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MONEE TOWNSHIP NEWSLETTER

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From the Supervisor

Spring is almost here! We have been teased with several warmer days in the past few weeks, mixed in with the usual March weather. I'm ready for warmth and know you are also!

The Township's Annual Town Meeting is being held April 8, 2025 at 7:30 p.m. Monee Township, 26121 Egyptian Trail, Monee, IL. It was advertised in our January (Winter) Newsletter as this newsletter may be delivered later than April 8th. So this is just a reminder in case your newsletter gets there early.

PAPER SHREDDING EVENT: Saturday, June 7th from 9 a.m. to Noon. At the Monee Township Building parking lot, 26121 Egyptian Trail, Monee, IL. This is a great time to get rid of extra paper we all seem to collect. This is for Township residents only. No Business papers will be accepted. Limited to 4 boxes or 4 white, 13 gallon trash bags per household.

SENIOR COMMITTEE: For years, Mia and Bill Quaranta headed up our Senior Committee with the help of many other seniors. Since Bill's death, Phyllis Huske has been Mia's right hand person and they did the planning and coordinating. Mia and Phyllis are taking a step back and turning the planning and all over to MaryLou Arrendondo, who has been a helpful senior committee member for years. MaryLou will be the new leader and is looking for a co-chair to help her. Please let Willa at the Township know if you are interested in helping her. I thank Mia and Phyllis for all their work and they say they will continue to volunteer and help MaryLou. Seniors 65+ are eligible to be on our Senior Committee and attend Senior events.



SENIOR DRIVE-UP LUNCHEON WEDNESDAY APRIL 23rd. You must call for reservations by April 17th. Lunches are free. Lunchbox choice of Beef, Turkey, Meatball, Tuna or Italian. Pick up time 10:00 a.m. – NOON. All lunches must be picked up by Noon.

YOUTH COMMITTEE: We are in our Spring Session of our Youth Program held Sundays from 5 p.m.-7 p.m. at the CM Middle School, 635 Olmstead Road, University Park, Door #16. April Dates are 4/06 and 4/13 for a Spring Party. Ms. Keely Childress is the Monee Township Youth Coordinator. She and her staff have provided many activities that have been enjoyed by all ages K – 12. You are always welcome to join us for our last few sessions, if you sign up with Ms. Childress at the Middle School.

EASTER BASKET PROGRAM was advertised in our January (Winter) newsletter. It is an annual program where we give children gaily wrapped Easter baskets full of books, games and candy. The sign up deadline was March 31st.

Building renovation. Phase 1 is to renovate the Highway Commissioner's Garage to add the square footage the Township will take from the inside of the garage in Phase 2 to build a better pantry. Phase 1 should start March 20 and end in June.

The township is looking for a new cleaning crew. Please look at the ad for cleaning and apply if you qualify.

Please remember to vote April 1st in the consolidated election and have a safe, healthy Spring.

Donna Dettbarn, Supervisor

MONEE TOWNSHIP HIGHWAY COMMISSIONER'S REPORT

This past winter brought cold temperatures but limited amounts of snowfall. Despite the smaller amounts of snow, the windy conditions caused drifting which caused additional plowing and salt spreading. The road district used around 300 tons of treated road salt this winter.

We installed blinking solar stop signs at the intersection of Pauling Road and Harlem Avenue. This intersection has experienced numerous serious accidents over the years. The hope is that the blinking lights will help the stop signs to better be seen and accidents will decrease.

The road district has been filling potholes on the roads. We have also been cleaning the plows after salting and making any repairs that were needed.

Our salt supplier has informed us that next year's salt prices could be much higher because most of our salt comes from Canada. They are not sure how much if any tariffs will increase the cost.

As we welcome Springtime please be aware of farm equipment on the roads and slow down when you encounter them. An extra minute of your time is worth staying safe for you and the equipment operator. Wishing everyone a pleasant and safe spring and summer!



Respectfully,
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

Ronald Poindexter, 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 – Thursday 8:30 a.m. to 4:00

p.m. (closed for lunch noon to 1:00 p.m.);

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: moneetownship@aol.com

Office hours: Monday – Friday 6:00 a.m. to 1:00 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, Juneteenth, Fourth of July, Labor Day, Columbus Day, Veteran's Day, Thanksgiving, the day after Thanksgiving and Christmas Day.

MONEE TOWNSHIP ACCEPTING CLEANING CONTRACT PROPOSALS

The Township is looking for a new cleaning crew as our present crew retired. Looking for a professional cleaning company to clean 2 separate locations once a week. Monee Township Assessor's Office, 46 Town Center in University Park and Monee Township Supervisor's Office at 26121 Egyptian Trail, in Monee, IL.

The company must be bonded and submit a separate yearly contract for each office.

Please present references.

Services to be performed: All labor, equipment, chemicals (cleaning supplies, vacuum cleaners, etc.) will be furnished by the Cleaning Service, except for toilet tissue, paper towels, plastic garbage bags and hand soap.

The Cleaning Service will perform the above-mentioned janitorial services at said premises one time per week at a contracted cost. This will include the cost of carpet cleaning two times a year.

Each office must be contracted separately. Our fiscal year runs from April 1, 2025 to March 31, 2026.

Description of duties:

Vacuum all carpeted areas – weekly; remove all garbage – weekly; dust/wipe and unclutter desk areas – weekly; wipe clean all laminated surfaces, chairs, cabinets, window sills and ledges – weekly; clean carpet – 2x a year; dust blinds – as needed; clean blinds – 2x a year; clean windows inside and out – 2x a year; vacuum upholstery furniture – as needed; clean inside/outside of microwave – weekly; clean and sanitize bathrooms – weekly; mop all uncarpeted areas – weekly.

Please call Monee Township 708-534-6020, Willa Simmons, Administrator if you have questions.

Please submit proposals and all needed information to Monee Township, 26121 Egyptian Trail, PO Box 74, Monee, IL 60449 by April 30, 2025.



Monee Township

RECYCLE 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 TVs 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

SENIOR COMMITTEE

Monee Township Senior Committee's next event is Wednesday, April 23, 2025 will be a drive through lunch, 10:00 a.m. to 12:00 p.m., at the Monee Township, 26121 Egyptian Trail, Monee. The deadline to sign up is Thursday, April 17, 2025. Your lunch choices are Beef, Turkey, Meatball, Tuna or Italian. PLEASE NOTE ALL LUNCHES MUST BE PICKED UP BY 12:00 NOON. Must be 65 years of age, live in Monee Township and must make a reservation to attend. If you are not on our senior mailing list, call the office to be added. The committee is in need of a co-coordinator to help chair the committee in planning events. If you are interested in being the co-coordinator or just joining the Monee Township Senior Committee, contact the office, 708-534-6020.

EDUCATION CORNER

SCHOLARSHIPS AVAILABLE
University Park Academic Scholarships - \$1,000.00 for high school seniors graduating in 2025 are available. Applications can be picked up at the University Park Village Hall, University Park Public Library, Crete-Monee High School, Rich Township South Campus High School and Marian Catholic High School after January 31, 2025. Applications are also online at www.university-park-il.com under News and Announcements. The deadline is April 1, 2025. This is a firm deadline. Students must be a resident of the Village of University Park.
Former University Park scholarship recipients may reapply by April 1, 2025, with a letter asking for renewal as long as their family still lives in University Park, financial information is still the same as on original application, and student provide a transcript showing GPA. All information on where to send the application form, 2025 Application for the Township Officials of Illinois can be picked up at the Monee Township Office, 26121 Egyptian Trail, Monee, or go to www.toi.org to find the application and more information online All applications must be postmarked no later than March 1, 2025.
Please also check with the Village of Monee for other scholarship information.

TUTORING
www.k12.gov
www.khanacademy.org
<http://www.goodhousekeeping.com/childrens-products/tutoring-website-reviews/a16511/free-on-line-tutoring>

FREE LEARNING WEBSITES FOR KIDS
www.switcheroozoo.com
www.funbrain.com
www.kids.nationalgeographic.com
www.reading.ecb.org
www.pbskids.org
www.starfall.com
www.seussville.com
www.storylineonline.net
www.abcy.com
www.highlightkids.com

FREE EBOOKS
www.openEbooks.net



VETERANS ASSISTANCE COMMISSION

TO ALL MONEE TOWNSHIP VETERANS
Do you remember the oath you took when you enlisted or got drafted to enter our country's military? It didn't matter which branch you served in or whether you were Active Duty, Reserve, National Guard or Coast Guard, the oath was the same. There were no deviations to your response which led to your current status as a United States Military Veteran.

Let's review it. Do you remember the following??
I promise and swear that I will support and defend the Constitution of the United States against "all enemies, foreign and domestic."
Does that refresh your memory? It's my opinion that our country is under attack domestically and we as Veterans are called back to active duty.
I'm sure you have heard via the news media or read on social media the budget cuts within the Department of Veterans Affairs. Do not despair, we must and can peacefully protest this injustice by our Commander In Chief, President Donald Trump and his Department of Government Efficiency, (DOGE) Representative, Elon Musk.
I believe it's our responsibility as military veterans to speak out against Constitutional injustices. Our country is under attack and we must defend it from within.

Since January 2025, we have seen a series of executive orders that have resulted in veteran federal job losses, elimination of efficient response times to service inquiries, proposed cuts to Social Security payments, the pardon of January 6 rioters, reduction in veteran health care, elimination of Diversity, Equity and Inclusion(DEI) regulations and to include their websites, and destroying historical minority contributions to our military services.
Enough is enough!! Racism and sexism cannot be allowed to take place and destroy our democracy. We have been issued our "Warning Order." In the absence of a "Frag Order," it's time for implementation of our own "Operations Order."
Here are a few recommendations.
Contact your Federal US Representatives and US Senators to express your outrage on the lack of compassion shown by our Commander In Chief and DOGE toward our nation's warriors. Let's hold them accountable with our voices.
Support a Veteran organization. Add strength with numbers with your active participation or financial support. There a lot of them actively involved in this peaceful protest movement. For example, Veterans of Foreign Wars (VFW), Black Veterans Project, Disabled Veterans, American Legion, and Paralyzed Veterans of America. There are many more. Research and choose one of them. Become involved for the internal defense of our country.
Stay connected with the news/social media to become and INFORMED VOTER for ALL ELECTIONS.
*In Honor of Our Nation
James W. Young
US Army Veteran*

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

RECORDING YOUR DD-214
Your Service, Your Benefits: Safeguard Them
The Report of Separation contains information normally needed to verify military service for benefits, retirement, employment, and membership in Veterans organizations. Information shown on the Report of Separation may include the service member's:
Date and place of entry into active duty
Home address at time of entry
Date and place of release from active duty
Home address after separation
Last duty assignment and rank
Military job specialty
Military education
Decorations, medals, badges, citations, and campaign award
Total creditable service
Foreign service credited
Separation information (type of separation, character of service, authority and reason for separation, separation and re-enlistment eligibility codes).
How do I record my DD-214 in the County Recorder or Registrar's office?
Bring in your DD-214 paperwork after your separation date shown on your paperwork.
Bring in a picture ID
Make sure that you record your DD-214 in a convenient county. A county where you will remember the location
Recording your DD-214 as well as getting copies and certified copies are free, so please ask for what you will need when you visit the office
For more information contact the Will County Recorder of Deeds, 158 North Street, Joliet, Illinois 60432, 815-740-4637.



Monee Township 2025 Volunteer of the Year

Congratulations to Kenco Company of Monee on being the Monee Township 2025 Volunteer of the Year. Thanks for all you do!

AROUND THE TOWNSHIP

MONEE TOWNSHIP YOUTH NIGHT
SUNDAY EVENING: April 6 and 13, 2025
Crete Monee Middle School, 635 Olmstead, University Park
Recreational 5:00 p.m. to 7:00 p.m.
FREE, Call for more information 708-534-6020

SENIOR DRIVE THROUGH LUNCH SPRING IS HERE
Wednesday, April 23, 2025 – 10 a.m. to 12 noon pickup
Deadline for registration – Thursday, April 17, 2025
All lunches must be picked up by 12:00 noon
Lunch choice – Beef, Turkey, Meatball, Tuna or Italian
Monee Township Seniors 65 and over
26121 Egyptian Trail, Monee IL 60449
708-534-6020 for more information and to make your reservations

SHREDDING EVENT
Saturday, June 7, 2025, 9:00 a.m. to 12:00 noon
Limited to 4 file size boxes or 4 13-gallon trash bags
Monee Township Building, 26121 Egyptian Trail
Monee, Illinois 60449

Would you like to be on the Monee Township or Senior Committee, if so please contact the office at 708-534-6020.

UNIVERSITY PARK PUBLIC LIBRARY
1100 Blackhawk Drive
University Park, Illinois 60484
708-534-2580
www.uppld.org **SIGN UP FOR YOUR LIBRARY CARD**

CONTACT THE LIBRARY FOR YOUTH AND ADULT PROGRAMS

YOUTH SERVICES
EARTH DAY RECYCLE CRAFT: Tuesday, April 22, 2025, 4:30 p.m.
FLOAM SLIME: Thursday, April 24, 2025, 4:30 p.m.
Mother's Day Craft: Saturday, May 3, 2025, 11:00 a.m.
TORNADO IN A BOTTLE: Thursday, May 29, 2025, 4:30 p.m.
Father's Day Craft: Saturday, June 7, 2025, 11:00 a.m.
FAMILY MOVIE NIGHT: Moana 2, Wednesday, April 23, 2025, 6:00 p.m.
Mufasa, May 14, 2025, 6:00 p.m.

TEEN CRAFTS
Sport Bracelet: Monday, April 14, 2025, 4:30 p.m.
Sun Catchers, May 12, 2025, 4:30 p.m.
ADULT SERVICES
Solid Perfume: Thursday, May 8, 2025, 6:30 p.m.
COMPUTER CLASSES
Power Point: Wednesday, May 14, 2025, 6:30 p.m.
and Saturday, May 17, 2025, 11:00 a.m.
ROTH IRA (Beyond the basics): Thursday, April 24, 2025, 6:30 p.m.

Vegetable Gardening 101: Saturday, April 26, 2025, 2:00 p.m.
TRUSTS: Saturday, May 3, 2025, 3:00 p.m.
QUILTING CLASS: Basic Panel Quilt, Saturday, May 10 and 17, 2025, 2:00 p.m.

Beginners Line Dancing and Gentle Yoga
Line Dancing – Every Tuesday, 6:30 p.m.
Contact the Library to register and for more information.

TUTOR.COM – HELP WITH HOMEWORK – ALL GRADE LEVELS – MUST HAVE A LIBRARY CARD.
CONTACT THE LIBRARY FOR MORE INFORMATION.
PEOTONE PUBLIC LIBRARY
515 North Street, Peotone,

Illinois 60468
708-258-3436 www.peotonelibrary.org
CONTACT THE LIBRARY FOR YOUTH AND ADULT PROGRAMS

YOUTH SERVICES
Little Learners Storytime (Ages 0-3)
Wednesday, April 16, 23 and 30, 2025 at 10:30 a.m.
Friday, April 11 and 18, 2025 at 10:30 a.m.
April Showers Play Day (registration required)
Monday, April 14, 2025 at 10:30 a.m.
Sensory Playtime
Saturday, April 19, 2025 at 10:30 a.m.

TEEN CORNER
DIY Paper Marbling (registration required)
Thursday, April 17, 2025 at 4:30 p.m.

ADULT PROGRAMMING
Computer Basics One-On-One Sessions
Wednesday, April 9, 16, 23 and 30, 2025 at 11:00 a.m.
Adult DIY To-Go Ceramic Bunny (registration required)
Monday, April 14, 2025 (Monee and Peotone Location)
Monday Movie Matinee, April 21, 2025 at 11:30 a.m.
Adult Puzzle Swap, Monday, April 28, 2025 (all day)
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
690 West Exchange Street
Crete, Illinois 60417
Attention parents of preschoolers in the 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.com201u.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
Crete-Monee School District 201-U invites educators, guest speakers (substitutes), and support staff to join our Warriors 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.com201u.org and select EMPLOYMENT today.

THE VILLAGE OF UNIVERSITY PARK
For more information on all University Park programs, please call 708-534-6451, ext. 400 or visit the website www.university-park-il.com
MAYOR'S OFFICE OF SPECIAL EVENTS
For more information contact 708-295-0812
Save The Date Mother's Day Brunch
Sunday, May 11, 2025, 1:00 p.m. to 5:00 p.m.
University Park Golf Club
23520 Crawford Avenue
PRESCRIPTION DRUG TAKE BACK PROGRAM
University Park Police Department
650 Burnham Drive
Box is located in the lobby.
Unused or expired prescription drugs
MICRO PANTRY

698 Burnham Drive, University Park (in front of the Code Enforcement office)
Non-Perishable items (no glass please when donating)
VILLAGE OF MONEE
25711 South Egyptian Trail
Monee, Illinois 60449
708-534-8301

Contact the Village for information on programs and events within the village.
BREAKFAST SENIOR BINGO
Thursday, April 10, 2025
This event is not limited to Monee Residents
April 10, 2025, 10:30 a.m. – 12:00 p.m.
Fireman's Park Building & Pavilion
5218 W. Court Street, Monee, IL 60449
708-534-8302
Cost: FREE

EASTER EGG HUNT 2025
Saturday, April 12, 2025
Come join us for an egg-exclusive Free Easter Event! This event is rain or shine. This event is for everyone and not just Monee Residents. Make sure to bring your own basket! We will have an assortment of activities to do, especially having fun with the Easter Bunny! 9:30 a.m. – Pet pictures; 10 a.m. – Refreshments; 10:30 a.m. – Egg Hunt. If you have questions, don't hesitate to call 708-534-8302.

April 12, 2025, 9:30 a.m. to 10:30 a.m.
Fireman's Park Building & Pavilion
5218 W. Court Street, Monee, IL 60449

NEED LEGAL HELP?
Administer Justice
All types of cases: Divorce/Custody; Landlord/Tenant; Debt/Collections; Estate Planning; Immigration; Criminal Records and more.
For more information call 1-800-818-4554

AQUA AID
Lead Sampling
University Park customers outside the TAP area or who do not wish to sign up for the program may still have their homes sampled for lead once per month without any charge. Customers may contact Aqua at 815-614-2066 to sign up for the service. A copy of the sampling results will be mailed back to customers.

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

COMED AND NICOR
ComEd and Nicor have partnered with Metropolitan Mayors Caucus to assist you with saving energy. A free Home Energy Saving assessment will help manage your energy use and reduce monthly costs. By participating in this offer, you'll get free or discounted energy-saving products, plus personalized recommendations to help you save even more.

THORN CREEK WOODS NATURE PRESERVE
For information on all Thorn Creek Woods Nature programs, please call 708-747-6320

CENTRAL PARK WETLAND WALK
Sunday, April 13, 10:30 a.m.-12:30 p.m.
Wetlands Discovery Center, 30 N. Orchard Drive,

Park Forest, located on the west end of the bathhouse. Free! All Ages. Registration required with Thorn Creek Nature Center by April 7. Call 708-747-6320.

PRAIRIE SAMPLER AND TRAIL WORKDAY
Saturday, April 19, 1 p.m. – 3 p.m. Thorn Creek Nature Center. Ages 12-adult. Children under 15 must be accompanied by an adult.. Registration required by April 14. Call 708-747-6320.

EARTH DAY AT THORN CREEK WOODLAND AND WILD FLOWERS
Sunday, April 27, 1:00-3:00 p.m. Thorn Creek Nature Center. Free. All ages. Registration required by April 21. Call 708-747-6320.

BIRD HIKE
Sunday, May 18, 10:30 a.m.–12:30 p.m. Thorn Creek Nature Center
Free. All ages. Registration required by May 12. Call 708-747-6320.

WOMEN OF THE WOODS: A NATURE RE-TREAT
Sunday, June 1. 9:30 a.m. – noon. Adult women and girls 12 years old and up. \$5 per person. Registration required by May 26. Call 708-747-6320

INSECTS AROUD FOR KIDS
Sunday, June 29. 1:00 – 3:00 p.m. Thorn Creek Nature Center
Free. Ages 6-12. Registration by June 23. Call 708-747-6320

KNOW YOUR HELPLINES
988 - Suicide prevention and mental health crisis – FREE - Confidential 24/7/365
911 – Medical and public safety emergencies – FREE – 24/7/365
211 – Resource Support Line (housing, food, etc.) – FREE – 24/7/365
800-799 SAFE (7233) – Domestic Violence Hotline 800-656-4673 – Sexual Assault Hotline 800-662-HELP (4357) – Substance Abuse/Mental Health

www.griedshare.org - Grief and loss (support group locator)

www.homelessshelterdirectory.org - Homelessness **WILL COUNTY**
United Way of Will County Dial 2-1-1 to get connected – get help – FREE and confidential

Operators are standing by to answer your questions 24/7/365

One FREE call to 2-1-1 connects you with ALL Human Services in Will County
Food-Clothing-Shelter-Housing-Rent/Utility Assistance-Counseling-Substance Abuse-Domestic Violence-Sexual Assault-Transportation-Support Groups-Senior Services-Aging Parents-Employment-Legal Assistance-Health Care.

SENIOR SERVICES
WILL COUNTY SENIOR SERVICE CENTER

Will Count Seniors is dedicated to connecting resources, information, services and programs to those over 60 to keep them safe, healthy and independent. The center offers Care Screening, Emergency Senior Services, Adult Protective Service, Tax Preparation and more. For more information on our services and memberships, call 815-723-9713.

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

RENT/MORTGAGE/UTILITY ASSISTANCE
Catholic Charities' Day-break Center

611 East Cass Street
Joliet, Illinois 60433
815-774-4663
Will County Center for Community Concerns
2455 Glenwood Avenue
Joliet, Illinois 60435
815-722-0722
Community Service Council of Northern Will County
309 North Eastern Avenue
Joliet, Illinois 60432
815-886-500

FOOD PANTRIES

MONEE TOWNSHIP – YEAR-ROUND FOOD PANTRY

26161 Egyptian Trail, Monee, Illinois 60449
Monday to Thursday, 9:00 a.m.- 3:00 p.m.
Friday 9:00 a.m. to 1:00 p.m.

NORTHERN ILLINOIS FOOD BANK – FOOD TRUCK

CRETE-MONEE SCHOOL DISTRICT 201-U
690 Exchange Street, Crete, IL 60417

1st Wednesday of each month – 3:30 p.m. to 5:30 p.m.

FAITH MOVERS CHURCH

425 Exchange Street., University Park, IL 60484
Every Saturday 10:00 a.m. to 12:00 noon.

PROVISION MARKET
5430 West Main Street, Monee, IL 60449

Every Friday 10:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m.

Must register at provisionlab.org/market

For more information call 708-232-0515 or email admin@provisionlab.org.

NEW HOPE CHRISTIAN COMMUNITY CHURCH
4700 West Court Street, Monee, IL 60449

1st Monday of each month – 4:00 p.m. to 5:30 p.m.

PENTECOSTAL CHURCH OF CHRIST CATHEDRAL
3840 West 216th Street, Matteson, IL 60443

Every Wednesday, 3:00 p.m. to 6:00 p.m.

DIAPER DEPOT
Every 2nd Thursday – FREE

New Hope Christian Community Church

4700 West Court Street, Monee, IL 60449

708-235-0995
Register to receive 25 diapers per child.

Sizes available 1 to 6. No pull ups available.

Register on the NHCCC App or website, or newhope-christiancommunitychurch.org.



MONEE TOWNSHIP
26121 EGYPTIAN TRAIL, MONEE, IL. 60449
Office: 708-534-6020



MONEE TOWNSHIP YOUTH PROGRAM
DON'T MISS THE FUN!!!



BRING THE CHILDREN OUT FOR SPORTS
ACTIVITIES, CRAFTS AND MORE!!
03/23/2025, 03/30/2025,
04/06/2025, &
04/13/2025 (SPRING PARTY)
FUN RECREATIONAL ACTIVITIES FOR
KINDERGARTEN-12TH GRADERS



5:00 P.M. TO 7:00 P.M.
CRETE-MONEE MIDDLE SCHOOL
635 OLMSTED ROAD
UNIVERSITY PARK, IL. DOOR #16
YOU MUST BRING YOUR OWN WATER BOTTLE

YOU CAN REGISTER ONLINE AT WEBSITE: WWW.MONEETOWNSHIP.COM
OR IN PERSON AT THE OFFICE OR ON SUNDAYS

MUST LIVE: MONEE TOWNSHIP IS COMPRISED OF THE VILLAGE OF MONEE, THE VILLAGE OF UNIVERSITY PARK, THE WILL COUNTY PORTION OF PARK FOREST AND ALL UNINCORPORATED AREAS WITHIN THE TOWNSHIP.
OUR BORDERS ARE WESTERN AVENUE ON THE EAST (UNIVERSITY PARK RESIDENTS LIVING EAST OF WESTERN AVENUE ARE NOT WITHIN OUR TOWNSHIP), HARLEM AVENUE ON THE WEST, STEGER ROAD ON THE NORTH AND OFFNER ROAD ON THE SOUTH

Exemptions, Tax bill & Assessment workshop Updates



Sandra Heard, MBA, Monee Township Assessor, CAIO,

Our doors are Open! Come on in!
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 (is preferred) for questions or for general information check out our website www.moneeassessor.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.

Our office is open Tue-Thurs and email is best way to contact us anytime or you can come in without an appointment during office hours. 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 for help, especially with exemptions and assessment reviews. **Email is still the preferred method of contact, as this is the best way to reach the Assessor directly at moneeassessor@gmail.com.** In addition to email, we will continue responding to voicemails if you leave your phone number to set appointments to assist you, if necessary. We still have stations established with sneeze guards in 3 locations for assistance inside our office. There will be a limit of 3-5 people inside the office simultaneously except for workshops or exemption events.

Will County Supervisor of Assessments (SOA) Updates
I scheduled meetings on multiple occasions in 2024 with the SOA to request exclusion of rehabs and updated properties from the factor calculations derived for the Sales Ratio Study. I have been making ongoing requests to exclude the **2024 rehabs, non-market sales and some new constructions** and now am providing candidates for exclusion from 2025 sales. When this is done it will lower the 2025 factor as well as the 2026 factor. **I will keep you informed of the results.**

The 2024 Pre-Appeal assessment review process worked well

This year 2025, we are continuing to offer a **Pre-Appeal** option for residential property assessment reviewed based on the last 3 years sales. If your property assessment falls below 1/3 of the median sales price for your neighborhood, then your value is supported. But if your property assessment is higher than 1/3 of the median sales price for your neighborhood, after the factor was added, then your assessment is a candidate for reduction accordingly. Please submit the information or form to our email moneeassessor@gmail.com or you will be able to pick up a form to complete and drop off for your request after June 1, 2025. We were able to help get reductions for most of the residential property owners submitting their request in 2024. So do not hesitate to contact us so your property assessment can be reviewed for adjustment, if needed. This will continue to be an ongoing process until we start to see a leveling off of the factors after the Rehabs have been removed.

Exemptions will save \$\$ on your tax bills
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! Exemptions are described here: 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, Doctor's statement or 2A ID)
- **Home Improvement Exemption** (additions or up-grades)

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.**

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. These **Exemptions are renewed annually and the amounts are shown 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. If the veteran is 100%, total and permanently disabled then no renewal submission is required.

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

Information on Assessments, Exemptions, and your Tax bill.

When: May 22, 2025

**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 May 15 (Leave a Message)
Refreshments will be served**

Q: How does assessments relate to taxes?

A: The Assessor's office is responsible for applying fair assessment for the entire township. When assessments go down, the rates usually go up and when assessments go up, then the rate tends to go down, this allows the taxing bodies to receive at least what they received the previous

year in their levy to meet their budget and is usually **up to 5% increase.**

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, used by the county clerk. Please note that many taxing bodies in Monee Township who are getting tax \$\$ from University Park did increase their % requests in a range from **30-50%** due to closing of UP TIF 5. This may also make a significant increase to all properties in University Park portion of Monee Township.

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, applying exemptions to your bill will result in savings in your taxes,

Now Hiring

Monee Township Assessor's Office is Hiring
Office Assistant and Summer student– Database

- Knowledge of Microsoft products, scan, copy, label and compile various document packages.
- Great communication and listening skills
- Calculation of measure of central tendency
- Student to work on Database maintenance

These positions to be filled by April 15, 2025

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

Announcement of training and information

More information will be available assessments, factors, tax rate, exemptions that saves on your tax bill via future newsletters, FB, podcasts and workshops starting this in the spring. Announcements will be made accordingly.

If you have questions regarding your assessments and how it impacts your tax bill contact us or checkout the information provided in these stated resources and locations.



Make sure to like and share our Monee Township Assessor's Face book page to stay current with office events and FB Live events!!

ANNOUNCEMENT:
Coming soon – Assessor's Podcasts starting April 2025, to be informative and engaging with taxpayers. Announcement to be made on our FB page.

HOW TO CONTACT YOUR STATE ELECTED OFFICIALS

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J B Pritzker, Governor
207 State House
Springfield, IL 62706
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EVENT

SATURDAY, JUNE 7, 2025
9:00 A.M. TO 12:00 NOON
MONEE TOWNSHIP PARKING LOT
CALL FOR MORE INFORMATION