

**Monee  
Township  
Founded 1859**

# MONEE TOWNSHIP NEWSLETTER

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## From the Supervisor



2025, a new year! I hope your holidays were joyful. I know I am looking forward to a peaceful, productive year where we can better serve our Monee Township residents.

Someone said to me that the Township was the best kept secret in this area. He was donating many coats to fill our bare coat rack (and many of these were taken by recipients of our Santa Sack Holiday Food and Gift Program). He was very impressed as our whole meeting room was filled with 120 food baskets and gift bags containing presents for each family. I explained to him that each child 12 and under received 3 gifts and everyone 13 and older received 1 gift, and that we wrapped all senior gifts as that might be the only gift they received. A huge undertaking but worth all the work helping so many families who need a little extra help.

It is no secret that we have done this every year for over 35 years. Our outreach programs help so many people. Besides our yearly Thanksgiving Food Baskets (we gave out 102 this year), our Santa Sack Food Basket and Gift Program (we gave to 120 families this year), we also have an Easter Basket Program for children, and a Back-To-School Supply program every August. We have a General Assistance Program that is a last-resort place for Adults who have very little and need help until they get back on their feet. We also have an Emergency Assistance Program that helps families in need with utility bills and rental assistance.

We have an active Senior Committee who put on 6 events each year. The yearly Senior Holiday Brunch held at the Cardinal Creek Golf Club in Beecher was a great hit. All seniors who attended had a lovely buffet and received a small gift on their way out.

We also have a Youth Program which was revamped for our Fall 2024 session. We hired Keely Childress as Youth Coordinator. Keely took charge, hired many aides, and added many innovative activities for ages K-12. It was a

huge success. Our upcoming Spring Session will start February 9, 2025 at the Crete-Monee Middle School in University Park. Please see the Youth Flyer within this newsletter and call to register your children K-12. (no preschoolers)

We continue to have a year-round food pantry. The exciting news is that we will be expanding our Township Pantry by renovating part of the Highway Commissioner's garage into the new pantry space. We will add commercial freezers and refrigerators which will allow us to give out frozen foods and meat products. We also hope to offer fresh fruits and vegetables and bakery items. If all goes as planned, we will have our new Pantry ready sometime next Fall. Phase 1 begins in March by building onto the Highway Commissioner's garage to replace the square feet we will take from him to renovate as the new pantry. Phase 2 is the actual pantry renovation. I am very excited that we will be able to help our Township residents in need with better food stability. Until then we will work as we have for years by using food racks along the walls and giving out mostly canned goods with canned meats and fish, and occasionally frozen hamburger from our one freezer.

Building in today's world is very costly. We will go out to bid on this project in 2025. I have savings in a capital fund account but will need to borrow more. Fortunately, University Park's TIF 5 dissolved in November 2024 and a nice amount of tax dollars will now come back to the Township. I will use these new funds to pay off the building loan ASAP. I am estimating that I will be able to pay off the loan in six years.

April 1st, 2025 will be the date of the consolidated election where I, as Supervisor, my whole Board of Trustees and all other elected officials: Highway Commissioner, Clerk, Assessor and Collector are up for re-election. The whole slate of candidates agreed to run again, and we are unopposed. For most of the slate, this will be our fifth consecu-

tive term. All but Trustee Billy Morgan, who will enter his 2nd term, have served you well since 2009. We are very dedicated to Monee Township and are very conscious that the dollars we spend are the taxpayer's dollars and we try to use them judiciously to help our Township residents have an easier life with all our outreach programs. Thank you for your support in allowing us to serve you as your elected Township officials.

The Township also puts out a quarterly newsletter. We mail it 1st Class mail to all Monee Township residents. The newsletter is filled with Township activities and information. It also has information on what is happening in our villages of Monee, University Park and Park Forest. Read the "Around The Township" columns for this information. Our newsletter contains Veterans information, election information, Assessor's information, and anything pertinent to our Township residents. Many in our Township do not get a local newspaper anymore so we try to fill that gap. Check the "Education Corner" column for information on the 2025 University Park scholarship, the TOI scholarship, Monee Chamber of Commerce scholarship and the Village of Monee scholarship.

**ANNUAL TOWN MEETING:** April 8, 2025, is the date of the Annual Town Meeting held at 7:30 p.m. at Monee Township, 26121 Egyptian Trail, Monee. The meeting starts at 7:30 but come early as you have to sign in as a registered voter to be allowed to vote. Anyone arriving after 7:30 is not allowed to vote. See inside this newsletter for a list of what electors can do at the Annual Town Meeting.

Have a wonderful next few winter months, stay safe and healthy, vote on April 1st and have a great new year 2025.

*Donna T. Dettbarn, 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 Road crew are ready for the winter weather. Snowplows are ready and salt is in good supply. Please remember to keep a safe distance of 300 feet when driving behind a snowplow truck. Please have a safe winter and hopefully spring will come early.

*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.

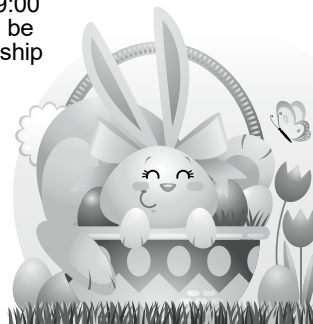
### EASTER BASKET PROGRAM

Spring is around the corner and Monee Township is preparing for Easter. The Township will be giving Easter baskets to children, age 12 or younger, in low-income Monee Township families. Baskets will contain toys, books and treats appropriate for the age of the recipient.

When applying, residents should bring written verification of current address, household income for the last 30 days, Photo ID, and birth certificates for the children in the household who are to receive baskets. Applications will be taken starting March 1, 2025 through March 31, 2025, Monday through Thursday from 9:00 a.m.

to 3:30 p.m., and Friday from 9:00 a.m. to 1:30 p.m. Sign-up can be completed at the Monee Township Hall, 26121 Egyptian Trail, Monee. No applications will be accepted after March 31, 2025.

Anyone wishing to make a donation to the Easter Basket program or anyone who is in need of more information may contact Willa Simmons at the Township, 708-534-6020.



### GENERAL ASSISTANCE FUND

#### GENERAL ASSISTANCE

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

- Those who are ineligible for categorical assistance from the Illinois Department of Human Services (Temporary Assistance to Needy Families, TANF)
- Those who are ineligible for Supplemental Security Income (SSI) from the Social Security Administration
- Those who meet the other financial and non-financial eligibility criteria
- Those who have lived at their address for six (6) months or longer.

GA provides monthly financial assistance to meet basic maintenance needs such as food, shelter and utilities, and also provides basic medical assistance.

A written application for GA must be filed with the Township. The Township will determine whether you are eligible for GA within 30 calendar days of the date you file your application.

Persons who receive GA must participate in the Township's Work Training and Job Search Program.

#### EMERGENCY ASSISTANCE

- Emergency Assistance is available to persons:
- Who are eligible for GA
- Who are not receiving categorical assistance or SSI
- Who face a life-threatening situation due to loss of income, medical emergency or other unusual circumstances and
- Who meet the other financial and non-financial eligibility criteria
- Who have lived at their address for six (6) months or longer.

You may receive EA up to a maximum established by the Township only once in a 12-month period. EA is paid directly to a provider (such as a landlord or utility company) to alleviate the life-threatening situation.

A written application for EA must be filed with the Township. The Township will determine whether you are eligible for GA within 30 calendar days of the date you file your application. However, every effort will be made by the Township to make a decision within ten business days of receiving all needed paperwork. For more information, please contact the Township at 708-534-6020.

#### FOOD PANTRY

The Township operates a Food Pantry to provide food on a temporary basis to persons in immediate need. Foodstuffs will not be provided to supplement food stamps or on a long-term basis. Applicants are asked to apply for food stamps before receiving foodstuffs a second time. Donations are accepted year-round for the Food Pantry.

#### OTHER PROGRAMS

The other programs the Township provides are Thanksgiving, Christmas, Easter Basket and School Supply programs. The Township accepts donations for all programs. For more information about these programs, contact the Township Office.



# Monee Township



## VETERANS ASSISTANCE COMMISSION

HAPPY NEW YEAR TO ALL MILITARY VETERANS, retired, discharged, active duty, reserve and National Guard. Know that you are admired, valued and respected.

May 2025 be another year of peace, prosperity and opportunity within the USA and all geographical countries where our military personnel are serving.

We recognize that defending and maintaining democracy is not an easy task. It requires much work and sacrifice. Those who have faced the challenge, experienced the dangers and lived with various emotions know that duty to country requires many values which collectively allow us to sleep in peace.

WE SALUTE ALL who have served with honor, courage and integrity. Our military personnel are not and will never be forgotten. Everyone who has served, currently serving, your spouse, parents and other family members are appreciated.

In remembrance of our 39th President of the USA and our former Commander In Chief Jimmy Carter, Jan. 20, 1977-Jan. 20, 1981, know that on his second day in office, he pardoned all Vietnam War draft evaders with Proclamation 4493. This was a humanitarian act to heal America.

*With much gratitude, James W. Young  
Monee Township Trustee, US Army Veteran*

### 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](http://honorflightchicago.org).

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

## 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. (605 ILCS 5/6-504)
34. Tax for construction of bridge at joint expense of county and road district and obtain aid from county. (605 ILCS 5/6-508)
35. Request referendum to issue bonds for road purposes. (605 ILCS 5/6-510)
36. Petition for road or road improvements. (605 ILCS 5/6-601)
37. Request referendum to repeal special tax for road purposes. (605 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)

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

**MONEE TOWNSHIP YOUTH PROGRAM**

**SUPER BOWL PARTY**  
02/9/2025

**JOIN OUR**

**THEN WE WILL COME BACK ON**  
02/23/2025, 03/09/2025,  
03/16/2025, 03/23/2025  
03/30/2025, 04/06/2025, &  
04/13/2025 (SPRING PARTY)

**FUN RECREATIONAL ACTIVITIES FOR**  
KINDERGARTEN-12TH GRADERS

**5:00 P.M. TO 7:00 P.M.**  
CRETE-MONEE MIDDLE SCHOOL  
635 OLMSTED ROAD  
UNIVERSITY PARK, IL. DOOR #16

**YOU MUST BRING YOUR OWN WATER BOTTLE**

**YOU CAN REGISTER ONLINE AT WEBSITE: [WWW.MONEETOWNSHIP.COM](http://WWW.MONEETOWNSHIP.COM)  
OR IN PERSON AT THE OFFICE OR ON SUNDAYS**

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



# New Year Has Begun! There's Much To Do In 2025



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

**Assessment increases are coming!**  
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-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](mailto: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. 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 estimated to be 16%. 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. These sales from 2022 and 2023 should have been excluded from the Sales Ratio Study (SRS) but were not. They have and still contribute significantly to the high factors that are being assigned to this Township.

Meetings were schedule on two occasions in 2024 with the SOA to request exclusion of these rehabs from the factor calculations, but was denied **The request was denied because of the timing of the sales and the timing of the request.** I am making an ongoing effort to provide a list of all 2024 rehabs, non-market sales and some new constructions as candidates for exclusion this year. When this is done it will lower the factor for next year. So far there has been more than 50% of the 2024 sales have been identified for exclusion from the Sales Ratio Study by the state. **I will inform you all of the results.**

**The Pre-Appeal assessment review process worked well**  
In 2024, we offered a **Pre-Appeal** option for residential

property assessment reviewed based on the last 3 years sales. This process will be ongoing starting August 2025. 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 was a candidate for reduction accordingly. You have to submit the information on the form to our email [moneeassessor@gmail.com](mailto:moneeassessor@gmail.com) or you can pick up a form to complete and drop off for your request in July. We expect to continue to be able to help get reductions for those qualified owners of the residential property who submit their request in 2025.

## 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 \$65k 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.**

## 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.

### Exemption amounts 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 and no renewal is necessary.
- Some 2024 changes include – If the purchase price exceeds \$750,000 then the veteran will have to pay taxes on the difference.
- World War II veterans will now qualify for exemptions on their primary residence.

## 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 rate goes down, so that the taxing bodies can receive at least what they received the previous year in their levy to meet their budget.

## Q: Was Commercial and Industrial property assessments increased in 2024?

**A:** No, there were no increases to Commercial and Industrial properties in 2024. But in 2023, for the first time in 15+ years, in this township, a factor was applied to commercial and Industrial properties to equalize the entire township. This may be limited to quad years in the future, starting with 2027.

## New Positions Openings

### Monee Township Assessor's Office is Hiring Seeking someone for Office/Field Assistant:

- 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 compile various document packages.
- Calculate area square feet(sf), perimeters & Linear sf.
- Calculation of measure of central tendency.
- Use of software to produce sketches of properties.

**This position will be filled as soon as possible**

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

## Announcement of training and information

More information will be available on assessments, factors, tax rate, exemptions that saves on your tax bill via future newsletters, FB, podcasts and workshops starting this in the spring. February workshop will be via Zoom to give information about assessment increases in 2024 and how it impacts the bill you will receive in 2025. RSVP will require sending email address. This will be recorded.

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..



Make sure to like and share our Monee Township Assessor's Face book page to stay current with office events and FB Live events!! **ANNOUNCEMENT: Coming soon!** Assessor's Podcast & Pre-Appeal process in 2025, to be informative and engaging with taxpayers. Announcement to be made on our FB page.

## HOW TO CONTACT YOUR STATE ELECTED OFFICIALS

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## SENIOR COMMITTEE

Monee Township Senior Committee's next event is Thursday, February 27, 2025. It will be a drive through lunch, 10:00 a.m. to 12:00 p.m., at the Monee Township, 26121 Egyptian Trail, Monee. The deadline to sign up is Friday, February 21, 2025. Must be 65 years of age, live in Monee Township and must make a reservation to attend. Be on the lookout for our senior mailing. 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.



## POLLING PLACES

REMEMBER TO VOTE IN THE CONSOLIDATED ELECTION APRIL 1, 2025

POLLING PLACES FOR MONEE TOWNSHIP

**Precinct 1**  
90 Town Center Drive  
University Park

**Precinct 2**  
90 Town Center Drive  
University Park

**Precinct 3**  
St. Paul's United Church of Christ  
5323 Margaret Street  
Monee

**Precinct 4**  
New Hope Community Christian Church  
4700 Court Street  
Monee

**Precinct 5**  
Thornwood House  
1 Thornwood Drive  
University Park

**Precinct 6**  
First Baptist Church  
450 University Parkway  
University Park

**Precinct 7**  
University Park Library  
1100 Blackhawk Drive  
University Park

**Precinct 8**  
St. Paul's United Church  
5323 Margaret Street  
Monee