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FALL FESTIVITIES



As Summer finally winds down and the blistering sun gives way to cool nights, the City of Monroe moves to offering events to relax and take advantage of the earlier sunsets and longer evenings.

During the fall, Downtown Monroe is full of life and filled with plenty to do. On October 14, visit Childer's Park and enjoy Paws in the Park to raise money for the dog park. On the same day, Downtown will host its annual Fall Fest celebration. Paws in the Park begins at 8:30 a.m. and Fall Fest is from 10:00 a.m. until 4:00 p.m.

Enjoy everything downtown has to offer during these nights by enjoying a nice dinner out on Amici's patio or Kaity's Downtown. Take part in Candlelight shopping or visit our Hometown Teams Smithsonian Exhibit at the Monroe Museum.

Enjoy the cooler nights by visiting downtown and catching up with family and friends. The City of Monroe is THE destination for fall fun.

Registration

Anyone desiring to register a Personal Transportation Vehicle (PTV) will need to provide the following to the Code Department:

- Application
- \$15 Registration Fee
- Make, model, and vehicle identification number or serial number
- Owner's name and address
- Contact phone number

• Decals are nontransferable (they cannot be transferred to another vehicle)

Rules

Personal Transportation Vehicles:

May only be operated on city streets

- Recreational paths
- Rights-of-way
- Other public property which are
- a part of the city's street system

Can only cross-over state routes
Can be operated at 35 mph or less

Regulations

All Personal Transportation Vehicle owners must comply with the following:

- Have a valid drivers license
- Maintain properly equipped vehicle
- All traffic laws applicable to vehicular traffic
- Maintain proper liability insurance

Failure to comply may result in fines.

- Head/tail light-\$92.00
- Brake light- \$92.00
- No insurance-\$800.00
- DUI- \$2084.00
- No license- \$1320.00
- Unregistered vehicle- \$151.00

• Running red light/stop sign, failure to maintain lane, improper lane change, failure to use signal - \$117.00

For more information on personal transportation vehicles and the new ordinance allowing golf carts on city streets, visit www.monroega.com or call 770.267.3429.

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EMPLOYEE HIGHLIGHT

Cathy Halgat has been employed by the City of Monroe for 15 years. She holds a degree in biology from Berry College. During her tenure, Cathy has worked as a Laboratory Analyst at the City of Monroe Water Treatment Plant. Previously, she was employed by Georgia Power as a Senior Laboratory Technician and for the City of Cartersville as a Water Treatment Plant Operator.

Recently, Cathy received a life-time achievement award from the Georgia Association of Water Professionals. Having been active with GAWP for a total of 35 years, Cathy was awarded the Elizabeth McEntire award.

Elizabeth McEntire is a Charter Member of the Georgia Association of Water Professionals. She was the first female president of GAWP and was the first female to receive the Hugh A. Wyckoff Award. The Elizabeth McEntire Award is given to individuals for excellent achievement in the direct operation of water supply, water treatment, and/or water distribution systems. Congratulations to Cathy Halgat on an impressive job well done!



"Fire on the Farm"

"FIRE ON THE FARM" SPONSORED BY WALTON COUNTY SOIL AND WATER CONSERVATION DISTRICT



Tuesday, September 26, 2017 9:30am – 12:00pm William Harris Homestead - 3636 Georgia Highway 11 - Monroe, GA 30656



~ FREE ADMISSION ~

This will be a free public education event for farmers, landowners and home owners with demonstrations, lectures, and exhibits. Each year, wildland fires consume hundreds of homes across our state. Studies show as many as 80% of the homes and farm buildings could have been saved if the owner had followed simple fire-safe practices. This field day focuses on steps you can take to develop your defensible spaces around your farm buildings and home to reduce the spread of fire, including landscaping for new and existing homes. Local fire units will be conducting demonstrations on what to do if a fire does break out in your home or on your property.







Unclaimed Funds from the City of Monroe

The City of Monroe issues checks for a variety of reasons whether it be for payments or refunds. We generally will mail these payments to the address that we currently have on file. In some cases individuals or companies may have moved and the checks are returned to the City of Monroe or are never cashed or deposited. Take a look at these Monroe Utility customers & vendors who we mailed a refund or payment to, but the checks have not been cashed. If you are on this list or know someone who is, please contact us at <u>770-266-5125</u> so we can begin the process of reissuing these payments.

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EXTENSIONS AND MORE

Did you know that the City of Monroe's Customer Service Department does more than process payments for utility bills? They offer help with establishing service, transferring service, and providing extensions to those who qualify and need them. The City of Monroe, in recent years, has updated the extension policy to allow customers, that have not defaulted and have met all previous extensions, to get a monthly extension. The extension will grant the customer 7 calendar days past the cut-off date to pay the past due balance. If the total amount due on the bill is not paid by 5:30 of the agreed upon date, the customer agrees that service may be discontinued without further notice. Late penalties will accrue on accounts. All agreements have to be signed prior to the cut-off date and no agreement will be made on the day of cut-off.

The City of Monroe also offers a separate extension for those who are sixty-two (62) years or older and those who receive Supplemental Security Income (SSI). This policy allows customers who fall in one (1) or both categories to extend their balance two weeks past the normal cut-off date each month without penalties. To qualify, customers must meet all of the following:

- Sixty-two (62) years of age or older and/or receive Supplemental Security Income (SSI)
- This utility service account is the customers primary residence and is the primary account holder
- The account is up to date, with no past due balance
- Annual combined gross household income does not exceed \$23,540
- Provide proper documentation of the above. (Drivers License, ID, etc)



The following businesses received new licenses from the City of Monroe since July.

Abundance LLC
248 North Broad Street

• Shifters 1104 A South Madison Avenue

• Fireplace & Wood Stove Services 327 South Lumpkin Street

• His Glory Apparel Thrift Store 106 West Fambrough Street •Panera Bread 1223 West Spring Street

• Hub Yum Food 210 Martin Luther King Jr Boulevard

- J Key Commercial 155 Bankers Boulevard
- J Key Gutters & Sheetmetal 155 Bankers Boulevard
- J Key Restoration 155 Bankers Boulevard
- Latitude, Expand Your Ordinary 136 South Broad Street
- Scoops 140 North Broad Street
- The Hensley Agency 137 North Midland Avenue

City of Monroe Offers Rebates on Natural Gas Appliances during the Annual Rebate Rally

September 1, 2017- Monroe, GA – The City of Monroe is offering rebates on the purchase of new natural gas appliances to qualifying citizens during the months of September and October. Monroe has joined several other Municipalities in Georgia to create the Rebate Rally. Monroe is offering a \$400 utility bill credit for a natural gas tankless water heater, and a \$200 utility bill credit on natural gas tank water heaters.

"The City of Monroe cares about its citizens and wants to do what we can to make our homes energy efficient, comfortable, and enjoyable places to be. The Rebate Rally is a great opportunity for citizens to replace their old natural gas appliances or switch out their electric or propane appliances to natural gas," said Rodney Middlebrooks, City of Monroe.

Manufacturer Rebates

Additional savings will be available through appliance manufacturers Rinnai and Noritz. Rinnai offers rebates ranging from \$50-\$100 on various natural gas products up until December 31, 2017. Noritz is offering a \$75.00 rebate on natural gas tankless water heaters from September 1-December 31, 2017.

Main Street On-Bill Financing

The City of Monroe offers 0% interest financing on the purchase and installation of natural gas appliances. Qualified residential homeowners can obtain an application from City Hall.

About The Rebate Rally

The Rebate Rally is a partnership of local governments in Georgia, water heater manufacturers, local contractors, and local businesses to help consumers understand the advantages of natural gas appliances. 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. More information is available at www.rebaterally.com.

For more information contact the City of Monroe Customer Service Department at 770-267-3429 or visit www.rebaterally.com.

Rebates Available Now on Natural Gas Appliances!



Natural Gas is the best energy choice when it comes to heating your water and home and preparing meals for your family! We want to help you save money by choosing natural gas appliances for your home!

Contact City of Monroe 770-267-3429

City of Monroe Natural Gas Rebates

Natural Gas Tankless Water Heater Natural Gas Tank Water Heater

The City of Monroe will credit your bill for the above amounts shown for savings on natural gas appliance purchases!



\$400

\$200







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UPCOMING EVENTS

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September

| 1 | First Friday Concert: | Swingin' Medallions |
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| 5 | City Council Meeting | 6·00 p |

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| 7 | Alive After Five | 5:00 p.m. | |
| 12 | City Council Meeting | 6:00 p.m. | |
| | Farmers Market Each Saturday | 8:30 a.m. | |
| 16-30 Hometown Teams Exhibit | | | |

October

| 3 | City Council Meeting | 6:00 p | |
|----------------------------------|-----------------------------|---------|--|
| 5 | Alive After Five | 5:00 p | |
| 10 | City Council Meeting | 6:00 p | |
| 14 | Paws in the Park 5k | 8:30 a | |
| 14 | Fall Fest | 10:00 a | |
| 20 | Food Truck Friday | 11:00 a | |
| | Farmers Market thru Oct. 14 | 8:30 a | |
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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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