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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**

ADULT SPORTS

ADULT SOCCER, SOFTBALL AND VOLLEYBALL

*See Frequently Asked Questions section for registration information

Adult (17+) Coed Sand Volleyball League at Munson Park

- WHEN:** May 28- Aug 20 (No games on July 2), Tuesday evenings. Some make up games may be on Thursday, if needed.
- TIME:** 5:30, 6:15 or 7:00 pm
- LENGTH:** 12 weeks of play
- TEAM FEE:** \$180.00 includes everything but refs
- OFFICIAL FEE:** \$9 per team per game to be paid on the field - 1 official system
- MAY 10:** Deadline for all teams to submit team fees, team entry forms and completed roster with addresses/birth dates (signature page is due before first game starts)



Frequently Asked Questions for Adult Sports

How do we pay? Adult Softball and Volleyball - Pay the team fee with the completed team entry form **and** completed roster at the Monroe Parks & Recreation Dept. (cash or check payable to Monroe Recreation Dept, Credit card-fees apply), through the mail, or use the City Payments Drop Box located on the south side of City Hall off of parking lot.

Adult Soccer - registration fees are per player and can be paid through above ways

What forms do we need? Team entry form, roster and player signature page are available in our office, on our website, www.monroemi.gov, and through email (signature page can be turned in right before 1st game),

Adult soccer - individual registration form available in office, online and through email

Where can I get a schedule: Email recreation@monroemi.gov for a schedule

How can I find out about rainouts & cancellations? Info regarding cancellations may be listed on the schedule or posted on Facebook



Spring Adult Soccer

- WHEN:** Games begin 04/28/19, 8 games on Sunday afternoon/evenings
- WHERE:** Munson Park soccer fields
- REGISTER:** In person, Drop Box (on side of City Hall off Macomb St parking lot), or mail to City of Monroe Parks & Recreation: 120 E. First St, Monroe, MI 48161
- FEE:** \$65 PER PLAYER (\$75 after APRIL 5 DEADLINE) Cash, Check or Credit Card (fees apply-no phone registrations). Includes team t-shirt. Checks payable to City of Monroe.

**Summer adult soccer begins mid-July
and Fall starts in September!**

FREE Pickleball Lessons at Manor Park!

Mondays, June 3-July 22 - Drop in for FREE beginner pickleball lessons from 6-7:30pm! Equipment is provided so you don't need to bring anything. All ages are welcome from young teens through seniors! Come alone or bring a friend to learn with you!

Pickleball is a fun sport that combines aspects of tennis, badminton and ping pong. Since the court is smaller than a tennis court there is less area to cover which makes it popular for many ages. If you have not tried it yet you should put it on your calendar to try it out for FREE!

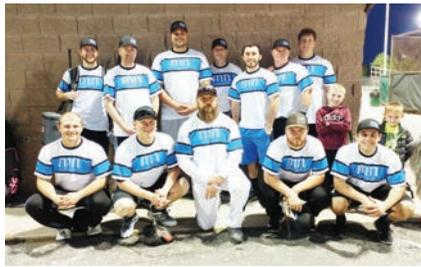
For those of you who already know the game and have equipment, feel free to stop at Manor Park on Tuesday morning or evening, or Thursday morning as there are often games going on.

FREE Women's Self Defense class

Todd Williams, owner of Monroe Jiu Jitsu, will instruct this class at St. Mary's Park on Tuesday, July 16, 7-7:45pm. Young teens through seniors will be taught how to defend themselves should they be attacked.

Participants should pre-register no later than Friday, July 12th at noon by filling out the registration form in this newsletter or stopping in the Parks & Recreation office. There is a minimum to hold the class so please sign up early! The drop box is always available if you cannot get here during regular business hours.

Register Your Team For Adult Summer Softball!



Men's Slow Pitch League
Thursday evenings
Season begins: May 2 • Fee: \$450



Women's Slow Pitch League
Wednesday evenings
Season begins: May 1 • Fee: \$450



Coed League
Sunday evenings
Season begins: May 5 • Fee: \$385

**DEADLINE
TO REGISTER
YOUR TEAM:
Friday, March 29**

**See Frequently Asked
Questions section for
registration information*

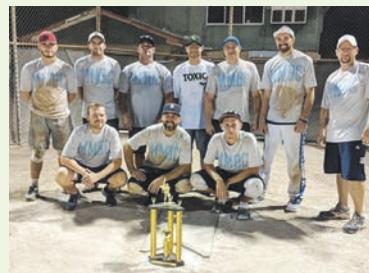
2018 SOFTBALL HIGHLIGHTS

**GREAT JOB 2018 LEAGUE AND
TOURNAMENT CHAMPIONS!**

Summer League Champions



Men's D1
Beatings



Men's D2
Monroe Missionary Baptist Church



Men's D3
Pete's Garage



Men's D4
Mayhem



Women's-Lajiness Portables/
Trapperz (3-peat)



Coed D1
Scrappers (3-peat)



Coed D2
Alcobaallics



Coed D3
Rocking Horse Child Care

Summer Tournament Champions



Men's-Beatings



Coed-Swingers

Fall League Champions

Coed D1
Larson's/Friendly Ford
(not pictured)



Coed D2-Pete's Garage

YOUTH BALL

2019 YOUTH TEE BALL, SOFTBALL & BASEBALL

Registration forms available at monroemi.gov, on Facebook, in Recreation office, or use the form at the back of this newsletter.

**ALL LEAGUES PLAY IN THE EVENING -
LOCATIONS SUBJECT TO CHANGE**



COED T-BALL AGES 3-6

City of Monroe Resident-\$20
Non-Resident-\$27
Game Location-Munson and/or
Roessler

Tiny Teammates (3 yr) Boys and Girls
3 years old on or before 5/30/19
Mon/Wed games

Little Sluggers (4 yr) Boys and Girls
4 years old on or before 5/30/19
Tues/Thurs games

Coed T- Ball (5-6 yr) Boys and Girls
5 or 6 years old on or before 5/30/19
M/W games
T/TH games

GIRLS SOFTBALL AGES 7-12

City of Monroe Resident-\$29
Non-Resident-\$36

Girls Junior (7-8 yr) - Coach Pitch
7 or 8 years old as of 12/31/18
M/W/F at Munson/Roessler
(Frenchtown if needed)

Girls Minor (9-10 yr) - Machine Pitch
9 or 10 years old as of 12/31/18
No special requests
M/W at Munson (Frenchtown if needed)

Girls Monroe Co. Fast Pitch Jr. Div
(11-12 yr)
Travel League 11 or 12 years old as of
12/31/18
No special requests, draft
T/TH (occasional Fridays possible) -
League travels to locations in Monroe
County.
Home Field - Munson

FAIR TEAM PARTICIPATION

All 11 and 12 years old City of Monroe league participants are eligible to try out for the Monroe County Fair Tournament Team. Dates for tryouts will be announced. No additional payment is required for participation on the fair team.

BOYS BASEBALL AGES 7-15

City of Monroe Resident-\$29
Non-Resident-\$36

Boys Junior (7-8 yr) -Coach Pitch
7 or 8 years old as of 4/30/19
M/W at Munson/Roessler

Boys Minor (9-10 yr) - Player Pitch
9 or 10 years old as of 4/30/19
T/TH at Munson/Roessler/Frenchtown
No special requests, draft

Boys Major (11-12 yr)
11 or 12 years old as of 4/30/19
M/W at Munson/Frenchtown
(occasional Fridays possible)
No special requests, draft

Boys River Raisin Jr. (13-15yr)
Travel League
There are 2 divisions in this league,
Recreation (less competitive) and
Accelerated (more competitive).
Coaches may hold tryouts.13-15 years
old as of 5/1/19 No special requests,
draft, M/W/F - League travels
to locations in Monroe County
and Adrian.
REGISTER EARLY!



Important Dates

April 1: Deadline to register. \$5 late fee per family after this date. Players registered after this date are wait listed & will be placed if room. No special request will be honored after April 1.

April 30: Coaches may receive equipment and roster info and start contacting parents to set up practices. Please wait to hear from a coach.

May 1 - May 20: Most teams start practicing.

Week of May 20: 8 and under leagues begin games.

Saturday, June 1: Picture day. No games will be held, Individual and team photos taken.

- Leagues ages 3-8 should finish in June; ages 9 and over may finish around mid-July.

- For ages 3-8 **one** special request will be considered, but not guaranteed.

No requests will be honored after April 1.

- No changes after rosters are made

- This schedule, including game locations, is tentative depending on registration.

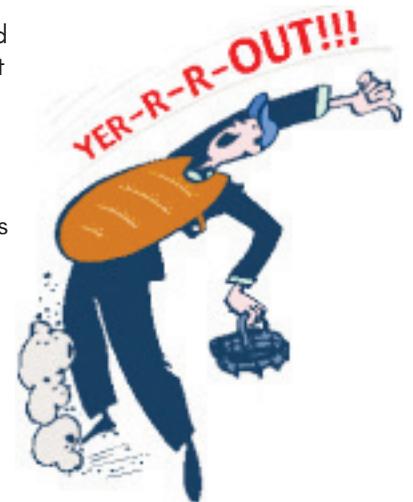
- No refunds once teams are set. All refunds subject to a 10% service charge.

YOUR CHILD CANNOT PARTICIPATE UNTIL THEIR CONCUSSION FORM IS ON FILE.

State law requires that all players have a one-time (form remains on file in our office until child turns 18) concussion form on file each place they play a contact sport before they play. If you have not already submitted a concussion form, you may obtain a form from the office or online at www.monroemi.gov. Both parent and child must sign the form.

Umpiring...a Great Part-time Job

Looking for a part-time evening job where you can earn some extra money and work outside? The Parks & Recreation Dept is always looking for reliable individuals to umpire our youth and adult ball games. Interested persons should have a basic knowledge of the game, and be comfortable making the call. Adult umpires earn about \$20 per game and youth umpires range from \$16-\$20 per game. We provide you with the playing rules for the league you are umpiring. We may also schedule an umpire clinic to answer any questions. If you are interested give us a call at 734-384-9156, or stop in for an application!



2018 YOUTH BALL HIGHLIGHTS

Great job to our City of Monroe 2018 League Champions!



Boys Junior Champions
GO M.A.D. Fitness



Girls Junior Champions
Fountain View of Monroe



Girls Minor Champions
Hassett Title Company

NOT PICTURED-

Boys Major Champions
Hassett Title Company

Girls MCFP Jr. Champions
Edward Jones

2018 MONROE COUNTY FAIR TEAMS

The City of Monroe Youth League was full of talent last year as both the boys and the girls teams won the Monroe County Fair Tournaments!



The 12U Boys Fair Team coached by Aaron LaFountain went 4-0 to win the tournament! Great job boys!



The 12U Girls Fair Team coached by Bill Aulph went 5-1 to win the tournament! Way to go girls!

The 8U and 10U Boys Fair Teams made up of players from City of Monroe Recreation teams had a great time and played hard in the Diamond of Dreams Tournaments at the Monroe County Fairgrounds. Great job players and coaches!!



The 8U Boys Fair Team



The 10U Boys Fair Team

Monroe Parks & Recreation Department & Monroe Community Education Present:

The 30th Annual DADDY DAUGHTER DANCE

Dads, Grandpas, Brothers, Uncles (or other adult male family members) can escort their little sweethearts to a wonderful evening to celebrate in a very special and memorable way! The festivities will include music, dancing, refreshments and a fun photo booth to dress up and take pictures. Professional picture packages will be available for purchase (these photos may be delivered to the local schools), or bring your own camera; a photo station with a volunteer will take pictures using your camera, phone, etc.

When: Saturday, March 2, 2019

Time: 6 p.m. – 8 p.m. (Doors open at 5:30 p.m.)

Where: Monroe High School, 901 Herr Rd., Monroe

Fee: \$22.00 per couple; \$8.00 each additional daughter.

Minimum age: 3 years of age

Tickets go on sale **Friday, February 1, 2019**

Tickets will not be available at the door.

Bring or mail Ticket Order Form with full payment to:

Monroe Parks & Recreation

120 East First Street

Monroe, MI 48161

Mon. – Fri. 8 a.m. – 4:30 p.m.

Please call ahead, may be closed for lunch.

OR

Monroe Community Education

1275 N. Macomb St.

Monroe, MI 48162

Mon. – Fri. 9 a.m. – 4:30 p.m.

Ticket order forms available at the above locations, through email, on Facebook (City of Monroe, MI Parks & Recreation Dept) and at monroemi.gov. For further information call:

Monroe Parks & Recreation (734) 384-9156, email: recreation@monroemi.gov



Sponsored by the City of Monroe Parks & Recreation Department and
 Monroe Public Schools Community Education Department

MOM & SON COSMIC BOWLING ◀

Moms, grandmas, and aunts are invited to accompany their special guy (ages 4 years and older) for a fun and exciting evening of bowling. This special event will consist of 3 games of scotch doubles, including one game of “crazy bowling”. Shoes, prizes, pizza, pop, and cookies provided. Pre-registration is required. Bumper bowling is available for this event. Lane assignments will be made prior to arriving at the event. The female bowling partner must be an adult, age 18 or older. Sons will receive a small gift at the end. Please do not bring other spectators as this event is for mom and registered sons only. Pizza served promptly at 6pm.

When: Thursday, February 21, 2019, 6 p.m. – 8:30 p.m.

Where: Monroe Sports Center, 15425 S. Dixie Hwy, Monroe, MI 48161

Fee: Mom and One Son \$27.00, Mom and Two Sons \$40.00

Deadline to register: Fri. Feb. 15th

Monroe Recreation

120 East First Street, Monroe, MI 48161

Monday – Friday 8a.m. – 4:30p.m.

OR

Monroe Community Education

1275 N. Macomb St., Monroe, MI 48162

Monday – Friday 9a.m. – 4:30 p.m.

For further info call:

City of Monroe Parks & Recreation, (734)384-9156

or MPS Community Education, (734)265-3170

There is a limited number of lanes.

Sign up early to guarantee your spot!

Registration forms available at the locations at right, through email, Facebook and online, please call for questions!

Make checks payable to Monroe Recreation or Monroe Public Schools depending on where you are registering.



MAKING OUR CITY PARKS

Veteran's Park Light Display



Veteran's Park is now ablaze with lights every evening from 5-10pm for all to enjoy! In an effort to provide an opportunity for parks to be used all winter long, the west end of the park (nearest the fire station) has lights on the bridge and adjoining

trees. The paths in this area are handicap accessible and a children's play panel sits amid the lights. Take a stroll through the area or you are welcome to enjoy the view from your car in the parking lot. Lights will be on all winter long, so grab some hot cocoa and enjoy your park!

Munson Park Footbridge Replacement

The updated pedestrian bridge in Munson Park is rocking it! Bigger and better than before, walkers and bicyclists can cross in style. Just for you!



Veteran's Park and Cappuccilli Park Home to Bike Fixit Stations



Two new bike "Fixit" stations are now located along the bike path in Cappuccilli Park and Veterans Park. Bicyclists are welcome to stop for adjustments, repairs, or to add air while out for a ride. Many people ride their bikes for exercise and enjoyment and we want to help you have a successful ride!

Veteran's Park Restrooms Update

Veterans Park restrooms are bright and clean with new tile and fixtures. We strive to make everyone feel safe and comfortable in our parks. Enjoy!



New Grills at Munson Shelters



Brand spankin' new larger grills have been installed at the pavilions. Placed on large handicap accessible cement pads, there is room for everyone to help cook. Party on!

The Latest on Canada Geese in the Park



The grass will be growing a little longer along our shorelines in Veteran's Park and Worrell Park in an effort to help 'corral' the Canada Geese. The taller grass will serve two purposes. First, it will make the geese feel uncomfortable if they cannot see an escape route to the water. Secondly, geese prefer shorter grass as a meal, so they may not hang out if the grass is taller.

Geese need food specific to their nature, and human food does not provide the proper nutrients or fiber that is needed for healthy birds. Feeding both geese and ducks can delay migration, spread disease among

birds, pollute the water, make birds aggressive toward humans, and cause disease for humans that come in contact with the 'mess' birds leave behind on the path and in the grass.

We ask that you follow park rules by not feeding the geese. Instead, buy some binoculars and a great bird book and learn about them and other fantastic waterfowl that we are privileged to see on our beautiful shorelines. Working together, we can keep our parks clean and the Canada goose population healthy!

WORK FOR YOU!

Stewardship Monroe Volunteers Make Great Changes!

Special Thanks goes to CSDD Day Program, Trinity Lutheran Schools, Miracle and Allison Hobbs, David Keister, and the entire group at "Serve Monroe" for their time and effort. Over 460 volunteer labor hours were logged this year, and your hard work, dedication, and time volunteering in our park system are very much appreciated! If you are interested in volunteering to help make Monroe a better place to live and play, call us at (734) 384-9193. We would love to have you on our team!



Important Zika Virus Facts Everyone Should Know

What is the Zika Virus?

Zika is a mosquito borne virus that can cause health complications for humans. It is transmitted through the bite of an infected *Aedes aegypti* or *Aedes albopictus* mosquito. These mosquitoes are more common in southern, warmer climates, both in the U.S. and other countries. However, anyone traveling to those climates can be bitten by the mosquito and return with the disease. **At this time, there are documented cases of Zika in Monroe County.** These residents contracted the virus when they traveled to countries where Zika was transmitted via infected mosquitoes.

Zika mosquitoes bite both day and night. They prefer to lay eggs near clear standing water; rainwater gathering in a bucket, old tires, birdbath, flowerpot saucers, trash containers, and pools. In other words, they lay eggs in anything that can catch rainwater or be filled with water. Even after the water has evaporated, the eggs will still be attached to the container and will hatch.

How is Zika Transmitted?

Zika can be transmitted through infected mosquito bites, from a mother to her unborn child, through a blood transfusion, and through intimate contact.

How is Zika Virus treated?

No vaccine exists to prevent Zika, nor is there any medicine to treat Zika, which makes prevention very important.

What are the Symptoms of Zika?

The most common symptoms of Zika are fever, rash, joint pain, or conjunctivitis. Other symptoms include muscle pain and headache. The time from exposure to symptoms is not known, but is likely to be 2-7 days. Many people will not have symptoms or will have only mild symptoms, lasting several days to a week. Zika is linked to birth defects and other health issues. Pregnant women should talk to their health care provider.

How is Zika Prevented?

Whether in a park or at home, the best way to prevent contracting Zika is to prevent mosquito bites. Use Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) registered insect repellents with one of the following active ingredients: DEET, picaridin, IR3535, oil of lemon eucalyptus (OLE), or para-Menthane-diol (PMD). Follow product label instructions, including directions on using repellent on children.

Containers such as bird baths should be emptied and scrubbed weekly. Empty any container that has collected rainwater. Zika mosquitoes are less likely to lay eggs in a pond or river due to the fact that a complete habitat is present, meaning another life form will eat the eggs before they hatch, preventing maturation.

Check out more information on the Center for Disease Control's website: <http://www.cdc.gov/zika/prevention/>

GENERAL RECREATION.....▶

Community Garden Plot Rentals

Don't have a space for a garden but love fresh fruits and vegetables?

Think about renting a garden plot at Munson Park!

Growing your own food is an attractive alternative to the high prices of grocery shopping, and it also gives you a sense of pride watching your garden produce healthy choices for your family and getting exercise at the same time! Tilling and general maintenance of the plot is up to each renter, and for those renters who do not have access to a rototiller, a date in May will be set up so gardeners can get some help with that. Water is available at the site, but gardeners need to supply their own hoses, tools, plants, soil amendments and fertilizers. Thanks to the volunteers, a composting bin is 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 after that date renters may sign up for an additional plot. Lot renters have the ability to keep their plot from year to year if they sign up for it in January.



Important Dates & Information

- 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. Munson Park is open 7 am until 10 pm, 7 days a week!

Lot Size 20' x 20'

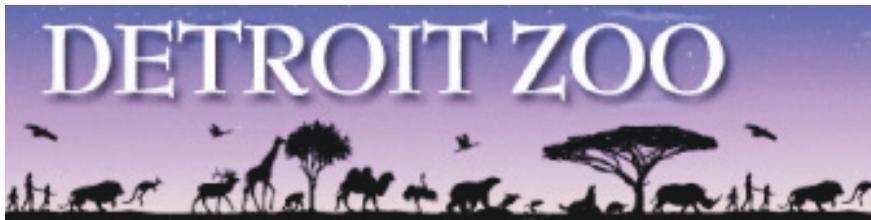
Fee (ages 18-61)
 \$22 Resident
 \$24 Non-city resident

Fee, seniors (ages 62+)
 \$16 Resident
 \$18 Non-city resident

Lot Size 10' x 10'

Fee (ages 18-61)
 \$12 Resident
 \$14 Non-city resident

Fee, seniors (ages 62+)
 \$10 City resident
 \$12 Non-city resident



The Monroe Parks & Recreation Department participates in the Detroit Zoo Tickets and More Online Discount Program! You may buy specially priced tickets for the Detroit Zoo over the internet with the added convenience of printing your tickets and then presenting them at the Zoo entrance. Purchasing tickets has never been easier!



You may purchase tickets online immediately by visiting your exclusive Detroit Zoo Tickets and More Online Discount Program ticket store. Go directly to your online 24/7 store from any computer with the Internet connection to: <https://tickets.detroitzoo.org> and enter your exclusive Ticket Store User Name: Monroe. **We hope you and your family enjoy the Detroit Zoo this season!** For more information contact the Monroe Recreation Dept at 734-384-9156 today!

The Great Backyard Bird Count

If you have a little free time in February you can help out and participate in an annual event called the Great Backyard Bird Count! This free activity gives everyone a chance to help track bird populations. The count can be done while looking out a window in the warmth and comfort of your own home or outside in a park or

elsewhere, which makes it an activity for all ages and levels of ability and mobility. Birds can be counted from any location and time from Friday, February 15-18, 2019. Participants count for a minimum of 15 minutes and submit the results online through eBird. All the information you need is found on the website: (gbbc.birdcount.org).

Drop Box Registration

If you cannot get to City Hall during regular business hours the city payments drop box is here to serve you! It is located on the outside of City Hall off the Macomb St. parking lot on the south side of the building. Please use an envelope when turning in forms/making payments.



2019 SPONSORSHIP PROGRAM



The City of Monroe Parks & Recreation Department invites you to partner with us as we serve our community. Please read about our program offerings below and let us know if you'd like to help provide quality programming to our residents. Recreational activities provide positive social and physical opportunities for youth and adults, and provide a sense of well being and belonging to all.

Sponsors will receive the following advertising:

- Your organization will be mentioned in our newsletter.
- If the program participants wear tee shirts, your business name or logo will be included on the tee shirt.
- For General Programs and Concert Series Sponsor, banners will be posted at the program (if feasible) while it is in session. Banner size will be determined by amount of sponsorship.
- We invite you to visit any programs that you may sponsor!

Sponsors will receive the following advertising:

Help a youth participant to enjoy recreational opportunities regardless of financial hardships. Make a difference in the life of a child!

Fee: \$40 Continuous opportunities throughout the year.

Youth Ball

Your logo will be placed on the program tee shirts and you will be listed on the schedules. Please specify if you have a particular coach or participant you wish to sponsor. If you have no preference, you will be assigned to a team.

Fee per team: \$125 Tee Ball (Coed ages 3-6)

\$175 Youth Softball (Girls ages 7-14) or Baseball (Boys ages 7-14)

Deadline to sponsor is April 1st.

Summer Playground Tot Lot

This neighborhood drop-in program offers a safe play environment for kids ages 5-12 years. Activities include various types of games, crafts and field trips. Lots are located throughout the City of Monroe. Your banner will be posted daily at the lot for the duration of the program.

Fee: \$350 Deadline to sponsor is March 1st

Fitness in the Park

Various free fitness programs including Yoga, Tai Chi, and Body Sculpt are open to all ages to develop and encourage fitness and health.

Fee: \$250 per program. Deadline to sponsor is March 1st

Concerts in the Park

Concert sponsorships range in price according to the bands. Family fun is offered at the St. Mary's Park Band Shell as various performers entertain for a summer evening. Call 734-384-9193 for details if you wish to sponsor a particular band.

Deadline for sponsor to be included in summer newsletter is March 1st.

Court Dance

There are two dances each summer at the St. Mary's Park Tennis Courts where people bring their lawn chairs and enjoy listening and dancing to tunes from the 50's and 60's. These dances were started in the 50's and

many original participants still attend. Old cars are also on display.

Fee: \$300 per dance Deadline to register is March 1st

Canine Classes

Dog classes are offered to promote happy pets and pet owners.

Fee: \$150 Deadline to sponsor is March 1st

Track & Field

This program is offered for youth ages 6-12 and teaches the fundamentals of track & field events.

Fee: \$400 Deadline to sponsor is March 1st

Mom/Son Bowling

This event is co-sponsored by Monroe Public Schools Community Education Department and the Monroe Parks & Recreation Department. Moms and sons enjoy a fun night of pizza and bowling.

Fee: \$250

Daddy/Daughter Dance

This event is co-sponsored by Monroe Public Schools Community Education Department and the Monroe Parks & Recreation Department. Dads and daughters enjoy a special date night as they dance the evening away.

Fee: \$250

If you have any questions, or would like to discuss an opportunity, please call 734-384-9193 and we will be happy to assist you!

A Huge Thank You to our 2018 Program Sponsors!!

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OF MONROE, LLC

ALL TEMP HEATING & COOLING
B.A. PERNA CONSTRUCTION

BENLEE

BUCK'S OIL CO., INC.

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DTE ENERGY

DTE ENERGY FOUNDATION

EDWARD JONES

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FLORAL CITY PAINTING

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FRIENDLY FORD LINCOLN

GO M.A.D. FITNESS

HASSETT TITLE COMPANY, INC.

ITC HOLDINGS CORP.

KIWANIS CLUB OF MONROE

KREPS BUILDING CO., INC.

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OF MONROE

YINGER PHARMACY SHOPPE



GENERAL INFORMATION

How can we HELP YOU?

E-mail us your comments, suggestions, questions or concerns at: recreation@monroemi.gov, or give us a call at: 734-384-9156.

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. Call our office and we can email it.

Facebook: City of Monroe, MI Parks & Recreation Dept

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

Program Cancellations

When you register for any of our programs, please just show up at the times and dates listed for your activity. The Parks & 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. For Adult and Youth ball please call the cancellation number listed on the schedule. Most cancellations are posted on our Facebook page.

Call Us Before You Come

It is our greatest desire to serve all participants that visit our office. With limited staffing, we may not always be open at lunch. Please call us before at 734-384-9156 to make sure someone will be here if you need to see us on your lunch hour.

Registration

Participants may use the form provided in this newsletter or at our office at City Hall, 120 E. First St. Registrations are accepted through the mail or dropped off in our office or using the NEW drop box located off the parking lot adjacent to City Hall.

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 734-384-9156. 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 our 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.

Always Ask Your Doctor First!

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

The City of Monroe Parks & Recreation Department Mission Statement

A mission statement helps us define who we serve, identify the services we provide, and describe the geographical location we serve.

"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!

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 734-384-9156 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 Parks & 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.

Why Are Events and Programs Cancelled for Weather



The scene has played out time and again; the game, concert, or movie is cancelled. People are disappointed. Let's take a moment to examine the reasons why cancellations may be needed.

Driving heavy vehicles on wet or saturated parks or ball fields can cause ruts which harden as they dry out. These hardened ruts cause the ground to become uneven, creating trip hazards, killing grass, and damaging sprinkler heads. Rain at a concert can ruin expensive instruments. Bands do not usually schedule rain dates or use alternate rain sites.

Ball games are cancelled when the ball fields are too wet. Wet fields cause injury and damage. Rain and storms often aim straight for us and then veer away at the last moment. It can easily rain in one part of the City but not another. Games are rarely cancelled ahead of game time, so it's best to show up at the fields unless participants are notified on Facebook or by their coach.

Outdoor programming always carries the risk of dealing with inclement weather. While disappointment follows cancellations, the safety of participants and park lands is heavily weighed before any decisions are made.

GENERAL INFORMATION

Park Rules and Regulation Refresher

From time to time, it is important to review some park rules to make sure all park users are safe and enjoy their visit. All City of Monroe parks rules and regulations are posted in parks, and are enforced under city ordinance no. 95-017. We are highlighting a couple of the rules below.

Smoke Free Parks

We've all heard the negative effects of smoking; it compromises the immune system, increases respiratory infections, causes heart and lung damage, increases the risk for osteoporosis, increases the risk for cancer, and more. Even secondhand smoke can cause the same diseases in those who have never smoked.

Public Act 188 of 2009, Michigan's Smoke-Free Air Law established that all food establishments and all public places are now smoke free. This law was passed to "preserve and improve the health, comfort, and environment of the people of the state by limiting exposure to secondhand smoke."

In an effort to create healthier parks, especially for children, the City of Monroe Parks and Recreation Department has adopted a smoke free park policy. While this may take some time for all to be aware of, we will strive to educate all park users. For help to quit, please call 1-800-QUIT-NOW (1-800-784-8669). Let's work toward a healthier Monroe!

All Dogs Must Be On Leashes

In all City parks, dogs must be on a leash not over six (6) feet long and cannot run at large. While your dog may seem safe to you, dogs can be unpredictable. Not everyone is an animal lover, and some park users may even feel unsafe when dogs

are running off leash. Owners of domestic animals shall be held responsible for the presence of their animal in any of the City parks and playgrounds. While it may seem tempting, parks are not off leash areas. Please leash your dog at all times!



MICHIGAN'S FIVE MOST COMMON TICKS

Ticks are significant vectors (carriers) of pathogens that cause human and animal disease. In Michigan, tick-borne diseases are rare, but they do occur and can be serious if not properly diagnosed and treated.

American Dog tick

Dermacentor variabilis

The American Dog tick is by far the most common tick found in Michigan. It is active from early May–November. It will readily bite humans and our companion animals. This species is the vector of Rocky Mountain spotted fever and tularemia, and is easily distinguished by its ornate scutum.



Black-legged tick

Ixodes scapularis

Emerging as a serious public health concern in Michigan, the Black-legged tick is the vector of Lyme disease, granulocytic anaplasmosis, and babesiosis. This tick readily quests for hosts in the low vegetation of forests with abundant small mammals and white-tailed deer; accumulating along human and game trails. See the map below for the currently known distribution.



Lone Star tick

Amblyomma americanum

Known by its distinctive "Lone Star" marking, this tick is becoming more prevalent in Michigan. It will readily bite people and our companion animals, and is the vector of monocytic ehrlichiosis and tularemia. This tick is common in wooded areas with populations of white-tailed deer.



Woodchuck tick

Ixodes cookei

Often confused with the Black-legged tick, *Ixodes cookei* is common in Michigan and will readily bite dogs and humans. People and pets will often come in contact near the dens of animals (skunks, woodchucks) in wooded environments. This species is the vector of Powassan encephalitis.



Brown Dog tick

Rhipicephalus sanaguineus

Also known as the Kennel tick, this species is unique in its ability to survive and breed in indoor environments. It is the vector of Rocky Mountain spotted fever, canine babesiosis and canine ehrlichiosis. Hygienic practices in shelters/kennels can prevent infestations.



For more information visit: www.michigan.gov/emergingdiseases

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CITY DEPARTMENT INFORMATION

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 the most commonly used services. Voicemail is available 24/7.

We're Online! www.monroemi.gov

MyMonroe On the Go: The City of Monroe now offers a smartphone app, 'MyMonroe On The Go,' to report civic issues in the community. It's a convenient way for residents and visitors to report non-emergency concerns and track a report through to its completion. Available as a free download in both IOS and Android, or linked to the City's web site: www.monroemi.gov.

E-Services: Online services include payments for parking tickets, water bills, and tax bills. Also available are the performance dashboard, updates on the River Raisin project, job postings, community calendar, city ordinances, staff directory, and much more.

Facebook: [City of Monroe, MI Parks & Recreation Dept](#), [The City of Monroe, Michigan](#) and [Downtown Monroe, MI](#)

Like all three pages to keep up on latest news and photos!

Assessor: (734) 384-9166

Property information can be viewed online under "Property Information". 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.

If you choose, you may use a credit card for tax payments at the Treasurer's office in City Hall (fees apply) or use the drop box off the parking lot on the south side of City Hall.

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

Any issues with trash pick-up, 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 begins in early April and runs through the first full week in December.

Public Safety

POLICE	
Non-Emergency: (734) 243-7500	Make a report or complaint: (734) 241-3300

FIRE	
Central Station: 75 Scott St. (734) 241-1626	West Side Station: 1755 N Custer. (734) 241-0522
Facebook: Monroe Fire Department	

ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT

Mark Cochran, Assistant to the City Manager & Economic Development Coordinator, 734-384-9129

Annette Knowles, Downtown/Economic Development Coordinator, 734-384-9146

The City of Monroe is home to a diverse business community ranging from large international corporations to entrepreneurial small businesses. Working with federal, state and local partners, the City's economic development staff proactively works with businesses and residents to offer a higher quality of life and success. The Monroe Downtown Development Authority is one local partner that focuses its efforts on preserving and enhancing the downtown district through promotion, development and building a sense of place.

Engineering: (734) 384-9126

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

Human Resources: (734) 384-9195

The City's employment application, current job openings, various collective bargaining agreements, and the City's Title VI non-discrimination plan are available online. City policies & procedures and employee benefit summaries are also available.

Mayor/Manager: (734) 384-9144

City Manager: Vince Pastue

Mayor: Robert E. Clark

Council:

Paula Whitman, 1st Precinct

Michelle Germani, 4th Precinct

John Iacoangeli, 2nd Precinct

Brian Lamour, 5th Precinct

Kellie Vining, 3rd Precinct

Andrew Felder, 6th Precinct

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

Parks and Recreation: (734) 384-9156

Any issues with park maintenance may be reported on MyMonroe On the Go app, or please call 384-9120.

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 Parks & Recreation Dept). Don't wait for flyers through schools; 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 or (734) 755-6452

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

City of Monroe Parks & Recreation 2019 Park Facility Reservations

Park Rentals open Febuary 1st, at City Hall, 120 E. First Street, Monroe, MI 48161, 734-384-9156

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
Large Shelters (with electricity)	Munson #1/Restroom, Munson #2/Gazebo (approx 90 people each)	\$65.00	\$85.00
Small Shelter (no electricity)	St. Mary's (approx 35 people)	\$50.00	\$65.00
Band Shell / Shelter	St. Mary's, (Key deposit is refunded if bandshell is properly locked and key is returned on time)	\$300.00 Rental Fee + \$150.00 key deposit = \$450.00	\$365.00 Rental Fee + \$150.00 key deposit = \$515.00
Neighborhood Small Shelters (Veterans Park 1 & 3 have electricity)	Boyd, MLK, Hellenberg, Veteran's Soldiers & Sailors	\$25.00	\$35.00
Corporate Event Fee-City Resident Businesses Only	All Parks (Amenities additional fee)	\$250.00	N/A
Clean-up Deposit	Corporate and Special Events. Refunded if park is cleaned after event	\$200.00	N/A
Wedding Gazebo	Lauer-Finzel Parking Lot	\$100.00	\$150.00
Ball Diamond	Munson (Youth & Adult), Fr. Cairns	\$25 Per Field Per Hour Field lining is additional. Rental does not include access to Munson score shed or use of lights.	\$35 Per Field Per Hour
Sand Volleyball Court	Munson	\$25.00	\$35.00
Tennis Court	St. Mary's, Munson, Soldiers & Sailors	\$25.00	\$35.00

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.

CONCUSSION AWARENESS

Everyone Should Know This!

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

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

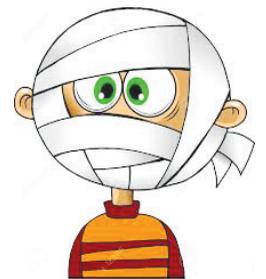
can have life-long consequences, including long term memory issues, brain swelling, strokes, and coma. It is important that we put the health of our youth first!

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



LINK TO MICHIGAN SPORTS CONCUSSION LAW AWARENESS SITE: http://michigan.gov/mdch/0,4612,7-132-54783_63943---,00.html



Creating
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 through
**PEOPLE,
 PARKS, &
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CITY OF MONROE RECREATION REGISTRATION FORM

120 East First Street, Monroe, MI 48161; Phone: 734-384-9156

Office Hours: Mon.-Fri., 8:00 a.m. – 4:30 p.m.

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	Activity Name / Session	Fee
			M / F		

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) _____

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.

Youth Ball Special Request-ages 3-8 only _____ SIGNATURE: _____ DATE: _____

YOUTH BALL-Ages 9 and older only, Please complete in order to assist in team placement.

My child has participated in organized t-ball, baseball or softball for _____ years. Indicate the amount of experience your child has at EACH position listed	SOME	PITCHER	CATCHER	OUTFIELDER
	NONE			
	VERY			

I request my child be moved up one age level and I take full responsibility for moving them up. (Please initial here) _____

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