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MONEE TOWNSHIP NEWSLETTER

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From the Supervisor



HURRAY!! NEW PANTRY COMPLETED!! Join Township Officials and Staff at an Open House at our Township office, 26121 Egyptian Trail, Monee, IL to Celebrate the new Pantry and the Celebrate America 250!

DATE: JULY 11, 2026 TIME: 2 p.m. – 4 p.m.

It is so exciting to have the expansion project done. We did not borrow money to pay for it! The Township saved money into a capital fund which covered all expenses, plus Senator Patrick Joyce sponsored a grant for the Pantry portion of $100,000. Thank you Senator Joyce.

We had 2 phases of construction. Phase 1 was to build onto the Highway Department Bay 25 sq. ft. to give him back the interior bay space closest to the office area, he was giving us to turn into the new pantry area. Phase 1 was finished in August 2025. Phase 2 renovated the old garage bay into the New Pantry area. As part of the Phase 1 new bay addition, the Highway Commissioner relocated his office to that area, and his office was spruced up to serve as the Supervisor's new office in Phase 2. The Supervisor's old office was renovated into a kitchen area, which has long been needed. We no longer must wash dishes in the bathroom sink! The new kitchen will help when we have Senior events as we now have a refrigerator to store cold trays and an oven to keep warm trays warm. It is a great addition.

Our new pantry will be a walk thru pantry which will allow food insecure Township residents to grab a shopping cart and choose the food they want rather than just being given a bag or 2 of pre-selected items as we have had to do for years.

We are working with NIFB to work through their Direct Connect Program to find stores that will donate foods. We will add to our food selection, which was mainly non-perishable items, to include bread, bakery items, dairy selections, frozen foods, meats, and produce. As part of our pantry renovation, we purchased 2 commercial refrigerators and 2 commercial freezers which will help keep food safe.

WE NEED HELP from businesses and Companies and Township residents to donate to help us fill our shelves and keep them filled. Since 2020 (Covid), our families in need of food grew from 5 to 6 monthly to 50 to 60 families a month. With government cutbacks, like the revised SNAP Program, the need is expected to grow. To keep our shelves full stocked we must buy retail for many items not supplied thru NIFB or other programs. This requires many dollars.

Our Food Pantry is a year-round program. It is open M-TH from 9 a.m. to 3 p.m. , and on Friday from 9 a.m. to 1 p.m. Besides monthly food distribution, we distribute food baskets at Thanksgiving (130 given last year) and we have a Santa's Sack program at Christmas that gives out food baskets (160 last year) and toys and gifts for everyone in the family. All of these are filled from our pantry supplies with the help of food drives by schools and businesses and with monetary donations.

Please continue donating to keep our shelves and refrigerators and freezers stocked for the monthly needs of our families.

I hope to see you at our Open House Grand Opening of the Pantry and to celebrate America 250! The Township is excited to show off all the progress we have made.

SENIOR COMMITTEE sponsored a free drive-thru to pick up a meal in a box on June 30th . The next event in August will also be a drive-thru box lunch. Letters will be mailed to all Seniors who have signed up. To register for the Senior List call 708-534-6020. You must be 65 or over and live in Monee Township to qualify for our Senior events. For our Senior luncheons you must sign up for each event.

YOUTH COMMITTEE – see Flyer in this newsletter. Our Youth nights held at CMMS will start in September. We are waiting for the school to confirm dates, so stay tuned!

CPR CLASSES: The Township is sponsoring free CPR classes on Saturday August 15th from 8 a.m. to 1 p.m. Limited spaces are available so sign up ASAP. The classes are Red Cross certified but are very strict on timeliness. You MUST be at the Township BY 8 a.m. or sooner. The instructors will turn late comers away. See article on CPR in this newsletter.

SCHOLARSHIPS: As I am also the University Park Scholarship Chair, I am happy to report that the UP Scholarship Fund gave out 6 new $1,000 scholarships and renewed 12 for former recipients. A total of $18,000 was given. Thank you to all the Companies and individuals who contributed to the Fund. Here is who donated this year: $5,000 REVIZE, LLC; $2,000 Monee Township; $1,000 Budreck Truck Lines, Inc., John Kasparek Co., Inc., Faith Mover's Church, Daniel Bernd Memorial Scholarship, Arbon Steel & Services, $500 Homewood Disposal Co. Also, numerous smaller amounts were received. I encourage these companies to donate again, and I encourage more companies and individuals to donate to help the students continue their education. Monee Township also gave $2,000 to the Monee Chamber of Commerce for their scholarship program.

Enjoy your Summer, Donna 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**

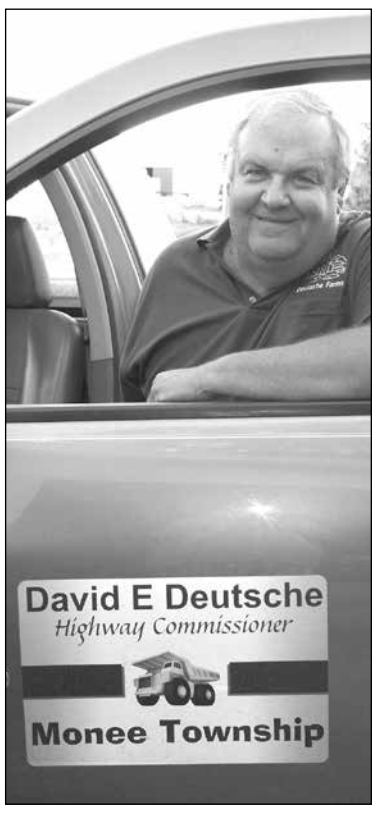
MONEE TOWNSHIP HIGHWAY COMMISSIONER'S REPORT

The Monee Township Highway Department has had a busy start to the summer season. We have been mowing roadsides and filling potholes. The storms we had in May and June caused tree limbs and branches to litter the road. Some of the culverts were clogged with corn stalks causing overflow of rain water and are being addressed.

The bridge on Pauling Road is now closed. Pauling Road will be closed from Harlem Avenue to Rt. 50. This is an IDOT project and the project is expected to take up to one year.

Enjoy your summer and stay safe on the roads.

Respectfully submitted
David E. Deutche
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

CPR, AED AND FIRST AID TRAINING

The Monee Township will be offering CPR, AED and FIRST AID Training Saturday, August 15, 2026, from 8:00 a.m. to 1:00 p.m. If you are interested, contact the office, 708-534-6020, to register. Must be a Monee Township resident, ages 11 to adult. All training is FREE and will be awarding a certificate of completion. Certificate will be good for 2 years. Limited number for in-person class, first come, first served.

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 televisions per vehicle
ID required to prove Will County area residency

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

BACK-TO-SCHOOL

Monee Township offers a Back-to-School Program for low-income families residing within Monee Township. This program provides basic school supplies (paper, pencils, pens, crayons, folders, etc.) for students registered for school in the fall. Applications for these school supplies will be taken starting August 3, 2026 through August 31, 2026. Applicants need to bring:

- Verification all ALL household income for the last 30 days.
- Verification of current address, and Photo Identification with current address.
- Confirmation of school registration for the children who are in need of supplies.

Sign-up can be completed at the Monee Township Office, 25121 Egyptian Trail in Monee, Monday through Thursday 9:00 A.M. to 3:30 P.M. and Friday from 9:00 A.M. to 1:30 P.M. No applications will be taken after August 31, 2026.

People wishing to donate to the Back-to-School Program, or in need of further information, may contact Willa Simmons at the Monee Township Office, 708-534-6020.

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.

TUTORING

www.k12.gov
www.khanacademy.org
http://www.goodhousekeeping.com/childrens-products/tutoring-website-reviews/a16511/free-on-line-tutoring
FREE ONLINE CLASSES: www.alison.com
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.abcya.com
www.highlightskids.com
www.tutor.com



FREE EBOOKS

www.openEbooks.net

SEVERE WEATHER PREPAREDNESS

Will County Emergency Management Agency is sponsoring an event on SATURDAY, JULY 25th AT 10:00 A.M. AT CRETE TOWNSHIP COMMUNITY CENTER, 25930 South Cottage Grove Avenue, Crete, IL. It will be focused on severe weather preparedness, sheltering best practices, alerts and warnings, and general disaster readiness. This event will be open to the public.

ILLINOIS HOME WEATHERIZATION ASSISTANCE PROGRAM

The Illinois Home Weatherization Assistance Program is designed to help income-eligible Will County residents save fuel and energy whiule increaidng the comfort of their homes. Assistance is available to both homeowners and renters, and can be applied to single-0family residents, multi-unit buildings, mobile homes, and trowqnhouses and condos (within association guidelines).

An assessor will conduct an energy audit on approve d residences to determine what measures will make the home more comfortable and energy0-efficient. Once the assessment is complete, a contractor wiill be assigned to apply the appropriate measures. One of our staff will then assess the work to make sure each measure called for has been completed. We work with all types of homes!

The program evaluates:

* Heating system: furnace will be tested and repaired or replaced if necessary
* Insulation of exterior walls and attic areas
* Weather-stripping of doors, or replacement if needed
* Caulking of windows; repair or replace if needed
* Sealing of other bypasses that allow heated or cooled air to escape from the home
* Other energy conservation measures as funding afl-lows, such as the replacement of old refrigerators with new energy efficient models

Material and labor are free of charge to qualified homeowners. In order to provide services to leased homes or apartments, the landlord must agree to authorize work on the property and are responsible for 50% of mechanical costs when applicable.

For more information, contact the Will County Center For Community Concerns, 815-722-0722.

CONTACT STATE ELECTED OFFICIALS

Springfield
Office of the Governor
J B Pritzker, Governor
207 State House
Springfield, IL 62706
Phone: 217-782-6830

Chicago
Office of the Governor
J B Pritzker, Governor
James R. Thompson Center
100 W. Randolph St., Ste. 16-100
Chicago, IL 60601
Phone: 312-814-2121

Springfield Office
Juliana Stratton, Lieutenant Governor
214 State House
Springfield, IL 62706
Phone: 217-558-3085
Fax: 217-558-3094
Video Phone for Sign language users: 217-717-2331

Chicago Office
Juliana Stratton, Lieutenant Governor
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

15th Legislative District
Senator Napoleon Harris
413 Capitol Building
Springfield, IL 62706
Phone: 217-782-8066
930 W. 175TH Street
Suite 3W
Homewood, IL 60430

40th Legislative District
Senator Patrick Joyce
108 Capitol Building
Springfield, IL 62706
Phone: 217-782-7419
270 Main Street
Park Forest, IL 60466
Phone: 708-756-0882

29th Representative District
Representative
Thaddeus Jones
241-E Stratton Office Building
Springfield, IL 62706
Phone: 217-782-8087
15525 South Park Avenue,
Suite 104
South Holland, IL 60473
Phone: 708-596-7053

80th Representative District
Representative
Anthony DeLuca
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

SPEAKER OF THE HOUSE
Representative Emanuel Chris Welch
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

79th Legislative District
Representative Jackie Haas
District Office
187 South Schuyer Ave.,
Suite 110
Kankakee, IL 60901
815-523-7779
201-NStratton Office Building
Springfield, IL 62706
Phone: 217-782-5981

VETERANS ASSISTANCE COMMISSION

FRANK R. BISHOP

Frank R. Bishop was born July 6, 1923 in Hazel Crest, IL. He served in the Army during World War II. He was in the 114th Anti-Aircraft Unit out of Bug Split in El Paso, Texas. He was an anti-aircraft gunner. He was assigned to serve on the USS Monticello which sailed out of New York City bound for North Africa. While on board he was stationed at a 90 MM gun turret for shifts of 12 hours on and 12 hours off. Fourteen days after leaving New York they reached North Africa, sailing along the coast past an area which was the last strong hold of the Germans to Oran, a coastal city just past the Rock of Gibraltar. They were in Oran for about 2 weeks and were supposed to go to Italy when they were put on another boat to England where they stayed for a month or two getting ready for the D-Day invasion Frank landed on Omaha Beach. He was the first off the ship and down the Jacobs Ladders on the landing craft. Staff Sergeant Bishop reported that there was rifle, carbine and small arms fire all around. They all had full packs so when they hit the water you sank down. Everyone was running to hit the ditches where they lay down until they were ordered to march to the top of the hill where there was an open field. There they saw the German pill boxes where they were later able to sleep. Next he went to Verdun, where he was in charge of the kitchens because he was a cook. After the war Frank worked for the railroad. He died November 13, 2022 and is buried in St. Paul's Cemetery in Monee.

Information from the Monee Historical Society Archives.

The Monee Historical Society is compiling information about veterans in our area to be preserved for future generations. For further information contact the Historical Society at Heritage Center, 5210 W. Court. St., Monee, or call 708-534-8635.

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.

Honor Flight Chicago

WANTED: WORLD WAR II VETS!

Honor Flight Chicago recognizes America's war veterans for their service and sacrifice by flying them to Washington, D.C., to see their memorial, at no cost. Although we are currently flying our WWII veterans only, we are also accepting applications for Korean and Vietnam War veterans. When we no longer have WWII veterans interested in flying with us, we will begin flying Korean War veterans. All Honor Flight Chicago trips depart and return from Chicago Midway International Airport. For further information, please contact us at 773-227-8387 or go online to honorflightchicago.org.

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
Starting September, 2026
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
Door #16
Contact the office for more information.
SENIOR DRIVE THROUGH LUNCH
Be on the lookout for information being sent out.
August 25, 2026—FREE
10:00 a.m. to 12:00 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—Deadline August 20, 2026
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 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
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
708-367-8300
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 School District is hosting the annual Support Day on Saturday, August 8, 2026, from 9 a.m. to 12 p.m. at Crete-Monee High School (Door 8), 1515 W. Exchange St., Crete, IL. Free school Supplies, Hygiene Kit giveaway, food, raffles, games, bounce houses and haircuts. Mental health and wellness fair with vendors.
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 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
Kevin Battles—708-625-7038
*July 2, 2026—America 250th Daytime Celebration-90 TownCenter Drive-11:00 a.m. to 2:00 p.m.—Call to register
*JULY 4, 2026—Village of will be closed for the holiday
*August 1, 2026—Back to School Parade and Celebration-Parade 10:00 a.m.
Sign up for FREE Back packs
*Village stickers are now on sale—Must be displayed no later than July 1, 2026
*Motown Music Sundays Car Show—Every 2nd Sunday—5:00 p.m. to Dusk
*University Park Fire Department and America Red Cross--FREE smoke detector installation—Contact the Village for more information
*Village of University Park –HIRING—Housing Director-Code Enforcement Officer and Maintenance Tech Class B License.
After Work Steppers Set
First Fridays of each month
$10.00 Entry Fee
23520 Crawford Ave.
University Park, Illinois 60484
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 item (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.
Aqua Water
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.
Aqua Water Compensation
If you received water from Aqua's University Park, Illinois, Public water system or were subject to the "Do Not Consume" Notice or "Lead Advisory" at any time between December 9, 2017 through July 10, 2024, your rights may be affected and you may be eligible to receive a cash payment from A Class Action Settlement. A Federal Court authorized this notice. This is not a solicitation from a lawyer. Your legal rights are affected whether you act or don't act. Settlement claims forms must be submitted by July 6, 2026. Contact the Village of University Park for more information.
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.
HIRING
Code Compliance Officer - Part Time
Police Department Lateral Entry Position Available
Music—June 23rd—6:30 p.m. to 8:00 p.m.
Summer Camp—June 24th—9:30 a.m. to 12:30 p.m.
Multi-Sports Tots Camp—June 24th 5:30 p.m. – 6:20 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 Cafe
New Hope Christian Community Church
4700 W Court Street
Monee, IL 60449
Delivery Times: 11:00 AM-1:00 PM Monday through Friday
Sit Down Dining: 11:00 AM-1:00 PM Monday 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 1800-818-455
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 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 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 safely 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.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 24/7/265
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/MORTAGAGE/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, Illinois 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@provionlab.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 available.
Register on the NHCCC App or Website or newhopechristiancommunitychurch.org.

THANK YOU FOR YOUR DONATIONS

Monee Township's Santa's Sack was a success due to the many kind individuals, organizations and businesses who generously donated time, food, money and gifts to make the holidays brighter for needy Monee Township families. Monee Township gives a heartfelt thank you to the many individuals who donated as well as the following businesses and organizations:

Assumption Greek Orthodox Church, Balmoral Elementary School, Barrel Accessories and Supply Co., Inc. (BASCO), Bonita Patek, Caldic USA, Inc., Calvary United Protestant Church, Carol Spelbring, Clestine Hill, Chicago Fastener, Collette Wisnewski, Coretta Scott King Magnet School, Crete Monee Middle School, Federal Signal Corporation, Friends of Patricia Harper, Golf Vista Estates Homeowners, Assoc., Gwendolyn Saxton, HF Homes, Inc., Hutchinson Engineering, Inc., Hydrite Chemical, Janet Lundberg, Joan Hollywood, Kenco Company, Laneshe Joyce, Lisa Cymerman, LSP University Park, LLC, Marsha Sices, Mary Ann Deutsche, Meredith Lowery, Monee Chamber of Commerce, Monee Elementary, Mr. and Mrs. Charles Davis, Mr. and Mrs. James Butt, Mr. and Mrs. Oscar Griffin, Mr. and Mrs. Steven Truss, Mr. and Mrs. Thomas Gawczynski, Mary Ann Varga, New Hope Christian Community Church, Norma North, David Collins and Our Steps are Ordered, Inc. (NFP), Patty George, Pearl Chrysler, Jeep, Dodge and RAM, Sally Kolanowski, South Holland Metal Finishing Co., Inc., Tandem Metals Incorporated, The Honorable Jackie Haas, Tom's Truck Repair South, Inc., Toybox Connection, United States Marines Toys for Tots, United States Postal Service – Monee Branch, University Park Public Library, Voortman USA Corporation, Patricia Harper, and all those who donated who did not want to leave their name and donated anonymously.

Thanks to those who volunteered to gift wrap, bag, sort food, pack boxes and shop for the Santa's Sack program: Mary Lou Arrendondo, Diane Brandstetter, Phyllis Huske, Robin Mogan, Nick Radice, Nicholas Simmons, Mia Quaranta, Shaquille Lathan, Oscar Trevino, Kenco Company, Donna Dettbarn, Supervisor; Bobby R. Lathan, Sr., Clerk; James Young, Billy Morgan, Trustees; Willa Simmons, Administrator; Ruth Marcukaitis and Shirley Lathan, Office Assistants; The Monee Township Highway Department, David Deutsche, Highway Commissioner; Jeffrey Zimmer, Joseph Scheetz, Thomas Wojciechowski and Paul Zuro.

2026 Reassessments, Workshop, Updates & Pre-appeals



Sandra Heard, MBA, Monee Township Assessor, CAIO,

Assessment increases are lowering!

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 and set appointments to assist you, if necessary. Wearing **face masks is not required** but is optional for anyone who has safety concerns or if they have cold symptoms. We still have stations established with sneeze guards in 3 locations for 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

Assessment increases are expected to be applied for the Monee Township properties, by the SOA, as well as for other Will County Townships in 2025. The SOA factor for Monee Township's is expected to be lowered to 4% this year which is ½ of the factor last year. Each year factors are usually determined by the variance between market sale prices and the 3-year median sales amounts of the indicated value of a property. The indicated market value of a property is 3 times the total assessment. Some neighborhoods experienced higher variances than others due to these high sale prices that have occurred over the past 3 years. The high sales prices are due to this being a Seller's market and many of the homes that sold have been total rehabs, have major renovations or are new constructions. The sales from 2025 should have been excluded from the Sales Ratio Study (SRS) but are not. They have and still contribute significantly to the high factors that are being assigned to this Township.

An appeal was made on several occasions in 2025 to the SOA to allow exclusion of these rehabs from the factor calculations, but to no avail then. Now in 2026, it is a mystery how the reduced factor was determined. The SOA **determined the 2026 factor to be around 4%, which is about 1/2 of the prior year factor at 8.5%.** However, none of the 2025 residential rehabs & updated were excluded. Discovery efforts will continually be pursued.

Workshops and Pre-Appeal assessment reviews

A workshop is scheduled for August 13, 2026 to assist in understanding the impact to you. Please make an effort to attend the workshop because appointments **will not be given** for assessment reviews due to the amount of requests we are anticipating this year.

The Assessor's Workshop
You don't want to miss it!
Assessor discusses reassessment, Pre-appeals and updates.
When: August 13, 2026
Where: Monee Township Assessor's Office
46 Town Center Drive
University Park, IL
Time: 5:30-7:30 p.m.
RSVP (708) 534-6023 by August 12 (leave a Message)
Refreshments will be served

Q: What are your options to appeal your assessment?

A: It is recommended that you attend this workshop to get an explanation of the impact of this increase for you. This year, we are offering **Pre-Appeal** options to get your 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 factor is added, then your assessment will be reduced accordingly. You must submit the following information to our email moneeassessor@gmail.com only, or you can pick up a form to complete and drop off for your request. You must provide your name, address, year purchased (if recent), phone # email address and basis as comparable sales or equity. **Consideration will be given based on the specific neighborhood's 3-year sales activity and neighborhood equity in the review.** You will receive feedback between 7/1-8/15 weeks. It is our pleasure to work on behalf of the taxpayers of Monee Township.

Q: Did you know that exemptions save $$ on tax bills?

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

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, Dr's statement or ID card)
- **Disabled Veterans Exemptions** (from 2,500 to fully exempt)
- **Home Improvement Exemption** (additions or upgrades)

Check your tax bill for exemptions to see if you have all that is due to you. If you are not sure which exemption you should have on your property or what your current exemptions are, then call us during office hours and someone will be able to assist you in obtaining this information. **Do you know anyone 65 years or older? Have them contact us ASAP to verify that they have their senior exemptions.**

When to expect 2026 Re-assessment notices?

Most taxpayers will not receive a reassessment notice this year as your Township Assessor recommended reductions to approximately 500 out of 6355 total properties. These lot reductions were set to ensure equity in given neighborhoods.

Q: How are Commercial and Industrial properties assessed? No overall factor to be applied in 2026.

A: There has been an increase in the **new construction of industrial** and commercial properties in many townships. All Industrial and commercial properties received a similar factor as residential properties did in 2023. This was the first time in over 15 years a factor was applied to commercial and Industrial properties to equalize the entire township. Now, the SOA has stated that he would not apply a factor to commercial and industrial properties on-going. He will only accept increases to these propertries that are made by the Assessor. Yet the SOA will continue to apply factors to residential properties, while these properties will continue to benefit from the reduced rate that results from the increases to residential properties. **Some laws are being proposed to make changes in the areas of commercial and industrial property assessments in coming years. Equity assessments are in progress to be ready for the next quad year in 2027.**

NEW POSITION OPENINGS
Monee Township Assessor's Office is Hiring: One position
Seeking someone for Office Asst/Field Inspector:

- Office and Field functions available to work part-time
- Great communication, listening skills & assist Assessor
- Familiar with measuring and Photographing properties
- Knowledge of Microsoft products, scan, copy, label, and complete various document packages.
- Calculate area square feet (sf), perimeters & Linear sf.
- Calculation of measure of central tendency.

Position will be filled by July 15th
Contact us by email or phone located at the top of this article

If you have questions regarding the appeal process and how to complete the Appeal forms and proof information needed, information is available at www.willcountysoa.com website.



Make sure to like and share our **Monee Township Assessor's Facebook** page to stay current with office events and FB Live events! **ANNOUNCEMENT: Coming soon** – Assessor's Podcasts, including workshop recordings, to be informative and engaging with taxpayers on YouTube. Announcement to be made on our FB page.



