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My Future Monroe

Had any good ideas lately? Want to share those ideas and weigh-in on the future growth of Monroe? Well, now you can share ideas and have those ideas be heard via MindMixer at myfuturemonroe.com. The platform allows for both citizens and the local government to work together by connecting civic challenges to community problem-solvers.

"This platform is designed to give everyone a voice in the future of Monroe..."

The City of Monroe is looking to engage the community to solicit feedback from a broad group of residents. We want to hear from everyone! Share your ideas on what you think would attract new visitors as well as new residents. How long have you thought about having a skate park or sprinkler park in Downtown Monroe? Now is the time to share that information. We are looking to make our great town even greater. And that starts with YOU! The information you share will be reviewed by stakeholders to help guide decision-making on a variety of issues. All citizens are encouraged to participate by creating an account and answering questions relevant to the growth of the City of Monroe. With the help of the community, we can build a better Monroe for future generations.

my future
Monroe
join the conversation

Double Header for Downtown Events



Monroe Downtown is excited to present Paws in the Park, a 5K run and 2K dog walk. This 5K run is set to raise funds to complete Childers Park Dog Park.

Downtown Monroe and the community are collaborating once again to make Childers Park a family-oriented park. The park will now be a fun place for our four-legged, furry family members as well. Childers Park will now have its very own dog park. The proceeds from the 5K will be used to construct the dog park. Registration is now open online at monroedowntown.com. The cost to participate in the run is \$20 on race day. For more information on the event go to monroedowntown.com/event/paws-in-the-park.

~October 11, 2014~



With the change of the season comes great fun for the residents of Monroe and surrounding communities as well. Fall Fest is fast approaching and will be a great event for every family member. Kids will have a chance to show off their favorite superhero or favorite Disney Princess costume in the costume contest that will be held at the Historic Courthouse. We are also adding a new attraction for the daredevils this year: THE LARGEST MOBILE ZIPLINE! The zipline will be 25 feet off the ground and over 300 feet in length. Come out and soar like an eagle above the streets of Monroe.

In addition to the zipline, Fall Fest will also have

the spider jump, moon walks, pony rides, hay rides, and much more. It is an opportunity to enjoy the changing leaves and inviting atmosphere of Downtown Monroe. You can find more on the attractions for this great event at monroedowntown.com.



Certification Granted

Within the past several months, both Jasper Greer and Chris Croy completed the Certificate of Public Works Management course. The Certificate of Public Works Management course is a 60-hour program through the Carl Vinson Institute of Government in association with the University of Georgia. The program takes two years to complete and consists of training in various areas that relate directly to daily operations of Public Works. The courses cover customer service, coaching, communication, legal issues, ethics, engineering, technology, sustainability, emergency management, and project management.

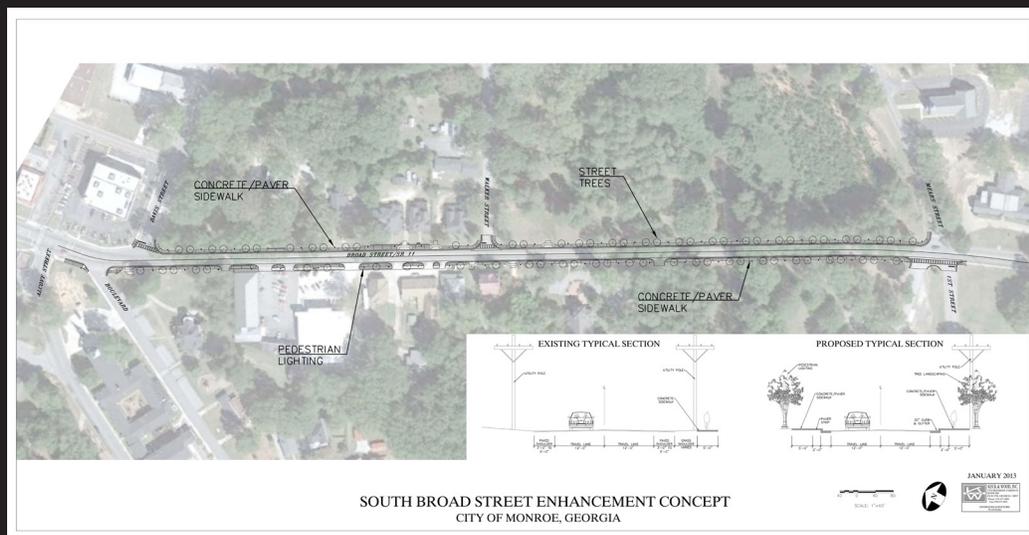
Jasper is the Foreman in the Solid Waste Department and has been employed by the City since 1989.

Chris is the Senior Mechanic in the Streets & Transportation Department. Chris has been employed with the City since 2007. Congratulations on a job well done.



South Broad TE Project

The South Broad TE Project is part of the Transportation Enhancement grant funded by the Georgia Department of Transportation for a street-scape project along State Route 11 from Broad Street to Mill Street. With this grant, the City will make provisions for pedestrian-oriented facilities such as sidewalks and multi-purpose paths. The improvements include but are not limited to: sidewalks, bicycle trails, street lighting, and the planting of trees along the South Broad Street Corridor. The enhancements will make it easier for pedestrians traveling to the City Center by way of foot-traffic or bicycle. It will provide a safe alternative to driving for enjoying all of the many attractions Downtown Monroe has to offer.



Welcome to the City of Monroe!

Congratulations to these employees that were added to the Team at the City of Monroe since summer!

- Clifford Morrell
- Bryan Pittman
- Ernest Armistead
- William Walker
- Laura Brockmann
- Eric Evans
- Craig Mitchell
- Shawn Muse
- Mary Knotts
- Todd Leachmon
- Jerrod Robertson
- Adrian Mitto
- Jacob Chapman
- James Tolbert
- Matthew Dembowski
- Bradley Melton

The City of Monroe is proud to present monroeaccess.net. [Monroeaccess.net](http://monroeaccess.net) is a website dedicated to the City of Monroe's telecommunication services.

The site features services for both business and home. Anyone can go on and print out applications to apply for internet, phone, and television services saving the time of having to come into the office and get the paper work. Once the paperwork is completed it can be brought in to our Customer Service Department to set up an appointment for installation. Go to monroeaccess.net for more information on services offered.



61st Annual Downtown Monroe CHRISTMAS PARADE

The City of Monroe was graciously honored by the presence of the Monroe Girls Corps at last year's parade thanks to the hard work of Janice Rowe organizing the group's reunion. This year we will honor Walton County's Veterans at the 61st Annual Christmas parade on December 4, 2014 at 6:30 p.m.



City Codes

Did you know???

The City of Monroe Code of Ordinances States that:

- All unpaved areas of a property are required to have proper turf, groundcover or landscaping to prevent erosion.
- Appliances and many other materials are not permitted to be stored outdoors in the open for more than 24 hours.
- All fences and walls must be maintained in structurally sound condition and in good repair.
- No vehicles should be parked in the front yard of a residence except for on paved areas for the purpose of parking vehicles.

If any of these conditions exist on property within the City, our citizens assistance in improving our community will be greatly appreciated. Whether it is a long postponed project at home or a property that needs attention, please attend to it or let us know in the Code Office at 770-207-4674.



Open

for business

The following businesses received new licenses from the City of Monroe in August and September.

- **AJ & B Properties**
709 East Reese Street
- **Contemporary Martial Arts**
129 N. Wayne Street
- **Emory Rehabilitation Outpatient Center**
148 Martin Luther King Blvd
- **Gwinnett Quality Appliance (2nd Location)**
1205 S. Broad Street
- **Hanger Clinic**
1360 Hwy 78
- **J R Associates**
516 White Oak Drive
- **Jones Fabrication and Speed Shop**
105 D Vine Street
- **Monkey Wrench Auto**
809 N. Broad Street
- **Monroe All-in-One Truck and Auto Repair**
407 N. Broad Street
- **On Time Impressions**
533 Plaza Drive
- **Walton Children's Clinic**
705 Breedlove Drive Suite 400

Chief Glass Sworn In

City of Monroe Public Safety Director and Chief of Police, Keith Glass, was sworn in as the President of the Georgia Association of Chiefs of Police. It is an honor to have such a devoted man serving as the City of Monroe's Police Chief.

Keith Glass has been employed with the City of Monroe Police Department since 1993.



Glass was appointed Chief of Police in May of 2002. Chief Glass is a 1975 graduate of Monroe Area High School, a 2001 graduate of the U.S. Army Sergeants Major Academy and a 2008 graduate of the Columbus State University Law Enforcement Command College.

Chief Glass can be reached at 770-267-7576 or via email at kglass@monroega.gov.



Great
WATER HEATER
ROUNDUP

WANTED DEAD OR ALIVE
★ YOUR OLD WATER HEATER ★

The Great Water Heater Roundup is a special event that will run from October until November. The central theme is natural gas tank and tankless water heating. Natural gas water heating offers several benefits for citizens and businesses. With natural gas, water is heated faster so there is more hot water. Natural gas tankless water heaters provide a continuous supply of hot water so you will never run out of hot water. Because natural gas is delivered efficiently to homes and businesses, the cost of heating water with natural gas is much lower than with electricity or propane.

In addition, because natural gas is the most environmentally-friendly energy today, a natural gas water heater will emit less greenhouse gas emissions than an electric water heater. An electric water heater uses electricity that's generated at a central plant with coal, nuclear energy, and even natural gas. The electricity is then delivered to your home or business very inefficiently. When you choose natural gas, you're making a choice to lower your energy costs, use energy efficiently, and be a good steward of the environment.

Benefits

Benefits of natural gas water heating for your home business

- Plenty of hot water
- Reduced monthly energy costs
- Reduced CO2 or greenhouse gas emissions

The Great Water Heater Roundup is a partnership of local governments, water heater manufacturers, local contractors, and local businesses to help consumers understand the above advantages of natural gas water heating. During these 60 days, special rebates, offers, and events will be available to consumers to help with the purchase and installation of a natural gas water heater. The Great Water Heater Roundup is the best time to begin enjoying the benefits of natural gas water heating.

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**Save money and energy
by replacing your old
electric or propane water
heater with a gas one.**
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Natural gas water heating is the most efficient way to heat water. Join the movement and let's "roundup" those inefficient water heating systems and start saving energy and money now. For more information on the Great Water Heater Round-up call 770-266-5330 or visit monroega.com.

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ROUNDUP



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UPCOMING EVENTS

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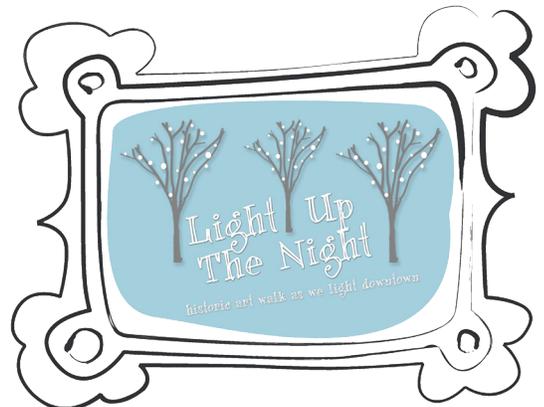
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| 7 | City Council Meeting | 6:00 p.m. |
| 7 | Downtown Merchant Coffee | 9:00 a.m. |
| 11 | Paws in the Park | 7:30 a.m. |
| 11 | Fall Fest | 10:00 a.m. |
| 13 | Columbus Day | |
| 14 | City Council Meeting | 6:00 p.m. |
| 31 | Halloween | |

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| 2 | Daylight Savings Time | 12:00 a.m. |
| 4 | Training & Downtown Merchant | 8:30 a.m. |
| 4 | City Council Meeting | 6:00 p.m. |
| 6 | Light Up the Night | 5:00 p.m. |
| 11 | Veterans Day | |
| 11 | City Council Meeting | 6:00 p.m. |
| 13 | Downtown Development Meeting | 9:00 a.m. |
| 27 | Holiday: City Hall Closed | |
| 28 | Holiday: City Hall Closed | |
| 29 | Shop Small Saturday | 10:00 a.m. |

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| 2 | City Council Meeting | 6:00 p.m. |
| 4 | Christmas Parade | 6:30 p.m. |
| 9 | City Council Meeting | 6:00 p.m. |
| 11 | Candlelight Shopping | 5:00 p.m. |
| 18 | Candlelight Shopping | 5:00 p.m. |
| 25 | Holiday: City Hall Closed | |
| 26 | Holiday: City Hall Closed | |



Unless otherwise noted, City of Monroe meetings are at City Hall, 215 N. Broad Street. Dates subject to change; check monroega.com for updates.

**City of
Monroe
Georgia**

Mayor
Vice-Mayor
City Council

Greg Thompson
Wayne Adcock-District 6
Lee Malcom-District 1
Denise Dixon-District 2
Nathan Purvis-District 3
Larry Bradley-District 4
Rita Scott-District 5
Nathan Little-District 7
Jimmy Richardson-District 8

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Director of Solid Waste
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