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Farmers Market

The City of Monroe and Monroe Downtown are happy to be the home to one of the state's best farmers markets. The Monroe Farmers Market is operated and comprised by its membership of farmers, growers, artisans, and vendors. The Monroe Farmers Market exists to encourage the community to purchase locally grown products, provide local growers with a space to sell their products, and to allow citizens of Monroe to buy healthy food that is locally grown. The market also offers demonstrations centered around agriculture, gardening, food safety, and food preparation.

The Monroe Farmers Market is also a proud sponsor of Wholesome Wave Georgia. Wholesome Wave Georgia believes that all Georgians should have access to wholesome, locally grown food. This program will double the dollar amount of each Supplemental Nutrition Assistance Program (SNAP, aka Food Stamp) dollar spent at the Monroe Farmers Market. Wholesome Wave Georgia is looking to increase access to good food while also supporting farmers. The Monroe Farmers Market is held every Saturday, starting May 16th thru October 10th. Located on Court Street in Downtown Monroe. The market hours are 8:30am - 12:30pm every Saturday. Come shop locally and enjoy fresh, locally grown produce and other goods!



FUEL FARM

The City of Monroe has recently entered into an agreement for the purchase and installation of a 10,000 gallon AvGas Fuel Storage and Dispensing System for the Monroe-Walton County Airport. After several months of discussion and planning, the Airport Committee and City of Monroe decided on the details of the project, and an Invitation to Bid was published for the sought after system. The fueling system will greatly improve airport traffic and provide for an increased revenue stream from the airport thru the sale of fuel. The project will be almost entirely funded by the Airport Improvement Program (AIP).

The installation of this fueling system should be completed by the end of June.



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!

- Jessica Baxter
- Stephen A. Martin
- Troy Trochesset
- Cory Waldrop



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SeeClickFix

The City of Monroe is always looking for ways to engage with our citizens. We recently launched our mobile and on-line, city app "You Click We Fix" powered by SeeClickFix. This app allows our citizens to report quality-of-life issues directly to the departments of the City of Monroe. Several types of issues can be reported including potholes, broken sidewalks, litter, and flooding just to name a few. When using the mobile platform, citizens can upload pictures, describe the issue, as well as provide a location of the issue. Once the issue is reported, the City of Monroe acknowledges the issue and anyone following the issue will receive an alert once the issue is fixed and closed. Issues can be tracked and submitted directly from the City of Monroe's website at <http://www.monroega.com/departments/finance-department/community-relations/seeclickfix>. Citizens can also download the app from the app store via itunes for iPhone users or googleplay for android users.



At MyFutureMonroe.com, people can share their thoughts on future growth issues with elected officials and staff. Policy makers will then listen and respond to the input. Our community is full of creative, forward thinking solutions, and the city policy makers want to hear those ideas as we build our future together!

Citizen Engagement



E-billing is on the Way!

Open

for business

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

The City of Monroe is continuing to make doing business with us easier for the customers. We are implementing an exciting new service on our website. Soon we will be offering e-billing. For those customers who do not want to wait on postal service to receive your bill, this solution is for you. Citizens enrolled in e-billing will be able to take advantage of the following:

(www.monroega.com) that will make it easier for you to pay your monthly utility bill. You'll be able to:

- View/receive your utility bills online
- Make payments online
- Access your account information 24x7 via the Internet
- View your previous payments (conveniently stored in one place)

Look for more information in the coming months!

- **Bargain Mart**
7204 W. Spring Street
- **Best Rate Insurance & Tax**
310 N. Broad Street
- **Faye's Home Decor & Furnishings**
212 W. Spring Street
- **France Subs 'N More**
129 N. Broad Street
- **Gwinnett Medical Group/Gwinnett Heart**
2151B W. Spring St.
- **PAC Architects, Inc**
713 East Church Street
- **The Kitchen Gallery**
290 Cherry Hill Road
- **The Phillips Team, LLC**
300 East Church Street
- **Wild Hare Antique Mall**
516 S. Madison Avenue

Fire Safety

Did you know???

- In 2007-2011, smoke alarms sounded in half of the home fires reported to U.S. fire departments.
- Three of every five home fire deaths resulted from fires in homes with no smoke alarms or no working smoke alarms.
- The death rate per 100 reported home fires was more than twice as high in homes that did not have any working smoke alarms (1.18 deaths per 100 fires), either because no smoke alarm was present or an alarm was present but did not operate, as it was in homes with working smoke alarms (0.53 per 100 fires).
- No smoke alarms were present in more than one-third (37%) of the home fire deaths.
- The death rate from reported fires in homes during 2007-2011 that had at least one smoke alarm (0.61 deaths per 100 fires) was one-third (36%) lower than in homes that had no smoke alarms at all (0.95 deaths per 100 fires).
- In one-quarter (23%) of the home fire deaths, smoke alarms were present but did not sound.

The death rate was much higher in fires in which a smoke alarm was present but did not operate (1.94 deaths per 100 fires) than it was in home fires with no smoke alarms at all.

Monroe Fire Department has a free limited supply of 9-volt batteries and smoke alarms with 10-year batteries. Please come by Monroe Fire at 139 South Madison Ave. or call 770-267-4446 for more information. Follow us on Facebook at www.facebook.com/monroefirega

The batteries were courtesy of Duracell and the smoke alarms were donated by Home Depot of Monroe via Kidde FireX.



FIREX[®]
Smoke Alarm

UPCOMING EVENTS

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- 3 **Holiday: City Hall Closed**
- 4 **Holiday**
- 7 Downtown Merchant Coffee 9:00 a.m.
- 7 City Council Meeting 6:00 p.m.
- 9 Downtown Development Meeting 8:00 a.m.
- 14 City Council Meeting 6:00 p.m.
- 21 Planning and Zoning Meeting 5:30 p.m.
- 28 Historic Preservation Meeting 6:00 p.m.
- 31 Movie at the Mill 6:30 p.m.

A August

- 4 Downtown Merchant 8:30 a.m.
- 4 City Council Meeting 6:00 p.m.
- 7 First Friday Concert: the Jake Bartley Band 7:00 p.m.
- 11 City Council Meeting 6:00 p.m.
- 13 Downtown Development Meeting 9:00 a.m.
- 18 Planning and Zoning Meeting 5:30 p.m.
- 25 Historic Preservation Meeting 6:00 p.m.

S September

- 1 City Council Meeting 6:00 p.m.
- 4 First Friday Concert: the Swingin' Medallions 7:00 p.m.
- 7 **Holiday: City Hall Closed**
- 8 City Council Meeting 6:00 p.m.
- 10 Downtown Development 8:00 a.m.
- 15 Planning and Zoning Meeting 5:30 p.m.
- 22 Historic Preservation 6:00 p.m.



FIRST FRIDAY
CONCERTS
 DOWNTOWN



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

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Monroe
Georgia**

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