



# VILLAGE OF MONROEVILLE COMMUNITY NEWSLETTER



FALL 2025

Dear Neighbors,

We blinked, and just like that, another summer has passed us by. Hopefully you got the chance to make the most of it! We were blessed with a lot of good (if not hot) weekend weather, and not too many bad storms. Fortunately, we've been easing into fall with cool nights and sunny days, and school and sports are in full swing!

By the time you read this newsletter, the Monroeville HS football team will have most of its home schedule in the books. The Eagles are playing in a newly revitalized Marsh Field. A committee of dedicated volunteers engaged in an almost total rebuild, and all of us in the Village got a front row seat to watch the daily progress. Marsh Field now boasts wider concrete walkways, a brand-new playing surface, a huge, state of the art press box, bleachers that are much easier (and safer) to navigate, and more! As with projects like the MAC and the Track Complex, grassroots community effort was central to getting the renovation accomplished. I am truly grateful for everyone who gave of their time, finances, or resources to restore the Marsh for future generations of Eagles and Eagle fans. Monroeville is a great place to live because of this unfailing and generous community spirit.

A great example of that spirit is our recently retired Fiscal Officer, Bonnie Beck. Bonnie served the Village with distinction for 35 years and a smile on her face, always. Bonnie guided the Village through good times and bad, and we enjoy a healthy and prosperous Village due to her efforts. I notice that just because Bonnie retired, she hasn't gone away—you're very likely to see her in the stands at a sporting event, or around town. Please thank her for her service when you see her.

Please also say hello and welcome to our new Fiscal Officer, Eunice Collene! Eunice comes to Monroeville from employment with the City of Bucyrus's mayor's office, the City of Galion auditor's office, and the Ohio EPA. Eunice also served as a township fiscal officer for many years. With all of that experience and know-how, Eunice hasn't missed a beat. Eunice has already remarked, more than once, how much she enjoys the small town feel of Monroeville, and I am really glad to have her here. Our Village will remain in good hands for years to come.

As we work to keep Monroeville moving into the future, please do not hesitate to share your feedback with us whenever the mood strikes you. So many things that happen around town come from suggestions by residents and businesses; for instance, the posting of school zone times on Broad St. Another example was the successful Monroeville Market Days, which were instituted by Stacy Hozalski of Graceful Pages bookstore on South Main. Stacy came to us with the idea, and then ran with it, bringing vendors of all kinds to our new South Main Muni lot on Saturday mornings from July to September. I hope you were able to enjoy the opportunity to shop local, and I look forward to Market Days returning next year! Please share your feedback with me - good or bad - at [mayor@monroevilleohio.com](mailto:mayor@monroevilleohio.com).

Finally, the holiday season will be upon us before we know it. Alysha, Audrey, and I wish you all very happy holidays full of friends, family, and love!

Very truly yours,

Mayor Joe Galea





# HOMETOWN PROUD

By now you have noticed the full complement of Hometown Hero Banners that are displayed across the Village. In collaboration with Scott Sparks and the American Legion, Monroeville has 180 banners located in the downtown area and on Monroe and Borad streets. The number of banners in Monroeville is, by far, the largest in the county. If you would like to purchase a banner for display in 2026, please contact Scott.



Village Council has been successful in securing a grant from the Ohio Public Works Commission for the reconstruction of Hamilton Street, between Milan Avenue and Broad Street. Engineering and design are underway with construction work anticipated for mid-2026. Lee Tansey, Huron County Engineer, was instrumental in assisting the Village in securing this grant.



The expansion of the Village solar field is underway. Floating solar arrays are presently being installed on the water surface on a series of connected floatation platforms. When completed, in early 2026, the Village will have a Green Energy footprint which will exceed 42%. What that means is that for every kilowatt hour you use, 42% of your energy will come from green generation resources!

As yard waste pickup winds down, leaf pickup will get underway. Please do not put any "clinkers" in the leaf piles. If you have anything other than leaves in the piles, you will be by-passed.

Tom Gray, Village Administrator



After a great summer we are heading into fall. With that being said, the final yard waste pick-up will be on Tuesday, October 28th.

With yard waste ending for the year we are heading into leaf pick up. Leaves will be vacuumed on an as-needed basis. Please have your leaves raked to the curbside, away from telephone poles and mail boxes, in order to allow the leaf vac to be most effective. Please do not rake leaves into the street. DO NOT rake any garbage, bottles, cans, sticks, limbs, or animal feces with the leaves. Anything other than leaves will be left for you to dispose of! The final leaf pick-up will be weather dependent.

As we approach the winter month, we will be going over our plows and salt spreaders. The Street Department had a new building built to hold salt through a grant. The salt shed can hold an estimated 120 tons of salt. We have an estimated 40 tons on hand with another 70 tons ordered. Please be cautious of employees plowing the uptown sidewalks and the streets. If you have any comments or concern, please call 419-465-2800. Thank You!

Street Department

We are continually upgrading our system, such as switching the old street lighting to new LED lighting. We also are installing new electronic controls throughout the system. We will also be doing various equipment 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, which we continually work on. We are still installing animal guards/protectors throughout the system to minimize animal contacts/outages.

The Holiday season is coming upon us soon. During the cold weather, please keep us aware of electrical problems so we can address them in a timely manner. As always, please report any outages/problems to the electric department as soon as possible (after hours please call Police Dept so they can call the on-call employee) and NEVER touch any electric lines that are on the ground or within reach.

Electric Department





## A Busy and Rewarding Year So Far

The Monroeville Police Department has had an incredibly busy and fulfilling year, filled with meaningful events and programs that have strengthened our connection with the community. From educating our youngest residents through Safety Town to fun, family-friendly activities like Hooked on Fishing, Not Drugs, our officers have been hard at work building relationships and promoting safety throughout Monroeville.

We're proud of the progress we've made and grateful for the support of our residents, volunteers, and local partners who help make these initiatives possible. As we head into the fall, we look forward to continuing this momentum with more opportunities to engage, educate, and serve.

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### Safety Town 2025 Recap



Safety Town 2025 was a week-long program held in August, starting on August 4th, welcoming all incoming kindergarteners in the Monroeville area. This program gave our youngest residents hands-on lessons to help keep them safe at school and in their community.

We're proud of the students who participated and thankful to the families, volunteers, and community partners who made it possible!

**Day 1: Students learned traffic signs, signals, safe street crossing, seat belt safety, and made stop signs. Thanks to volunteers and Monroeville Eagles for the facility.**

**Day 2: Focus on bus, railroad, and bicycle safety, including a bus ride and emergency drills. Each student received a bike helmet from Fisher-Titus and popsicles from Croghan Colonial Bank. Thanks to all volunteers and partners!**

**Day 3: Lessons on electrical hazards with a live demo, plus gun safety and stranger awareness. Thanks to Village of Monroeville Electrical Dept., Firelands Electric Cooperative, and volunteers.**

**Day 4: Fire safety with Huron River Joint Fire District, including fire trucks, smoke house, and hose spraying. Thanks to firefighters, Town & Country 4-H Club, and volunteers.**

**Day 5: Graduation with certificates and a pizza party from Pean's Pizza. Congrats to all graduates!**



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### **System wide hydrant flushing and valve exercising:**



This will be tentatively scheduled for the weeks of October 6th & October 13th. Water dept. employees will begin flushing and valve exercising at approximately 8:30 am and stop around 3:00 pm daily. You may experience low flow and or cloudy/discolored water during this period. Please let your tap run and the condition should clear up relatively quickly.



## Community Program Highlight:

### Hooked on Fishing, Not Drugs..



This summer, the Monroeville Police Department hosted the annual Hooked on Fishing, Not Drugs event, promoting healthy choices and community connection through fishing fun.

**Congratulations to This Year's Winners: Maverick Keefer – Largest Fish (24")**

**Carlee Rew – Smallest Fish (5")**

**Ava Keefer – Most Fish Caught (7 fish)**



A huge thank you to all the volunteers, village employees, and sponsors, including Twenty First Century Foundation, Firelands Federal Credit Union, Monroeville Rod and Gun Club, Janotta & Herner, Fair Publishing House, Myers Rentals, Nobils Sports & Trophies, New Horizons Baking Company, Dollar General - Monroeville, Frito-Lay, Pepsi, Rural King Supply, Cold as Ice, Slide Thru, Pean's Pizza, Brian Watt, and the Ohio Department of Natural Resources.

A special Thank You to Lt. Troy Kimball who organizes this event every year!

Your support made this event a great success!

## Kindergarten Police Station Tours at St. Joseph Catholic School

Kindergarten students from St. Joseph Catholic School took a walking field trip around Monroeville to visit the municipal building, police station, and public library.

Mayor Galea swore in the children as honorary Monroeville Junior Police Officers, and they proudly earned their badges. The kids also explored the inside of a police cruiser—learning that 8 kindergarteners can fit in the back seat (although it was a little tight!). The day was full of smiles, learning, and fun!



Thank you to our wonderful community for making these experiences possible!



## Chief of Police Joins as Mystery Reader



A big thank you to St. Joseph Catholic School for welcoming Chief Earl as this year's mystery reader! Chief Earl had an absolute blast sharing stories with the students and helping to foster a love of reading and community spirit.

Thank you for being an important part of our community. We are honored to serve Monroeville and remain committed to keeping our neighborhoods safe, engaged, and thriving. Stay tuned for more exciting programs and events ahead. Until then, take care, stay safe, and keep connected!

— Chief Jonathan Earl & The Monroeville Police Department



With the change of seasons, there have been a lot of changes happening in the Village of Monroeville! Hello! I am Eunice Collene your new Fiscal Officer as of June 2025. My husband Patrick and I have been married for 35 years and reside in Bucyrus. We have two children and two grandsons. I have a strong background in government and finance that began in 1998 at the City of Bucyrus. I worked for the City of Galion, was the Fiscal Officer for Holmes Township, and most recently worked for the State of Ohio Environmental Protection Agency.

I consider it an honor and a privilege to work for you and appreciate the trust placed in me and my staff. Ann Beck, Administrative Assistant has been with the village for 28 years. Heather Alicea, Administrative Specialist started with the village five years ago and Ashley Hankins was added a year ago as an entry-level Administrative Assistant.

Being so new, I don't have a lot to report, however we will continue to work hard, make good decisions, and be resourceful with your tax dollars in making this community the best it can be. We are currently undergoing our 2024 financial audit and a technology audit by the Ohio Auditor of State. We hope these will be complete by mid-October. We are also looking to get new software that will give our customers more access to their accounts, payment options, and lower fees. This has consumed a lot of our time. I would be remiss to not thank my staff. I am amazed at the amount of work they take on and they truly function as a team to accomplish great things every day! I am proud to work with them.

I want to thank everyone for the warm welcome I have received and I look forward to meeting more of you and continuing to be part of this wonderful community!

Eunice Collene, Fiscal Officer



We would like to remind All Sanitary Sewer users not to dispose of any mercury containing items or fluids into the sewer. If you need help on getting rid of such items, please call us at 419-465-4182 and we will help you dispose of it properly. There is a "Mercury in the Household" brochure on the Village's website under the department's dropdown tab under Wastewater, which contains a lot of information and ideas on where in your house you could find mercury. The employees of the Wastewater Dept. in order to comply with our permit, will be re-visiting the commercial customers to verify nothing mercury related has changed.

The Wastewater Department will continue its ongoing efforts to maintain, clean & inspect our sanitary sewer mains.

The Water Department is still trying to identify all lead service lines in our distribution system both on the public side and private side of the meter. The lead line inventory required by the OEPA is complete, but in an effort to reduce and or eliminate the unknown service lines we will be working with a contractor this fall to do random "potholing" of unknown service lines to determine the material used. If you know what your service line material is and have not returned the lead service line form you can email us at [water@monroevilleohio.com](mailto:water@monroevilleohio.com) to give us that information. Please include your name, address, and service line material.

The following is a link to view the OEPA required Backflow informational brochure -[PWS-02-003 brochure.pdf\(ohio.gov\)](#). This link is also available on the Village of Monroeville's website under the departments heading by clicking on Water.

If you ever have any questions concerning your water or wastewater, please call the Water Dept. (419) 465-4182. In case of an emergency, call the Monroeville Police Dept. and they will contact the on-call person.

Thank You,  
Water & Wastewater Department



### **CONTACTS...**

**FIRE DEPARTMENT  
NON- EMERGENCY  
419-465-2721**

**R.I.T.A., CUSTOMER SUPPORT:  
1-800-860-7482**

**DAVE MAHL, VILLAGE  
ZONING INSPECTOR:  
419-577-7890**

**MONROEVILLE POST OFFICE:  
419-465-2004**

**MONROEVILLE PUBLIC LIBRARY:  
419-465-2035**

**POLICE DEPT. NON-EMERGENCY:  
419-465-2474**



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### OFFICE CLOSINGS...

OCT. 13TH - COLUMBUS DAY

NOV. 11TH - VETERANS DAY

NOV. 27TH & 28TH - THANKSGIVING

DEC. 25TH - CHRISTMAS

JANUARY 1, 2026 - NEW YEARS DAY

JAN. 19TH - MARTIN LUTHER KING DAY

FEB. 16TH - PRESIDENTS DAY

MAY 25TH - MEMORIAL DAY

### HOURS OF OPERATION

MON. - FRI.

8:00AM - 4:30PM

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EVENTS, PLEASE  
CHECK OUT OUR WEBSITE:

[WWW.MONROEVILLEOHIO.COM](http://WWW.MONROEVILLEOHIO.COM)



The Huron River Joint Fire District Firemen's Association will host its annual Halloween parade and Village trick or treating on Sunday, October 26<sup>th</sup>. Youngsters donning costumes of all sorts of characters will be going door to door from 1pm to 2:30pm in search of treats, followed by a parade at 3:00pm. The parade will begin at the high school and end at the fire station.

Join in on this long-standing tradition and enjoy seeing the creative costumes and the delight on a child's face when they receive a treat from you.