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This section highlights the results of a 2018 Georgia Statewide Aviation System Plan (GSASP) for the Monroe - Walton County Airport. The study compared and analyzed the progress of 103 airports across the state of Georgia.

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A brief article on tips for water conservation in the average household and ways to become more water efficient to save money! Be sure to read and learn about the free Water Conservation Kits offered by the City of Monroe.

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Learn the history and beginnings of the Monroe Museum. This article discusses the founding members, original galleries, the Smithsonian Hometown exhibits, and upcoming galleries for the new expansion of the museum.

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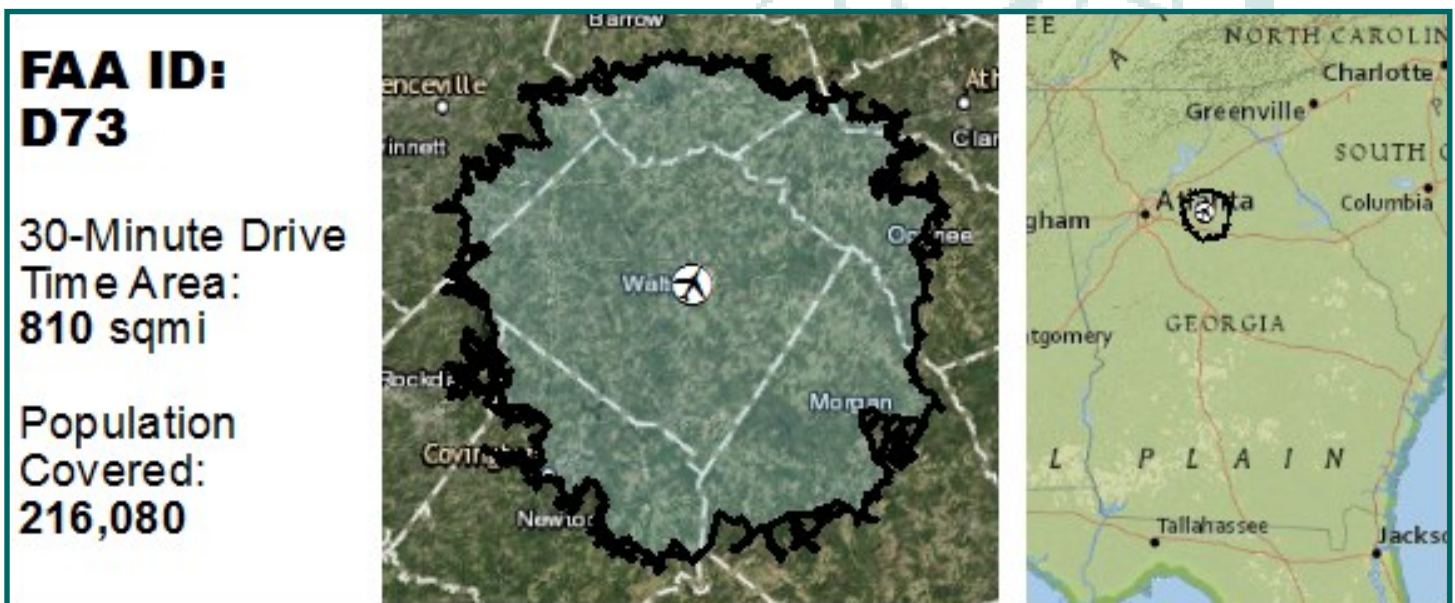
The Monroe - Walton Center for the Arts has a busy summer planned for our community with plenty of events and classes for everyone. These events and classes are detailed in this section with complete registration details.

Monroe-Walton County Airport

The Monroe-Walton County Airport over the past five (5) years has undergone numerous upgrades, additions, and repairs to the facilities and operations, thus moving the Airport forward into having the potential to become a greater economic development driver for the City of Monroe and Walton County. The combination of grant funding from the state and federal level, along with the use of city/local funding, has provided for the completion of these projects.

Recently, the Georgia Department of Transportation (GDOT) Aviation Programs Office completed the Georgia Statewide Aviation System Plan (GSASP) which included 103 airports across the state of Georgia. This survey was the first done since 2002 and provided for comparison updates and advancements of all airports. This article contains some of the information presented in the GSASP study results. For full information, please visit www.monroega.com and the Monroe-Walton County Airport section.

The serviceable area of the airport is much greater than the population of Monroe (13,442) or Walton County (85,754) when considering a 30-minute drive...



The GSASP study also provided for some interesting growth projections for Walton County and Employment. Population growth is expected at 1.82% by 2035, and employment growth is expected at 1.49%, both of which are above state of Georgia averages.

The greater achievements of the airport were to obtain a 5,000 foot runway, install an Automated Weather Observing System (AWOS), and a published approach. These achievements have all allowed the Monroe-Walton County Airport to keep pace with surrounding airports for future growth of operations. The airport is currently designated a Level II - Business Airport of Local Impact with the state and Federal Aviation Administration (FAA). It is capable of accommodating single and twin-engine general aviation aircraft and 85% of business jet aircraft. As a Level II airport, Monroe-Walton County Airport was at a 40% (8/20) objective-met classification in 2002, and is now at an 82% (18/22) objective-met classification as of the current GSASP report.

Current objectives to be additionally met are to update signage for aircraft using the airport, provide for a general aviation terminal/administration office at a minimum of 1,500 square feet, and to increase general aviation auto parking by a minimum of 21 spaces. These projects are all on schedule for future years within the Capital Improvement Project (CIP) list submitted to the state for future grant funding.

The chart below shows the achievements of the City of Monroe and the Monroe-Walton County Airport over the past five (5) years along with the funding breakdown between city/local funds and state/federal grant funds.

PROJECT	CITY	GRANT	TOTAL
Automated Weather Observing System (AWOS)	\$12,088.50	\$108,796.50	\$120,885.00
100LL AvGas Fuel Farm	\$10,900.00	\$98,100.00	\$109,000.00
Complete Fencing	\$3,570.50	\$32,134.50	\$35,705.00
FBO Building Repair / Insulation	\$15,500.00	\$0.00	\$15,500.00
Precision Approach Path Indicator (PAPI) Repair	\$5,000.00	\$0.00	\$5,000.00
Airport Layout Plan (ALP)	\$11,087.80	\$99,790.20	\$110,878.00
East Apron Rehabilitation & Expansion Design	\$3,750.00	\$71,250.00	\$75,000.00
East Apron Rehabilitation & Expansion (in progress)	\$313,964.63	\$941,893.88	\$1,255,858.50
West Apron & Taxilane Reroute (in progress)	\$118,318.50	\$0.00	\$118,318.50
Hangar Repair & Maintenance	\$25,775.00	\$0.00	\$25,775.00
West Apron Drainage Repair	\$17,500.00	\$0.00	\$17,500.00
Hangar Design & Bid Contract	\$18,904.00	\$0.00	\$18,904.00
Hangar Repair – Flight Train Monroe	\$16,920.00	\$0.00	\$16,920.00
Disadvantaged Business Enterprise (DBE) Update	\$5,500.00	\$49,500.00	\$55,000.00
TOTAL	\$578,778.93	\$1,401,465.08	\$1,980,244.00



EVENTS

& happenings...

June 6 - Alive After 5

June 7 - First Friday Concert (Side Hustle Dance Band)

June 15 - Monroe Blooms Flower Festival

July 26 - Food Truck Friday / Movies at the Mill

August 1 - Alive After 5

August 2 - First Friday Concert (Departure)

FARMERS MARKET

Every Saturday thru October 12th...

June 1, 8, 15, 22, & 29

July 6, 13, 20, & 27

August 3, 10, 17, 24, & 31

CITY MEETING DATES

June

- 4 - City Council Meeting - 6pm
- 11 - City Council Meeting - 6pm
- 20 - Downtown Development Authority Meeting - 8am
- 20 - Convention & Visitors Bureau Meeting - 9am
- 18 - Planning & Zoning Commission Meeting - 5:30pm
- 25 - Historic Preservation Commission Meeting - 6pm

July

- City Council Meeting - 6pm - 2
- 8am - Downtown Development Authority Meeting - 11
- 9am - Convention & Visitors Bureau Meeting - 11
- 5:30pm - Planning & Zoning Commission Meeting - 16
- 6pm - Historic Preservation Commission Meeting - 23

August

- 6 - City Council Meeting - 6pm
- 8 - Downtown Development Authority Meeting - 8am
- 8 - Convention & Visitors Bureau Meeting - 9am
- 13 - City Council Meeting - 6pm
- 20 - Planning & Zoning Commission Meeting - 5:30pm
- 27 - Historic Preservation Commission Meeting - 6pm

Water Conservation in the Summer

In 2017, water usage for Monroe was approximately 644 million gallons of water. That's the equivalent of about one hundred Olympic-sized swimming pools. Although water seems to be everywhere...only 3% of the water on Earth exists as the water that we use for everyday activities. As the population has grown, freshwater resources have become scarce as there is more competition for an amount of water that remains unchanged. Water resources are especially scarce from April-September when people historically use more water.



How can you save water this summer? Conservation is important because we need water for all aspects of life. Overusing water can lead to shortages which can negatively impact your quality of life, since you may be limited as to when and how you can use water. Agriculture in the United States requires tremendous amounts of water for irrigation, and water scarcity can lead to food shortages in extreme cases. As individuals, we can all do our part to reduce water use and waste.

Outdoor Water Usage

In the United States, about 30% of household water usage goes to lawn or garden care. There are several ways you maintain your lawn or garden and save water.

- If you have automatic sprinklers, turn them on in the early morning before the sun comes up. This will give your grass time to absorb the water it needs and reduce excessive evaporation.
- Install a rain barrel. Rain barrels are designed to capture and store rainwater for later use. Use this water for your garden and indoor plants. Mosquitos are attracted to standing water, so install a mosquito-proof screen over the top of the barrel to keep them away and keep your water clean.
- Landscape using native grass and plant species. These species are adapted to the Georgia climate, and in the drier summer months, they are more likely to survive natural fluctuations in heat and rainfall.
- Cover exposed soil with mulch. Mulch retains moisture and will keep water from evaporating, thus eliminating the need to water plants as often.

Bathroom Water Usage

Everyone loves a long shower or a bubble bath. Did you know that every minute of a shower uses up to seven gallons of water? Here's how you can save water in the bathroom.

- Use high-efficiency toilets, low-flow showerheads, and faucet aerators. These inexpensive bathroom additions can cut your water usage in half for every flush and every minute that you run water from your sink or showerhead.
- Turn off the water when you aren't using it. Turn off the water when you shave, brush your teeth, or wash your face. This will ensure that you are only using the water that you need and reduce water waste.
- Check pipes, faucets, toilets, and hoses for leaks regularly. Leaks can waste up to 15 gallons of water per day. **Get leaks serviced as soon as you notice them.**

Household Water Usage

Most homes have appliances like dishwashers and washing machines that use water. These appliances can actually save water and save you money on your utility bill.

- ENERGYSTAR rated appliances can reduce your energy and water usage by 20% every year. Hand-washing dishes uses nearly 3 times the amount of water as a dishwasher.
- Only run your dishwasher or washing machine when they are full. This will reduce the number of times you need to run them and will lead to big savings over the course of a year.
- Install a faucet aerator to your kitchen sink. Aerators push air and water through the faucet to reduce the amount of water used.
- Change your diet! It requires huge amounts of water and energy to produce meat and dairy products. Replace some of the meat and dairy products in your diet with fruits, vegetables, and grains to eliminate several hundred gallons of water waste each year.

Committed to Conservation?

Come to City Hall at 215 North Broad Street and fill out a simple form to receive your **FREE** water conservation kit. This kit includes:

- (1) Chrome 1.5 gpm showerhead
- (2) 1.0 gpm faucet aerators
- (1) 1.5 gpm swivel kitchen faucet aerator
- (1) Packet of toilet leak detection tablets



A visit to downtown Monroe would not be complete without stopping by 227 South Broad Street, home of the Monroe Museum. Around 2010, a group of Monroe natives met to discuss the possibility of establishing a museum. They wanted a way to capture the culture and history of the town they knew. Bobby Carrell, former President and member of the Founders of the Monroe Museum stated, "Monroe has many interesting stories to tell such as the story of the Monroe Girls Corps. Time was getting away from us and we knew that preserving our history was crucial!"

Finally, with enough funding and a home for the museum, the Founders established a non-profit organization. In 2014, the initial Gallery Committee was formed and given the challenging task of creating the first exhibit. It was important to the Gallery Committee that the exhibits be accurate, interesting, informative, and appealing. The committee decided the exhibit design would be that of telling a story which would have each individual exhibit to sit within a story. The initial gallery opening included exhibits that featured the founding years of Monroe and its inhabitants, the Community of the Monroe Mills, the Walton Tribune, veterans of the Civil War, the story of Photographer Carnes, the Monroe Girls Corps, art and etiquette teacher Mrs. Nell Mashburn, and more. This first exhibit would be the learning experience for the committee to determine future physical and functional needs and design of the museum.

In 2016, the Monroe Museum unveiled a newly renovated gallery sleek in design that would accommodate a variety of ways to exhibit. Some of the exhibits featured were early ways of making thread by spinning, "Bo" Hearn Adjutant General - Georgia, John Deere (Conrad Barnes private miniature tractor collection), Buddy Conyers, and Ernest Camp - member of the Georgia Newspapers Hall of Fame.

That same year, the Monroe Development Authority in partnership with the museum was awarded a grant through Georgia Humanities to be one of twelve cities in Georgia to host the Smithsonian Hometown Team exhibit - an exhibit that would share how communities had been shaped over the years by people and teams through sports. In conjunction with the Smithsonian exhibit, the Monroe museum would create a local exhibit that would capture stories of people, teams, schools, and more from 1890 up until 2016. In September 2017, the museum opened a new gallery space featuring "Our Hometown Team" exhibit in conjunction with the Smithsonian exhibit housed at the Walton County Center for the Arts. The Monroe Museum exhibits centered around sports stories from Monroe A&M, the Monroe Mill Baseball Teams, Carver High School, Monroe Area High, and George Walton Academy. For six (6) weeks Monroe was host to movies, field trips, a sports reunion, and more.

Over the next two (2) years, the museum opened its doors to three (3) new exhibits beginning with a tribute to Michael Etchison sponsored by the Monroe Police Department, Governors from Walton County (in celebration of Walton County's Bicentennial), and Moina Michael in collaboration with the Historical Society of Walton County and the American Legion Auxiliary.

In 2020, the museum will open three (3) new 'permanent' galleries honoring the Monroe Girls Corps, the Governors of Walton County, and Veterans. These themed galleries will be given a permanent space within the museum.

During the 2018 VIP reception for annual contributors and sponsors, a focal piece to be featured in the Governor's gallery was unveiled - a one of a kind oil painting by local artist Susan Pelham, of the Governors of Walton County. With this expansion the museum will have over 1200 square feet of gallery space.

The Monroe Museum reaches out beyond its home on South Broad through social media, the internet, and other programs. These other avenues allow the museum to connect and serve the community in a variety of ways including becoming a reputable home and resource of local historic information. Steve Brown, former President and now Historian, is at the heart of this outreach. Steve is able to inform, educate, and entertain through the "Then and Now" presentations, Monday Morphs on Facebook, video interview series, and Historic Tours. In addition, the Monroe Museum has become a favorite for field trips for local schools as well as schools from surrounding counties. The museum welcomes visitors of all ages and last year alone, the Monroe Museum had over 1700 visitors.

The museum hopes to see you soon!

Hours of Operation: Tuesday - Friday (10am - 4pm) & Saturday (10am - 2pm)

www.monroegamuseum.org or follow us on Facebook



Monroe-Walton Center for the Arts

Summer is here...and by the way, did we even have a spring this year?? So, it's time to relax, slow down, and maybe even de-stress a little! Did you know that studies have shown that doing just 45 minutes of art will measurably lower the stress hormone, cortisol? That is true for everyone – and you don't have to be an artist to enjoy this benefit. Put a paintbrush or a pencil or some clay in your hand and just let go and create. You might surprise yourself! And you'll feel better!

SUMMER CAMP

This summer, we offer a way to “un-stressify” yourself and your kids – get the kids off to art camp to create and you'll have a little time to yourself, too. We offer five (5) weeks of art camp in June and July: four (4) weeks of mixed media and one (1) week of clay/pottery camp. You can read all about it on our website at <http://www.monroewaltonarts.org/summer-art-camp.html>

MONROE BLOOMS FLOWER FESTIVAL

On Saturday, June 15, we join in on a city-wide event – Monroe Blooms Flower Festival. Events will be happening all over town. We'll offer the following workshops:

- Drop-in Workshops: Clay Sunflower Garden Stakes and Beaded Bracelets
- Registration required: Watercolor Floral Miniatures and Floral Animated Pop Up Card
- Also join us for ART IN BLOOM: interpretive floral design contest in the gallery
- We'll have home-made baked goods, too.

Come on out for a FLORAL FILLED FUN day! Details and how to register can be found at <http://www.monroewaltonarts.org/creative-workshops.html>

IN THE GALLERY

Get the kids out of the heat and visit our Galaxy Gallery during June and July. With the help of our art campers, we will turn the gallery into a really far-out space!

Our Second Annual Fiber Show, Techniques, and Traditions opens August 7. Many of you remember the fun we had last year celebrating the deep roots that fiber arts have here in Monroe and in the South. We'll have lots of workshops and demonstrations during this event that opens August 7 and runs through October 22.



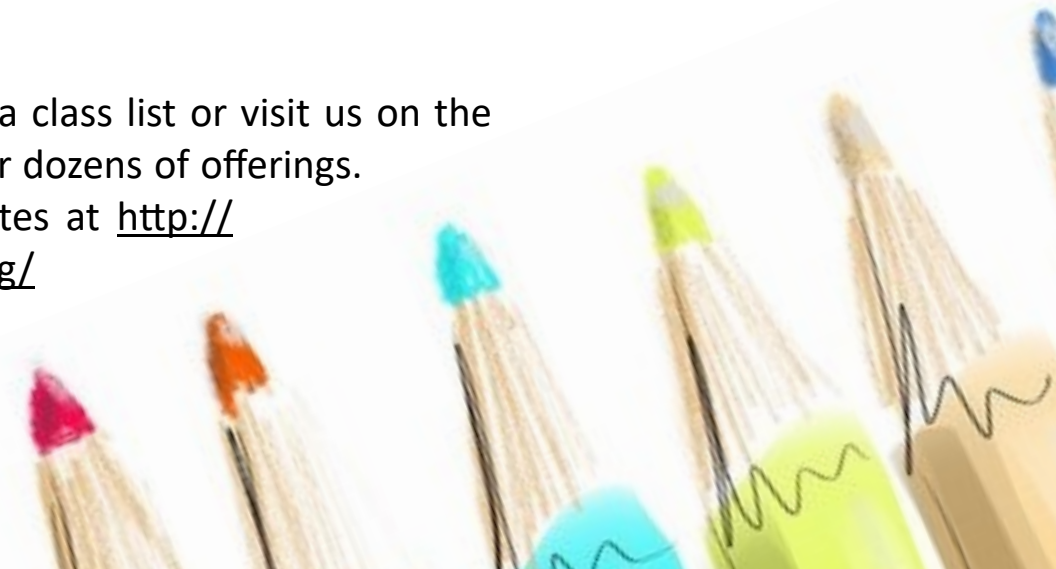
ART FOR ALL

Our theme is ART FOR ALL! All our classes are technique-based and take you where you are – no experience needed! Summertime is the perfect time to try something new and our creative classes continue through the summer, except for our After-School Arts Program that will resume in September. Besides the usual (painting and drawing), we also offer pottery, writing, jewelry-making, and more. We host the occasional “once and done” type class, too, and even private parties!

Give us a call, drop by for a class list or visit us on the web for updated lists of our dozens of offerings.

Visit our website for updates at <http://www.monroewaltonarts.org/classes--events.html>

Art is for everyone!



ELECTRICITY OF MONROE

The City of Monroe recently published an educational Energy source newsletter describing the sources and ways electricity travels from the source to your home. This newsletter highlighted the organizations in Georgia that make this possible, explained the portfolio of the Monroe electricity profile, identified the top consumers in Monroe, and explained simple ways to save money on YOUR electric bill each month. This newsletter provides insight into the basics of the energy industry and how they provide the electricity needed for our daily operations and lives.

In the coming months, expect to see other specific newsletters focused on how your local City of Monroe government operates, the Monroe-Walton County Airport, major projects ongoing and upcoming, the City park system, water resources and conservation, the natural gas industry, and many others to help educate and explain the different aspects of the systems and operations in the City of Monroe.

These newsletters will be designed to provide more insight into functions and operations so that our citizen base and customers can gather a greater understanding of Monroe and what happens with your dollars. We hope they prove educational and create a benefit to everyone curious about local governments.

Suggestions are welcomed from employees, citizens, customers, and anyone who would like to suggest a topic of inclusion.

IMPORTANT CALENDAR DATES

June 14 - Flag Day

June 16 - Father's Day

July 4 - Independence Day

July 28 - Parent's Day



City of Monroe Officials

MAYOR - John Howard

CITY ADMINISTRATOR - Logan Propes

COUNCIL DISTRICT 1 - Lee Malcom

COUNCIL DISTRICT 2 - Myoshia Crawford

COUNCIL DISTRICT 3 - Ross Bradley

COUNCIL DISTRICT 4 - Larry Bradley

COUNCIL DISTRICT 5 - Norman Garrett

COUNCIL DISTRICT 6 - Wayne Adcock

COUNCIL DISTRICT 7 - Nathan Little

COUNCIL DISTRICT 8 - David Dickinson

CITY CLERK - Debbie Kirk

FIRE CHIEF - William Owens

POLICE CHIEF - Robert Watts

CODE DIRECTOR - Patrick Kelley

FINANCE DIRECTOR - Beth Thompson

SOLID WASTE DIRECTOR - Danny Smith

CENTRAL SERVICES DIRECTOR - Chris Bailey

HUMAN RESOURCES DIRECTOR - Les Russell

HIGHWAYS & STREETS DIRECTOR - Jeremiah Still

ELECTRIC & TELECOM DIRECTOR - Brian Thompson

PLANNING & DEVELOPMENT DIRECTOR - Darrell Stone

ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT DIRECTOR - Sadie Krawczyk

WATER, SEWER, & GAS DIRECTOR - Rodney Middlebrooks