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# MONEE TOWNSHIP NEWSLETTER

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## From the Supervisor

Sadly, we had to cancel our Youth Nights Program planned to start February 27th.

We were very excited about the program as it was newly designed to have an educational session for an hour followed by a recreational session for an hour. Two weeks before our program was to start, we lost our coordinator due to a family illness. Billy Morgan, our Youth Committee Chair, and I tried to pull it together but due to a death in my family and other problems beyond our control, we decided to cancel the program until next Fall. We had many calls from parents interested in this program but few actually signed up. Please call the Township and put your name on our list to be called when this program is reinstated. 708-534-6020.



**APRIL 4, 2023** is the consolidated election for Municipalities, School Boards and other local taxing bodies like the Library and Park Boards. Polling places are listed in this newsletter. Remember to vote!

**APRIL 11, 2023 AT 7:30 p.m.:** ANNUAL TOWN MEETING - Per State Statute, all Townships in Illinois must hold an Annual Town Meeting on the 2nd Tuesday in April. This is a meeting that allows electors (Monee Township residents) to come in, meet the elected officials, and have an annual financial accounting of how your tax dollars were spent from April 1, 2022 through March 31, 2023. See inside this newsletter for the list of powers given to electors at this meeting. The meeting is held at the Township building, 26121 Egyptian Trail, Monee at 7:30 pm. You must arrive prior to 7:30 p.m. to check in so you may vote. Anyone arriving after 7:30 will not be allowed to vote.

**APRIL 20, 2023 BUDGET HEARING:** On Thursday, April 20th on our regular Township Board Meeting night,

we will hold a budget hearing from 7:00 pm - 7:15 pm on the proposed budgets for the fiscal year April 1, 2023 - March 31, 2024. The budgets will be adopted at the end of the hearing. Our regular Township meeting will follow the budget hearing. You may review the tentative budgets if you come into the Township and request to see it.

**SENIOR EVENT:** Our Senior Committee has scheduled the next Senior Drive-up Luncheon for Tuesday April 25. This is a free event for Monee Township Seniors 65 and over. You MUST call to register and to pick your sandwich type. Last day to register is April 19th.

**TOWNSHIP HOURS:** Per Federal and the State of Illinois, as of May 11, 2023, the Covid-19 Public Health Emergency is ended. The Township went on Covid hours in April 2020 and now will be changing to a new schedule to better serve the Township. New hours will begin May 15, 2023: M - F 8:30 - 4:00. (Note: If the Governor changes the end date, we will also push back new hours to his revised date).

Just a note on Food Distribution days. Our last distribution was on February 23rd. All bags of food were given out in 45 minutes on first come, first served basis. All the early birds got their bags. We have been allowing Township residents to pick up food bags for shut-in neighbors, but to do this, the person picking up for them must have the shut-in's ID showing that they are a Township resident. The food is free, but everyone has to have an ID showing they live in Monee Township.

We have been fortunate so far this year to have a mild Winter. I am grateful that there was not much snow shoveling to do! Thank you to all who expressed sympathy on the loss of my husband. Have a safe Spring!

Donna Dettbarn, Monee Township Supervisor

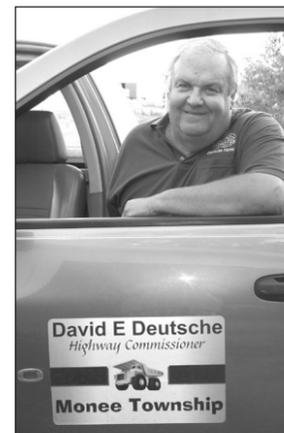
## MONEE TOWNSHIP HIGHWAY COMMISSIONER'S REPORT

Winter is on the way out and hopefully warmer temperatures will soon be here. The highway department has spent the winter months plowing and salting roads during the bad weather. Patching of roads has been done, weather permitting and as always picking up garbage that has been dumped along the roads.

The township has taken delivery of a 2023 International, single axle snowplow truck. The truck is equipped with a 16,000-pound front axle, a salt spreader, 12-ft. stainless steel dump body and new 12-ft. snowplow.

As the weather warms up the department will be out mowing roadsides. Please slow down when encountering the mowers. Our crews will also be out doing more road repairs, so again please slow down and drive carefully. I realize that no one wants to be delayed because of road construction or mowing but the few minutes it takes to slow down may make the difference of not causing injury to our workers and perhaps to yourself.

I think we're all looking forward to the end of winter and experiencing warm spring temperatures. Stay safe and alert while driving!!



David E Deutsche  
Highway Commissioner  
Monee Township

Respectfully submitted,  
David E. Deutsche

Monee Township Highway Commissioner

### MONEE TOWNSHIP OFFICIALS

Donna T. Dettbarn, Supervisor  
Bobby R. Lathan Sr., Clerk

#### TRUSTEES

Terri Boles  
James W. Young  
Deborah Burgess  
William Morgan

Sandra Heard, Assessor  
David Deutsche, Highway Commissioner  
Calvin Lacefield, Collector

Location: 26121 Egyptian Trail, Monee, IL 60449

Telephone: 708-534-6020 Fax: 708-534-6080

Email: moneetownship@aol.com

Web site: www.moneetownship.com

Office hours: Monday - Friday 8:30 a.m. to 2:00 p.m.

### HIGHWAY DEPARTMENT

Location: 26121 Egyptian Trail, Monee, IL 60449

Telephone: 708-534-8166 Fax: 708-534-8162

Email: highwaycommissioner@gmail.com

Office hours: Monday - Friday 7:00 a.m. to 2:00 p.m.

### MONEE TOWNSHIP ASSESSOR

Location: 46 Towncenter, University Park, IL 60484

Telephone: 708-534-6023 Fax: 708-534-6027

Web site: www.moneeassessor.com

Office hours: March 16 - August 31

Monday: Closed

Tuesday and Thursday 9:00 a.m. - 4:00 p.m.

Wednesday 9:00 a.m. - 1:00 p.m.

Friday: Closed

Closed for lunch 12:30 p.m. - 1:30 p.m.

Winter hours: September 1 - March 15

Monday: Closed

Tuesday and Thursday 9:00 a.m. - 4:00 p.m.

Wednesday 9:00 a.m. - 1:00 p.m.

Friday: Closed

Closed for lunch Noon - 1:00 p.m.

### MONEE TOWNSHIP CONTACT INFORMATION

Monee Township 708-534-6020

Monee Township Assessor 708-534-6023

Monee Township Highway 708-534-8166

The Village of Monee 708-534-8301

Peotone Library 708-258-3436

The Village of University Park 708-534-6451

University Park Library 708-534-2580

Crete Monee School District 201-U 708-367-8300

United States Post Office, Monee 708-534-8057

## GENERAL ASSISTANCE FUND

### GENERAL ASSISTANCE

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 (Temporary Assistance to Needy Families, TANF)
- Those who are ineligible for Supplemental Security Income (SSI) from the Social Security Administration
- Those who meet the other financial and non-financial eligibility criteria
- Those who have lived at their address for six (6) months or longer.

GA provides monthly financial assistance to meet basic maintenance needs such as food, shelter and utilities, and also provides basic medical assistance.

A written application for GA must be filed with the Township. The Township will determine whether you are eligible for GA within 30 calendar days of the date you file your application.

Persons who receive GA must participate in the Township's Work Training and Job Search Program.

### EMERGENCY ASSISTANCE

Emergency Assistance is available to persons:

- Who are eligible for GA
- Who are not receiving categorical assistance or SSI
- Who face a life-threatening situation due to loss of income, medical emergency or other unusual circumstances and
- Who meet the other financial and non-financial eligibility criteria
- Who have lived at their address for six (6) months or longer.

You may receive EA up to a maximum established by the Township only once in a 12-month period. EA is paid directly to a provider (such as a landlord or utility company) to alleviate the life-threatening situation.

A written application for EA must be filed with the Township. The Township will determine whether you are eligible for GA within 30 calendar days of the

date you file your application. However, every effort will be made by the Township to make a decision within ten business days of receiving all needed paperwork. For more information, please contact the Township at 708-534-6020.

### 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 supplement food stamps or on a long-term basis. Applicants are asked to apply for food stamps before receiving foodstuffs a 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 Supply programs. The Township accepts donations for all programs. For more information about these programs, contact the Township Office.

## 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, 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. 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.

## LOW INCOME HOME ENERGY ASSISTANCE PROGRAM (LIHEAP)

The Will County Center for Community Concerns (WCCCC), administrator of the Home Energy Assistance Program, helps income-eligible households with their utility bills and furnace assistance. The assistance will be available to households whose 30-day gross income is at or below 200% of the poverty level. The assistance for utilities will be available from now until

May 31, 2023 or until funds have been exhausted, whichever comes first.

Applications are taken at the Will County Center for Community Concerns office, 2455 Glenwood Avenue, Joliet, Illinois 60435. Monday through Friday 8:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m. For more information or to find the nearest location to pick up an application, contact the office, 815-722-0722.

The outreach dates are as follow for: Low Income Home Energy Assistance Program (LIHEAP) Illinois Low Income Household Water Assistance Program (LIHWAP) Illinois Home Weatherization Program

Every Tuesday - the Village of University Park - 90 TownCenter Drive, University Park - 9:00 a.m. to 2:00 p.m.



# Monee Township



## VETERANS ASSISTANCE COMMISSION

You may be eligible to have the cost of home care and other medical expenses reimbursed to you for any non-service connected disability.

The benefit is for either a married or a single veteran, the surviving spouse of a veteran or in special cases a dependent of a veteran.

For more information about the Veterans Deserve Program, call 1-888-233-8746.

The United States Department of Veteran Affairs is constantly updating its web site of news releases. It includes information regarding compensation claims, accurate claim processing, specialty care, jobs, business procurement and veteran entrepreneurs. Visit their web site at [www.va.gov/opa/press](http://www.va.gov/opa/press) to become informed.

Trustee James W. Young (First Sergeant, Retired, U.S. Army) is requesting the name, rank, branch of service and address of all Monee Township residents serving in the military. Cards and other words of encouragement will be mailed to them expressing our appreciation for their sacrifice and service. Please forward this information to the Monee Township Office located at 26121 Egyptian Trail, P.O. Box 74, Monee, Illinois 60449.

### NEWS AND RESOURCES for Military Veterans

Military.com – Great resource for staying abreast of Veteran benefits, news and veteran jobs. Topics include: ten reasons to hire Vets; Veteran hiring: A good business decision; How to get tax credits for hiring Veterans; military skills translator and the Veteran talent portal.

Visit <http://www.veteranadvantage.com/> -- This is a comprehensive resource directory of your updated government Veteran benefits earned for your service to our country. It covers the latest Federal veteran benefits administered by the Department of Veterans Affairs & State/Local benefits for military veterans and their spouses.

### VA Life insurance

Website: [VA.gov/life-insurance](http://VA.gov/life-insurance)  
Call Center: 1-800-669-8477 (Monday-Friday 0730-1700 hours)

VA life insurance can offer financial security for Veterans, service members, and their spouses and dependent children. Explore your options, manage your policy, and file claims to get the insurance benefits you've earned. Find out which life insurance plans you may qualify for – and the benefits you'll receive with each plan.

Veterans Affairs Life Insurance (VALife)

*I hope this information is helpful.*  
James W. Young  
First Sergeant  
US Army Veteran

## Honor Flight Chicago

### WANTED: WORLD WAR II VETS!

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. Although we are currently flying our WWII veterans only, we are also accepting applications for Korean and Vietnam War veterans. When we no longer have WWII veterans interested in flying with us, we will begin flying Korean War veterans. All Honor Flight Chicago trips depart and return from Chicago Midway International Airport. For further information, please contact us at 773-227-8387 or go online to [honorflightchicago.org](http://honorflightchicago.org).

Honor Flight Chicago veteran applications are also available at the Monee Township Office, 26121 Egyptian Trail, Monee.

## BENEFITS ACCESS LICENSE PLATE DISCOUNT AND/OR RIDE FREE TRANSIT CARD

This is a program through the Department of Aging, formerly known as the Circuit Breaker Program, that allows for the Secretary of State's office to provide for reduced-fee license plates for those who are 65 years of age, or persons with disabilities with specific qualifications. You must also live in the state of Illinois.

Income Limit Eligibility for the License Plate discount and/or Ride Free Transit card:

- Your total household gross income last year must be less than:
  - \$33,562.00 for a 1 person household (yourself only);

- or
- \$44,533.00 for a 2 person household (yourself and your spouse, or yourself and one Qualified Additional Resident); or
- \$55,500.00 for a 3 person household (yourself, your spouse and one Qualified Additional Resident, or yourself and two Qualified Residents).

For more information call toll-free: 1-800-252-8980, or visit: [www.cyberdriveillinois.com/services](http://www.cyberdriveillinois.com/services). You may also contact the Monee Township Office, 708-534-6020 or Mary Ann Battermann, a certified SHIP Counselor, 708-258-6917.

## RECYCLE YOUR ELECTRONICS

**Peotone Police Department**  
208 East Main Street  
Peotone  
1st and 3rd Wednesdays, 5:00 p.m.-7:00 p.m.  
Limit 2 TVs per vehicle  
ID required to prove Will County area residency

**Lockport Public Works**  
17112 Prime Blvd (East of I-355)  
Lockport  
Tuesday and Friday only, 6:00 a.m.-11:00 a.m.  
Limit 2 televisions per vehicle  
ID required to prove Will County area residency

**New Lenox Township**  
1100 South Cedar Road  
New Lenox  
2nd and 4th Wednesdays, 5:00 p.m.-7:00 p.m.  
Limit 2 TVs per vehicle  
ID required to prove Will County area residency

## ANNUAL TOWN MEETING

The Electors Present at the Annual Town Meeting Have The Power To:

- Take all necessary measures and give directions for the exercise of their corporate powers. (60 ILCS 1/30-25)
- Fix the hour at which the town meeting shall be held. (60 ILCS 1/30-30)
- Spend monies for preparation of a detailed property record system. (60 ILCS 1/30-30)
- Make orders for the purchase and sale of property. (60 ILCS 1/30-50)
- May declare property of the township to be surplus for purposes of donating the property to a historical society or other not-for-profit corporation. (60 ILCS 1/30-53)
- Authorize the township board of trustees to appropriate monies in excess of the sum provided in the Public Graveyards Act, for the purpose of putting any old, neglected graves and cemeteries in the township in a cleaner and more respectable condition. (60 ILCS 1/30-60)
- Provide for the decoration and maintenance of graves of persons who at any time served in the armed forces of the United States which are within the township. (60 ILCS 1/30-65)
- Provide space in any township building for courtroom and office use by Circuit Court. (60 ILCS 1/30-70)
- Authorize the township board of trustees to exercise the powers conferred by the "Township Zoning Act." (60 ILCS 1/30-75) This does not apply in any county where a county zoning ordinance or resolution is in effect.
- Offer premiums, and take such action as shall induce the planting and cultivating of trees along the highways in the town, and protect and preserve trees standing along or on highways, and purchase, plant along the streets and highways in the township. (60 ILCS 1/30-85)
- Make rules and regulations for ascertaining the sufficiency of all fences in the town, and determine what shall be a lawful fence within the town, except as otherwise provided by law. (60 ILCS 1/30-90)
- Prohibit animals from running at large. (60 ILCS 1/30-95)
- Establish and maintain pounds where deemed necessary. (60 ILCS 1/30-100)
- Impound animals. (60 ILCS 1/30-110)
- Construct and keep in repair public wells or other watering places, and regulate the use thereof (60 ILCS 1/30-115)
- Prevent the deposit of night soil, garbage or other offensive substances within the limits of the town. This section does apply to refuse disposal facilities regulated by the Illinois State Department of Public Health and the county in which the facilities are located. (60 ILCS 1/30-120)
- Adopt ordinances regulating standing or parking of recreational vehicles on township roads within each township. (60 ILCS 1/30-125)
- Declare inoperable motor vehicles a nuisance. (60 ILCS 1/30-130)
- Authorize the licensing and regulation and direct the location of all places of business of purchasers, traders and dealers in junk, rags and any secondhand article, including motor vehicles, except in cities, villages and incorporated towns in such township which, by ordinance, provide for such licensing, regulation or places of location. (60 ILCS 1/30-135)
- Regulate hawkers, peddlers, pawnbrokers, itinerant merchants and transient vendors. (60 ILCS 1/30-140)
- Authorize the township board of trustees to provide mental health services, including services for the alcoholic, the drug addicted, and the mentally retarded, for residents of the township by disbursing existing funds if available by contracting with mental health agencies approved by the Department of Public Health Services, alcoholism treatment programs licensed by the Department of Public Health, and drug abuse facilities and other alcohol and drug abuse services approved by the Department of Human Services. (60 ILCS 1/30-145)
- In counties having fewer than 1,000,000 inhabitants, to authorize the board of trustees to contract with one or more incorporated municipalities lying wholly or partly within the boundaries of such township, or with the county within which the township is located, to furnish police protection in the area of such township that is not within the incorporated area of any municipality having a regular police department. (60 ILCS 1/30-150)
- Authorize contracts with county sheriff to furnish police protection in unincorporated areas. (60 ILCS 1/30-155)
- In counties having a population of 1,000,000 or more, to authorize the board of trustees to contract with one or more municipalities in the township or with the county within which the township is located to furnish police protection in the unincorporated area of the township. The board of trustees may declare the unincorporated area of the township a special police district for tax purposes, proof of which authorizes the county clerk to extend a tax upon the special police district in the amount specified in the annual town tax levy, but not to exceed a rate of .10% of the value of the taxable property as equalized or assessed by the Department of Revenue. (60 ILCS 1/30-160)
- Authorize fire protection in unincorporated areas. (60 ILCS 1/30-165)
- Authorize the board of trustees to contract for the furnishing of mosquito abatement services in the unincorporated areas of the township. (60 ILCS 1/30-170)
- Authorize the supervisor to file an application for the township and all other bodies politic established by or subject to the control of the electors to participate in the Illinois Municipal Retirement Fund. (60 ILCS 1/30-180)
- Allow for voters at the Annual Town Meeting to transfer funds from one or more funds to other or different funds, or to the general road and bridge fund or any fund raised by taxation or bonds for road and bridges. (60 ILCS 1/30-185 and 1/245-5)
- Make all such by-laws, rules and regulations deemed necessary to carry into effect the powers herein granted and may impose fined deemed proper, except when a fine or penalty is already allowed by law. No offense shall be classified in excess of a petty offense. (60 ILCS 1/30-190)
- Apply all penalties, when collected, in such manner as may be deemed most to the interests of the township. (60 ILCS 1/30-195)
- Any group of registered voters may request an advisory question of public policy for consideration by the electors at the annual meeting by giving written notice of the specific advisory question to the township clerk in the same manner as required for an agenda item under subsection (b) of Section 30-10. The agenda published by the township board shall include any such advisory question if the request is timely filed. By a vote of the majority of electors present at a town meeting, the electors may authorize that an advisory question of public policy, for which notice has been given as required by this Section, be placed on the ballot at the next regularly scheduled election in the township. The township board shall certify the question to the proper election township officials, who shall submit the question in accordance with the general election law.
- Adopt revised tax schedule for town purposes. (60 ILCS- 1/235-5 and 1/235-10)
- Increase tax rate for road purposes. (605 ILCS 5/6-504)
- Tax for construction of bridge at joint expense of county and road district and obtain aid from county. (605 ILCS 5/6-508)
- Request referendum to issue bonds for road purposes. (605 ILCS 5/6-510)
- Petition for road or road improvements. (605 ILCS 5/6-601)
- Request referendum to repeal special tax for road purposes. (605 ILCS 5/6-617)
- Authorize the use of permanent road funds, general road and bridge funds, or town funds for the purpose of collecting, transporting and disposing of brush and leaves. Allow general road and bridge or town funds to also be used for the purpose of providing disaster relief and support services approved by the township board of trustees at a regularly scheduled or special meeting. (60 ILCS 1/30-117)

## AROUND THE TOWNSHIP

### MONEE TOWNSHIP SENIOR SPRING HAS SPRUNG DRIVE THROUGH LUNCH

26121 Egyptian Trail  
Monee, Illinois 60449  
Tuesday, April 25, 2023  
Turkey, Tuna, Italian, Meatball or Beef.  
Must register by Wednesday, April 19, 2023.

### UNIVERSITY PARK PUBLIC LIBRARY

1100 Blackhawk Drive  
University Park, Illinois 60484  
708-534-2580  
www.uppld.org  
CONTACT THE LIBRARY FOR YOUTH AND ADULT PROGRAMS  
AUTHOR WORKSHOP – Saturday, May 20, 2023 – 2:00 p.m.  
SHRED DAY-DRIVE THRU – Saturday, April 15, 2023 – 11:00 a.m. to 1:00 p.m.

### PEOTONE PUBLIC LIBRARY

515 North Street  
Peotone, Illinois 60468  
708-258-3436  
www.peotonelibrary.org  
CONTACT THE LIBRARY FOR ALL YOUTH AND ADULT PROGRAMS

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

### CRETE-MONEE SCHOOL DISTRICT 201-U

Crete Monee School District Administration Center  
1500 Sangamon  
Crete, Illinois  
For more information, contact Carmen Cartharn, 708-367-8369.  
ATTENTION PARENTS OF PRESCHOOLERS IN CRETE-MONEE SCHOOL DISTRICT 201-U  
Crete-Monee Early Learning Center  
For children age 3-5 years old,

the district is holding online ASQ and ASQ: SE Screening. For more information call 708-367-2770, or visit the website www.elc.cm201u.org.

Screenings are also available for children under the age of three for early intervention and Child & Family Connections. For more information call 815-768-3730.  
Crete-Monee School District 201-U invites educators, guest teachers (substitutes), and support staff to join our Warrior Team of diverse professionals serving approximately 4,200 students. The district consists of nine schools, employs over 750 support and certified staff – most of whom live in surrounding communities. If you or someone you know is looking to make a difference in the lives of our youngest community members, please visit our website at www.cm201u.org and select Employment today.

### The Village of University Park

For more information on all University Park programs, please call 708-53406451 ext. 800, or visit the website www.university-park-il.com.

### CALENDAR OF EVENTS

Saturday, April 8, 2023 – Easter Egg Hunt – 11:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m.  
Location – Field between 698 Burnham Drive and 44 Town Center Drive  
Sunday, May 14, 2023 – Mother's Day Brunch – 1:00 p.m. to 5:00 p.m.  
Location – 90 Town Center Drive  
Sunday, June 11, 2023 – Father's Day Car Show – 5:00 p.m. to 9:00 p.m.  
Location – 90 Town Center Drive

### MICRO PANTRY

698 Burnham Drive, University

Park (in front of the Code Enforcement office). Pick-up or drop off, non-perishable items (no glass, please, when donating).

### UNIVERSITY PARK YOUTH BASEBALL ORGANIZATION: UNIVERSITY PARK LEGENDS

For more information on registration and volunteering as a coach, contact Robin Walker, 708-630-5452.

### AQUA Aid

Having trouble paying your Aqua Water Bill? Contact the Monee Township Office and ask about Aqua Aid. For Aqua Illinois customers only.

### AQUA ILLINOIS

Aqua Information Center  
246 South Western Avenue, University Park  
Monday and Wednesday – 11:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m.  
Saturdays 11:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m.

Pick-up bottled water, faucet filters or pitcher filters. Visit the website www.waterfactsil.com or call 877-987-2782 for more information.

### NICOR Gas Sharing Program

If you are not eligible for the LIHEAP program, you may be eligible for 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.

### THORN CREEK WOODS NATURE PRESERVE

247 Monee Road, Park Forest, Illinois 60466  
For information and registration on all Thorn Creek Woods Nature programs, please call 708-747-6320.

### NATURE EDUCATION PROGRAMS FOR CHILDREN AND ADULTS

A guide for Parents, Teachers, Scouts, Youth and Adult Group Leaders and Organizations.

### SEASONS AT THORN CREEK WOODS: AMPHIBIANS

Saturday, April 8, 2023, 10:30 a.m. to 12:30 p.m.  
FREE – All Ages  
Registration required by April 3, 2023.

### EARTH DAY AT THORN CREEK: WOODLAND WILD-FLOWERS

Sunday, April 23, 2023 – 1:00 p.m. to 3:00 p.m.  
FREE – All ages  
Registration required by April 17, 2023.

### PRAIRIE SAMPLER AND TRAIL WORKDAY

Saturday, May 6, 2023 – 1:00 p.m. to 3:00 p.m.  
FREE – Ages 12 to adult, children under 15 must be accompanied by an adult  
Registration required by May 1, 2023.

### SEASONS AT THORN CREEK WOODS: BIRDS

Saturday, May 13, 2023 – 10:30 a.m. to 12:30 p.m.  
FREE – All ages  
Registration required by May 8, 2023.

### RENT/MORTGAGE/UTILITY ASSISTANCE

Catholic Charities' Daybreak Center  
611 East Cass Street  
Joliet, Illinois 70435  
815-774-4663

### Will County Center for Community Concerns

2455 Glenwood Avenue

Joliet, Illinois 60435  
815-722-0722

### Northern Illinois Food Bank – Food Truck

Crete-Monee School District 201-U  
1500 Sangamon Street, Crete, IL 60417  
1st Wednesday of each month – 3:30 p.m. to 5:30 p.m.

### Faith Movers Church

425 Exchange Ave., University Park, Illinois 60484  
Saturdays 10:00 a.m. to 12:00 noon  
\*closed on the 5th Saturdays

### Second Place Church of Monee

25655 South Governors Highway, Unit A  
Monee, Illinois 60449  
1st and 3rd Tuesdays, 4:00 p.m. to 6:00 p.m.

### New Hope Christian Community Church

4700 West Court Street  
Monee, Illinois 60449  
1st Monday of each month – 4:00 p.m. to 5:30 p.m.

### Workforce Services Division of Will County

Are you looking for a job? The Mobile Workforce Center will help you find your next job, develop a resumé, revise your resumé, post your resumé, copy and print your resumé. For more information, please call 815-727-4444.

### Senior Services

Need assistance with your Social Security, Medicare or your discount license plate application? Age 65 and over and/or disabled persons. Contact Mary Ann Batterman, a certified SHIP Counselor, at 708-258-6917.

## POLLING PLACES FOR MONEE TOWNSHIP

REMEMBER TO VOTE IN THE CONSOLIDATED ELECTION on APRIL 4, 2023

- 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  
University Park
- Precinct 7** University Park Library  
1100 Blackhawk Drive  
University Park
- Precinct 8** St. Paul's United Church  
5323 Margaret Street  
Monee



*Monee Township Meeting on March 16*



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

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# 2023 Exemptions, Renewals, and Senior Events Updates



## Spring is Here! Doors are Open!

Our office staff and I welcome the residents of Monee Township to contact our office at 46 Town Center Dr. University Park, IL 60484, by phone at 708-534-6023 or email at [moneeassessor@gmail.com](mailto:moneeassessor@gmail.com) (is preferred) for questions or for general information check out our website [www.monee-assessor.com](http://www.monee-assessor.com) or Facebook page. **Office hours are Tuesday & Thursday from 9am-4pm (Lunch hour is from 12:30-1:30pm) and Wednesday 9am-1pm. Our office is closed on Mondays & Fridays.**

**Sandra Heard, MBA, Monee Township Assessor, CAIO,**

As announced in the February newsletter, our office has resumed most of the Pre-Pandemic policies. Currently, you may make appointments for office visits that require some research in preparation for your visit, but for most situations, you will be able to walk in and get assistance without having an appointment. **Email is still the preferred method of contact, as this is the best way to reach the Assessor directly.** In addition to email, we will continue responding to voicemails, and set appointments to assist you.

If an appointment becomes necessary, then you will be notified of a future meeting by phone or in person.

These meetings will generally be scheduled for 20 minutes during our regular office hours. Please call or email to schedule an available time for an office visit meeting. **Wearing face masks is not required** but is optional for anyone who has safety concerns or if they have cold symptoms. We still have stations established with sneeze guards in 3 locations for the assistance inside our office. There will be a limit of 3-5 people inside the office simultaneously except for workshops or exemption events.

### Workshops and Exemption Events

**Q: Did you know that exemptions saves \$\$ on tax bills?**

**A:** The Monee Township Assessor's Office assists with the completion of a variety of exemptions that are offered to decrease your tax bill! One Exemption is shown here:

#### Disabled Veterans' Homestead Exemption

This exemption allows a veteran with a service-connected disability (SCD) of at least 30% that was issued by the U.S. Department of Veterans Affairs to receive an exemption that reduces their assessment. **Exemption amounts below:**

- **If the veteran has experienced a SCD ranging from 30%-49% will receive an exemption of 2,500**
- **If the veteran has experienced a SCD that ranges from 50%-69% will receive an exemption of 5,000.**
- **If the veteran has experienced a SCD of 70% or greater, a 100% exemption from taxes is granted.**

The General Homestead Exemption is determined at the time of sale, based on the indication on the Sales document (PTAX) as the buyer's primary residence. No other action to be taken.

#### Additional Exemptions that decrease taxes include:

- **Senior Exemption** (must be 65 years or older)
- **Senior Freeze** (based on a household income of \$65k or less)
- **Disabled Persons' Exemption** (SSI or Doctor's state-

ment)

- **Home Improvement Exemption** (additions or upgrades)

**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 call us during office hours and someone will be able to assist you in obtaining this information. **Do you know anyone 65 years or older? Have them contact us ASAP to verify that they have their senior exemptions.**

To understand your tax bill and exemptions come to any workshop and/or Senior event scheduled in April and May.

### The Assessor's Workshop YOU DON'T WANT TO MISS IT!

Information on Assessments, Exemptions, and your Tax bill.

**When: April 27, 2023**

**Where: Monee Township Assessor's Office  
46 Town Center Drive  
University Park, IL**

**Time: 5:30 to 7:00 p.m.**

**RSVP (708) 534-6023 by April 26 (Leave a Message)  
Refreshments will be served**

### University Park & Monee Exemption Events

There are two Exemption events scheduled for Monee Township residents in University Park and Monee in 2023, to assist renewal and first-time applicants for Senior Exemption, Senior Freeze, Disabled persons, and Disabled Veterans forms.

**This Assessor's office is happy to announce that we will host an event in our office at 46 Towncenter on May 5 from 9-1p for University Park and other nearby residences. The Supervisor of Assessment office (SOA) office plans to hold the primary event at Monee Village Hall at 5130 W. Court St on May 5 from 10 - 2p. You may choose the location that is closest to you.**

### When to expect 2023 Re-assessment notices?

Most taxpayers will receive a reassessment notice in August indicating median increases to assessments of approximately 13%. These increases are a result of a factor that is determined by the Will County Supervisor (SOA) and the State of Illinois Dept of Revenue for this entire township based on the median sales amounts for the past 3 years. When there is a large gap between the indicated value of a property, based on the assessment, and what that same property recently sold for, then it causes a factor to be applied in order to lessen that gap. Thus for 2023, a higher factor is expected. You will receive a notice in 2023 because this is a general assessment year (sometimes called a 'quad' year in Will County). I will be willing to discuss these increases with the Monee Township taxpayers before getting these notices but I will not be able to confirm the factor until just before those notices are mailed or posted in select newspapers in the area.

**Q: How will Commercial and Industrial property assessment increases be applied in 2023?**

**A:** Most people are aware of the increased sales amounts over the past 3 years for residential properties. Some of these increases were directly due to the existing seller's market and bidding wars between buyers to win a purchase contract! Many are first-time homebuyers! Since that trend

has continued throughout 2022 it is also expected in 2023. There has been an increase in the **new construction of industrial** and commercial properties in many townships. A study is being proposed among some of the Will County Assessor Association members to determine the best approach to be taken for multiple townships. These factors may vary from those applied to residential properties based on business use, type, age, and size. But for the first time in 15+ years, in this township, a factor will be applied to commercial and Industrial properties to equalize the entire township.

**Q: What are the activities that affect your tax bill?**

**A:** 1. Each year your assessment will be adjusted by the Will County Supervisor of Assessment (SOA's) factor. Assessment increases do affect your tax bill. Often when assessments go up, then the rate tends to go down, and as a result, people with the Senior freeze exemptions may actually see savings.

2. Then your **taxing bodies, like school boards, villages, township, county** and others will request a levy amount to fulfill their budget needs for the year, and that also affects your bill. The **levies** are generally limited to the **consumer price index (CPI)** amount, by county clerk, this year is greater than 5% vs a lower amounts in past years.

3. When **appeal** decisions are made by the Board of Review to lower the assessment for an appellant, this affects all taxpayers that did not receive a reduction since the assessment base is lowered because of granting reductions.

4. Finally, having exemptions applied to your bill will result in savings in your taxes.

### New Position Opening

**Monee Township Assessor's Office is Hiring Office Assistant and Summer student- Database Seeking someone who is:**

- Current college student or available to work part-time
- Access Database maintenance or query writing
- Great communication and listening skills
- Knowledge of Microsoft products, graphics, scan, copy
- Some reports, research, and documents creation.
- Must commit to a minimum of 12-15 hours /week.

**Positions will be filled as soon as possible**

Contact us by email or phone located at the top of the article

**Announcements:** One more Assessor Workshop will be scheduled for 2023, in August. Date to be provided later.



Make sure to like our [MoneeTownshipAssessor's Facebook page](https://www.facebook.com/MoneeTownshipAssessor's) to stay current with office events!!



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## SENIOR COMMITTEE

Monee Township Senior Committee is looking for seniors to join the committee. If you are 65 years of age and would like to be on the committee, please contact the Monee Township office, 708-534-

6020. The committee meets and plans activities throughout the year. Please join the next FREE event: Spring Has Sprung Drive Thru Lunch, Tuesday, April 25, 2023. Choice of FREE box lunch:

beef, turkey, meatball, tuna or Italian. Pick-up 10:00 a.m. to 12:00 noon, 26121 Egyptian Trail, Monee. Deadline to make your reservation is Wednesday, April 19, 2023. Must be 65 years of age and make

reservations to attend.

More information coming soon on the Flag Day drive thru lunch being held Wednesday, June 14, 2023.

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