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COMMUNITY NEWSLETTER

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Happy Spring, my dear Neighbors and Friends!

I love this time of the year! The birds are singing, the temperature is climbing, and the sensational sun shines more hours on our fine village! This year, perhaps more than any other year, there is an excitement as nature around us (and our world after this pandemic) prepares for a reawakening. With this in mind, my thoughts are directed towards the adventure I have been sharing with my kindergarten class over the previous few weeks. We have been learning about life cycles of animals, and as a culminating activity we had our incubator of eggs that we patiently observed for 21 days before 28 cute little chicks began hatching. Every year the miracle of what unfolds before our eyes, not only excites the children, but me, as well! We learn many things through this process, some of which parallels with the world we are living in today. Allow me to share some of these thoughts with you.



One of the books that I read with my class was The Good Egg by Jory John and Pete Oswald. This adorable little story encouraged readers to be the **good egg** in the carton. It is important to be good to each other and good to ourselves. Our community is amazing at helping others. Please continue to look for ways to be the good that our world needs and volunteer for a good cause. Just as importantly, we need to take care of ourselves and find ways to not *crack* under the pressure. Make the time to do something for your own health and well-being, both physical and mental. Let's not be afraid to break out of our hardened protective shells that we have all surrounded ourselves with. Perhaps you can try a new hobby. Work towards keeping a hopeful and positive outlook, and above all, never let a few *bad eggs* get you down. Life may be unpredictable, and it may be hard to keep all of your eggs from cracking, but remember, you cannot make an omelet without breaking a few eggs. If something does not go quite as planned, change your course, and try again. This pandemic taught us that!

Do you know what else the pandemic has taught us? We are resilient!!! After a long winter and a year of social distancing and quarantine, there is much hope, excitement, and reasons for gratitude! We are trending towards getting back to normal. Many in our community have been able to receive their vaccinations already, with the promise of more vaccines to come. Businesses and buildings are reopening, and people are looking forward to returning to the pre-pandemic activities that they have been longing for. There is hope! Now that we are coming through the other side of this pandemic, I would like to personally express my gratitude to the Huron County Public Health for their guidance throughout this last year especially. I continue to be so very thankful for our village employees who have literally, kept the lights on, kept our water safe, kept our streets safe through the winter storms and worked diligently towards the goal of health, safety, and general well-being of our community. I know our administrative and office personnel are looking forward to safely welcoming the public back into our offices. We have missed you and your smiling faces!! After all, YOU are the heart of our village!

In closing, I hope this newsletter finds you well. Enjoy the articles shared within as they are full of important information. You will also see some pictures of our Monroeville Municipal Complex. We look forward to welcoming you with an Open House when it is safe and healthy to do so. Until then, I would like to conclude by wishing all of you a blessed spring and Happy Easter. Stay healthy!

Yours in service,



Utility customers are hereby notified that it is against the law to interfere or tamper with any equipment owned by the Village of Monroeville and/or Monroeville Utilities.



The Village Administrative Offices will be closed in observance of these holidays...

May 31st - Memorial Day
July 4th - Independence Day
September 6th - Labor Day
October 11th - Columbus Day

"IT'S ELECTRIFYING"

As we start the year 2021, I would like everyone to welcome our newest employee/apprentice to the Electric Dept., Alexandria Carper. Alex will begin her training in July of this year and continue throughout the next 6 yrs., at which time she will receive her Journeyman line worker certification.

In 2021 we will continue upgrading our street lighting to LED. We will also be doing various upgrades on our electrical system to make it more efficient and stable. Part of making our system more stable is by doing tree trimming around our primary lines. We recently finished our trimming list for this year and are installing animal guards/protectors throughout the system to minimize animal contacts/outages.

As always please report any outages/problems to the Electric Dept. as soon as possible (after hours please call the Police Dept so they can contact the on-call employee) and NEVER touch any electric lines that are on the ground or within reach.

Electric Dept.

Melissa M. Fries-Seip

Mayor



One of our older businesses within the Village is Myers-Ziemke Insurance. The business has been in existence over 65 years and was incorporated in 1970.

Mike Moore purchased the business in 2005. The current address is 2 North Main St. and he shares the same building with Lyn-Marie's Coffee on Main and Snippers. Before Mike's purchase of the business, he had many years of sales in the Insurance Industry.



Mike's business has expanded to 6 sales agents with wife Kim and daughter Courtney as part of the team. Mike and his team offer home and auto coverage which includes motorcycles, RV's and boats. He also insures businesses through many insurance underwriters. Are you retiring soon? Mike has Medicare products as well.

The Village of Monroeville is proud to have Myers-Ziemke in our town!

Submitted by Chris Raftery

HERE'S WHAT'S HAPPENING AT THE MONROEVILLE POLICE DEPARTMENT



Hooked on Fishing.

Save the Date!! Hooked on Fishing is scheduled for 11am on Monday, May 31, 2021 at Clark Park. This date is tentative based on what Covid restriction are mandated at that time. Please monitor the Police Department's Facebook page for updates.

Safety Town

We are having Safety Town this year if conditions are safe to hold it. No date has been set, but it is hoped that it may occur sometime in late July or early August. Those who were unable to attend last year may do so this year. Please monitor the police department's Facebook page for updates.

Citizen Survey

The Monroeville Police Department will soon be distributing surveys to its citizens. The survey will be online for all Village residents who wish to participate. This is part of an ongoing effort of the Village and the Police Department to see to the needs of the citizens they serve and determine what issues are of importance to them. The survey is in its final draft and once it is approved by Council for distribution, we will make an announcement on the Police Department's Facebook page along with the link to access the survey.

thank you

Our Sign Returns to Its Rightful Place

A fixture for decades, our POLICE sign was refurbished during the move to the new municipal complex. A big thank you goes out to our Electric Department for an outstanding job!



This beautiful artwork was crafted by Monroeville native, Ed Smith of Smith Burn Table Designs. It is now on display near the entrance to the police department. Thank you, Ed for such a wonderful job!

Chief Lyons

A NEW YEAR FILLED WITH COURAGE AND PURPOSE

One could never have imagined we would be one year removed from the onset of one of the greatest pandemics our country has ever experienced. This single event so dramatically impacted our way of life in a manner that is unfathomable. To this day, we continue to wonder when the next shoe will drop.

Your Village has stayed the course and has remained a rock-solid foundation for the community. We have not been immune to the financial ups and downs as we continue to recognize the uncertainty of what 2021 might have in store.

Throughout the previous 12 months, we have been able to provide monetary assistance to our businesses and to individual community members by way of CARES Act Grants. We believe this effort helped stave off some of the financial hardship which impacted the wellbeing of our community.

In retrospect, the last 12 months have had some very positive events.

The Monroeville Municipal Complex was completed, slightly behind schedule, but under budget. Your new MMC is the "keystone" for a downtown resurgence. The MMC construction would not have been possible without the input, guidance, and, most importantly, community support from across the Village.

Local contractors, RA Bores and SEC donated labor and equipment to provide the finishing touches for the MMC construction. This is what Monroeville is all about. Businesses, individuals, and local government helping and working with one another!

Milan Avenue was reconstructed and paved. River Road was resurfaced within the Village. This project was a collaboration between the Village and the Huron County Engineer.

The Broad Street Sanitary Sewer Project began late in the year and will be finished this spring. Curb lawns, sidewalks and driveway approaches, in and along the construction route, will be restored and Broad Street, from US 20 to Ridge, will be repaved.

Moving further into 2021 you should see a renovation of sections of downtown sidewalks. ODOT will be repaving US 20 through the Village in a May to June time frame.

By late summer all of the residential and commercial water meters should be replaced. The majority of our existing meters are in the one-hundred-year-old category.

On the parks side, MLS is planning to have spring baseball and softball. The restrooms at Marsh and Clark Parks have been fitted with touchless toilets, faucets, soap dispensers, hand dryers and toilet paper dispensers in an effort to mitigate contact transmissions.

The Village received a grant from the State of Ohio to partially fund the construction of a connector trail from Clark Park to the North Coast Inland Trail. Survey work will get underway in hopes of establishing a route for this link.

All indications point to the Village Flea returning on Sunday, June 27. What an exciting time and opportunity for the Village to once again host this wonderful event.

Let us not forget Christmas in the Park and in the Village. We are in the planning phase and, even now, are beginning to feel the excitement.



"Be courageous. I have seen many depressions in business. Always, America has emerged from these stronger and more prosperous. Be brave as your fathers before you. Have Faith! Go forward!Thomas A. Edison

The Huron River Joint Fireman's Association will host their annual chicken BBQ on Sunday, April 25, 2021 at the fire station located at 155 Monroe St. This will be a drive thru carry out event beginning at 11:00



STREET HAPPENINGS

As we approach summer the Street Department will begin collecting yard waste every second and fourth Tuesday beginning April 13th until October 28th. Please make sure there is **NO TRASH OR ANIMAL FECES** mixed in with the yard waste. We reserve the right to refuse your yard waste if it contains trash or animal feces.

Here are just a few of our spring and summer projects...

- We have more breakaway sign posts along with new street signs that will be installed.
- We understand that there are potholes around town, and we will stay on top of them as best as we can as the winter is brutal on our streets.
- We are going to clean out catch basins along with repairing any broken ones.
- Route 20 is scheduled to be repaved this summer. Look for notices of the project dates.
- The Street Department is looking into purchasing a new pick-up truck along with a dump trailer to help with multiple jobs. The

funds for this purchase will come from our set aside/capital project fund.

Street Dept.

INTRODUCING RITA



As 1/01/21, RITA (Regional Income Tax Agency) is now collecting the municipal taxes for the Village of Monroeville. Welcome letters were sent from RITA to all Monroeville residents and businesses in December of 2020. RITA is a governmental agency established under Chapter 167 of the Ohio Revised Code. RITA provides income tax collection and processing services for more than 300 of Ohio's municipalities and is the largest municipal income tax collection agency in the state. The Village of Monroeville chose RITA for its ability to offer residents and businesses free online services and its ability to maximize the Village's tax collection efforts. We encourage you to utilize RITA's free online services, FastFile and MyAccount. Visit www.ritaohio.com to access contact and mailing information, FastFile, MyAccount and tax forms.

THE VILLAGE OF MONROEVILLE ADMINISTRATIVE OFFICE WILL NOT ACCEPT 2020 MONROEVILLE INCOME TAX RETURNS. IT IS YOUR RESPONSIBILITY TO MAKE SURE THAT YOUR RETURN IS FILED WITH RITA. THE DEADLINE FOR FILING YOUR TAX RETURN IS THURSDAY, MAY 17TH, 2021 – EXTENDED BY THE IRS.

Water Works

Work continues on our water distribution system. The Village has had several water main breaks over the past couple of years and has had to replace two valves on US 20/S. Main Street. Administration is in the process of securing funding to replace this 100+ year old section of infrastructure.

You may have noticed village crews working in and around your water meter pit. We are in the process of updating and changing all of the village's water meters to a new radio read type.

Water Dept.

JUST THE FACTS

During the 2020 operating year, 41.994 million gallons of water was pumped from the river to the reservoir. The water treatment plant received 52.941 million gallons from the reservoir and pumped a total of 49.624 million gallons of treated water into the distribution system.

Precipitation for the year equaled 40.32 inches.

On the flip side, the waste water treatment plant treated 78.091 million gallons of wastewater and had no combined sewer system overflows during 2020.

The Village's annual Combined Sewer Overflow Report (CSO) can be viewed on the Village of Monroeville's website. Visit our "Departments" tab and click on "Wastewater". There you will find the document to the bottom right of the page.

Our annual mercury collection drive will be Monday, May 2 through Sunday, May 9, 2021. Please call 419-465-4182 before bringing in your mercury.

Google PWS-02-003brochure.pdf to view the OEPA required backflow informational brochure.



Mark your calendars!
The Village Flea is scheduled for
Sunday, June 27th!

We have all been looking forward to getting back together for a fun filled day of food, music, and hunting for that perfect treasure right in the heart of our small town!

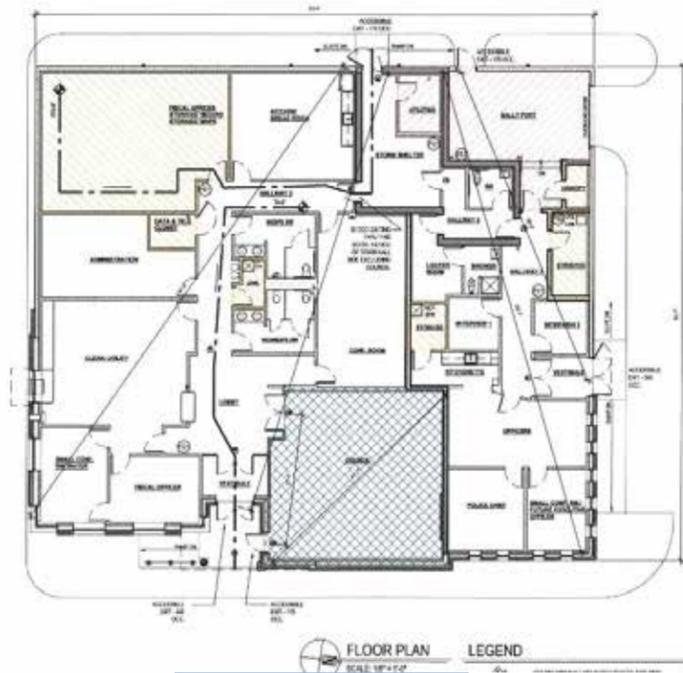
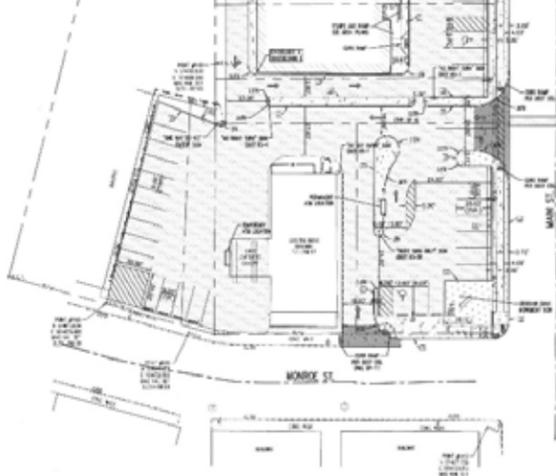
We can't wait!

More details coming soon!



Any one hungry for a great hamburger? I'd like to suggest stopping in at Twist and Shout on Rt 20 to take care of that hunger. Twist and Shout is owned and operated by Ken and Roschelle Buraszeki and they are celebrating their 15th year in business. Ken has been in the restaurant business for many years and has progressed from bus boy to chef, as well as food product sales. Ken and Roschelle have a son, Thomas, who attends St. Joseph's School.

THIS IS WHERE IT ALL BEGAN!



A GLIMPSE INTO YOUR MONROEVILLE MUNICIPAL BUILDING...

