

in the **know** **Monroe**

official newsletter of monroe, georgia



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Shop with a Hero

“Shop with a Hero” affords MPD and MFD another opportunity to serve and give back to our community. The donations we receive are 100 % returned to some very special Monroe children. We deeply appreciate our partners: FISH, Wal-Mart, Walton/Barrow Board of Realtors, Kiwanis, and several private citizens that make Christmas a happier time for many Monroe families.



Downtown Awards Banquet

Every year the Downtown Development Authority holds a special banquet to honor those who support, sponsor, and help sustain Downtown Monroe. Every year, the recipients are recognized for their outstanding leadership and dedication to seeing the Downtown businesses prosper.

This year’s award recipients included Amici Monroe. They were chosen as business of the year by the citizens of Monroe through online voting. Also, being honored is Statefarm Peyton Pettus Agency with the golden Hammer Award for their exterior renovations of their North Broad Street property. The Volunteer of the Year award went to Steve and Susan Brown for their work in the Monroe Cultural & Heritage Museum.

Thank you and congratulations to all of the business owners, sponsors, and volunteers who work tirelessly to make our downtown one of the best in the state.



Open

for business

The following businesses received new licenses from the City of Monroe in October and November.

- **Donuts on the Run**
318 W Spring Street
- **Complete Fleet Maintenance**
316 Mayfield Drive
- **D's Empire Shop**
1116 E Church Street
- **Garcia Georgia Tires**
1700 Bold Springs Road
- **Georgia Sand and Stone**
316 Mayfield Drive
- **Kelley Channell Photography**
101 N Broad Street
- **L & J Dry Cleaners**
405 E Spring Street
- **Laura Roush Photography**
127.5 N Broad Street Ste 10
- **Made in Monroe**
600 S Broad Street
- **Parkers Furniture & Gifts**
1306 W Spring Street
- **Southern Roots Outfitter**
117 N Broad Street
- **Taste of America**
210 Martin Luther King Boulevard

Antiques Capital

Walton County is home to the largest concentration of antique stores anywhere in the Southeast with more than 1,200 booths and 300,000 square feet of antiques, vintage, and re-purposed items. It is also home to the largest antique mall in the world. While at the Antique Festival, be sure to stop at the Information Booth to pick up a map of all the antique stores in our community and a special card for a chance to win a gift certificate to one of our local member antique stores.

The event will take place on April 15, 16, & 17 at Hammond Park, Monroe, Ga 30655. You can learn more about the festival; go the website at this link <http://www.antiquescapitalofgeorgia.com/antique-festival.html>.



Antique Festival

April 15, 16, & 17

Monroe, Georgia
Hammond Park



Welcome to the City

The City welcomes Lee Malcom, Larry Bradley, and Nathan Little as returning City Council members, as well as, newly elected council members Norman Garrett and Myoshia Crawford.

Norman Garrett, who is originally from Monroe, will serve as District 5 city council representative.

Myoshia Crawford, also a Monroe native, will serve as District 2 city council representative.



Lee Malcom is returning as District 1 city council representative.

Nathan Little will continue to serve in the District 7 seat.

And Larry Bradley will continue to hold the District 4 seat.

We wish all of our city council members well in their efforts to serve the citizens of Monroe.

Monroe Welcomes a New Finance Director

Logan Propes was hired by the City of Monroe as its new Finance Director in November, 2015. A native of Oakwood, Georgia, Logan and his wife Tracey have made their home in the Monroe area since 2006. Before working for the City, Logan was the Finance Director for the Jackson County Board of Commissioners for 3 years and had worked for Jackson County's Finance Department since 2006. Before getting into government finance, Logan worked in the Hall County Court System in Gainesville and also interned in Washington D.C. for then U.S. Representative Nathan Deal. He holds a Master's degree in Public Administration and a Bachelor's degree in Political Science, both from the University of North Georgia in Dahlonega. Logan also holds certifications as a Local Government Finance Officer through the University of Georgia's Carl Vinson Institute of Government, as well as, certification from the Georgia Academy of Economic Development.

Supporting Fire Safety

Thanks to a donation from Home Depot, the City of Monroe Fire Department has a limited supply of free 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 Kiddie FireX.



Walton County BBQ Festival

The Walton County Municipal Association and Communities in Schools of Walton County are returning to host the award winning Walton County BBQ Festival and Cook-off.

With MORE entertainment, MORE Teams, MORE parking, and MORE BBQ TO EAT, this year's event will be bigger and better!!!

- Georgia BBQ Association Double-Points Event
- 35 BBQ Competition Teams
- Sample the Competition BBQ in the People's Choice Contest
- Food Court featuring Competition BBQ and a variety of delicious Festival Food
- Local Artisans and Crafters
- Children's Area including Supersized Inflatables, Face Painting and Characters
- All-day Entertainment including popular Local Bands and Performing Groups

Communities In Schools looks to raise money to help sustain the program that affects thousands of young lives in Walton County. For more information visit www.wcbbq.com or www.ciswalton.org.

Where: Criswell Park
Monroe, GA 30655
When: March 12, 2015
Time: 10:00 a.m.-6:00 p.m.



**UPCOMING
EVENTS**

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February

- 2 City Council Meeting 6:00 p.m.
- 9 City Council Meeting 6:00 p.m.
- 11 Chocolate Walk 5:00 p.m.
- 14 Valentine's Day
- 15 Presidents' Day



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March

- 1 City Council Meeting 6:00 p.m.
- 8 City Council Meeting 6:00 p.m.
- 19 Memories in Monroe Classic Car Show 12:00 p.m.
- 25 Holiday: Closed
- 27 Easter Sunday



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April

- 5 City Council Meeting 6:00 p.m.
- 12 City Council Meeting 6:00 p.m.
- 15 Antiques Capital of Georgia Festival 1:00 p.m.
- 16 Antiques Capital of Georgia Festival 10:00 a.m.
- 17 Antiques Capital of Georgia Festival 11:00 a.m.



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 Greg Thompson
 Vice-Mayor Wayne Adcock-District 6
 City Council Lee Malcom-District 1
 Myoshia Crawford-District 2
 Nathan Purvis-District 3
 Larry Bradley-District 4
 Norman Garrett-District 5
 Nathan Little-District 7
 Jimmy Richardson-District 8

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