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Committed.

We had another successful Christmas in Monee, thanks to the Township Trustee Maurice (Mo) Brown and his family who are so committed. They need help! Please call the township office to help us rotating our senior toys.

The Illinois Home Weatherization Assistance Program helps income-eligible households save fuel and energy while increasing the comfort of their homes. Since its inception, the program has assisted both homeowners and renters, and can be applied to single-family homes, multi-unit buildings, mobile homes, and townhouses and condominiums (within association guidelines). Applicants must meet the income guidelines established by the Illinois Department of Human Services (Temporary Assistance to Needy Families) to alleviate the life-threatening situation. We work with all income-eligible households pay home energy bills whose income is in this newsletter.

For more information, contact the Township Office. We do not store or save a temporary basis to persons in immediate need. Foodstuffs will be distributed to households who receive GA assistance this year. We are all looking forward to spring and the longer days.

The township highway department has been very busy clearing the roads by plowing and spreading salt. The township has ordered 1,000 tons of salt and during November and December thought we would have a surplus, but with all the snow and ice we have used 400 tons of salt so far and we still have at least another 6 weeks of possible snowy weather. However, it has been months since salt prices this winter are the lowest in two years.

The cold, snowy weather is very stressful on employees who are working long hours but also on the equipment. Trucks have had problems with clumping salt blocking the spreaders.

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GREAT GIFT GUIDE

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EASTER BASKET PROGRAM

Spring is around the corner and Monee Township is preparing for Easter. The Township will be giving Easter baskets to children, age 12 or younger, in low-income Monee Township families. Baskets will contain toys, books and treats appropriate for the age of the recipient. When applying, residents should bring written verification of current address, household income for the last 30 days, Photo ID, and birth certificates for the children in the household who are to receive baskets. Applications will be taken in the Township Office and ask about Aqua Aid. Applications can be picked up at the University Park Village Hall, University Park Public Library and Crete-Monee High School Guidance Counsellors Office. Deadline to submit is April 1, 2019.

AQUA AID

Having trouble paying your Aqua Water bill? Contact the Monee Township Office and ask about Aqua Aid.

NICOR Gas Sharing Program

If you are not eligible for the LIHEAP program, you may be eligible for the NICOR Sharing program. One-time annual grants are given, with no requirement to be paid back. Special programs are also designed for veterans and customers in crisis situations. Contact Monee Township for more information.

PEOTONE PUBLIC LIBRARY

Visit the mobile cart at the Monee Township Office, 26121 Egyptian Trail, Monee. Books for children and adults.

REMEMBER TO VOTE IN THE CONSOLIDATED ELECTION APRIL 2, 2019

POLLING PLACES FOR MONEE TOWNSHIP

Precinct 1
90 Town Center Drive
University Park

Precinct 2
90 Town Center Drive
University Park

Precinct 3
St. Paul’s United Church
5323 Margaret Street
Monee

Precinct 4
New Hope Community Christian Church
4700 Court Street
Monee

Precinct 5
Thornwood House
1 Thornwood Drive
University Park

Precinct 6
First Baptist Church
450 University Parkway
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DATES FOR EARLY VOTING SITES

VILLAGE OF MONEE (for the residents of Monee Only)
5130 West Court Street
Monee, Illinois 60449
708-534-8301

EARLY VOTING HOURS

March 27-29, 2019, Monday-Friday 8:30 a.m. to 4:30 p.m.
March 28, 2019, Saturday Noon to 7:00 p.m.
March 29, 2019, Friday 9:00 a.m. to 4:30 p.m.
March 30, 2019, Saturday 9:00 a.m. to 11:00 a.m.

WILL COUNTY CLERK’S OFFICE JOLIET

Will County Building
302 North Chicago Street
Joliet, Illinois 60432

EARLY & GRACE PERIOD VOTING HOURS

February 21-March 22, 2019, Monday-Friday 8:00 a.m. to 4:30 p.m.
March 23, 2019, Saturday 9:00 a.m. to Noon
March 24, 2019, Sunday 10:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m.
March 25-29, 2019, Monday-Friday 8:30 a.m. to 7:00 p.m.
March 30, 2019, Saturday 8:30 a.m. to 2:00 p.m.
March 31, 2019, Sunday 10:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m.
April 1, 2019, Monday 8:30 a.m. to 7:00 p.m.
April 2, 2019, Grace period voting only, Tuesday 6:00 a.m. to 7:00 p.m.

RENT/MORTGAGE/UTILITY ASSISTANCE

Catholic Charities Daybreak Center
90 Town Center Drive
University Park, Illinois 60484
Tuesdays and Thursdays 9:00 a.m. to 2:00 p.m.

EDUCATION CORNER

TUTORING

www.reading.ecb.org
www.k12.gov
www.kids.nationalgeographic.com
www.funbrain.com
www.switcheroozoo.com
www.highlightskids.com
www.openEbooks.net
www.absya.com
www.switcheroozoo.com
www.starfall.com
www.abcya.com
www.seussville.com
www.switcheroozoo.com

FREE EBOOKS

www.openEbooks.net

DIAL-A-RIDE

Monee Township has entered into an agreement with Will County Will Ride, through PACE Bus Company, for Transportation services. This will service senior residents 60 years of age or over for medical visits and disabled residents for medical visits, vocational/educational training and shopping one day a week for seniors and disabled. Once you are registered, contact Pace Dial A Ride, 1-800-244-4410, for reservations. There is a $2 fee per ride within the Township and $4 per ride outside the Township, for seniors and disabled. Contact Monee Township for more information on registration, 708-534-6020.

FREE LEARNING WEBSITES FOR KIDS

http://www.goodhousekeeping.com/childrens-products/tutoring-websites-reviews/a16511/free-on-line-tutoring

ATTENTION JOB SEEKERS:

Monee Township has computers available for use by Monee Township residents to look for jobs. No charge.
The Veterans Assistance Commission of Will County provides assistance for veterans living in Will County, Southern Cook County, or unincorporated municipalities lying wholly or partly within the county. They also provide financial assistance for basic living expenses, advocacy services, and generally help veterans to access the proper local, state or federal agencies to procure benefits and providing assistance in filing claims to the U.S. Department of Veterans Affairs. The Veterans Assistance Commission now has an outreach in Eastern Will County at the Monee Township Office, 26211 Egyptian Trail, Monee. They will be at this location the first Monday of each month, from 9:30 a.m. to noon. You may also pick up application packet for financial assistance at the township office. For more information, please call 815-740-8389.

Honor Flight Chicago

Honor Flight Chicago recognizes America’s war veterans for their service and sacrifice by flying them to Washington, D.C., to see their memorial, at no cost. Nearly 100,000 of our WWII veterans only, are also accepting applications for upcoming flights. If you know of any WWII veterans who have served in the military and who are living in Will County, please contact us at 815-740-8389 or email info@honorflight.org.

For Your Donations

Thank you for your donation to Monee Township. (Your name is gratefully acknowledged. For further information, please contact us at 773-227-8878 or go to moneetownship.org.)

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EXEMPTIONS ALLOWS SAVINGS ON TAX BILL
We assist residents with applying for these exemptions.

The General Homestead Exemption is the primary exemption allowed for property owners who live in their property.

Here is an example of how the exemption amounts for General Homestead and Senior exemptions help save on your tax bill. If the value of your home is $150,000 then your assessed value would be $100,000. The exemption amounts of 4,000 for Homestead and 5,000 for Senior are combined and subtracted from the assessment amount of 100,000. The equalized assessed value on tax bill. The rate is applied to the 39,000 to determine your total taxes due. For example, if your rate is 10% then your taxes due will be approximately $3,900.

FYI: Tax rates percentage for 2017 was: Park Forest -22.69, Unincorp Park Forest -10.49, Village of Monee -13.69, Unincorp Monee-11.40, University Park - 16.92 and Unincorp U/P/Crete 11.90. 2018 rates that will appear on your 2019 bills are not published yet.

Disabled Veterans - This State Law changed in 2016
Significant changes were made to the Disabled Veterans’ Homestead Exemption. This exemption now allows a veteran with a service-connected disability (SCD) of 30%-49% to receive an annual exemption of 2,500; if the veteran has a SCD of 50% or more but less than 70% the annual exemption is 5,000; and if the veteran has a SCD of 70% or more, then the residential exemption is exempt from taxation under this Law. All determinations are reviewed and approved by the state. Contact our office or come to our workshops for more information regarding this exemption.

Other Exemptions that are Available
Some additional Exemptions amounts that are deducted from Assessments are listed below. Details can be obtained by contacting our office:
- Senior Exemption 5,000
- Senior Assessment Freeze Exemption
- Disabled Persons’ Exemption, 2,000
- Returning Veteran’s Exemption, 5,000
- Home Improvement Exemption, up to 75,000

How will you know if you have your exemptions?
Check your tax bill for exemptions to see if you have all that is due to you. If you are not sure which exemption you should have on your property or what your current exemptions are, then during normal office hours and someone will be able to assist you in obtaining this information. If you have any other exemptions or assessment questions, feel free to email or call our office at 708-534-6023.

Do you know anyone 65 years or older? Have them contact us ASAP to verify that they have all that is due to you. If you are not currently charging your exemptions, you may call during office hours (Spring hrs begins on March 16/19, Monday and Wednesday from 9 am-1 pm, Tuesday and Thursday from 9 am – 4 pm) drop in or set an appointment if needed. Office location is 46 Town Center, University Park, Illinois 60548.

CONTACT Information
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