



**Monee  
Township  
Founded 1859**

# MONEE TOWNSHIP NEWSLETTER

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## From the Supervisor

Whew! What a Winter we've had. Lots of snow shoveling and January brought us Frigid temperatures — BRRR! February came in a little better with milder temperatures — still cold but so much better. As hardy Midwest residents, we survived it all.

**EXCITING NEWS!** Construction started on March 2 on our new walk thru Pantry. It will be finished in June, if all goes as planned. Note that the Township did not borrow for the addition to the Highway Department new bay which was necessary to replace the space inside the garage that is being renovated into the pantry. We are also not planning on borrowing for the pantry part of it. I have been saving money for years for capital projects and Senator Patrick Joyce helped us obtain a State Grant of \$100,00 to help also. Thank you, Senator Joyce! When the pantry is done, we will plan a combined Pantry Open House along with celebrating AMERICA 250: THE 250TH ANNIVERSARY OF AMERICA. Our July Newsletter will have all the details.

**SENIOR COMMITTEE: NEXT SENIOR EVENT: APRIL 21ST, 2026:** This Spring event will be an inside the Township luncheon. Seniors who have signed up for our senior list will get a letter with all the details to make reservations. If you are a senior 65 years old and above and live in Monee Township you can call 708-534-6020 to put your name on our senior list so you receive the senior event notifications. All events are free if you qualify. You MUST pre-register. Space is limited, so when you get your letter, call asap, 708-534-6020.

The Senior Committee is always happy to have new members. Besides putting on luncheons, our Seniors help with our newsletter stuffing quarterly, they also help with other projects through the year and with holiday programs. We are blessed to have their help.

**INCOME TAX HELP FOR SENIORS:** Call WCCCC 815-722-0722.

**YOUTH PROGRAM:** Our Youth Committee is going strong with the Spring programs that will run thru select Sundays ending April 19th. Keely Childress is the Township's Youth Coordinator. She is dedicated to bringing recreational activities to Monee Township's youth. Keely Childress and her staff have done an excellent job of planning programs and



working with the children from K – 12th grade. To join this program, you must be a Monee Township Resident. We encourage parents to attend with their children and participate in the activities. **EXCITING NEWS FOR NEXT FALL 2026 AND SPRING 2027:** We may expand the Youth nights to 12 nights each in the Fall and Spring Sessions.

**MONEE TOWNSHIP FOOD PANTRY:** The Township has a year-round food pantry that is open daily to help with food insecurity. Hours are from 9am-3:30pm Monday thru Thursday and on Fridays from 9am-1:30pm. Only Monee Township residents may apply. You must provide a valid ID showing your current address in Monee Township.

**ANNUAL TOWN MEETING:** APRIL 14, 2026 at 26121 Egyptian Trail, Monee, IL, 7:30 p.m. but you must arrive prior to then to sign in so you can vote. Please mark your calendars. At this meeting reports are given showing how your tax dollars were spent April 1, 2025—3/31/2026. We are very transparent and encourage you to come and see what we do.

**2025 HOLIDAY PROGRAMS:** Please see the Holiday report within this newsletter. We give a big thank you to all donors, volunteers, and our staff and the Highway Department crew. We could not serve so many people at Thanksgiving or with our Santa's Sack Program that not only gives out food but presents to all members of each family without them. A special thank you goes out to the Kenco Company for sending many strong employees to help during the year with Senior luncheons. Monee Township is thankful for all the kind and generous people who helped us serve so many people in need.

The Will County Land Use Department will hold a meeting on Tuesday, April 28th, 5:30 – 7:00 p.m. in the Township meeting room. Please see article inside this newsletter for more details on the scope of this meeting.

Budget Hearing is April 16, 2026 from 7:00 – 7:10 p.m. Budget is on agenda to approve. Tentative budget can be viewed at the Township.

Have a safe and wonderful Spring!

Donna T. Dettbarn, Monee Township Supervisor

### 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

### MONEE TOWNSHIP HIGHWAY COMMISSIONER'S REPORT

Pauling Road will be closed for much-needed repairs to the bridge over highway 57. The work is tentatively scheduled to commence sometime between April and May. Please keep a look out for roadwork and detour signs in the near future and please remember to always slow down for roadwork equipment and crews.

Mowing season is almost upon us and we have begun our preparation for the mowing season. We have begun tractor and mower preventive maintenance and blades replaced and/or sharpened.

David Deutsche,  
Highway Commissioner



### 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.

### GENERAL ASSISTANCE FUND

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

- Those who are ineligible for categorical assistance from the Illinois Department of Human Services (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.



# Monee Township

## MONEE TOWNSHIP SENIOR COMMITTEE

Monee Township Senior Committee's next event is Tuesday, April 21, 2026 will be an in person lunch, 11:00 a.m. to 2:00 p.m., at the Monee Township, 26121 Egyptian Trail, Monee. The deadline to sign up is Friday, April 17, 2026. There will be a drive through lunch June 30, 2026. Be on the lookout for more information. PLEASE NOTE ALL DRIVE THROUGH 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.

## Winners of the Monee Township Senior Committee's Volunteer of the Year Award



## VETERANS ASSISTANCE COMMISSION

### We Remember Them

*(Poem by Rabbi Sylvan Kamens and Rabbi Jack Riemer)*  
 In the rising of the sun and its going down,  
 We Remember Them;  
 In the blowing of the wind and in the chill of Winter,  
 We Remember Them;  
 In the opening of the buds and in the rebirth of Spring,  
 We Remember Them;  
 In the blueness of the skies and in the warmth of Summer,  
 We Remember Them;  
 In the rustling of the leaves and in the beauty of Autumn,  
 We Remember Them;  
 In the beginning of the year and when it ends,  
 We Remember Them;  
 When we are weary and in need of strength,  
 We Remember Them;  
 When we are lost and sick at heart,  
 We Remember Them;  
 When we have joys and special celebrations we yearn to share,  
 We Remember Them;  
 So long as we live, they too shall live, for they are part of us,  
 We Remember Them.

With much appreciation,  
**James W. Young, Trustee**  
 U.S. Army Veteran

## RECYCLE ELECTRONICS

<b>Peotone Police Department</b> 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	<b>Lockport Public Works</b> 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	<b>New Lenox Township</b> 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
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## CONTACT STATE ELECTED OFFICIALS

<b>Springfield Office of the Governor</b> <b>J B Pritzker, Governor</b> 207 State House Springfield, IL 62706 Phone: 217-782-6830	<b>29th Representative District Representative</b> <b>Thaddeus Jones</b> 241-E Stratton Office Building Springfield, IL 62706 Phone: 217-782-8087
<b>Chicago Office of the Governor</b> <b>J B Pritzker, Governor</b> James R. Thompson Center 100 W. Randolph St., Ste. 16-100 Chicago, IL 60601 Phone: 312-814-2121	<b>80th Representative District Representative</b> <b>Anthony DeLuca</b> 277-S Stratton Office Building Springfield, IL 62706 Phone: 217-782-1719 195 West Joe Orr Road, Suite 201 Chicago Heights, IL 60411 Phone: 708-754-7900
<b>Springfield Office</b> <b>Juliana Stratton, Lieutenant Governor</b> 214 State House Springfield, IL 62706 Phone: 217-558-3085 Fax: 217-558-3094 Video Phone for Sign language users: 217-717-2331	<b>SPEAKER OF THE HOUSE Representative Emanuel</b> <b>Chris Welch</b> Springfield Office: 300 Capitol Building Springfield, IL 62706 Phone: 217-782-5350 District Office: 10055 West Roosevelt Road, Suite E Westchester, IL 60154 Phone: 708-450-1000
<b>Chicago Office</b> <b>Juliana Stratton, Lieutenant Governor</b> James R. Thompson Center 100 W. Randolph St., Ste. 15-200 Chicago, IL 60601 Phone: 312-814-5240 Fax: 312-814-5228 Video Phone for sign language users: 217-717-2331	<b>79th Legislative District Representative Jackie Haas</b> Springfield Office 201-N Stratton Office Building Springfield, IL 62706 Phone: 217-782-5981 District Office 187 South Schuyler Ave., Suite 110 Kankakee, IL 60901 815-523-7779
<b>15th Legislative District Senator Napoleon Harris</b> 413 Capitol Building Springfield, IL 62706 Phone: 217-782-8066 1350 East Sibley Blvd., Suite 403 Dolton, IL 60419 Phone: 708-893-0552	<b>40th Legislative District Senator Patrick Joyce</b> 108 Capitol Building Springfield, IL 62706 Phone: 217-782-7419 270 Main Street Park Forest, IL 60466 Phone: 708-756-0882

## 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.

## EDUCATION CORNER

### CHAMBER SCHOLARSHIP

The Monee Chamber of Commerce is honored to support higher education through our annual scholarship program. These awards are eligible for application by all high school students residing in the Village of Monee or unincorporated Monee Township. For more information, contact the Chambers, 815-258-1790.

### DOLLY PARTON'S IMAGINATION LIBRARY

Dolly Parton's Imagination Library puts books in the hands of children around the world. Imagination Library books are specially selected age-appropriate, high-quality titles. These books are delivered to registered children each month from birth to age 5. Each one is personalized with the child's name and mailed directly to the child's home. This effort creates a gifting experience making books exciting and shows the child someone is thinking of them.

To register your child, contact the office of Will County Executive, 815-740-4601 or Email [info@willcountyimaginationlibrary.org](mailto:info@willcountyimaginationlibrary.org).

### TUTORING

[www.k12.gov](http://www.k12.gov)  
[www.khanacademy.org](http://www.khanacademy.org)  
<http://www.goodhousekeeping.com/childrens-products/tutoring-website-reviews/a16511/free-on-line-tutoring>  
 FREE ONLINE CLASSES: [www.alison.com](http://www.alison.com)  
 FREE LEARNING WEBSITES FOR KIDS  
[www.switcheroozoo.com](http://www.switcheroozoo.com)  
[www.funbrain.com](http://www.funbrain.com)  
[www.kids.nationalgeographic.com](http://www.kids.nationalgeographic.com)  
[www.reading.ecb.org](http://www.reading.ecb.org)  
[www.pbskids.org](http://www.pbskids.org)  
[www.starfall.com](http://www.starfall.com)  
[www.seussville.com](http://www.seussville.com)  
[www.storylineonline.net](http://www.storylineonline.net)  
[www.abcya.com](http://www.abcya.com)  
[www.highlightskids.com](http://www.highlightskids.com)  
[www.tutor.com](http://www.tutor.com)

### FREE EBOOKS

[www.openEbooks.net](http://www.openEbooks.net)



### 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.

## AROUND THE TOWNSHIP

### Monee Township

26121 Egyptian Trail  
Monee, Illinois 60449  
708-534-6020

### Youth

Bring your child out for sports, activities, crafts and more.

Sunday's 4:00 p.m. to 6:00 p.m.--FREE  
Crete Monee Middle School  
635 Olmsted Road

University Park, Illinois, Illinois  
Door #16

April 12 and 19, 2026

Contact the office for more information.

### Senior Spring in-Person Lunch

April 21, 2026—FREE  
11:00 a.m. to 2:00 p.m.

26121 Egyptian Trail  
Monee, Illinois 60449

Must be 65 + years of age and live within the Monee Township boundaries.

Must call for a reservation, 708-534-6020—Limited Seating

Would you like to be on the Monee Township Youth 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

### 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 HOME-WORK—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.peotonellbrary.org

CONTACT THE LIBRARY FOR 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  
690 West Exchange Street  
Crete, Illinois 60417

ATTENTION PARENTS OF PRE-SCHOOLERS 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 201-U Parent, Teacher, Student, Admin. Meeting

Monday, April 20, 2026  
Monday, May 18, 2026  
6:00 p.m.

Crete Monee High School Media Center  
1515 West Exchange Street  
Crete, Illinois, 60417

### Crete-Monee School District 201-U

Crete-Monee School District 201-U invites educators, guest speakers (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 EMPLOY-

MENT today.

### 2026-2027 Student Registration

Returning Student—April 1, 2026 to May 29, 2026

New Student—May 1, 2026 to May 29, 2026

Kindergarten Screenings—May 13th and 14, 2026—4:00 p.m. to 6:30 p.m.

### 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

Kevin Battles—708-625-7038

### After Work Steppers Set

First Fridays of each month  
\$10.00 Entry Fee  
23520 Crawford Ave.

University Park, Illinois 60484

### Mother's Day Extravaganza

Sunday, May 10, 2026 1:00 p.m. to 5:00 p.m.

FREE

University Park Golf Club  
23520 Crawford Ave.

University Park, Illinois 60484

### White Sox vs 2025 World Series Champions LA Dodgers

Saturday, June 13, 2026

Game Time 3:10 p.m.

Tickets Now on Sale

### Voices Of Victory

2-day Juneteenth Celebration—FREE

Thursday, June 18, 2026

5:00 p.m. to 9:00 p.m. (Gospel Fest)

Friday, June 19, 2026

Spades Tournament

3:00 p.m. to 9:00 p.m.

90 town Center Parking Lot

### Cross Town Classic

White Sox vs Cubs

Saturday, May 16, 2026

Tickets go on sale December 8, 2025

Contact the Village of University Park for more information—708-534-6451

### Prescription Drug Take-Back Program

University Park Police Department  
650 Burnham Drive  
University Park, Illinois 60484

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)

Pick-up or drop off

Non-Perishable items (no glass, please, when donating)

### VanGo

VanGO is a flexible, reservation-based transit service designed to connect riders to employment for just \$5.00 per day. Drivers must be at least 21 years old and meet standard requirements, including a valid driver's license, proof of insurance, and a clean driving record. Registration and additional information are available at PaceBus.com/VanGo

### Village Of Monee

25711 South Egyptian Trail

Monee, Illinois 60449

708-534-8301

Contact the Village for information on programs and events in within the village.

**You've Been Egged**—April 14th and 15, 2026—2:00 p.m. to 5:00 p.m.

**Senior Bingo**—April 16th; May 21st; 10:30 a.m. to 12:00 noon—June 4th- 11:00 a.m. to 1:00 p.m.

**Earth Day**—April 22, 2026—6:00 p.m. to 7:00 p.m.

**Memorial Day Ceremony**—May 25th—10:00 a.m.

**Music in the Park**—June 9th—6:30 p.m. to 7:00 p.m.

**Movie: Zootopia 2**—June 16th—Dusk  
**Juneteenth**—June 19th—5:00 p.m. to 7:00 p.m.

**Music**—June 23rd—6:30 p.m. to 8:00 p.m.

**Health and Resource Fair**—June 25th—3:00 p.m. to 6:00 p.m.

**Movie: UP**—June 30th—Dusk

### Governors State University

1 University Parkway  
University Park, Illinois 60484

For more information call 708-534-5000

### Senior Services Of Will County

251 N. Center St.

Joliet, IL 60435

(815) 723-9713

### Monee Senior Community Café

New Hope Christian Community Church  
4700 W Court Street

Monee, IL 60449

Delivery Times: 11:00 AM-1:00 PM Mon-

day through Friday

Sit Down Dining: 11:00 AM-1:00 PM Mon-

day through Friday

FOR MORE INFORMATION CONTACT

SENIOR SERVICES OF WILL COUNTY

### 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 1800-818-4554.

### AQUA Aid

Lead Sampling

University Park customers outside of the

TAP area or who do not wish to sign up

for the program may still have their homes

samples for lead once per month without

any charge. Customers may contact Aqua

at 815.614.2066 to sign up for the ser-

vice. 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 Gas 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.

**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 in Will County

800-799-SAFE (7233)—Domestic Violence Hotline

800-656-4673—Sexual Assault Hotline

800-662-HELP (4357)—Substance Abuse/Mental Health

www.griefshare.org- -Grief and Loss (support group locator)

www.homelessnessdirectory.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 24/7/265

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

### ELEVATEHOPE

Financial Freedom

FREE

Learn how to build and manage you budget-stop living paycheck to paycheck-Build a nest egg for your family—Get rid of credit card debt—Become debt free.

For more information, call 708-235-0995.

### Senior Services

#### Will County Senior Service Center

Will County 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 Battermann, a certified SHIP Counselor at 708-258-6917.

### Rent/Mortgage/Utility Assistance

Catholic Charities' Daybreak 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 Ave.

Joliet, Illinois 60432

815-886-5000

### Food Pantries

#### Monee Township—Year-Round Food

#### Pantry

26121 Egyptian Trail, Monee, Illinois

60449

Monday to Thursday 9:00 a.m. to 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 Ave., University Park, Il-

linois 60484

Every Saturday 10:00 a.m. to 12:00 noon

#### Provision Market

5430 West Main Street

Monee, Illinois 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, Illinois

60449

1ST Monday of each month—4:00 p.m.

to 5:30 p.m.

#### Diaper Depot

Every 2nd Thursday--FREE

New Hope Christian Community Church

4700 West Court Street

Monee, Illinois 60449

708-235-0995

Register to receive 25 diapers per child.

Sizes available 1 to 6. No pull ups avail-

able

Register on the NHCCC App or Website

or newhopechristiancommunitychurch.org

## GUIDE WILL

### Growing Smarter – Living Better

Will County has launched an update of our Land Resource Management Plan (LRMP). The current plan has been a helpful land use tool since it was initially adopted in 2002. Much has changed since then, and it is time for an update to establish a framework for future decision-making

around land use and development.

As part of the process, we are seeking input from those who know the County and its needs for the future. Help us create a framework for thoughtful stewardship of growth, preservation, and local needs.

You are invited to participate in these workshops on

Tuesday, April 28, 2026 from 5:30 p.m. to 7:00 p.m. at the Monee Township Hall, 26121 Egyptian Trail, Monee, IL 60449.

For any questions, please call the Will County Land Use Department at 815-774-3368, or [planning@willcountylan-duse.com](mailto:planning@willcountylan-duse.com).

# Exemptions, Tax Bill & Assessment Workshop Updates



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

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.moneeassessor.com](http://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-Thursday 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](mailto: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 2025 with the SOA to request exclusion of rehabs and updated properties from the factor calculations derived for the Sales Ratio Study. For the entire year of 2025, the SOA had refused to send any for exclusion. However, I have been making ongoing requests to exclude the **2025 rehabs, non-market sales and some new constructions** and now am resubmitting all these candidates for exclusion because the majority of them did not get submitted to the Department of Revenue (DOR) for exclusion by the SOA. When this is done it should lower the 2026 factor. **Will keep you inform you of the results.**

**The 2025 Pre-Appeal assessment review process worked well**

This year 2026, 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](mailto:moneeassessor@gmail.com) or you will be able to pick up a form to complete and drop off for your request after June 1, 2026. We were able to help get reductions for most of the residential property owners submitting their request in 2025. 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 \$75k or less)  
- **Disabled Persons' Exemption** (SSI, Doctor's stmt 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: April 23, 2026**

**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 23 (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 20-30% due to closing of TIF's. This may also make a significant increase to all properties in the affected villages 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/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

**This positions to be filled by April 15, 2026**

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 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 **MoneeTownship Assessor's Face book** page to stay current with office events and FB Live events!! **ANNOUNCEMENT: Coming soon – Assessor's Podcasts** has started and will be informative and engaging with taxpayers. Further announcements and info will be provided on our FB page.

## ANNUAL TOWN MEETING

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

1. Take all necessary measures and give directions for the exercise of their corporate powers. (60 ILCS 1/30-25)
2. Fix the hour at which the town meeting shall be held. (60 ILCS 1/30-30)
3. Spend monies for preparation of a detailed property record system. (60 ILCS 1/30-30)
4. Make orders for the purchase and sale of property. (60 ILCS 1/30-50)
5. 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)
6. 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)
7. 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)
8. Provide space in any township building for courtroom and office use by Circuit Court. (60 ILCS 1/30-70)
9. 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.
10. 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)
11. 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)

12. Prohibit animals from running at large. (60 ILCS 1/30-95)
13. Establish and maintain pounds where deemed necessary. (60 ILCS 1/30-100)
14. Impound animals. (60 ILCS 1/30-110)
15. Construct and keep in repair public wells or other watering places, and regulate the use thereof (60 ILCS 1/30-115)
16. 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)
17. Adopt ordinances regulating standing or parking of recreational vehicles on township roads within each township. (60 ILCS 1/30-125)
18. Declare inoperable motor vehicles a nuisance. (60 ILCS 1/30-130)
19. 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)
20. Regulate hawkers, peddlers, pawnbrokers, itinerant merchants and transient vendors. (60 ILCS 1/30-140)
21. 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)
22. 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)
23. Authorize contracts with county sheriff to furnish police protection in unincorporated areas. (60- ILCS 1/30-155)
24. 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)
25. Authorize fire protection in unincorporated areas. (60 ILCS 1/30-165)
26. 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)
27. 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)
28. 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)
29. 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)
30. Apply all penalties, when collected, in such manner as may be deemed most to the interests of the township. (60 ILCS 1/30-195)
31. 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.
32. Adopt revised tax schedule for town purposes. (60 ILCS- 1/235-5 and 1/235-10)
33. Increase tax rate for road purposes. (60 ILCS 5/6-504)
34. Tax for construction of bridge at joint expense of county and road district and obtain aid from county. (60 ILCS 5/6-508)
35. Request referendum to issue bonds for road purposes. (60 ILCS 5/6-510)
36. Petition for road or road improvements. (60 ILCS 5/6-601)
37. Request referendum to repeal special tax for road purposes. (60 ILCS 5/6-617)
38. 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)