

City of
Monroe

SUMMER 2016

Recreation

Welcome to the City of Monroe Recreation Department newsletter. For your convenience, this newsletter is designed as a quick and convenient reference to programs offered throughout the City of Monroe. Join us for fun & fitness!!

City of Monroe Parks and Recreation
Mission Statement:

"The mission of the City of Monroe Parks and Recreation is to enhance the lives of its citizens and visitors by encouraging a healthy lifestyle and offering safe and quality parks and recreation experiences that highlight our area's natural and cultural resources."

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YOUTH TENNIS LESSONS - NEW EVENING HOURS!

Youth Tennis lessons are now held in the evenings! Parents are responsible for providing a racquet for your child. Students should dress casually for class, wearing tennis shoes and bring a water bottle. In the event of inclement weather your instructor will contact you. Wet courts lead to injuries so our instructor will assess after rain to keep students safe.

Location: Munson Park Tennis Courts

Dates: Mondays/Wednesdays, July 6 – Aug 1

Fee: \$48.00 for City Residents and \$63.00 for Non City Residents.

Class size: Min 3, max: 8

Munchkins Tennis Lessons (ages 4-7, any skill level)

Children will be introduced to the basics of the game, including racquet skills and coordination games.

Monday & Wednesdays

Evening: 6:30-7:15 pm

Youth Minor Tennis Lessons (ages 7-10, any skill level)

Basics of forehand, backhands, serves and volleys will be taught. Semi-competitive, level appropriate games will be played to practice skills.

Monday & Wednesdays

Evening: 5:30-6:30 pm

Youth Major Tennis Lessons (ages 10-14, any skill level)

Kids will be taught the fundamental strokes of tennis, how to play full court tennis, and the basic rules of singles and doubles. Semi-competitive, level appropriate games will be played to practice skills.

Monday & Wednesdays

Evening 7:30-8:30 pm



Find us on Facebook: **City of Monroe, MI Recreation Department** • Email: recreation@monroemi.gov • Visit us at www.monroemi.gov • Questions? Call us at 734-384-9156

TRACK AND FIELD

Changes for our Track and Field program! With the closure of the Monroe High track for repairs in summer, 2016, we have changed our program to offer a new, high quality experience for participants.

Track and Field will now be held twice per week for 3 weeks (6 sessions). Geared for boys and girls ages 6 –12, this program will teach fundamentals of running, with a focus on some track and field events. Athletes will learn proper running technique, essentials of nutrition and hydration, and learn to execute basic track and field events, such as hurdles, relays, dashes, and more. Kids will improve their physical fitness, learn teamwork, and learn more about the sport of Track & Field!

Dates: Tuesdays and Thursdays, July 12-28, 6:30-8:00 pm

Location: Munson Park,

Fee: \$33.00 for City Residents and \$45.00 for Non City Residents.

Registration deadline: July 7.

TOT LOT - Summer Playground Program

Day and evening lots are now available! Youth ball parents, working parents, all parents; evening Tot Lot has come to Monroe! Tot Lots are now held at Munson Park from 3:30-8 pm as well as during the day at various parks. Parents who play softball, parents of youth playing at the Munson Youth fields, and parents who would like to walk around the park or on the bike path for exercise can now have their children; ages 5-12 engaged in some quality playtime at Tot Lot in the evening. Crafts, games, and just plain fun!

The Tot Lot Playground is a free drop in program offering children an opportunity for safe supervised play. Activities will include daily offerings of craft projects (may require a nominal fee), games, athletic activities, some day lots may have local field trips, and city wide events.

Ages: Youth ages 5-12 (must have completed kindergarten). Children under the age of 5 are welcome with adult supervision. Transportation is the responsibility of the parent, and children are free to come and go at will, so please make sure your child has a supervised place to go should the lot close due to inclement weather or unforeseen circumstances. No pre-registration is required; however, parents will be asked to complete an emergency contact information form.

Dates: Monday - Thursday, June 21 - July 28

Daytime locations & hours: Munson Park, Boyd Park, James & Hendricks Park, Hoffman Park, Labor Park, and Manor Park 10:00 a.m. -12:00 p.m., (Lots close 12-1 pm for lunch), reopen from 1:00pm - 3:30 pm.

Afternoon/Evening Location & Hours: Munson Park, 3:30-8 pm

ART IN THE PARK

Children Paint Like Jackson Pollock

Children 7-13 years old will learn about Jackson Pollock, his art, and his philosophies. Each participant will then create their own masterpiece inspired by his work. Becca Cochran is a local professional artist who graduated from the University of Toledo with a bachelor's degree in fine art and art history. She currently teaches at Art Sight Emporium and has shown at many local galleries.

When: Sunday, June 12, 1:30 pm (Rain date of June 19)

Where: Munson Park; meet by the Playscape

Fee: \$30 per participant (All supplies are included)

Ages: 7-13

Class size: 4-20

Deadline to register: June 10

Tiny Tikes Triathlon

Come out and cheer on your favorite little triathlete as they take on our fun-filled (non-timed) course. Kids will start off peddling their way through the bike course, will then transition to the running portion, and will conclude with a bear crawl. Each participant will leave with a participation ribbon. Participants must bring their own bike (trike or scooter) and helmet. Participants will be paired with like age groups. Pre-registration is required.

When: Tuesday, August 9, 6 pm.

Where: Munson Park, Shelter #1

Fee: Free!

Ages: 3-5

Registration Deadline: Wednesday, Aug 3



RIVER RAISIN NATIONAL BATTLEFIELD PARK

2016
National Park Service
CENTENNIAL



Need something really fun to do with kids this summer? River Raisin National Battlefield is Partnering with the City of Monroe Recreation Department to bring really cool historical and natural programming for kids and adults.

June 4 "A Beaver Tale" Talk & book signing by author Gerry Wykes
11 a.m.

Presentation by author and illustrator Gerry Wykes, about "A Beaver Tale: the King Castors of Conners Creek", followed by a book signing.

June 11 Children Craft Day: Tin Punch 11-1 p.m.

Children will make their own tin punch lantern similar to those used back in the 1800s. Registration is required.

August 20 Children Craft Day: Clay led by artist Paula Doherty
Local artist Paula Doherty will lead children in making works of art using clay. Registration is required.

September 16-25 POW Trail of Flags
Reflect on the sacrifices of war as you walk along the Trail of POW flags representing all those taken prisoner after the January 22nd 1813 battle.

September 24 Clash of Cultures: A Walk through Time & Rally Point on the Raisin 10-4:30 p.m.

Journey back in time and encounter costumed performances that bring to life the events leading up to the Battles of the River Raisin and shaping of the nations of North America. Walk a living history timeline dedicated to the veterans and representing all U.S. wars and conflicts from the Revolutionary War to today.

October 8 French Harvest Festival 10-4 p.m.
See how the area residents prepared for winter in the 1800s with demonstrations, period games, and presentations.

Where:

River Raisin National
Battlefield Park
1403 E. Elm Ave.
Monroe, MI 48162

Register:

Contact the RRNB
for advanced reservations
734-243-7136



BIRD WATCHING

Bird Watching for Kids

It's never too early for kids to tune into nature! Take this free opportunity to introduce your children to a lifelong free recreational activity that naturally encourages stewardship of our resources! Join us on an outing specifically geared for kids of any age to begin watching for and listening to birds. No prior knowledge is needed. Binoculars are provided.

One parent's response to the Bird Watching for Kids group: "My children went on a bird walk last summer at Munson Park and loved it! Not only did they search the woods for birds, they learned to listen for their songs, and Loretta showed them how to look up birds in identification books. Even my 2-year-old enjoyed using the binoculars. Now, they look for birds everywhere and even wanted binoculars for Christmas!"

When: Wednesday, June 15, 10-11 am

Where: Munson Park

Fee: Free! This is a free program but registration is required.

Deadline to register: June 13

Ages: All ages welcome but youth must be accompanied by an adult



Monroe's Bird List Needs Your Help!

Birdwatchers Alert!! The City of Monroe Recreation Department is developing a list of birds spotted around our area. We take the herons, egrets, and eagles for granted. On August 9, 2007, the bald eagle was removed from the federal list of threatened and endangered species. They are now thriving right here in our town and are visible downtown! If you enjoy bird watching, let us know if you spot an unusual bird at your home or while you are out and about. We'd like to find out what birds migrate through our area, so pay special attention in spring and fall too! As our list grows we will put it on the website for all birders to enjoy!

You may email or call information to Loretta LaPointe at:

loretta.lapointe@monroemi.gov

(734) 384-9193 and please include:



Name of bird (If in doubt, list attributes as best you can including color, shape, size, & any distinguishing features.)

- Location spotted (exact location and any information such as wooded, city lot, open grassy, field, etc)
- Date and time of day
- Weather conditions
- Behavior of bird (in a tree, hopping on the ground, eating, flying high or low)
- Your name, address, and phone number (will not be publicized, for verification purposes only)

Have You Seen Any Of These Birds?



CONCUSSION AWARENESS EVERYONE SHOULD KNOW THIS!

Concussion awareness is critical! In 2012 the State of Michigan passed a law that requires a one-time mandatory online training for all coaches. Parents and athletes will also be required one-time to sign a form that they have received the information about concussion symptoms and a course of action if they think that their child may have suffered a concussion. Even hitting your head hard on the floor can cause damage, so don't ignore small blows/hits/falls!

Signs may not appear until days or weeks later! Take a moment to familiarize yourself with the symptoms of a concussion. Ignoring the symptoms can have life-long consequences, including long term memory issues, brain swelling, strokes, and coma. It is important that we put the health of our youth first!

Parents! Watch for these symptoms:

- Headache or pressure
- Nausea or vomiting
- Balance problems or dizziness
- Sensitivity to light and/or noise
- Feeling sluggish, hazy, foggy, or groggy
- Concentration or memory problems
- Confusion
- Just not 'feeling right' or is 'feeling down'



Coaches! Watch for these signs:

- Appears dazed or stunned
- Is confused about assignment or position
- Forgets instruction
- Is unsure of game, score, or opponent
- Moves clumsily
- Answers questions slowly
- Loses consciousness (even briefly)
- Shows mood, behavior, or personality changes
- Can't recall events prior to hit or fall
- Can't recall events after hit or fall

**NO GAME IS WORTH WINNING AT THE COST
OF THE ATHLETE'S HEALTH!**

**LINK TO MICHIGAN SPORTS CONCUSSION
LAW AWARENESS SITE**

http://michigan.gov/mdch/0,4612,7-132-54783_63943---,00.html

YOUTH SPORTS GAME SNACKS; FRIEND OR FOE?

Over the years, parents have begun to provide drinks and snacks for players to consume after games in various sports. It has become common practice for coaches to make a list for parents to bring in snacks and drinks for all players after games.



While it is wise to keep kids hydrated in the summer as they exercise, we have received feedback from some parents voicing their desire not to be included for a variety of reasons. In today's economy, the cost of paying for treats for an entire team may be a financial hardship for some families. Some parents may prefer to choose healthy snacks for their children and avoid altogether drinks and food items that contain sugar or sugar substitutes. Some parents may want to avoid processed snacks, and some may not choose to give their child a snack at all. Some parents may not want to connect food as a reward for participation. Food allergies (such as peanuts and gluten) have become far more prevalent. With childhood obesity on the rise, eating after every activity may actually be promoting weight gain.

For these reasons, we respect the right of parents to choose to participate or not to participate in team snacks at any of our programs or sporting events. Parents are free to provide, or not provide, a drink or snack of their choice for their child individually. A water bottle from home is always a good choice!

FREE FITNESS IN THE PARK FOR ALL AGES

FREE FITNESS AND FUN! COME TO MI BIG GREEN GYM!

Join us this summer for free drop in fitness and fun! Body Sculpt, Yoga, Tai Chi, and Yoga for Kids are all where it's happening this summer! All ages and levels of ability are welcome (with modifications when necessary), but youth must be accompanied by an adult. These classes are designed for participants who are healthy enough to begin an exercise program and are able to move on and off the ground. If you are concerned with conditions that would keep you from being able to do this, please contact your physician. Participants will need to fill out a registration form when participating. **Incorporating physical fitness into the great outdoors uses all the senses and these classes advance to a whole new level when surrounded by nature. The parks are ours to use!**



FREE KIDS YOGA IN ST. MARY'S PARK

A fun, non-competitive program for children ages 6-12 (parents must attend with child so bring a chair and read or relax!) Through games and fun activities, yoga for kids provides energy, strength, flexibility, and promotes ease and peace to children. Help keep our youth active! This is a drop in activity, so mark it on your calendar now! Please bring a mat or towel and a water bottle. Parents will need to fill out a registration form on site to participate.

Ages: 6-12 accompanied by a parent

When: Tuesdays, June 7 – August 16, 7:00-8:00 pm

Where: St. Mary's Park Band Shell; FREE

Instructor: Diane Ausmus is passionate about children and has been teaching over 20 years, with a special education degree. She has received her level 1 training at Budding Yogis to teach children's yoga. Diane has completed her 200 hour yoga training at Mindful Movement. She strives to inspire creativity in children and to help them develop healthy and peaceful minds and bodies.

FREE YOGA IN ST. MARY'S PARK

Malissa Whited will lead participants in a basic Yoga flow, incorporating stretching, relaxation, and breath. This gathering is open to participants of all levels and abilities. Participants are encouraged to bring a mat, or large beach towel to practice on, wear comfortable clothing (keep in mind that you will be reaching your hands over your head), and bring some water in case it is warm outside.

For mothers with children, Family Storytime will be held in the park during these dates and times.

When: Wednesdays, June 15-July 13

Time: 7:00-8:00pm

Location: St Mary's Park Band shell; FREE

Instructor: Malissa Whited B.S., Certified Yoga and Group Fitness Instructor www.keepthelight.com



FREE BODY SCULPT AT ST. MARY'S PARK

This class is designed to tone, firm, build muscle, and help develop overall body strength. Participants may bring a set of weights (3-5 lbs, or heavier for those who have done body sculpt before) and a mat or towel. We will focus on strength training for upper body, lower body and core. This class will burn calories and build lean muscle. All levels of participation are welcome. Body Toning is a great addition to any workout regiment and can be adapted to most any fitness level by use of lighter weights, heavier weights, or, even no weight at all.

When: Mondays, June 6- July 18 (no class July 4)

Time: 7-8 pm

Location: St. Mary's Park Band shell; FREE

Instructor: Michelle Hassett has been certified as a group fitness instructor through AFAA, and has instructed aerobic and weight classes, including kickboxing, Step, Body Toning, and HEAT classes for about 10 years.

FREE GENTLE TAI CHI AT VETERAN'S PARK

Tai Chi integrates the body and mind to improve health, fitness, and relaxation. This class benefits all levels of ability, including wheelchair participants. For adults of all ages!

When: Mondays, July 11-Aug 1, 6 pm

Where: Veteran's Park by the fire station.

Instructor: Instructor: Viola Everett is a certified Tai Chi instructor and is Senior Trainer with Tai Chi for Health Institute. She holds the rank of 2nd degree black belt CKD; 3rd degree black belt MMA; Senior Trainer Tai Chi for Health Institute. www.taichimonroe.com



FAMILY STORYTIME IN ST. MARY'S PARK

The wonderful librarians from the Monroe County Library System will bring stories to read to children of all ages in a shady corner of the park. (Parents may need to stay with their young child.) Anyone is free to attend, and the story time does coincide with free Yoga so parents can set up near the reader to exercise too. What a bargain! Bring your little one and listen in!

When: Five Wednesdays, June 15 - July 13

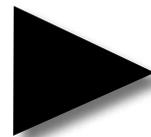
Time: 7:00-8:00 pm Location: St Mary's Park FREE

Leaders: Monroe County Library System Librarians

MONROE COUNTY



LIBRARY SYSTEM



GENERAL RECREATION PROGRAMS

2016 ADULT COED SAND VOLLEYBALL

Adult Sand Volleyball is here!! Play weekly matches at Munson Park Sand Volleyball courts.

NEW THIS YEAR! There will only be ONE session!

When: May 24 - Aug 9, Tuesday evenings, Munson Sand Volleyball Courts. Some make up games may be on Thursday if needed.

Time: 5:30, 6:30, 7:30 pm.

Length: 12 weeks of play.

Team Fee: \$180.00 includes everything but ump's.

Individual Fee if you are looking to join a team: \$40.00

Official Fee: \$7 per team per game to be paid on the field – 1 official system.

May 13: Deadline for all teams to submit all team fees, team entry forms, completed roster, at least 4 completed player contracts (rosters must have 4 players minimum and 10 maximum).

Frequently Asked Questions (FAQ)

How do we pay? Pay the team fee in person at the Monroe Recreation Dept. (cash or check payable to Monroe Recreation Dept).

What forms do we need? Team entry form, roster, and players contracts are available in our office and on our website, www.monroemi.gov, click on documents, departments and then look for the Adult Softball folder. For your convenience and then can be scanned and e-mailed, faxed, mailed, or brought to the Monroe Recreation Dept.

Where can I get a schedule? Schedules are available at Monroe Recreation Dept, www.monroemi.gov, click on documents, departments and then look for the Adult Softball folder or linked on Facebook 'City of Monroe MI, Recreation Department'.

How can I find out about rainouts & cancellations? Cancellations are always posted on the rainout numbers listed on your schedules and may be posted on Facebook. Text messages coming summer 2015! Rainout line is not updated unless there is a rainout. If the message is not updated to the current date, your game is still on!



FREE FISHING TOURNAMENT & CRAFTS! NO LICENSE NEEDED!

Twice a year the DNR provides a free fishing weekend; no license is needed to fish in the state of Michigan during those weekends. All activities are free and crafts will be available

FISHING TOURNAMENT!

Bring your own fishing pole, bait, and tackle (life jackets also if desired). Some cane poles will be available for use. Prizes will be awarded in each age group for the biggest fish and the most fish caught! (Limit one award per participant, and if participants need to leave early, winners will be notified). Children ages 10 and under must accompanied by an adult. *Note: Agricultural Rivers may have animal waste, pesticides, and herbicides from farm runoff. Catch and release in all warm water rivers and streams, such as the River Raisin, is advised.

Guppies:	Ages 5 and under
Bluegill:	Ages 6-9
Perch:	Ages 10-13
Walleye:	Ages 14-17
Sturgeon:	Ages 18 and older

Date: June 11, 8:00 -11:00 am

Location: Veteran's Park Shelter #2, middle of the park. Participants may fish from anywhere in the park.

Cost: Free, drop in activity



FREE BIKE MAINTENANCE

Summer is just around the corner and bikes will be coming out of hibernation! Learn what things need to be done to prepare your bike for summer. Bike maintenance should be performed each spring to get the longest life and smoothest ride from your trusty bicycle. Bring your bike and learn how to do an annual checkup, adjust seats, breaks, and handlebars along with many other good tips. Don't let those brakes squeak another summer! This is a free activity but Pre-registration is required.



When:	Saturday, July 9, 10:00 am
Where:	Munson Shelter #1
Instructor:	Robert Krueger
Registration Deadline:	July 1

PICKLEBALL! FREE! LOW IMPACT-HIGH FUN; ALL AGES WELCOME!

Pickleball is the fastest growing sport in America today, and there's a reason for that! Small court, light ball, easy swing; any age can play and all ages welcome. Come to learn the game and see if you like it. Equipment is provided, so come as you are to try a new simple sport for fun and exercise. This program is especially popular among seniors, but all ages are welcome. Come alone or bring a buddy! This program is free but pre-registration at the court is required.

When: Tuesdays, May 31 – August 30, 6 -8 pm

Where: Manor Park tennis court, 445 Donnalee Dr.

Ages: 12 and older



PERMANENT PICKLEBALL COURTS AVAILABLE AT MANOR PARK

New for 2016! In May, we are repurposing the old tennis court in Manor Park into Pickleball courts until more permanent Pickleball courts can be installed. These courts will be open during park hours, 7 days per week, 7 am until 10 pm, for general use. If you're new to the sport, come try it out on Tuesday evenings for free with our staff, or buy a racquet and play at your leisure any time!

PICKLEBALL RULES!



REVISIT HISTORIC MONROE!

Remember shopping and hanging out in downtown Monroe in the 40s-70s? Did your phone number begin with the word “cherry”? Can't remember the name of the store, but it's on the tip of your tongue? In partnership with the Monroe County Historical Museum, we are offering free historic presentations about downtown Monroe. Two presentations will be held at history filled corners; St. Mary's Corner (Elm / Monroe), and Loranger Square (First / Washington).

The other two sessions, Monroe St. East and Monroe St. West, will be held inside the Monroe County Historical Museum with seated indoor presentations (yes, air conditioning!). Learn something about our city and its history, and see actual pictures from the past.



This year, sessions will be offered both in the morning and the evening!

June 29: St. Mary's Corner – Founded in 1788, St. Mary's Church is the second oldest church in the State of Michigan! Learn about the church, the first St. Mary Academy and Immaculate Heart of Mary motherhouse, the monuments, the Wayne stockade, the old public restroom, Franklin Ice Cream, Mitchells' Gift Shop, the Custer Statue, and more.

Where: Participants meet outdoors at St. Mary's Park shelter. Bring a chair and water since we'll stay at the corner and view actual buildings and monuments while learning about their history.

July 20: Monroe St. East - This inside tour will include a presentation of pictures of the east side of Monroe St. and surrounding streets. Take a walk down memory lane to Kaybee, Kresge's (and its lunch counter), Kline's Dept Store, Bazley's Meat Market, Muir Drug Store, JC Penney, Sears, and many more. See photos of what Monroe's main and side streets have looked like in the past.

Where: Monroe County Historical Museum, 126 S. Monroe St. This is a seated indoor presentation.

Aug 17: Monroe St. West - This walking tour will include the west side of Monroe St and surrounding streets. Remember Valmassei, Lizbeth Shop, Michigan Gas Utilities Company, Kaybee, A&P (there were 2 downtown locations), Shoppers Discount, Kroger's, Zion Lutheran Church, the Greyhound Bus Stop? See photos of what Monroe's main and side streets have looked like in the past.

Where: Monroe County Historical Museum, 126 S. Monroe St. This is a seated indoor presentation.

Sept 21: Loranger Square - Loranger Square is full of history; the Courthouse, City Hall, the First Presbyterian Church, the Custer Statue, the Edison Building and more! Bring a chair and water since we'll stay at the corner.

Where: Participants meet at the Loranger Square Pavilion, corner of Washington and First St.

When: Wednesdays, June 29, July 20, Aug 17, and Sept 21

Morning session: 10 am

Evening session: 6 pm

Deadline to register: Paper registration can be mailed, emailed or delivered to the Recreation Dept by the Monday before each session. Please specify morning or evening when you register

Fee: Free!

What to bring: Water, and a portable chair for Loranger Square & St. Mary's. For the indoor sessions, participants need not bring anything.

Minimum: 8 participants (bring friends!)

This program is done in partnership with the Monroe County Historical Museum.



MY DOG CAN DO THAT!

The 'Bring Out the Best in Your Dog' Class is aimed at helping dogs and their owners have fun, get exercise, and learn some new tricks! Dogs (and owners) will get the opportunity for a little training for good behavior as well as some agility course training! Dogs should always be on a leash. Any dog, any breed, any age or mix is welcome. Instructor: Cheryl Wassus, AKC approved Canine Good Citizenship Evaluator. Sessions may be signed up for individually, or sign up for all three sessions and get a discount!

Session 1: (Thursday, July 21 & 28, 6-6:45 pm): Intro to Tricks Training
Class Minimum: 3, maximum 10

Deadline to register: July 15

Session 2: (Thursday, Aug 4 & 11, 6-6:45 pm): Introduction to Therapy Dog Work

Class Minimum: 3, maximum 10

Deadline to register: July 29

Session 3: (Thursday, Aug 18 & 25, 6-6:45 pm): Intro to Agility

Class Minimum: 3, maximum 10

Deadline to register: Aug 12

Fee: All 3 sessions: City residents: \$50.00 Non City residents: \$63.00

Individual sessions: City residents: \$20.00 Non City residents: \$25.00

When: Thursdays, July 21- Aug 25, 6-6:45 pm

Where: Front of Munson Park, right next to the skate park

Instructor: Cheryl Wassus, AKC approved Canine Good Citizenship Evaluator



ADULT COLORING CLASS

Learn the tricks of coloring, shading, highlighting, and more. Coloring is a far more than just fun! It is an effective stress relief method and can be as therapeutic as meditation. Coloring allows us to switch off our brains from other thoughts and focus on the moment, which often can be calming.

Bring your favorite coloring book or buy one at the class. Coloring pencils and gel pens will be available to use, but feel free to bring your own if you'd prefer.

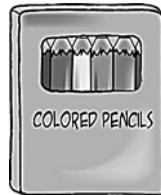
When: Saturday, June 18, 3-4:30 pm

Where: Art Insight Emporium, 131 E. Front St.
(Parking right across the street)

Instructor: Christy LaRoy

Fee: \$12

Class size: 4-20



TRIPS AND TRAVEL OPPORTUNITIES IN 2016!

The City of Monroe Recreation Department is proud to offer day and overnight trips for all ages! All trips include round trip transportation via deluxe highway motorcoach equipped with reclining seats, DVD players, overhead storage, and a restroom! Relax, visit, nap, and leave the driving, parking, and gas payment to someone else. Participants will meet the bus at the Monroe Multi-Sports Complex. Must be 18 to use any casinos, but other non-casino elements are available. Registration is through the City of Monroe Recreation Dept, but please make checks payable to: Bianco Tours. Call 384-9156 for details.

Chicago and All That Jazz

Featuring stops at Malnati's Pizzeria, guided tour of Chicago, Harold Washington Library, Above and Beyond Memorial, shopping at Magnificent Mile and Navy Pier, Chicago Brauhaus (includes dinner and live entertainment), and Shed Aquarium (featuring Jazzin at the Shedd and a chance to visit the aquarium after hours.) This is the happening tour of the Windy City!

Date: Aug 30 – Sept 1, 2016 (3 days / 2 nights)

Cost: \$520 per person, based on double occupancy, more for single, less for triple

Yooperland; Michigan's Upper Peninsula in Autumn

Featuring the Porcupine Mountains & Keweenaw Peninsula. Five days/ four nights.

1 night stay at Island Resort & Casino in Harris

1 night stay in the Western Upper Peninsula

1 night stay in the Keweenaw Peninsula area

1 night stay in the Munising area

Meals include 3 breakfasts, 2 lunches, & 2 dinners

Featuring:

Kitch-iti-kipi "The Big Spring"

Presque Isle Falls

Porcupine Mountains Wilderness State Park

Lake of the Clouds

Tour of Copper Country / Keweenaw Peninsula

Brockway Mountain Drive

Shrine of the Snowshoe Priest

Pictured Rocks Boat Cruise

Tahquamenon Falls

Date: October 2 – 6, 2016

Cost: \$734 per person, based on double occupancy, more for single, less for triple



Traverse City Wine And Dine

Featuring: Stay at the Grand Traverse Resort and Spa, Dinner and Wine Tasting at Chateau Chantal, shopping and tour at Village at Grand Traverse Commons, Moomers Homemade Ice Cream, Wine tasting and cheese plate at Bowers Harbor Vineyards, dinner at the Boathouse on West Bay, and Uncle John's Cider Mill for a wine tasting. Enjoy the vineyards of Traverse without the drive!

Date: October 11 – 13, 2016 (3 days / 2 nights)

Cost: \$534 per person, based on double occupancy, more for single, less for triple

Chicago Style Christmas Shopping

Featuring: 2 days and 1 night in a hotel in downtown Chicago and SHOPPING! Includes one lunch at Foodlife, an urban dining adventure located in the Water Tower Place.

State Street (shopping) Featuring the 12 story, 450 department Macy's store, an historic landmark and the second largest department store in the world!

Optional trip to Navy Pier (shopping & dinner on your own)

Magnificent Mile (shopping) – World-famous department stores and boutiques including: Tiffany, Neiman Marcus, Nordstrom, Nordstrom, Bloomingdales, the Water Tower Place and much more!

Dates: December 6 & 7, 2016

Cost: \$284
on double
for single, less

per person, based
occupancy, more
for triple



2016 COMMUNITY GARDEN PLOT RENTALS

Love fresh vegetables and fruits but have no where to put a garden? Community garden plots are available at Munson Park. In these financially tough times, growing your own food is becoming an attractive alternative to the high prices of grocery shopping. Tomatoes, lettuce, radishes, squash, cucumbers, melons, green beans, onions, peppers, potatoes, Swiss chard, pumpkins; whatever your favorite veggies are, they can be yours at a fraction of the cost. Gardening is a great way to get exercise too. Tilling and general maintenance of the plot is up to each renter. A date in May will be set for gardeners with rototillers to help renters that do not have access to one till their plot. Water is available at the sight, but gardeners supply their own hoses, tools, plants, soil amendments and fertilizers. Thanks to the volunteers, a composting bin is now available for community garden use. Garden plots are available to rent in the Recreation office. Renters may plant as early as they would like. Through Memorial Day there is a rental limit of one plot, and then renters may sign up for an additional plot. Lot renters will now have the ability to keep their plot from year to year.

Lot sizes available	Fee
20' x 20'	\$20 Resident \$22 Non-city resident
10' x 10'	\$10 Resident \$12 Non-city resident

Lot sizes available	Fee, seniors (ages 62+)
20' x 20'	\$14 Resident \$16 Non-city resident
10' x 10'	\$8 City resident \$10 City resident

Important Dates

January 1-31: Previous year renters may sign up to rent last year's plot

February 1: City of Monroe residents may reserve a plot

March 1: Non-city residents may reserve a plot.

Memorial Day: Current renters may sign up for additional plots if available.

Time: Park is open 7 am until 10 pm, 7 days a week!

Historical Baseball Teams Forming!

Love history and baseball? The Recreation Dept is looking for volunteers ages 18 or older who would like to be part of two old time 1800's baseball teams. These 'for fun' teams will play by the rules of the 1800s and will be 'playing in the period' (not necessarily using a mitt, no cussing allowed, wearing period uniforms). These teams and will be part of historical recreational events held in the City of Monroe. Some baseball knowledge and ability would be good. History buffs without baseball prowess can still participate in other ways. Interviews and tryouts may be held. To apply please call Loretta at 384-9193, or email; loretta.lapointe@monroemi.gov, to be part of the action!



ENTERTAINMENT IN ST. MARY'S PARK

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THANKS!

Thank you La-Z-Boy, ITC Holdings, and DTE Energy Foundation!

The Recreation Department strives to offer programs and events to increase the quality of life for our residents and visitors. Three community partners; La-Z-Boy, ITC Holdings (those major power lines and station you see on Maple Blvd and throughout Sterling State Park), and DTE Energy Foundation have been major sponsors for our Concerts in the Park series. Without their partnership, we would be unable to provide the level of service in our programs. The City of Monroe is very appreciative of the support from our partners in the community!



ENTERTAINMENT IN ST. MARY'S PARK

2016 FREE SUMMER ENTERTAINMENT IN THE PARK

All concerts are on Thursdays, 7pm at the St. Mary's Park Band shell (111 W. Elm). Concerts held rain or shine at the park.

Court dances are from 6:30-8:30 pm on the tennis courts. Events may be cancelled for inclement weather.

SPONSORED BY; LA-Z-BOY, ITC HOLDINGS, AND DTE Energy Foundation make this big with all three logos across the top

Join us for a beautiful summer evening! Artists from the Monroe Area Art League will paint in the park during these events for Art Appreciation. Bocce sets are available free for use upon request at the shelter. Bring chair or blanket and enjoy yourself!

May 26, 7 pm Monroe High School Jazz Band Join us as we kick off our concert series with this great jazz opportunity. The Monroe High School Jazz Band, under the direction of Mr. Jim Nuechterlein, earned a Division One rating – the best achievable – at the Michigan School Band and Orchestra Association's (MSBOA) State Jazz Festival. This is the fifth Division One rating the band has earned in the last six years. Help us celebrate our youth!

June 2: 7 pm Soul Kitchen Rock to the beat of our local band! Al Michaud, Denny Harrigan, Tim Merman, and Mary Ouelette will put on an outstanding show of blues and rock. Their music covers a variety of styles and music genres including Country, Pop, and several Rock classics; but Soul Kitchen continues to feature the music close to their origins; Blues and R&B. Come hungry to the 'Soul Kitchen'!

June 9: 6:30 pm Court Dance Come dance to tunes of the 50's and 60's, or just sit and enjoy the music with friends. DJ Bruce Bezeau will spin some of the finest oldies and throw in a line dance or two! Classic cars will be on display from the Michigan Muscle Cars, Monroe Area Street Rods, and local clubs, so why not make a night of it and join us at the park. All ages welcome!

June 16: 7 pm Moxie Strings The Moxie Strings' polished, high energy show and unique Celtic sound have quickly made the band one of the country's most promising instrumental acts. Composing the majority of their pieces and arranging melodies from many traditions results in a genre-blurring blend of ear-catching melodies and foot stomping, rock-influenced rhythms on the newly invented electric cello and contemporary 5 string violin.

June 23: 7 pm Rich Eddy's Rockin Oldies Rock to the beat of music from the 50's and 60's with this high energy entertainment show for ALL ages. A staple at many summer concerts in the Detroit area, this band is in big demand. Get ready to rock!

June 30: 7 pm Allen as Tim and the Dance Hall Rockers Calling country music fans! The Midwest's most dynamic Tim McGraw Tribute Band: AllenAsTim and The Dance Hall Rockers! This talented group of musicians with Allen Scott on lead vocals will leave you asking, "Are you sure that's not the real guy?"

July 7: 7 pm Billy Mack and the Juke Joint Johnnies For over 13 years Billy Mack and the Juke Joint Johnnies have been rockin' audiences throughout Michigan, the Midwest, California and Florida with their unique brand of Swing-a-Billy/Rockabilly/ & Lounge music. This blend of styles, with some grooving Blues, makes them stand out as one of the most talented and entertaining acts available today. They've also released five albums on CD that have been critically acclaimed both in the U.S and overseas.

July 14, 7 pm Allie Louise Country fans, this is for you! With a vocal texture and a natural correctness in technique, complimented by a knack for versatile performances, Allie's musical inclinations have invited welcomed comparisons to that of Brenda Lee, Tanya Tucker and LeAnn Rimes, among others. Her first national recording already under her belt, Allie will be a performer to watch.

July 21: 7 pm Katmandu Bob Seger Tribute Band Bob Seger fans, your show has arrived! This tribute show will have you rocking out to all of your favorites all night long! Come on down for some "Old Time Rock and Roll", "Katmandu", and "Turn the Page". These guys are amazing!

July 28: 7 pm SHOUT! A Tribute to the Beatles and a favorite summer concert! Come see the Fab Four tribute band Rock the night away with all things Beatles. Enjoy hit after hit from Monroe's favorite band. We could listen to this music Eight Days a Week. Bring your chair early for a prime spot!

Aug 4: 6:30 pm Court Dance Come dance to tunes of the 50's and 60's with DJ Bruce Bezeau; classic cars will be on display from the Michigan Muscle Cars, Monroe Area Street Rods, and local clubs, so why not make a night of it and join us at the park! Bring a chair to visit and enjoy the music, or dance; all ages welcome

Aug 16: 6 – 9:45 pm Movie in St. Mary's Park: The Good Dinosaur "Set in a world in which dinosaurs never went extinct, the film follows a young Apatosaurus named Arlo, who meets an unlikely human friend while traveling through a harsh and mysterious landscape." This family friendly event starts at 6 pm with free give-aways, a band at 6:30, and the movie is shown from 8:15-9:45 pm on a digital screen. Make a night of it with us!

Court Dances in June and August!!!

Do you have fond memories of the court dances held at St. Mary's Park in the 60s?! If so, you'll want to mark these dates on your calendar and see old friends! If you were not privileged to attend those dances, join us to make new memories and



friends as we dance to the tunes of the 50s and 60s on the tennis courts with our DJ, Bruce Bezeau. Don't like to dance? Come watch the artists from the Monroe Art League as they set up their easels in the park and paint and just listen and visit! Some classic cars will be on display from the Michigan Muscle Cars, Monroe Area Street Rods, and local clubs. Why not make a night of it and join us for a relaxing fun night at the park – we'd love to have you!

When: Thursdays, June 9 & Aug 4, 6:30-8:30 pm

Where: St. Mary's Park Tennis courts

Cost: Free

Movie in St. Mary's Park; Free Family Fun Night!

Free Family Fun Night! Join us for a movie and more in St. Mary's Park. The event will include the movie, a live band, a bounce house, and some sponsor give-aways! The movie will be shown on an LED screen, which means the movie can start before dark, around 8:15 pm.

The Good Dinosaur: Luckily for young Arlo, his parents (Jeffrey Wright, Frances McDormand) and his two siblings, the mighty dinosaurs were not wiped out 65 million years ago. When a rainstorm washes poor Arlo (Raymond Ochoa) downriver, he ends up bruised, battered and miles away from home. Good fortune shines on the frightened dinosaur when he meets Spot (Jack Bright), a Neanderthal boy who offers his help and friendship. Together, the unlikely duo embarks on an epic adventure to reunite Arlo with his beloved family.

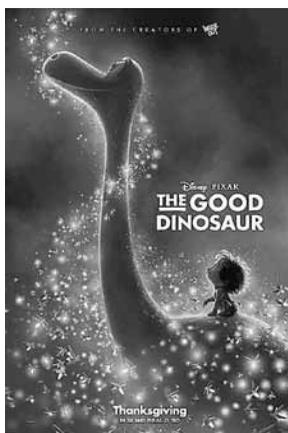
When: Tuesday, August 16

Event starts: 6 pm

Live music: 6:30

Movie: 8:15- 9:45 pm

Where: St. Mary's Park. The movie screen and other activities will be set up in the park. Please bring chairs and blankets. Some bleachers will be available.



Art Appreciation in St. Mary's Park!

Are you interested in art but not sure where to start? Do you enjoy a beautiful painting? Are you an artist who would enjoy seeing how others create? Come to enjoy watching the creative process, or introduce your children to the fine arts. Area artists from the Monroe Art League will set up their easels in the park and paint while the bands play. Feel free to sit close or amble over to watch them create. 'Plein Air' artists paint in the outdoors with natural light and take their inspiration from direct surroundings. This is a good chance to get up close and personal with art and you might just want to go home and try it yourself!



When: Thursdays, May 26 – July 30, and Aug 4

Time: Concerts in the Park begin at 7 pm;

Court Dances begin at 6:30 pm

LIVE WELL: NEW PARTNERSHIP WITH PROMEDICA MONROE REGIONAL HOSPITAL!

The City of Monroe Recreation Dept is now partnering with ProMedica Monroe Regional Hospital and Monroe County Health Department to share information on healthy living. At some of our concerts and court dances, medical staff will be present to help you stay healthy. Stop by for blood pressure and glucose screening! Information on stroke, COPD, cancer screenings, and cardiovascular health will also be available.

Where: St. Mary's Park

When: June 9, June 23, June 30, July 21,

July 28, and August 4.

This is a free, drop in activity.



WALK MONROE!

Walking is one of the best low impact exercises around, saves on gym costs, and reduces the risk of diabetes and many other illnesses. Moderate walking is about 100 steps per minute or about 20 minutes to walk 1 mile. The Recreation Department is hosting free walks open to all ages and all levels of ability. Walkers may choose their own path and distance according to your ability. Fill out an entry form each time you walk to be entered into our drawing for a grand prize! Winner will be drawn at the court dance on Aug 4.

*Please note there are two opportunities each day to walk. The morning walkers sign in at City Hall. The evening walkers sign in at St. Mary's Park

Dates: Thursdays, May 26- Aug 4

Daytime Walks: Sign in at the Monroe Recreation Dept, 2nd floor, City Hall, 8:30–1:30 pm

Evening Walks: Sign in at the St Mary's Park shelter, 6:30 - 7:00 pm

THIS PROGRAM IS SPONSORED
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SPECIALISTS, P.C.**

Dr. Scott Hughes, Dr. Gregory Vogt,
Dr. Christine Tumole and Dr. Matthew Lewin



▶ IMPORTANT INFORMATION

City of Monroe Recreation Text Alerts are Here!

The City of Monroe Text Alert system has arrived! Sign up to receive program information and reminders. These texts will be sent primarily between the hours of 8 am until 4:30 pm. Some cancellations may be distributed via text if the programs are cancelled during the workday, but cancellations determined after 4:30 will still be broadcast via the rainout line and possibly Facebook. Be the first to know when Daddy Daughter tickets go on sale, schedules are ready for adult and youth softball and baseball, and more, such as concerts, events, free exercise in the park, Tot Lot, tennis, track and field, Pickleball, flag football, community garden plots, youth and adult volleyball, dog programs, nature programs, Mom / Son Bowling, and more.

Are you a 'New Texter'? Need help getting started? Here are some simple directions:

Step 1. Bring up texts on your phone

Step 2. In the "To" box, type the numbers 57780, instead of a phone number

Step 3. Hit send

Step 4. In a bit, a text reply will come to your phone. Check off the alerts you wish to receive, such as Youthball, Adult Softball, Concerts, plus many more. Hit send.

Step 5. Enjoy!



MONROE PARKS & REC

TEXT ALERTS

RECEIVE TEXT ALERTS, UPDATES & MORE

TEXT
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to 57780

By sending a text to this code I agree to receive automated marketing text messages from Monroe Parks & Rec to the mobile number I have provided. I understand that I am not required to provide my consent as a condition of purchasing any goods or services, up to 6 msgs. / mo. Reply HELP for help, reply STOP to cancel.

Message & data rates may apply. Terms and conditions / privacy policy

<http://swurl.it/5K4T1>



STEWARDSHIP MONROE: VOLUNTEERING TO MAKE A DIFFERENCE!

Stewardship Monroe is a new volunteer program that offers a variety of opportunities for individuals, families, and groups to make a difference in our town. Examples of volunteer opportunities include; trail monitors, nature programmers, fishing buddies, park clean-up, graphic design, gardening, coaching, historic ball teams, or serving on a city commission or board. Lots of great opportunities exist for educators or those who love science and nature! Installing bluebird houses at Munson Park, helping to host a Bio-blitz at a local park, sharing your knowledge about animals or birds; it's all welcome. Parents, use this opportunity to volunteer as a family and begin to teach your children about the importance of Stewardship. Honor Society students can use their area of interest to accrue needed hours. We have a niche for you!

By working together, we can preserve the City of Monroe for future generations! Give us a call at (734) 384-9193 and start your adventure today!

Thank you to our Volunteers in 2015! By donating their time and talent, these folks helped to make Monroe a better place to live and recreate!

Malissa Whited
(Yoga in the Park)

Monroe County Library System Librarians
(Family Storytime in St. Mary's Park)

Monroe Art League
(Art Appreciation in St. Mary's Park)

Michigan Muscle Cars

Bob Bransky
(Garden Plots)

Monroe Bank & Trust Enlist Volunteers

Monroe High School Jazz Band

Sven Wollschlaeger
(Recreation Office)

Creating Community Through People, Parks & Programs



Trinity Lutheran School removing leaves from Soldiers and Sailors Tennis Court

The City of Monroe Recreation Department has a New Mission Statement!

A mission statement helps us define who we serve, identify the services we provide, and describe the geographical location we serve. Recently, the Parks and Recreation Advisory Commission updated our mission statement.

"The mission of the City of Monroe Parks and Recreation is to enhance the lives of its citizens and visitors by encouraging a healthy lifestyle and offering safe and quality parks and recreation experiences that highlight our area's natural and cultural resources."

A HUGE thank you to the commissioners of our Parks and Recreation Advisory Commission; Garry Knapp, Lucie Fortin, Cheryl Miller, Bob Cebina, Karen Feldman, Dave LaMontaine, and Mary Minney for all their hard work!

Discounted General Admission!



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Children under 2 FREE! Prices and operating schedule subject to change without notice. Offer not valid for special or evening events and cannot be combined with other promotions. Tickets are non-refundable. Offer valid through December 31, 2016.

To purchase your discount tickets, go to tickets.detroitzoo.org.

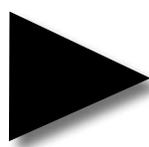
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Store Name: monroe

Contact: City of Monroe Recreation Dept. 734-384-9156



CITY OF MONROE RECREATION 2016 PARK FACILITY RESERVATIONS

Park Rentals open February 1, at City Hall, 120 E. First Street Monroe, MI 48161, 734-384-9156, Fax 734-243-8683

Open Monday - Friday, 8:00 a.m. - 4:30 p.m. (Office may close for lunch: please call to confirm)

Please call us for information on how to start the process for a special event application.

Special events must be requested 8 weeks in advance.

Type of Facility	Location(s)	City Resident Fee	Non-City Resident Fee
Small Shelter (no electricity)	St. Mary's (approx. 35 people)	\$50.00	\$65.00
Large Shelters (with electricity)	Munson #1/Restroom Munson #2/Gazebo (approx. 90 people)	\$65.00	\$85.00
Corporate Event Fee (facility rental fee will be added)	All Parks (clean-up deposit is refunded if park is cleaned up after event.)	\$150.00 event fee + \$200.00 clean-up deposit = \$350.000 + facility rental fee	\$250.00 event fee + \$200.00 clean-up deposit = \$450.00 + facility rental fee
Band Shell / Shelter	St. Mary's (key deposit is refunded if bandshell is properly locked and key is returned on time.)	\$250.00 + \$50.00 shelter = \$300.00 + \$150.00 key deposit = \$450.00	\$300.00 + \$65.00 shelter = \$365.00 + \$150.00 key deposit = \$515.00
Ball Diamonds	Munson, Fr. Cairns, Hellenberg	\$25.00 Per Field Per Hour Rental does not include access to	\$35.00 Per Field Per Hour Munson score shed or use of lights.
Sand Volleyball Courts	Munson	\$25.00	\$35.00
Neighborhood Small Shelters (no electricity)	Boyd, MLK, Hellenberg, Veteran's, Soldiers & Sailors	\$25.00	\$35.00
Tennis Courts	St. Mary's, Munson, Soldiers & Sailors	\$25.00	\$35.00
Wedding Gazebo	Laurel Finzel Parking Lot	\$100.00	\$150.00

City of Monroe Park Facility Cancellation Policy: Any person who has reserved a facility may cancel a reservation by notifying the Monroe Recreation Department no later than three (3) weeks (21 calendar days) prior to the scheduled use, less 10% handling fee. No refund for inclement weather. Refund requests must include name, date of reservation and facility rented. Refund will be mailed by check within 30 days of the date of cancellation. Failure to provide cancellation notice within the established time period will forfeit the reservation fee.

CITY DEPARTMENT

The City of Monroe staff is here to serve you!

Residents can find the help they need by phone, online, or in person.



City Hall: Open Monday – Friday, 8:00 am till 4:30 pm

What can we do to help? Listed below are phone numbers and a brief summary of services most commonly used. Voicemail is available 24/7.

We're Online! www.monroemi.gov

Action Line: Action Line is a tool available 24/7 for residents to register a request or concern at your convenience. It is located on the main page, left side. You can request an email or phone call in response or remain anonymous. Take a look!

E-Services: Online services include payments for parking tickets, water bills, and tax bills. E-news sign up allows those interested to have the Recreation newsletter and program flyers sent to your inbox upon request! Also available are the performance dashboard, updates on the River Raisin project, job postings, community calendar, city ordinances, staff directory, and much more.

Facebook: Recreation: [City of Monroe, MI Recreation Department](https://www.facebook.com/CityofMonroeMIRecreationDepartment). Keep up on latest news and photos! Public Safety and Police: www.facebook.com/Monroe.MI.Public.Safety

Assessor: (734) 384-9166

Property information can be viewed online under 'E-Services'. Valuations are estimated annually as of December 31. Notice of Assessment changes are sent out in February, and the Board of Review is held in March. Tax bills are mailed out in May and December.

Building/Zoning: (734) 384-9186

Blight violations and building permits are handled through the Building Dept. Some forms are also available to download online. An application for any special event that will be held in a city park or within the city limits may be requested at the Building Department.

Clerk: (734) 384-9136

Treasurer: (734) 384-9140

City Clerk-Treasurer: Michelle J. LaVoy

The Clerk's office maintains the official records of the City and oversees all elections held within the City. The Treasurer's office oversees the collection of all monies due to the city.

Voter registration and requests for absentee ballots are available at the Clerk's office. Other services include applications for charitable solicitations, licenses, parking permits and Notary Services. The agenda and minutes for City Council, boards and commissions are available along with copies of other public documents including ordinances. City tax information including copies of tax statements and parking tickets are available at the Treasurer's office.

New this year! If you choose, you may use a credit card for tax payments at the Treasurer's office in City Hall.

Cash or check payments for taxes and all other city invoices are paid at the Monroe County Community Credit Union office located on the main floor of City Hall.

DPS – Department of Public Services: (734) 384-9125

Any issues with trash pickup, recycle bins, leaf bags, yard waste collection, potholes, street sweeping and drainage, snow removal, traffic signals, high grass and weed reporting, and forestry, including tree planting, trimming, and removal, can be directed here.

Yard waste pick-up will begin in early April.

Engineering: (734) 384-9126

Any streetlight outages, utility information and mapping, and construction project information is available through the Engineering Dept.

Public Safety

www.monroepolice.org

Facebook: www.facebook.com/Monroe.MI.Public.Safety

FIRE:

Central Station, 75 Scott St: (734) 241-1626

West Side Station, 1755 N Custer: (734) 241-0522

POLICE:

Non-Emergency: (734) 243-7500

Make a report or complaint: (734) 241-3300

Human Resources: (734) 384-9110

The City's employment application, current job openings, various collective bargaining agreements, and the City's Title VI non-discrimination plan are available online.

Mayor/Manager: (734) 384-9144

City Manager: George Brown

Mayor: Robert E. Clark

Council:

- Paula Whitman, 1st Precinct
- John Iacoangeli, 2nd Precinct
- Kellie Vining, 3rd Precinct
- Charles Evans, 4th Precinct
- Gloria Rafko, 5th Precinct
- William Sisk, 6th Precinct

Not sure what precinct you live in? Call the Clerk's office, (734) 384-9136

Recreation: (734) 384-9156

•NEW: Any issues with park maintenance may be reported on Action Line, or you may call 384-9156.

Information on recreation programs, shelter rentals, Stewardship Monroe volunteer opportunities, and concerts in the park is available in our newsletters or through our office. Events may be posted on our Facebook page (City of Monroe, MI Recreation Department). You may sign up for free E-News on the City of Monroe Website (www.monroemi.gov). E-news sign up allows those interested to have the Recreation newsletter and program flyers sent to your inbox upon request as it becomes available. Don't wait for flyers through schools anymore! Get all the info. you need quickly!

Wastewater: (734) 241-5926

Please report any sewer backup or odor to this number.

Water: (734) 384-9150.

For emergencies after hours and weekends: (734) 241-5947

Request automatic payment plan, water e-bill, report a damaged hydrant, water service line, meter information, water billing issues, and water quality or pressure concerns.



HOW CAN WE HELP YOU?

E-mail us your comments, suggestions, questions or concerns at:

recreation@monroemi.gov

This newsletter can be viewed and downloaded on the City of Monroe website: www.monroemi.gov.

It can also be sent directly to your email now!

Use Monroe E-News Sign-up on our website!

Facebook! City of Monroe, MI Recreation Department

Program Information, rainouts and cancellations will be posted here when possible. Please check our page for updates, since all updates aren't put in all newsfeeds.

Text Alerts

Sign up to receive program information and reminders. These texts will be sent primarily between the hours of 8 – 4:30 pm. Get reminders about program registration. Be 'in the loop' to hear when Daddy Daughter tickets go on sale, program flyers go out, or program registration deadlines are near. Text the word "Monroe" to 57780, and you will receive the list to choose from. Cancellations made before 4:30 may be sent, but participants should always use the rainout line or method specified by the League Director for cancellations made after 4:30. Message and data rates may apply.

Program Cancellations

When you register for any of our programs, please just show up at the times and dates listed for your activity. The Recreation Department reserves the right to cancel any activity due to lack of enrollment, inclement weather, or cause beyond our control. Every effort will be made to contact the participants in advance and to schedule a makeup date and time. Call the cancellation hotline at (734) 384-9159 and choose your listing. If the current date is not referenced, all programs are on as scheduled.

Call Us Before You Come

It is our greatest desire to serve all participants that visit our office. With reduced staffing, we may not always be open at lunch. Please call us before at 384-9156 to make sure someone will be here if you need to see us on your lunch hour. It's frustrating to make a trip and feel like you've not accomplished your errands!



Online Registration

The Recreation Department will no longer offer online registration. Participants may use the form provided in this newsletter or available at our office at City Hall, 120 E. First St. Registrations are accepted through the mail or dropped off in person to our department.

Request Newsletter and Program Flyers by E-News!

For your convenience, you may now request information for programs and the newsletter to be sent directly to your email! Go to www.monroemi.gov, and choose "How Do I" at the top left, then "Subscribe to our Email Lists". Enter your email and a password, and then choose which distribution lists you would like to receive. Flyers handed out at school have a way of getting lost. Get information as soon as it becomes available!

Instructors Wanted: Adult Activities and Programs

Do you have a specialized skill or area of expertise you would like to teach others in the community? Contact us today at 384-9193. If you enjoy doing it, chances are, others will too!

Activity Photos

If photos are taken of participants in a class, during a special event, or at the City's parks, they are for the Parks and Recreation usage only and may be used in Parks and Recreation brochures, pamphlets, flyers, Facebook, or on the website.

Statement of Inclusion

We want people of all abilities to be able to participate in our programs. We encourage and promote recreational opportunities that include everyone. If you would like to see any programs offered please call 384-9193; this is YOUR community!

Always Ask Your Doctor First!

As with any exercise, there are risks. A physicians exam is recommended for all participants who have any exercise restrictions and or/ over 40 years of age. Be smart with your health!

Youth Scholarships

As funds are donated, a limited number of partial scholarships for youth from low income households to participate in programs will be available by summer. Applicants will be required to submit income forms. Please call 384-9156 if you would like to donate or apply for this program.

Late Registrations

Late registrants may be responsible to order and pay for their own tee shirt for all activities that include a tee shirt.

Program Philosophy

City of Monroe Recreation Dept classes, facilities, events, and sports teams are designed to give opportunity for personal growth, good sportsmanship, responsible stewardship, making new friends, and physical fitness to all skill levels. Activities are geared for recreational fun, not unhealthy competition.



CITY OF MONROE RECREATION REGISTRATION FORM

120 East First Street, Monroe, MI 48161; Phone: 734-384-9156; FAX: 734-243-8683
 Office Hours: Mon.-Fri., 8:00 a.m. – 4:30 p.m. Please call ahead; office may be closed for lunch.

E-mail: recreation@monroemi.gov; Website: www.monroemi.gov

Drop off or mail in registration. Late registrants may be responsible to pay for their own tee shirt.

Participant's First & Last Name	Date of Birth	Age	Gender	Shirt Size (If Applicable) YS YMLASAM AL AXLAXXL	Activity Name / Session	Fee
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			M / F			
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RELEASE AND INDEMNITY AGREEMENT

In consideration of this registration being accepted, I hereby, for myself, my heirs, executors, administrators and assigns waive and release any and all rights and claims for damages which I may have against the City of Monroe, the Monroe Recreation Department, and/or their employees, agents, representatives, successors and assigns on account of any injuries suffered by myself and/or any child of mine arising out of my or our participation in the program or activity above referenced. I further agree to indemnify and hold harmless the City of Monroe, the Monroe Recreation Department, and/or their employees, agents, representatives, successors and assigns from any and all claims which may be made by or account of any person on account of any rights and claims released by this document. This indemnity agreement includes any and all damages, costs and attorney fees.

I agree that any child of mine will participate according to the rules, regulations, and/or bylaws for the activity referenced above. I understand that special requests are not guaranteed. If photos are taken of participants in a class during a special event or at the City parks, they are for the Monroe Recreation Department usage only and may be used in the Monroe Recreation Department brochures, pamphlets, and flyers, or on the web.

SIGNATURE: _____ DATE: _____

Adult Participant/
 Parent's Name: _____
 Phone: _____ Alt. Phone: _____
 Street Address: _____
 City: _____ State: _____ Zip Code: _____
 E-Mail: _____
 Emergency Contact
 Name (Not Parent): _____
 Emergency Contact Phone: _____
 Interested in Coaching? (Print your name and phone number) _____

OFFICE USE ONLY:	_____	_____	_____	_____	Concession Form <input type="checkbox"/>
	Date Received	Receipt No.	Total Paid	Initials	