From the Supervisor

Weather in Monee Township this year has been extreme. First we had sub-zero temperatures, then we had a very, very cold Spring that lasted almost through the middle of June. That has been followed by an extremely hot and humid Summer which is not my favorite weather! I am hoping we have a nice Fall but with climate changes, we will take and live with whatever comes.

Starting June 14, Monee Township was listed as part of the Do Not Consume Water restrictions. We received many calls from concerned residents and as Aqua did not reach out to us directly, we had to find out the information ourselves so we could try to answer questions. We found out that the Will County portion of Park Forest which is in Monee Township was not affected as they do not have Aqua Illinois water. The same for the Village of Monee, as they have their own water source which was not affected. The unincorporated areas of the Township that were built after 1986 or those with their own wells were not affected and any remaining properties were being dealt with by Aqua. That left the Village of University Park as the largest affected area within Monee Township because Aqua Illinois services the entire village. Any homes built after 1986 or any homes with renovated plumbing and piping after 1986 were not affected but the majority of the homes in University Park were built before 1986 when lead was used in the solder welding pipes together. Aqua Illinois has stated that the problem arose when they changed from well water to Kankakee river water. At that time they inserted a chemical into the water that was supposed to soften the water but in effect stripped protective coating from the pipes, allowing lead to seep from the solder into the consumable water. Once found they had to go back and start a new problem and started a different insertion of product that is supposed to recoat the pipes so they put out the Do Not Consume order, stopped inserting that was supposed to soften the water but in effect stripped the lead out of the water to see who is eligible and what documents are needed. We give out a food basket to help with a holiday dinner and also toys and presents for who all qualify.

November 1 - November 15: Thanksgiving basket sign-up for families in need. See article in this newsletter to see who is eligible and what documents are needed. You may receive EA up to a maximum established by the Township. The Township will determine whether you are eligible for GA. To file your application, you must be a legal resident of Monee Township, under the following guidelines:

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- You must meet the other financial eligibility criteria.
- You must have a taxable income below the federal poverty level for the size of your household.
- You must be a legal resident of Monee Township.

Help keep our Township clean

Residents in the township are so concerned about all the garbage on the roads. So they came to the Monee Township monthly meeting to bring awareness of the littering in the township. Let's keep our Township clean and keep our property free of the provided trash cans.

MONEE TOWNSHIP OFFICIALS
Donna T. Dettbarn, Supervisor
Robby L. Lathan Sr., Clerk
Trustees
Terri Bole
James Youn
Deborah Burgess
Maurice Brown
Sandra Heard, Assessor
David Deuthche, Highway Commissioner
Garvin Lueddel, Collector
Location: 26121 Egyptian Trail, Monee, IL 60449
Office hours: Monday–Friday 7 a.m. to 2 p.m.
Web site: www.moneeassessor.com

MONEE TOWNSHIP ASSESSOR
Location: 46 Townsend, University Park, IL 60484
Telephone: 708-534-6023 + Fax: 708-534-6027
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Summer Hours: March 16–August 31
Monday and Wednesday 9 a.m. – 1 p.m.
Tuesday and Thursday 9 a.m. – 4 p.m.
Closed Friday
Winter Hours: March 15–March 16
Monday and Wednesday 9 a.m. – Noon
Tuesday and Thursday 9 a.m. – 3 p.m.
Closed Friday
Closed for lunch Noon – 1 p.m.

MONEE TOWNSHIP NEWSLETTER
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Monee Township
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HIGHWAY DEPARTMENT
Location: 26121 Egyptian Trail, Monee, IL 60449
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FAMILY GYM NIGHT AT GSU:
Thanksgiving basket sign-up for families in need.
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GENERAL ASSISTANCE FUND

General Assistance is available to persons in Monee Township, under the following guidelines:

- Those who are ineligible for categorical assistance from the Illinois Department of Human Services (Temo-
  rary Assistance to Needy Families, TANF)
- Those who are ineligible for Supplemental Security Income (SSI) from the Social Security Administration
- Those who do not meet the other financial eligibility criteria

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EMERGENCY ASSISTANCE

Emergency Assistance is available to persons in Monee Township, under the following guidelines:

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FOOD PANTRY

The Township operates a Food Pantry to provide food on a temporary basis to persons in immediate need. Foodstuffs will not be provided to persons who have received publicly funded stamps or on a long-term basis. Applicants are asked to apply for food stamps before coming to the food pantry. If you second time. Donations are accepted year-round for the Food Pantry.

OTHER PROGRAMS

The other programs the Township provides are Thanksgiving, Christmas, Easter Basket and School Supplies. The Township accepts donations for all programs. For more information about these programs, contact the Township Office.

HIGHERWAY COMMISSIONER’S REPORT

The Monee Highway Department has had a challenging spring and start of summer. Because of con-

st heavy rains we have experienced flooded ditches and blocked culverts. This year our mowing of the roadsides had a very late start due to weather, caus-

ing heavy grasses which contributed to machine breakdowns.

This summer the department will be repaving Drafle Road between Ridgeland Avenue and the Frankfort Village limits. Also we have received Motor Fuel Tax revenue which will allow Crawford Avenue and Central Park Avenue to be repaved. We will also continue to patch potholes, replace culverts and mow roadways.

The increase in the Motor Fuel Tax revenue will be a substantial help to all township, county and municipal highway departments. This revenue will be helpful in rebuilding roads in their respective communities.

Monee Township received approximately $43,000 per year under the old Motor Fuel Tax. Under the new Motor Fuel Tax we should receive approximately $68,000 a year. Township government controls 56% of the road mileage in the state of Illinois but we receive only 42% of the state motor fuel tax revenues, which means townships need to be efficient in spending their revenues.

Schools will be in session soon so please remember to exercise caution when encountering school buses. Always obey the bus’s stop sign and never pass while children are entering or exiting the bus. Enjoy the rest of your summer and stay safe!

Respectfully submitted,
David Deutsche
Monee Township Highway Commissioner
Monee Township offers a Back-to-School Program for low-income families residing within Monee Township. This program provides basic school supplies (paper, pencils, pens, crayons, rulers, etc.) to students registered for school in the fall. Applications for these school supplies will be taken August 1 through August 30, 2019. Applicants need to bring:

- Verification of ALL household income for the month of July, 2019
- Current address
- Photo Identification

Applications will be taken after August 30, 2019. Friday 9:00 a.m. to noon and 1:00 p.m. to 4:00 p.m. No Office, 26121 Egyptian Trail in Monee, Monday through Friday. Please have your donations in no later than November 1st. Applicants are asked to bring picture ID showing current address, written verification of the amount of ALL household income for the last 30 days and birth certificates or Social Security cards for all household members. Recipients will pick up their baskets and gifts by appointment. Monee Township is again asking the community to help with this program by making donations of new toys, games and books (for young people through the age of 17 years), hats and gloves (all sizes), perishable and non-perishable food, and cash to purchase gifts and food, in order to provide help for residents who are experiencing financial difficulties. Unfortunately, the Township is unable to accept used clothing or home canned items. Receipts should be made to Monee Township and designated for the food pantry.

The Monee Township Youth Program will be up and running with Sunday night family open gym in November. Sundays from 6:00 p.m. to 8:00 p.m. To participate, you must PRE-REGISTER at the Monee Township office or register at open gym night. This program is for everyone living in Monee Township ages 5 to 17. There is a one time $5.00 fee per person.

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ATTENTION

JOB SEEKERS:

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2019 VETS HISTORY PROJECT

To all Veterans and Civilians who have served our country during times of war and peace, the opportunity to share your remembrance currently exists within the State of Illinois. Our Secretary of State, Jesse White, will ensure that your first-hand knowledge will be commemorated and archived in Springfield, shared nationwide and throughout the world. You will also receive an official Certificate of Appreciation for your participation in this important initiative.

If you’re interested in an oral interview, telephone 1-800-665-5576, Ext. 6, or 1-217-785-1537 and ask for the Veterans Project Coordinator. Application can also be obtained at the Monee Township Office.

REGISTER TODAY WITH SELECTIVE SERVICE

to remain eligible for employment, training, financial aid, and citizenship for immigrants

All male U.S. citizens must register before they turn 18, as do male non-citizens who take up residence in the U.S. before their 26th birthday. That includes illegal aliens, permanent residents, dual-nationals, and refugees.

The Selective Service does not collect any information that would indicate a person’s citizenship or immigration status. For more information and to register go to the website: www.selectiveservicenumber.org.

CONGRATULATIONS to the Crete-Monee High School Boys Track Team for winning 1st place at the Illinois High School Boys State Track Meet.

CONGRATULATIONS to Lyn’Nikka Vance from Crete-Monee High School for winning 1st place at the Illinois High School Association Girls State Track Meet in the long jump and triple jump.

CONGRATULATIONS to the Crete-Monee Middle School 8th Grade Boys Track team for winning 1st place at the Illinois Elementary School Association State Track Meet.

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The Assessor's Workshop

YOU DON'T WANT TO MISS
Assessor presents information on reassessment, appeals and levies.

When: August 8, 2019
Where: Monee Township Assessor’s Office
46 Town Center Drive
University Park, IL
Time: 5:30 to 6:30 p.m.
RSVP (708) 534-6023 by August 6, 2019 (Leave A Message)

Refreshments will be served

2019 REASSESSMENT
All properties have been reassessed according the Illinois State Tax code, and other county guidelines. The 2019 property assessments reflects an upward adjustments applied to the sales of rehabbed/new homes. This year will reflect lower increases as the market stabilizes.

Q: Did you know that exemptions saves $$ on tax bills?
A: Yes. In regards to appeals, you may be contacted by Tax Appeal consultants or their attorneys who intend on convincing you to pay them for representation at Appeals. You need to know that in Will county only the property owner or their authorized attorney are allowed to represent property owners at the appeal time limit. Above these consultants will state that they can help you lower your tax bill when they are not allowed to represent you in Will County. Also, they will ask you to sign legal documents to allow them to represent you. Please verify that they have their senior exemptions.

Do you know anyone 65 years or older? Have them contact us ASAP to verify that they have their senior exemptions.

TAX LEVIES, CPI, RATES AND ASSESSMENTS
Q: How do these activities affect your tax bill?
A: Your assessments are reappraised each year based on the increase or decrease factor determined by the Will County Supervisor of Assessment in Joliet and the Illinois Department of Revenue. Once assessments are revised you will receive a notice in the mail the first week of August. The equalized assessed value is determined after amounts for exemptions, newly exempt status properties, appeal reduction and other deductions are taken from the total assessments for the Township.

Then your taxing bodies, like school boards, villages, township, county and others will receive a report on how much money can be added to their budget needs for the upcoming year. The levies are determined by the County clerk before the deadline in December. The county clerk makes a determination if the taxing bodies may receive the full amount or if their taxes or they will be limited to the consumer price index (CPI) amount, which is around 2% and is usually lower than the amount requested. The CPI amount is the minimum amount to be extended.

Finally when appeal decisions are made by the Board of Review or State appeal board that results in a reduction in assessment for any property, that difference will be reallocated to remaining taxpayer’s bills in the form of reduced property tax levies.

Q: Can I have my assessment reviewed prior to receiving the Assessment Revision Notice?
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