. When the snow finally melts, it creates a wave of polluted runoff that poisons local ecosystems and water sources.

- **Contaminates drinking water:**
As snowmelt flows over roadways, sidewalks, and lawns, it picks up trash, pet waste, automotive fluids, and road salt. This polluted runoff then enters storm drains and makes its way into rivers, lakes, and other sources of drinking water.
- **Harms aquatic life:**
The influx of contaminants can create a toxic shock for waterways. Salts increase salinity levels, and decaying pet waste releases ammonia, both of which are harmful to fish and other aquatic life.
- **Injures wildlife:**
Animals can become tangled in discarded items like plastic rings or mistaken plastic bags and other trash for food. Ingesting litter can lead to internal injuries, illness, or starvation.
- **Concentrate pollutants:**
Snow plowing into large piles for disposal becomes a hotspot for contaminants. When these piles melt, they release a concentrated dose of pollutants, including heavy metals, chemicals, and microplastics, which can poison local ecosystems.



PUBLIC WORKS DEPARTMENT



Please Check Your Mailbox Before the Snow!

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.

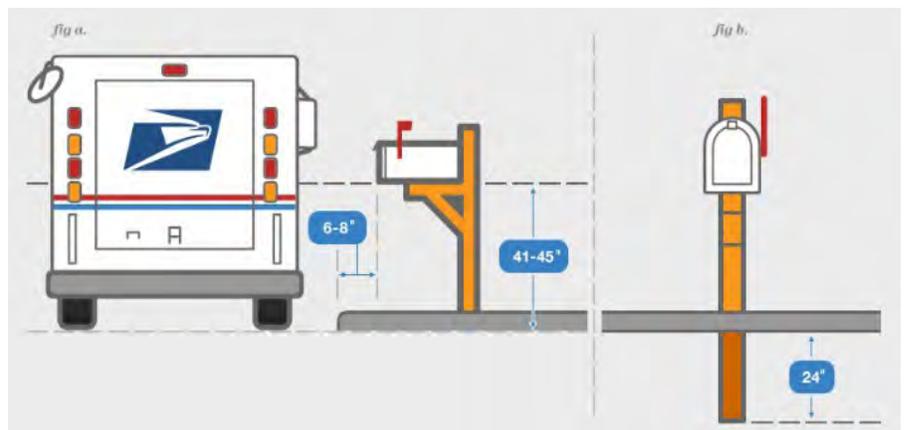
If a mailbox is damaged from snow coming off a plow blade, the Village will not replace the mailbox. In case of an emergency, we have a limited amount of temporary mailboxes you can use until your mailbox can be fixed. If your mailbox is down, please contact the public works department at 708-534-8306.

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.

Too often, mailboxes are sticking out too far into the road or they are not installed correctly or the posts are not in good condition. It is not always a plow that is the cause of your mailbox coming down.

Here are some helpful guidelines to follow when placing your mailbox:

- Position your mailbox 41" to 45" from the road surface to the bottom of the mailbox or point of mail entry.
- Place your mailbox 6" to 8" back from the curb. If you do not have a raised curb, contact your local postmaster for guidance.



EMERGENCY MANAGEMENT AGENCY



National Weather Service



WILDFIRE SAFETY FOR YOU AND YOUR FAMILY

PREPAREDNESS

Prepare long before the threat of a wildland fire so your home or business is ready in case of a fire:

- ✓ Create defensible space by clearing brush away from your home.
- ✓ Use fire-resistant landscaping and harden your home with fire-safe construction measures.
- ✓ Put together a basic emergency supply kit. Check emergency equipment, such as flashlights and generators. See [Ready.gov](https://www.ready.gov) for tips on preparing an emergency kit.
- ✓ Plan escape routes and make sure all those residing within your home or business know the plan of action.
- ✓ Before an emergency happens, sit down with your family or close friends and decide how you will get in contact with each other, where you will go, and what you will do in an emergency. Keep a copy of this plan in your emergency supplies kit or another safe place where you can access it quickly. Start at the [Ready.gov](https://www.ready.gov) emergency plan web page.
- ✓ Review your insurance policies to ensure that you have adequate coverage for your home and personal property.
- ✓ Understand NWS forecast products, especially the meaning of NWS watches and warnings. **See back of brochure.**

GET SET - BE AWARE

- ✓ Pack your emergency items.
- ✓ Stay aware of the latest wildfire news and information from your local National Weather Service office and local government emergency management office.
- ✓ Find out what type of emergencies could occur and how you should respond.
- ✓ Listen to NOAA Weather Radio or other radio or TV stations for the latest news.
- ✓ Follow instructions issued by local officials and leave immediately if ordered!
- ✓ If NOT ordered to evacuate, use battery powered flashlights. **Do NOT** light campfires, candles or anything else that could start a fire.
- ✓ If you smoke, be sure to extinguish your cigarette or cigar before disposing of it. Never throw a burning item on the ground.
- ✓ Bag-up trash, clippings and other easily flammable items.
- ✓ Fill up your vehicle in case you need to evacuate.



For more information, visit [weather.gov/safety/wildfire](https://www.weather.gov/safety/wildfire)



UNDERSTAND WILDFIRE WARNING AND WATCHES

GO - ACT EARLY!

- ✓ A big threat after the fire are snags (fire weakened trees), be aware of the threat posed by falling trees.
- ✓ Follow your personal wildland fire action plan. Following your plan will not only support your safety, but will allow firefighters to best maneuver resources to combat the fire.
- ✓ Continue listening to a NOAA Weather Radio or the local news for the latest updates.
- ✓ If you evacuate, return home only when officials say it is safe.
- ✓ Once home, drive only if necessary. If you must go out, watch for fallen objects in the road, downed electrical wires, and weakened walls, bridges, roads, and sidewalks that might collapse.
- ✓ Walk carefully around the outside of your home to check for damaged power lines, gas leaks, and structural damage.
- ✓ Stay out of any building in which you smell gas, see smoke or flames or if the building or home was damaged by fire, or if the authorities have not declared it safe.
- ✓ Carbon monoxide poisoning is one of the leading causes of death after storms in areas dealing with power outages. Never use a portable generator inside your home or garage. Review generator safety.
- ✓ Use battery-powered flashlights. **Do NOT** use candles. Turn on your flashlight before entering a vacated building. The battery could produce a spark that could ignite leaking gas if present.



Red Flag Warning: Take Action!

NWS issues a Red Flag Warning in conjunction with land management agencies to alert you to critical fire weather conditions ongoing or expected to occur within the next 12-48 hours.

Fire Weather Watch: Be Prepared!

NWS issues a Fire Weather Watch when critical fire weather conditions are possible in the next one to four days (18 to 96 hours). In cases of dry lightning, NWS may issue a Fire Weather Watch for the next 12 hours.



BUILDING SERVICES & CODE COMPLIANCE

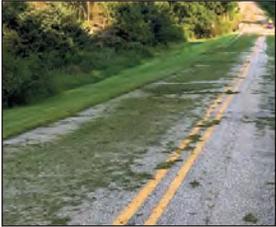
Being compliant with Village ordinances keeps Monee looking good!

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:



DO NOT RAKE OR BLOW LEAVES OR 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 OF LEAVES IS PROHIBITED

MAINTAIN YOUR PROPERTY INCLUDES:



FENCES AND DRIVEWAYS IN DISREPAIR



ENSURE YOUR ROOF IS IN GOOD REPAIR

The accumulation of snow when it comes can cause serious damage if it is in a state of disrepair.



TRASH CONTAINERS

Must be out of the public view when stored.



NO STORAGE OF ANY TYPE ON SIDEWALKS, OR STREETS

or on your property visible from the public way. Including basketball hoops.



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

Innoperable vehicles also include unregistered/unlicensed vehicles.



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

Ceremonial Statue Unveiling

Two and a half years in the works since conception, we are very proud of the completion of *Marie LeFevre (Le-Fev)-Bailly Park* and the unveiling of Monee's very first life-like statue and namesake "Marie".

On September 7, an unveiling ceremony was held at the park, located at the corner of Governors Highway & Court Street. Over 80 people were in attendance to witness the first look at sculptor Sydney Ryan's (graduate of Bradley University) vision of Marie. Her attention to fine details, and Ms. Ryan's ability to portray Marie's strength along with her open arms welcoming people into the community are quite impressive.

The park began as an idea to honor our past while creating a gathering place for the community. Thanks to the vision, artistry, and collaboration of so many, Marie LeFevre-Bailly Park now stands as a place of pride, remembrance, and as a welcoming symbol for everyone who calls Monee home as well as our visitors.



The park has a pavilion for people to gather to either enjoy a small picnic or to sit in the shade and take time to reflect on the past.



Business Community Expansion



Construction Progress

Development of Voortman Steel Group's 120,000 square foot manufacturing facility and U.S. Headquarters office are going smoothly and running on schedule. President, Ben Morrall is anticipating a Spring 2026 move-in date for their nearly 200 employees.

If you, or someone you know are interested in a career with this global manufacturer, please visit <https://careers.voortman.net>

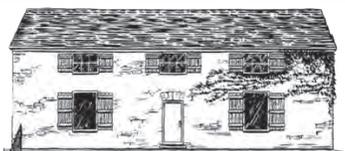
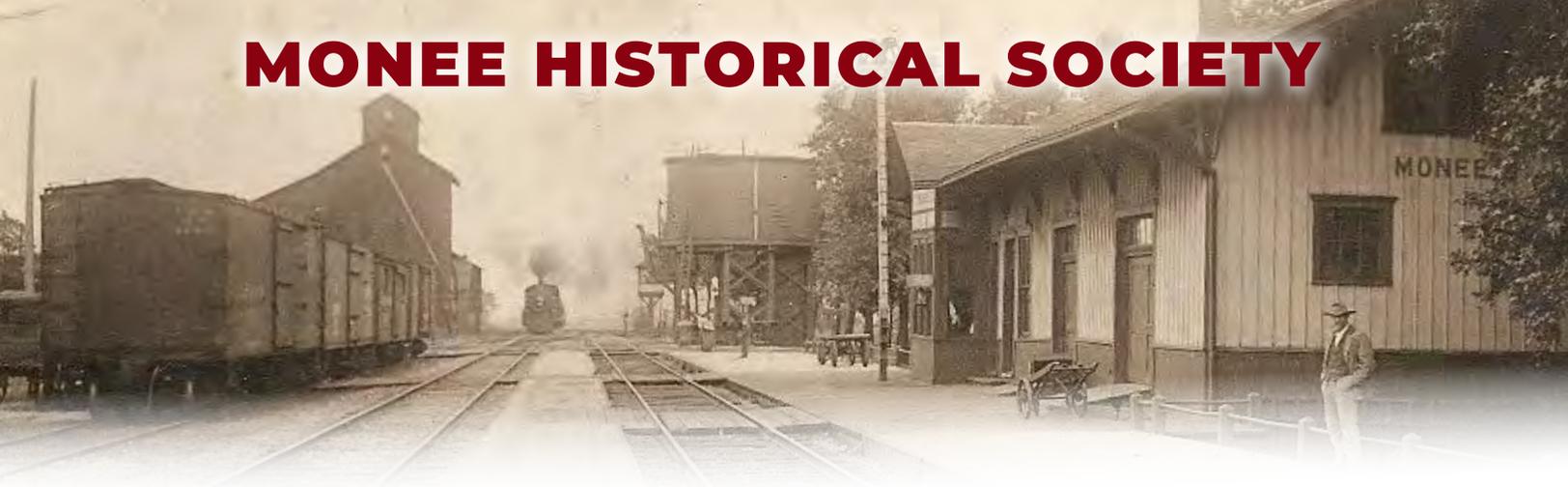
Tractor Supply Co. Progress

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

Having this major retailer 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.



MONEE HISTORICAL SOCIETY



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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.

*Ensuring the Future by
Preserving the Past*

P.O. Box 171 Monee, IL 60449

www.moneehistoricalsociety.com



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.

COME JOIN US!

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

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



Upcoming Events:

A WALK THROUGH TIME — SATURDAY OCTOBER 4 - 12:00PM

Take a walk thru St. Paul's historic landmarked cemetery, just 2 blocks from the Monee Heritage Center. Hear the stories of some of the founding settlers, then join us at the Monee Heritage Center for refreshments. While you are at MHS, spend a little time with our expert genealogy researcher and trace your family roots. Guided tour begins at 12:00 pm at St. Paul's Cemetery 5323 W. Margaret St. Monee, IL.

CHILDREN'S STORYTIME AND CRAFT — SATURDAY OCTOBER 4 - 10:00AM

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

TRUNK OR TREATS — FRIDAY OCTOBER 24

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 5

HO HO HO! Santa is coming once again to the Monee Historical Society. Watch the village tree lighting and Santa's arrival at the Parks & Rec Admin building. 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 ARTS & CRAFT MARKET AT MHS — DECEMBER 6 - 10:00AM-3PM

Looking for a special holiday gift? Shop small on Saturday, December 6th 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.

HISTORY BOOK CLUB —

The MHS History Club is going strong! On the first Thursday of every month, the history club gathers for friendship and discussion of a large array of interesting historical topics. 7 pm start. *Check our website for book titles and locations.*

IN STITCHES STITCH CLUB —

If you have an interest in knitting, crocheting, embroidery or other handiworks, consider joining the Stitches Club. Meeting on the last Wednesday of every month at MHS, this co-sponsored club is offered with the Peotone Public Library District. No cost, bring your own project to work on, No experience is necessary, all levels of expertise are invited. 6 pm start.

Words from the Clerk . . .

Attention Monee Residents 65 or older, if you haven't already, please stop up at the Village Hall to apply for a **10% discount** on the water portion of your bi-monthly, water, sewer & garbage bill.

I have been in communication with the Will County Clerk's Office and I am happy to announce that **Early Voting** will be returning to Monee for Monee Residents.

Best Regards,
Michelle Powell-Johnson
Village Clerk, Front Office Supervisor



FOR RESIDENTS' CONVENIENCE, AN ADDITIONAL DRIVE UP DROP BOX HAS BEEN INSTALLED AT 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, Fourth of July, Labor Day, Columbus Day, Veteran's Day, Thanksgiving, the day after Thanksgiving and Christmas Day.



**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 NEW website moneechamber.org and connect with us on Facebook.



515 N First St
Peotone, IL 60468

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

LIBRARY SURVEY

Please take a moment to complete our survey about library services. You will be entered into a raffle for a \$100 Amazon gift card; limit one survey per person and that person must live in our district. Raffle will end November 1st, 2025.



**SCAN THE CODE TO
TAKE THE SURVEY
ONLINE OR STOP BY
THE LIBRARY FOR A
PAPER COPY OF
THE SURVEY FOR A
CHANCE TO WIN!**

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

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



Pork Chop Dinner

Saturday, October 18, 2025

4:00 p.m. — 6:00 p.m.

Tickets \$20.00

Carry out only

Pick up in Fellowship Hall

**Includes: 2 Pork Chops, 2 sides,
Roll & Homemade Dessert**

St. Paul's UCC of Monee

5323 West Margaret St.
(708) 534-8471

27th ANNUAL
COOKIE WALK
&
WHITE ELEPHANT SALE

Fill a coffee can full of your favorite beautifully decorated home made Christmas cookies for \$13.00 , \$10.00, or \$7.00 per can!

**SATURDAY
DECEMBER 13, 2025
9:00 AM – NOON**
(or when the cookies are gone!)

**ST. PAUL'S UNITED CHURCH OF CHRIST
5323 WEST MARGARET STREET
MONEE, IL
(708) 534-8471**

Kate '05



Veterans Day Celebration

Veterans ~ Family Members ~ Community
Everyone is Welcome

Free Breakfast will be served

St. Paul's UCC of Monee would like to invite everyone to attend our annual Veterans Day Ceremony and join us in honoring our military forces: both veterans and those currently serving our country

Saturday, November 8, 2025

9:00 a.m

***St. Paul's United Church of Christ
5323 W. Margaret Street, Monee, IL***

Keynote Speaker:

***Rev. Dr. James Hunt, New Hope Christian
Community Church, U.S. Navy, Retired***

Menu

Scrambled eggs, biscuits & gravy, sausage, juice
sweet rolls, donuts & coffee

For more information contact:
St. Paul's UCC at 708-534-8471

Breakfast sponsored by:



***St. Paul's Women's Friendship Circle & Men's Fellowship
Doss-Malone American Legion Post#1200 & Auxiliary
Daughter's of the American Revolution, Sauk Trail Chapter***



Please join us as we

REMEMBER
OUR FALLEN U.S. VETERANS

HONOR
THOSE WHO SERVE

TEACH
OUR CHILDREN THE VALUE OF FREEDOM

NATIONAL WREATHS ACROSS AMERICA DAY WREATH LAYING CEREMONY

St. Paul's United Church of Christ
323 W. Margaret St, Monee

Saturday, December 13, 2025 at 11:00am

Wreaths Across America is a national program honoring every American Soldier by laying a wreath at their grave during the holiday season.

2025 marks the fifth annual Wreaths Across America sponsorship by the Monee Historical Society and St Paul's United Church of Christ, honoring local veterans and St Paul's Cemetery, a Will County Historic Landmark.

The cost of each wreath is \$17.00. Please consider buying one or more wreaths to honor an American Hero. Our goal is to again sell 100 wreaths.

TO PURCHASE A WREATH: Drop off a check at the church office made out to Wreaths Across America, or purchased online at: WreathsAcrossAmerica.org using the code ILSPCM 1 so that St Paul's Cemetery will receive your wreath for placement at this location.

Thank you,

Christi Holston
Wreaths Across America Location Coordinator
christivh@hotmail.com

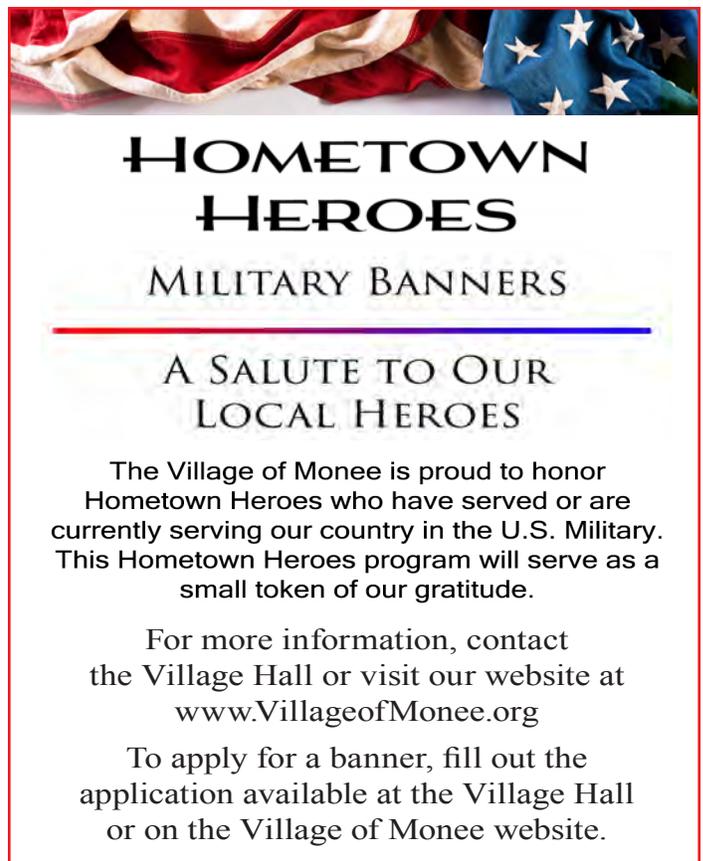


VETERANS DAY NOVEMBER 11 11AM Ceremony

Honoring all who served

Join the Monee American Legion Post #1200 in front of the Monee Parks & Recreation Admin Building. After Coffee and Donuts.

Monee Parks & Recreation Admin Building: 5130 W. Court St., Monee IL



HOMETOWN HEROES

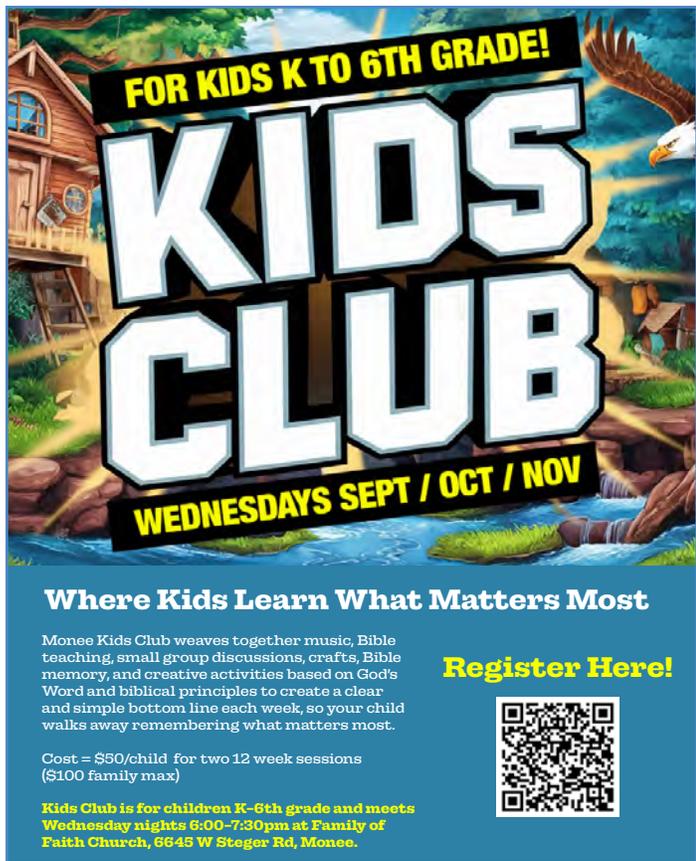
MILITARY BANNERS

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.



FOR KIDS K TO 6TH GRADE!

KIDS CLUB

WEDNESDAYS SEPT / OCT / NOV

Where Kids Learn What Matters Most

Monee Kids Club weaves together music, Bible teaching, small group discussions, crafts, Bible memory, and creative activities based on God's Word and biblical principles to create a clear and simple bottom line each week, so your child walks away remembering what matters most.

Register Here!



Cost = \$50/child for two 12 week sessions (\$100 family max)

Kids Club is for children K-6th grade and meets Wednesday nights 6:00-7:30pm at Family of Faith Church, 6645 W Steger Rd, Monee.



TICKETS ARE FREE - SCAN QR CODE

MONEE COMMUNITY KIDS CLUB PRESENTS

A VERY MERRY MONEE CHRISTMAS!

WEDNESDAY DECEMBER 3RD 6:00-8:00PM

FAMILY ACTIVITIES | REFRESHMENTS | CHRISTMAS MUSIC

CREATE A MEMORY YOUR WHOLE FAMILY WILL LOVE WITH A NIGHT OF CHRISTMAS FUN AND ACTIVITIES!

Location: 25528 S Willow Creek Ln, Monee, Illinois

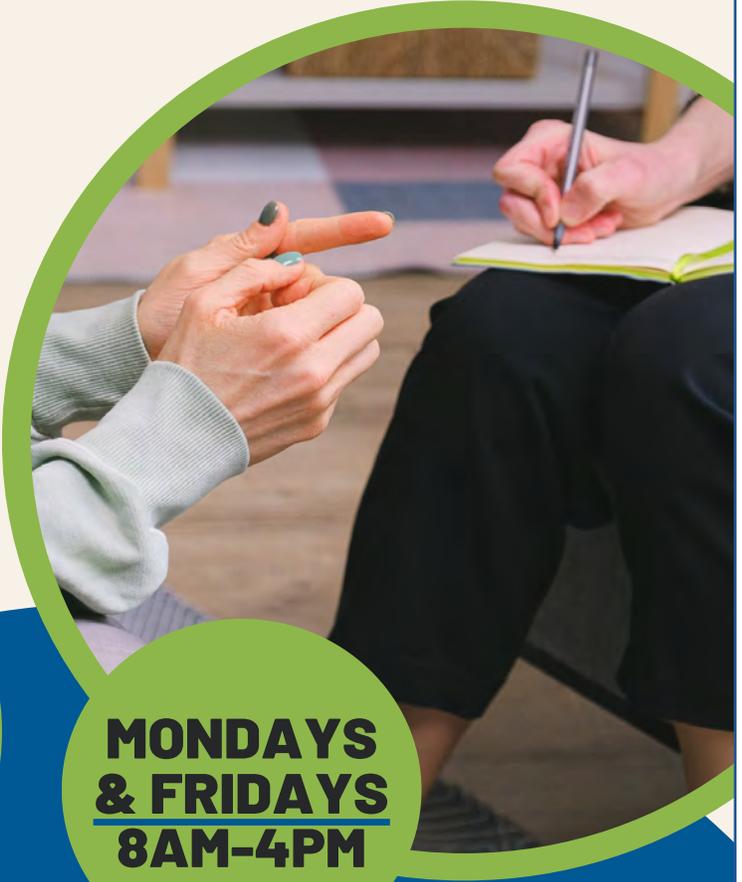
www.secondplacechurch.com **RESERVE YOUR FREE TICKET!**





Will County
Health Department &
Community Health Center

Need Help?



**MONDAYS
& FRIDAYS
8AM-4PM**

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

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



WILL COUNTY COMMUNITY HEALTH CENTER

Eastern Branch Office/Monee
Primary/Medical Care for All
Ages: 0-100+
Every Wednesday, 8am-4pm

Our Services Include :

- ✓ Illness Care
- ✓ Routine Physical Exams
- ✓ School & Sports Physicals
- ✓ Well-Woman Care
- ✓ STI Testing
- ✓ Laboratory Testing



**MEDICAID ACCEPTED
DISCOUNTS FOR UNINSURED**

815-727-8670 5601 W. Monee-Manhattan Road,
Suite 110, Monee, IL

NOVEMBER IS LUNG CANCER AWARENESS MONTH



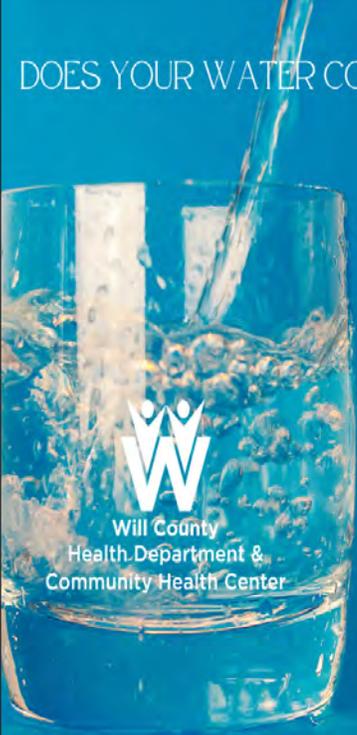
Radon is the **#1** environmental cause of cancer deaths and the **#2** cause of lung cancer deaths.

AMERICAN LUNG ASSOCIATION

TEST YOUR HOME FOR RADON!
GET YOUR LOW-COST TEST KIT AT ANY OF OUR OFFICE LOCATIONS
SCAN THE QR CODE FOR MORE INFORMATION




DOES YOUR WATER COME FROM A WELL?



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

Will County Health Department & Community Health Center



WWW.WILLCOUNTYHEALTH.ORG

WILL COUNTY HEALTH DEPARTMENT AND COMMUNITY HEALTH CENTER HIV/STI PREVENTION SERVICES



PrEP/PEP



HIV/STI Testing



STI Treatment



Vaccines



HIV Linkage to Care



Case Management



World AIDS Day

DECEMBER 1ST

Scan the QR code to access our website and request appointments!






(815)727-8830

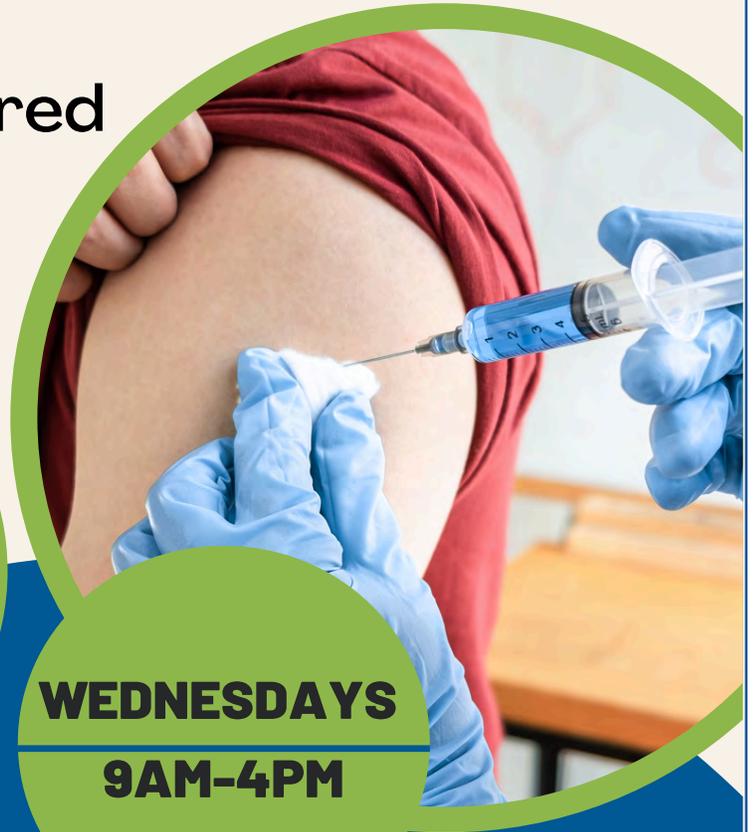
501 Ella Ave, Joliet, IL 60433



Will County
Health Department &
Community Health Center

Missing a vaccine?

We've got you covered
right here in Monee!



WEDNESDAYS
9AM-4PM

If you need a vaccine, you don't have to travel to our main office in Joliet. The Will County Health Department's Immunization Clinic offers vaccinations by appointment at our Eastern Branch office in Monee (5601 W. Monee-Manhattan Road) every Wednesday from 9:00 am-4:00 PM.

To schedule an appointment contact our immunizations clinic at:

815-740-8143



ALL



MUMMIES welcome

NEW BREASTFEEDING SUPPORT GROUP

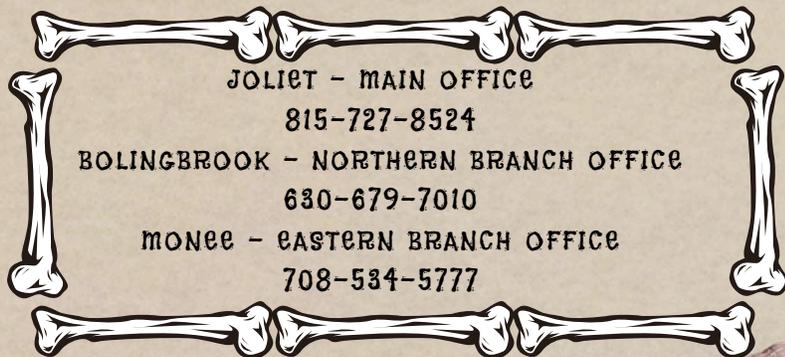


JOIN OTHER MUMMIES IN A WELCOMING
SPACE TO SHARE STORIES, RECEIVE
GUIDANCE AND FIND COMMUNITY!

SCAN ME!



FOR MORE INFO, CALL US AT
779-375-5448



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VILLAGE OF
Monee
PARKS & RECREATION

GROWTH

DEVELOPMENT

WHAT WOULD YOU LIKE TO PARTICIPATE IN :

- *WHAT TYPE OF PROGRAMS FOR YOUTH, TEENS, ADULTS, & SENIORS
- *WHAT TYPE OF SPORTS
- *IDEAS FOR ADULT BUS TRIPS
- *SPECIFIC SPECIAL EVENTS

EMAIL YOUR IDEAS TO:
DKROLL@VILLAGEOFMONEE.ORG

WE WANT TO HEAR FROM OUR RESIDENTS:

WHAT WOULD YOU LIKE TO FIND AT
PARKS & RECREATION

VILLAGE OF
Monee
PARKS & RECREATION

FREE

BREAKFAST BINGO

Thursdays @ 10:30am-12:00pm

Join us for a lively round of Breakfast Bingo, where the only thing better than prizes is the food! Whether you're a seasoned bingo champ or just here for the coffee, this event is a perfect way to kick off the day! Enjoy a delicious breakfast while playing rounds of bingo with fun twists and prizes!

Ages: 50+

Oct. 16th
Nov. 13th
Dec. 18th

Thank you to our Sponsors

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

CRETE-MONEE
UNIVERSITY PARK
BASEBALL

BASEBALL, SOFTBALL, & T-BALL REGISTRATION

9:00AM-12:00PM

JANUARY 10TH 2026
&
JANUARY 17TH 2026

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

SOUND THE ALARM AND GRAB YOUR GEAR

MONEE FIRE DISTRICT

MONEE

HAS AN OPEN HOUSE

OCTOBER 11 **11 AM-2 PM**

STATION 1 - 5500 W. Main St., Monee
While supplies last: free hotdogs & popcorn

FREE!

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Of Monee
Exceeding Your Expectations

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HALLOWEEN HAPPENINGS

October 24th, 5:00pm - 8:00pm

We will have Trunk-or-Treat, Spooky Dj, All-Ages Costume Contest, Candy Corn Guessing Contest, Hot Dogs, Goodie Bags (while supplies last), Hayrides, Games, Food Truck and SO MUCH MORE!

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

VILLAGE OF
Monee
PARKS & RECREATION



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



TRUNK OR TREAT



OCTOBER 24th

5:00PM-8:00PM | FREE EVENT

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!

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



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



PARKS & RECREATION

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 (2025-2026 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 into a weekly schedule, you can change each week, even skip. Pay for only what you need.**

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

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

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

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

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

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

PARKS & RECREATION



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!

Cooking Classes

Chef Tierra Williams will teach kids how to cook! The maximum class size is 10 students. Walk ins are highly discouraged. Call the Parks and Recreation office for student allergies.

Instructor: Chef Tierra
Location: Fireman's Park
Ages: 5-12
Day: Fridays
Date: October 3 - *Caramel Apples*
October 10 - *Cake Pops*
October 17 - *Popcorn balls*
November 7 and 14
December 12 and 19
Time: 5pm-6pm
Fee: \$10 per class / \$12 per class walk-in



Crocheting 101

Interested in learning how to crochet a scarf? Join us for a hands-on session where we'll cover all the basics of crocheting. Use the provided supplies or bring your own materials: *a 5.5mm I-hook, two skeins of medium-weight (category 4) yarn, and a plastic embroidery needle. YOU MUST PRE-REGISTER FOR THIS CLASS, NO WALK-INS.*

Location: Parks and Recreation Admin Building
Age: 18+
Day: Thursdays
Date: November 6-December 18 (no class 11/27)
Time: 6pm-7pm
Fee: \$12.50 bringing own supplies -or- \$22 supplies included

Random Plushy!

Let's make a plushy friend for you to keep company! Supplies include plushy, fluff to stuff, a wishing star, and a birth certificate. A sweet treat will be included, please call Parks and Recreation for any allergies. *The maximum is 12. Limited supplies.*

Location: Fireman's Park Kitchen
Age: 5-12
Day: Tuesday
Date: November 18
Time: 5pm-6pm
Fee: \$7 / \$11 Walk-in

Parent and Me Fall Workshop

Join us for a fun and creative **Fall Create & Workshop**—perfect for getting into the autumn spirit! Each participant will create one of the following:

1. One large wooden pumpkin or ghost (shaped cutout) \$30
2. A pair of smaller square wooden pumpkins \$20

All materials are provided, and no experience is necessary. You'll get to customize your pumpkins with a variety of paint and stain options to match your personal style or seasonal décor.

This workshop is open to adults and kids ages 8 and up. It's a great opportunity for a night out, some quality time with a loved one, or just a chance to get crafty!

YOU MUST PRE-REGISTER FOR THIS CLASS, NO WALK-INS.

Registration closes on October 3 at 4 pm.

Instructor: Jessica W.
Location: Firemen's Park Kitchen
Age: 8+
Day: Tuesday
Date: October 7
Time: 6pm-7pm
Fee: Large Pumpkin or Ghost \$30 -or- Pair small pumpkin \$20
PRICE IS PER PARTICIPANT

PARKS & RECREATION

Yippee Ki-Yay!

Calling all cowboys and cowgirls! Saddle up and join us for a rootin'-tootin' good time decorating your very own vest or bandana. Choose your gear and bring it to life with colors and creativity.

All supplies provided – but they're limited, so don't miss out! First come, first served! *Early registration closes on Friday, October 3rd.*

Location: Fireman's Park Kitchen
Age: 4-8
Day: Wednesday
Date: October 8
Time: 5:00pm-5:45pm
Fee: \$7 / Walk-in \$11



You've Been Ghosted!

BOO! Happy Halloween! The holiday season is approaching and Casper our friendly ghost will help you get into the holiday spirit! "Ghost" your family, friends and neighbors with an at home surprise delivered from Casper the Friendly Ghost. Register your family today to get the opportunity to be ghosted. Deliveries will take place on Tuesday, October 21st between 6-9pm. If you are sending this to someone at another address, please put their name and address.

Register before Oct. 13th to be a part of this event!

This event is open to Village of Monee Residents Only.

Instructor: Parks and Recreation Staff
Age: All
Day: Tuesday
Dates: October 21
Time: 6pm-9pm
Fee: \$20 per house

Teen Pumpkin Painting

Teen Pumpkin Painting is a creative and fun activity where teens get to express their artistic flair by painting their own unique designs on pumpkins! Instead of the traditional pumpkin carving, this event allows teens to paint their pumpkins with vibrant colors, cool patterns, and quirky designs. Whether they want to create spooky

faces, intricate patterns, or fun, themed characters, this is a great way to unleash creativity without the mess of carving. It's perfect for a fall hangout, or just a chill day with friends. Grab your paint, brushes, and pumpkins, and let the artistic fun begin!



Instructor: Parks and Recreation Staff
Location: Parks and Recreation Building
Age: 13-16
Day: Friday
Date: October 13
Time: 6pm-7pm
Fee: \$12

Tot Time!

Join us for "Tot Time," where kids 5 and under can burn off energy and develop their motor skills and coordination through fun, interactive play! Parents and guardians are encouraged to supervise and join in on the fun as kids enjoy free play with balls, hoops, playdough, blocks, books, music, and more. It's the perfect opportunity for little ones to explore, move, and make new friends. Come play and make memories with us!

Location: Fireman's Park
Age: 5 and under with parents
Day: Tuesdays
Date: October 14- December 9
(No meeting on 11/11)
Time: 9:30am-10:30am
Fee: \$2 per family of 4, each time



You've Been Elfed!

The holiday season is approaching and Santa's elves will help you get into the holiday spirit! "Elf" your family, friends, and neighbors with an at-home surprise delivered from our Elves. Santa's elves will hide two dozen candy canes in the front yard and a fun "You've Been Elfed" sign on the door. "Elfing" will occur between 2-5pm. If you are Elfing someone at another address, please put their name and address.

This event is open to Village of Monee Residents Only.

Instructor: Parks and Recreation staff
Age: All
Dates: Monday, December 8
Tuesday, December 9
Time: 2pm-5pm
Fee: \$20 per house / extra dozen, \$5 each

Crafting Kindness for Animals

Calling all animal lovers! Come join us and be a hero for animals- because every paw, whisker and hoof deserves kindness. Kids will get creative making items for animals waiting for their forever homes as well as learning about kindness, compassion, and how to care for dogs, cats, and even farm animals in need. *Registration closes on the Friday prior, as supplies must be ordered.*

Instructor: Passion for Animals
Grades: 1st-8th
Day: Wednesday
Date: October 15
Time: 6pm-7pm
Fee: Free

PARKS & RECREATION

Preserving the Planet: Land, Sea & Air – Plastic Planet & Preservation

Join us for a fun hands-on program where kids become Planet Protectors. Through games, activities, and creative projects, children will learn how they can make a difference in preserving our lakes, rivers, ponds, oceans, and lands!

Registration closes on the Friday prior, as supplies must be ordered. *NO WALK-INS are allowed as supplies must be ordered!*

Instructor: Passion for Animals
Grades: 1st-8th
Dates: Monday, October 20
Time: 5:30pm-6:30pm
Fee: Free



Biome Sweet Biome: Nature's Home

Join us for a fun hands-on program where kids become Planet Protectors. Through games, activities, and creative projects, children will learn about our different landforms, bodies of water, and how each is created and preserved.

Registration closes on the Friday prior, as supplies must be ordered. *NO WALK-INS are allowed as supplies must be ordered!*

Instructor: Passion for Animals
Grades: 1st-8th
Dates: Wednesday, November 19
Time: 5:30pm-6:30pm
Fee: Free

Animal Heroes: Furr-filling Careers for People

In this exciting program, kids will discover the many amazing jobs animals can have—from guide dogs and therapy pets to farm helpers and search-and-rescue heroes! Through fun activities and stories, they'll learn how animals are trained, and the incredible ways they help people every day. Kids will also explore careers where people care for animals in need—like veterinarians, shelter workers, and wildlife rescuers. This hands-on workshop inspires curiosity, compassion, and maybe even a future career helping furry, feathered, and four-hooved friends!

Registration closes on the Friday prior, as supplies must be ordered. *NO WALK-INS are allowed as supplies must be ordered!*

Instructor: Passion for Animals
Grades: 1st-8th
Date: Monday, December 29
Time: 6pm-7pm
Fee: Free

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: 5pm-6pm
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: 6pm-7pm
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: 6pm-7pm
Ages: 16 yrs and older
Fee: \$50 for BOTH Tues. & Thurs.
\$25 for one day per week
\$8 per walk-in

Coming Soon!

Senior Luncheon

12pm to 2pm

Oct. 22nd - Peter Oprisko
Nov. 19th - Michael & Amber
Dec. 10th - Crete-Monee Choir
Jan. 14th - Boris Piano
Feb. 11th - Connie & Todd Beebe
Mar. 11th - TBD

CALL US AT 708-534-8302

*Lineup is subject to change!





VILLAGE OF Monee PARKS & RECREATION

From: **Santa Claus**
NORTH POLE OFFICIAL MAIL

SANTA'S MAILBOX!

NOV 1ST- DECEMBER 5TH

Dear Monee!

The Parks and Recreation Team has once again made special arrangements with Santa this year for Monee children to receive a very special and personalized letter from the North Pole! Santa sent us a special mailbox, where he can receive letters. Santa will be responding and mailing his responses out the week of December 8th. Please see the steps you must complete so you go about sending and receiving a personal letter from the jolly guy himself!

The template can be found on our website, Village Hall or Parks and Recreation Admin Building. It is VERY important we have an address to mail back to!

See you soon!
Santa Claus

708-534-8302
Park and Recreation Admin Building: 5130 W. Court St. Monee IL



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Help Us Help Our Community

HOLIDAY GIVING PROGRAM

Nov 3rd - Dec 5

THE VILLAGE OF MONEE IS COLLECTING DONATIONS TO HELP LOCAL FAMILIES IN NEED THIS HOLIDAY SEASON. WE'RE SEEKING **NEW MITTENS, HATS, SCARVES, SOCKS, UNOPENED NEW TOYS, AND NON-PERISHABLE FOOD ITEMS.**

You can Drop off your donations at the following locations:

- Firemen's Park Building
- Village Hall
- Brian's Place
- Straight Home Bar
- Living Creek Church
- Parks and Recreation Admin Building

708-534-8302



FREE

SANTA'S COMING TO TOWN!

TREE LIGHTING CEREMONY

DECEMBER 5TH AT 6PM

Join us at the Parks and Recreation Admin Building to help Santa light the Christmas Tree and view the beautiful Mary Pearson's Holiday Luminary display. Afterwards, join us at the Parks Building and Heritage Center for refreshments and family fun! Photo opportunities with Santa will be available, so bring your cameras!

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Breakfast with Santa

SATURDAY | DEC 13 • 8am-11am

Come join us for Breakfast with Santa at Firemen's Park! Serving pancakes, sausage, and a beverage! Free photo opportunity with Santa. Purchase tickets at the Village Hall on Egyptian Trail.

Adult: \$10
Children: \$8

\$2 off when you donate a non-perishable food. Limit one per person.

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COMING THIS WINTER/SPRING

We are thrilled to introduce Skyhawks Sports Academy, a brand-new program launching this Winter/Spring!

Skyhawks offers an exciting variety of sports classes, including soccer, basketball, volleyball, and more — perfect for kids of all skill levels.

Classes are available for ages 3.5 to 12 years old, with age-appropriate instruction that focuses on skill development, teamwork, and having fun!

Ages 3.5 – 5

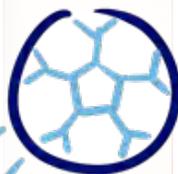
A great way to introduce your little one to the basics of sports in a fun, supportive environment.

HoopsterTots

This fun program focuses on dribbling, shooting, passing, and teamwork, using adjustable hoops for age-appropriate challenges.

SoccerTots

Kickstart your toddler's sports journey with SoccerTots, a dynamic introduction to soccer for young athletes. This program enhances motor skills and self-confidence for ages 18 months to 3.5 years with engaging activities and parent involvement. For 4 to 5, we focus on developing core soccer skills and introducing friendly competition.



Ages 6 – 12

Designed to help older kids improve their skills, stay active, and build confidence through sports.

Basketball

Perfect for aspiring stars, this program sharpens passing, shooting, and dribbling skills, emphasizing sportsmanship and teamwork. Participants develop defensive and rebounding abilities in a dynamic setting that promotes personal and athletic growth!

Soccer

This program boosts young athletes by teaching key skills like dribbling, passing, shooting, and ball control. Each session focuses on enhancing abilities while instilling teamwork and sportsmanship. Your child will improve their soccer skills and embrace the game's spirit.

***Keep an eye out for registration details and schedules coming soon!
Whether your child is just getting started or looking to sharpen their skills,
Skyhawks Sports Academy is the perfect fit!***



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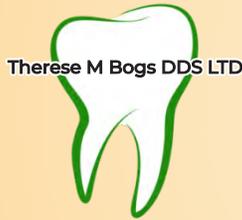
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