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**

CITY OF MONROE Michigan

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YOUTH ACTIVITIES

YOUTH TENNIS

Tennis is a fun, lifelong sport for your child to learn so register for the 8-session program today! 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 16 - Aug. 8
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 7:30-8:30pm

TRACK AND FIELD

This six session (3 weeks on Tuesdays & Thursdays) program for boys and girls ages 6 -12 will teach fundamentals of track and field events. Kids will improve their physical fitness, learn teamwork, and learn more about the sport of Track & Field! Each session will include instruction followed by some low-key competition on the track. Events include long jump, high jump, 50, 100, 200, 400-meter dashes, 800-meter run, 4 x 100-meter relay, and more.

Dates: Tuesdays & Thursdays, July 17-August 2, 6:30-8:00 pm
Location: Monroe High School Track
Fee: $33.00 for City Residents and $45.00 for Non-City Residents.
Registration deadline: July 6

Track & Field is sponsored by LaRoy Door

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 20, 10-11 am
Where: Munson Park
Fee: Free! This is a free program but registration is required.
Deadline to register: June 15
Ages: All ages welcome but youth must be accompanied by an adult

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 (no helmet, no participation). Participants will be paired with like age groups. Pre-registration is required. No registration is accepted at the event.

When: Tuesday, July 17, 6 pm.
Where: Munson Park, Tennis courts
Fee: FREE
Ages: 3-5
Registration Deadline: Friday, July 13

TOT LOT

SUMMER PLAYGROUND PROGRAM

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 citywide events.

Tot Lots are open at various city parks during the day, Monday-Thursday, and in the evening at Munson Park and St. Mary's Park (times listed below). Parents who play softball, parents of youth playing at the Munson Youth fields, and parents who would like to walk around the park 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!

Ages: Youth ages 5-12 (must have completed kindergarten). Children under the age of 5 are welcome with appropriate supervision. Transportation is the responsibility of the parent, and children are free to come and go at will. 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: First date is Tuesday, June 19 - Thursday, July 26 (Closed July 4), Open Mondays-Thursdays, Closed on Fridays

Daytime locations & hours: 10:00 am -12:00 pm Lots close 12-1 pm for lunch, reopen from 1:00 pm - 3:30 pm

- Munson Park-AM and PM
- Boyd Park
- James & Hendricks Park
- Manor Park
- Hoffman Park
- St. Mary's Park-PM only
- Soldiers and Sailors Park

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

- St. Mary's Park
- Munson Park

FREE EXERCISE
IN THE PARK

FITNESS AND FUN FOR ALL AGES!

Join us this summer for free drop in fitness and fun! FitCardio & Core, 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!

MONDAY

FREE FITCARDIO & CORE IN 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. This class will focus on a total body by building muscle, strength and endurance. All fitness levels and kids 13 and up are welcome. There will be modifications as needed.

When: Mondays, June 4-August 20

Time: 7-8pm

Location: St Mary's Park Band Shell

Instructor: Chris Brewer, Certified Personal Trainer/Instructor through ISSA

TUESDAY

FREE GENTLE TAI CHI IN 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: Tuesdays, June 5 -July 24

Time: 6 pm

Location: Veteran's Park by the fire station

Instructor: Viola Everett is a certified Tai Chi instructor and is a 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

FREE KIDS' YOGA IN ST. MARY'S PARK

Yoga is a great activity for your child! In Kids' Yoga, we will play yoga games, practice partner poses and build self-esteem and confidence along with strong and healthy bodies. Your child should be prepared to move, groove, and have fun! Participants should bring a mat or towel and a water bottle. Parents will need to fill out a registration form on site for their child to participate.

When: Tuesdays, July 10 - August 14

Ages: Youth ages 5-12 (parents are welcome to join)

Time: 6:30-7:15pm

Location: St. Mary's Park Band Shell

Instructor: Diane Ausmus is passionate about yoga and has been teaching for over 20 years. She has a special education degree and 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 and help families develop healthy and peaceful minds and bodies.

WEDNESDAY

FREE YOGA IN ST. MARY'S PARK

The first six weeks Malissa Whited will lead participants in a basic Yoga flow, incorporating stretching, relaxation, and breath. Luna Shakti will continue the class and finish up the remaining weeks ending with the last class on August 22.

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 Story time will also be held in the park during these dates and times)

When: Wednesdays, June 6-August 22, no class on July 4

Time: 7-8pm

Location: St Mary's Park Band Shell

Instructor: Malissa Whited, E-RYT 200, www.keepthelight.com, Luna Shakti, RYT 200

FREE FAMILY STORY TIME 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: Wednesdays, June 6 - August 22, no class on July 4

Time: 7-8pm

Location: St Mary's Park

Leaders: Monroe County Library System Librarians

Thank you to The Surgical Institute of Monroe for sponsoring Fitness in the Park!

SURGICAL INSTITUTE OF MONROE

GENERAL RECREATION

NEW! ADULT COED SAND VOLLEYBALL

45 YEARS+

A fun new program for those of you 45 years and older! Get a little exercise while meeting new people! No big time commitment, just one evening per week! No awards given, just court time and fun!

No team registration! Players are divided up 10 minutes prior to starting, # of players on court depends on # present, everyone must register at the location below, registrations after June 12 accepted if space permits.

WHEN: Mondays, June 18-August 13 (No games on July 2), 6-8PM, depending on # of players registered, game times may need to be assigned

LOCATION: Munson Park sand volleyball courts

FEE: $50.00 total cost for each player, late registrants accepted only if spots available

DEADLINE TO REGISTER: JUNE 12

3 WAYS TO REGISTER: In person at City Hall-2nd floor, NEW Drop Box (on south side of City Hall off Macomb St parking lot), or mail to City of Monroe Recreation: 120 E. First St, Monroe, MI 48161, Payment by cash, checks/Money orders (payable to City of Monroe Recreation), Credit Card (fees apply)

CHECK OUT THE WEBSITE AT WWW.MONROEMI.GOV FOR PROGRAM FLYER!

ADULT COED SAND VOLLEYBALL

ADULT SAND VOLLEYBALL IS BACK AT THE MUNSON PARK SAND VOLLEYBALL COURTS!

When: Tuesdays, May 22-Aug 14, (No games on July 3). 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 referees

Official Fee: $9 per team per game to be paid on the field - 1 official system

Deadline: May 11 (team fee and roster due, signature page due before 1st game)

*See Frequently Asked Questions section for registration information

FALL ADULT FLAG FOOTBALL FOR AGES 17+

Games begin Sunday, September 9, 10am-2pm depending on number of teams, 10-16 registered players, 7 v 7 play

$300.00 Team entry fee, 8 games guaranteed
$20.00 official fee per game per team paid at the field

DEADLINE TO REGISTER YOUR TEAM -August 29th
*See Frequently Asked Questions section for registration information

SUMMER ADULT SOCCER FOR AGES 17+

When: Games begin 07/15/18, 6 games on Sunday afternoon/evenings
Where: Munson Park soccer fields
Register: In person, NEW Drop Box (on side of City Hall off Macomb St parking lot), mail to City of Monroe Parks & Recreation: 120 E. First St, Monroe, MI 48161
Fee: $45 ($55 after June 29) Cash, Check or Credit Card (fees apply-no phone registrations) . Includes team t-shirt. Checks payable to City of Monroe.

*See Frequently Asked Questions section for registration information

Fall adult soccer starts in September!

FREQUENTLY ASKED QUESTIONS FOR ADULT SPORTS

How do we pay? Adult Softball, Indoor Volleyball/Sand Volleyball League, and Flag Football-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 NEW Drop Box located on the side of City Hall off of parking lot. **Adult Soccer AND 45+ Sand Volleyball Program**-registration fees are per player and can be paid through above ways

What forms do we need? For team sports-Team entry form, roster and player signature page are available in office, website-www.monroemi.gov, Facebook and through email, **Adult soccer and 45+ sand volleyball**-individual registration forms available in office, on website, Facebook and through email

Where can I get a schedule: Email above address for a schedule

How can I find out about rainouts & cancellations? Cancellations are posted on the rainout numbers listed on your schedules and may be posted on Facebook. If the rainout message is not updated to the current date, your game is still on! If there is no rainout number the League Director's contact information may be on the schedule. **Adult soccer**-Managers are notified if games are canceled

What is the minimum age to play an adult sport? 17 years old is the minimum age unless otherwise listed

JOIN US FOR PICKLEBALL!

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. Come learn the game and see if you like it!

Equipment is provided so you don't need to bring anything. This program is especially popular among seniors, but all ages are welcome. Come alone or bring a buddy! This program is free.

When: Tuesdays, June 5 - August 28, 6 -8 pm
Where: Manor Park tennis court, 445 Donnalee Dr.
Ages: 12 and older

A RESIDENTIAL "DRIVING" TOUR OF MONROE

Ever wonder about an old looking house in the city? Have you wondered how old a house is, or who owned it? Well, we invite you to a leisurely tour of houses historic (and maybe quirky) all from the comfort of your chair in the air-conditioned museum, and learn a bit of history too as we just 'pass by.'

Monroe has quite an assortment of historic styles and architectures. There are several historic neighborhoods such as the homes in the Old Village Plat, East of Monroe Street, and on many of the city's streets, including North & South Macomb, East Elm Avenue, Washington and more. Though there are too many to include, some of your favorite houses may just be here- and a few "deceased" residences as well.

Dates: Wednesday, June 27, July 25, August 22 (3 different programs)

Time: 10am or 6pm (same program in morning and evening on each date)

Location: Monroe County Museum, 126 South Monroe St, Monroe

Registration: Pre-register at the Parks & Rec office in Monroe City Hall, or when arriving at the program. Please choose A.M. or P.M. when registering.

Cost: FREE

This program is hosted by the City of Monroe Parks & Recreation Dept. and the Monroe County Historical Museum. Curator of programs, Lynn Reaume will lead the class. Please call her for more information, 734-240-7780

AKC S.T.A.R. PUPPY CLASS

The AKC S.T.A.R. Puppy program is an exciting new program designed to provide puppy owners with all things puppy; housetraining, chewing, coming when called, and more. The American Kennel Club believes all dogs deserve training and a responsible owner. Get information on housetraining, chewing, and practical skills.

The AKC S.T.A.R. PUPPY test will be administered at the end of the program. Participants will then get an application to send to AKC to receive an AKC S.T.A.R. Puppy Diploma and Medal. Dogs should always be on a leash. No retractable leads. Any dog, any breed or mix is welcome. Puppies should be 1 year old or under.

Dates: 6 Sessions on Mondays-July 16, 23, 30, Aug 6, 13, 20, 6-6:45pm

Location: Front of Munson Park, next to the skate park

Class Limit: 10

Instructor: Cheryl Wassus, AKC approved Canine Good Citizenship Evaluator

Fee: City Residents: $50.00
Non-City Residents: $63.00

ADULT AKC CANINE GOOD CITIZENSHIP CLASS

The Adult AKC Canine Good Citizenship Class is aimed at helping dogs attain a certificate of "Good Citizenship' in the following areas:

1. Accepting a friendly stranger
2. Sitting politely for petting
3. Good appearance and grooming
4. Out for a walk
5. Walking through a crowd
6. 'Sit' and 'Down' on command/staying in place
7. Coming when called
8. Reaction to another dog
9. Reaction to distractions
10. Supervised separation

Upon completion of the course, dogs are eligible to receive the Canine Good Citizen title if they pass in all areas. Dogs should always be on a leash. No retractable leads. Any dog, any breed, any age or mix is welcome. Instructor: Cheryl Wassus, AKC approved Canine Good Citizenship Evaluator

Dates: 6 sessions on Mondays, July 16, 23, 30, Aug 6, 13, 20, 7-7:45 pm

Location: Front of Munson Park, next to the skate park

Class Limit: 10

Instructor: Cheryl Wassus, AKC approved Canine Good Citizenship Evaluator

Fee: City residents: $50.00
Non-City residents: $63.00

Thank you to Reverend Amy Cadle for sponsoring the dog training classes!

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.

Lot Size 20' x 20'	Lot Size 10' x 10'
Fee City of Monroe Resident - $20 Non-Resident - $22 Senior Fee (Ages 62+) City of Monroe Resident - $14 Non-Resident - $16	Fee City of Monroe Resident - $10 Non-Resident - $12 Senior Fee (Ages 62+) City of Monroe Resident - $8 Non-Resident - $10

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!

GUIDED BIKE TOUR TO STERLING STATE PARK

The City of Monroe is connected to Sterling State Park via the River Raisin Heritage Trail and sidewalks extending down Elm Ave, past the River Raisin National Battlefield, into a back entrance of the park. Since it's only 1.5 miles from Custer Statue in downtown Monroe to the trail connection inside of Sterling State Park, riding through the State Park has never been easier!

Would you like to ride but have no one to ride with; just feel safer being part of a group? This ride is geared for 45+ and/or those who wish to ride for pleasure not speed. The ride begins at the Custer Statue (corner of Elm and Monroe St), continuing on Elm Ave into the back entrance to the State Park, riding along Lake Erie, then back to Custer Statue at St. Mary's Parking Lot for a total of 12 miles. We will stop mid-way to rest and use the restrooms, so pack water and a snack if you wish. The ride will take approximately 1.5-2 hours at a leisurely pace including stops. If the group chooses, the ride can be shortened.

This is a free activity; however, pre-registration is required. Ride is cancelled if inclement weather is possible.

Date: Wednesday, Aug 15
Time: 9:30 - 11:30 am
Deadline to register: Aug 13

2018 FREE CONCERT 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

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 join us for some great music!

MAY

May 17: 7pm Intermediate School District Join us at the first concert of the season as the talented ISD students perform for us!

May 24: 7pm Monroe High School Jazz Band Don't miss out hearing these talented students! The Monroe High School Jazz Band, under the direction of Mr. Jim Nuechterlein works extremely hard to perfect their music so come out and celebrate our youth!

May 31: 6:30pm Court Dance Come dance to tunes of the 50s and 60s, 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

June 7: 7pm Frenchtown Fiddlers This talented group is a performing ensemble of Monroe Public Schools under the direction of Ann Felder. The group specializes in traditional American and Irish fiddle tunes and takes its name from this local area in a period when this music was popular. Made up of both middle school and high school students, the group meets once a week after school throughout the school year. The Frenchtown Fiddlers continues to do many performances around the county at various schools, nursing centers, and community events.

June 14: 7pm Moxie Strings This band's 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 electric cello and contemporary 5-string violin.

June 21: 7pm 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!

June 28: 7pm 56DAZE This incredibly versatile rock band will drive their show through decades of danceable rock & roll favorites. From the rock classics and 80s dance to the 90s alternative and today's modern rock, they have something for everyone!

JULY

July 5: 7pm East River Drive This high energy band based out of Toledo, OH is made up of four seasoned musicians and two singers who love to get the crowd involved. The song lineup consists of a variety of Top 40 R&B, Motown, Disco and Funk. If you're looking to be entertained along with hearing some great music, put on your dancin' shoes and come to the show!!

July 12: 7pm 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 19: 7pm 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 26: 7pm 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 one of the favorite bands in the Summer Concert Series! We could listen to this music Eight Days a Week. Bring your chair early for a prime spot!

AUGUST

Aug 9-12 Award Winning 17th Annual Jazz Festival

Aug 16: 6:30pm Court Dance Come dance to tunes of the 50s and 60s 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

THANK YOU

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

The Parks & 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!

LA-Z-BOY We Make The Rooms That Make A Home.

ITC

DTE Energy Foundation

COURT DANCES IN MAY 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 The Good Time Cruisers. 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, May 31 & Aug 16, 6:30-8:30 pm
Where: St. Mary's Park Tennis courts
Cost: Free

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' (French for "in the open 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 17 – July 26, and Aug 16
Time: Concerts in the Park begin at 7 pm; Court Dances begin at 6:30 pm

Court Dances

Seger Concert

Court Dance DJ

Enjoy fantastic music with friends and family at the Free concerts in St. Mary's Park!

Don't want to dance? Watch friends and family enjoy the Court Dances on the St. Mary's Park Tennis Courts!

Art Appreciation in St. Mary's Park

STEWARDSHIP MONROE

STEWARDSHIP MONROE CONTINUES TO GROW

Stewardship Monroe is a volunteer program through the City of Monroe. Groups and individuals are invited to participate at a level that suits their abilities. We are extremely happy with the way this program is going and there are plenty of volunteer opportunities both large and small. Familiar faces at Trinity Lutheran helped us with spring cleanup in the parks and Serve Monroe hit a home run gathering 90 volunteers helping our park workers install over 1000' of split rail fence, paint the exterior restrooms at one of the Munson Pavilions and once again helped us with our invasive species at Veteran's Park fish passage. We added yet another school to our stewardship team this year and they did not disappoint. Holy Ghost Lutheran wrangled up 28 volunteers and helped us finish staining the inside fence at the Munson Park playground, and helped pick up limbs and trash across the entire park! Call us at 734-384-9193 for more information or to schedule some time to volunteer in 2018.

THANK YOU TO EVERYONE WHO HELPED OUT!

Here are some of the 2017 volunteers!

CHECK OUT THE NEW DROP BOX!

To better serve our customers, a drop box was installed in 2017 for payments received after business hours. It is located on the outside of City Hall off of the Macomb St. parking lot. Please put all forms/payment in an envelope.

PARK FACILITY RESERVATIONS

Park Rentals open Febuary 1st, 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
Large Shelters (with electricity)	Munson #1/Restroom Munson #2/Gazebo (approx 90 people)	$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 (Only Veterans Park #1 has electricity)	Boyd, MLK, Hellenberg, Veteran's Soldiers & Sailors	$25.00	$35.00
Corporate Event Fee City Resident Businesses Only	All Parks	$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 Diamonds	Munson, Fr. Cairns, Hellenberg	$25 Per Field Per Hour	$35 Per Field Per Hour
		Field lining is additional. Rental does not include access to Munson score shed or use of lights.	
Sand Volleyball Courts	Munson	$25.00	$35.00
Tennis Courts	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.

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 the most commonly used services. 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. 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. 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 NEW 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 begin in early April and runs through the first full week in December.

Engineering: (734) 384-9126
Any streetlight outages, utility information and mapping, and construction project information is available through the Engineering Dept.

PUBLIC SAFETY

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

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

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.

Mayor/Manager: (734) 384-9144
City Manager: Vince Pastue
Mayor: Robert E. Clark

Council:
- Paula Whitman, 1st Precinct
- John Iacoangeli, 2nd Precinct
- Kellie Vining, 3rd Precinct
- Michelle Germani, 4th Precinct
- Brian Lamour, 5th 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 Action Line, 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). You may sign up for free E-News on the City of Monroe Website (www.monroemi.gov). The latest recreation newsletter and program flyers will be sent directly to your inbox. 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
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, 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; use Monroe E-News Sign-up on our website or call our office and we can email it.

Facebook: City of Monroe, MI Parks & Recreation Department

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!

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.

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!

PARKS AND RECREATION MASTER PLAN AND PARK PLANS

A master plan is a far-reaching plan of action that gives overall guidance. In 2014, the City of Monroe updated the Parks and Recreation Master Plan. This plan is updated every 5 years to give direction for parks, facilities, amenities, and recreation programs. The final document includes the planning process, the public input process, a community description, park inventory, accessibility rating, statistics, reports, maps and aerial photos, goals, and an action plan. The plan will be updated in 2018, so watch for further information to be a part of the action.

Take a look and catch the vision for parks!

https://www.monroemi.gov/cms/one.aspx?portalId=10126595&pageId=10355213

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	Shirt Size (If Applicable) YS YM YL AS AM AL AXL AXXL	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.

SIGNATURE: _____ DATE: _____

YOUTH BALL ONLY Ages 9 and older are placed on teams by skill level. (PLEASE COMPLETE THIS SECTION) NO SPECIAL REQUESTS

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

	PITCHER	CATCHER	INFIELDER	OUTFIELDER
SOME				
NONE				
VERY				

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

OFFICE USE ONLY: _____ _____ _____ _____ Concussion Form ☐
Date Received Receipt No. Total Paid Initials