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Continuing Authority Program (CAP)
 Long Tom 1135 Ecosystem Restoration Project



Public Scoping
 Event

Wednesday,
 November 3,
 2021

From 4-5 p.m.

Join the meeting virtually or by calling in:
 Link: <https://usace1.webex.com/usace1/j.php?MTID=mbecc28b83044eeefa9931de952d8fce65>
 Meeting Information (Access Code): 2762 496 5934
 Meeting Password: jaSHTza\$633
 Connect by Phone (US Toll Free): 1-844-800-2712

Important meeting!
 Connect via Webex:
 November 3rd | 4-5pm

Holiday Food Drive currently OPEN!!!
PLEASE DONATE!
 Drop off @
 City Hall Today!

Thanksgiving Food Drive!

with the Food Pantry, we greatly appreciate...

Things We Need:

- Non-Perishable Foods:** Cereal, Hearty Soups, Canned Meat, Canned Fruit, Canned Tuna, Canned Corn, Maco, Long Grain White Rice, Tomato Sauce, Spiced Chicken, Canned Milk, Hot Mustard, Canned Beans, Pasta, Pasta Sauces
- Especially for Seniors:** Dried Fruits, Ready-Made Jell-O & Pudding, Ensure Type Protein Drinks (Please notify if you have), Low Sodium Pull Tab Soups, Low-Sodium Single Serving meals, Low-Sodium Crackers, Green Tea (Any or Sweet), Canned Vegetables, Hard Candies
- NON-FOOD ITEMS:** Toilet Paper, Toothpaste, Free Hairbrush, 20 lbs. Household Paper, Household Linens, etc.

Donate NOW through the end of the Holiday Season!

NOW TAKING DONATIONS
DROP-OFF @ CITY HALL

OR WHEREVER YOU SEE THIS FLYER HANGING!!!

If you'd like your own copy of the flyer or a plain list of items needed, please email Jenny at Jennifer.Foster@ci.monroe.or.us



Announcements: Smoke Testing November 15th-19th

"What is Smoke Testing and how does it work?"

The City is required to conduct annual smoke testing on sewer lines in town. The purpose of the test is to eliminate excess ground water and storm water called (I & I) or Inflow and Infiltration, from entering our sewer lines. During testing, you may experience smoke around your property. Smoke may be seen coming from roof vents, building foundations, clean outs or manhole covers (this is supposed to happen.) The smoke will not enter your home if the home is properly plumbed and vented, and all your sink, tub and floor drains have had some water in them recently. Please add water to drains rarely used to avoid smoke entering your home. **Smoke is a non-toxic, odorless substance which is clean and harmless to humans, pets, food, and material goods.**

Presence of smoke in your home should be reported to City Hall, at (541)847-5175, or to the City crews working in the area. Please avoid unnecessary exposure to the smoke. The smoke is harmless, but smoke of any kind can be irritating to nasal passages for some people. Public Works crews will be visually inspecting both the front and back of the property for any possible signs of leaks. Please inform the onsite crew of any hazards such as very protective dogs. If they identify possible locations of I&I, they will be marking the area and taking pictures. Eliminating excess amounts of I & I is required by the State of Oregon. When testing is conducted, the City will be notifying property owners if problems were identified or found on their property. If you have questions regarding smoke testing, please contact City Hall at 541-847-5175

Smoke testing is used to detect any water other than wastewater entering the sewer system. This water could be coming from roof leaders, cross connections between the wastewater and storm water systems, clean outs, driveway and yard drains, damage to the wastewater system, loose joints in the wastewater pipes, etc. Smoke testing is an inexpensive and effective way to quickly identify inflow and infiltration (I & I) sources. I & I can lead to sanitary sewer overflows (SSOs), which the City needs to eliminate due to State of Oregon and Department of Environmental Quality rules and because they are bad for the environment. City crews position a blower at a manhole and blow smoke down into it. The smoke then travels down the sewer. If there are any openings along the way, some of the smoke will escape through the opening. Smoke may appear to be coming from holes in the ground or vent stacks on houses.

Important Instructions for Residents Prior to Smoke Testing:

1. When you are notified that smoke testing is going to occur in your neighborhood you should make sure that all traps under basins (including garage sinks), washing facilities, and floor drains have water in them. This can be done by pouring 3 cups of water in them or running the faucet for 60 seconds. This will help prevent smoke from entering your home.
2. If you have pets and are not going to be home when smoke testing is being conducted, it would be a good idea to leave several windows partially open for ventilation, should any smoke enter the building
3. If smoke gets into the house, contact City Hall and Open your windows for ventilation and the smoke will soon dissipate.
4. Smoke should not enter your house. If it does, it may be an indication of a defect in your plumbing. This defect could allow sewer gases to enter your house. Sewer gases can be a health hazard. The correction of these defects in your plumbing is the responsibility of the homeowner. A licensed plumber should be consulted to make the corrections properly.

Is the Smoke dangerous? No; The smoke used by the City is odorless and is not hazardous, toxic, or flammable. It is manufactured specifically for this purpose. The smoke may make you cough, but it is not harmful to your health. The smoke will not harm clothing, drapes, or furniture. The smoke is also not harmful to your pets or plants. Smoke that gets in buildings dissipates quickly and leaves no residue or stains.

Monroe Community Library News

November 2021

Hello from the Monroe Community Library! We hope you are all well and that your living room end tables are full of library books just calling out to be read on a cold and stormy evening! Or maybe you have been inside the library lately and have browsed our current DVD selection for a family movie night at home. Or what about our magazine collection? You can always check out either a take home version or you can download a copy with our downloadable app called Libby. There are lots of great ideas to "check out" at the library every day!

We would like to take this opportunity to mention that the Monroe Community Library would love your support. When we opened in late May of 2013 we welcomed our community into a beautiful space that took 8 years of fundraising, planning and collaborations to build. It was a wonderful day and we still LOVE our new building as much as you all do. It was with this love and care that The Monroe Community Library Legacy Fund was created to help preserve this beautiful and historic building. By donating to the Library Legacy Fund, you have the opportunity to participate in keeping our Library's future strong and sustainable. This fund is dedicated to the capital maintenance, enhancement and preservation of the Monroe Community Library, Monroe's most visible community asset. It's easy to donate and this fund gives the entire South Benton community the opportunity to give directly to their library.

****Would you like to have more information? You can call the library at 541-847-5174 or see more information on Facebook at: <http://facebook.com/MonroeCommunityLibraryLegacyFund> ****

We want to thank everyone who has supported the library through The Monroe Community Library Legacy Fund! The Library is a valuable asset to our community and the Legacy Fund ensures that future generations will be able to enjoy the same well-maintained, beautiful library that we have today. The Legacy Fund supports the City of Monroe's efforts at keeping the building in good repair over the next twenty-five years.

Thank you and we'll see you at the library!

Lori and Petra

Your Community Library Specialists



Donate to the Library Legacy Fund today!



*Have extra leaves and grass clippings?
Bring them here!*



The Sharing Gardens can use your **leaves and grass-clippings!** We are a non-profit organization that grows, and donates fruits and vegetables to local Food Pantries. **Your leaves and grass help build our compost-piles!** *Please NO weeds, animal waste, trash or sticks/branches, blackberries, holly or roses (too sharp). NO walnut leaves (they can kill plants). JUST LEAVES and GRASS.*

Please bring BAGGED leaves and grass to:

664 Orchard St., Monroe

(bright yellow house behind the big, white Methodist Church) and **leave the bags** in a pile under the big, hickory tree at the back of the church parking lot. **We have plenty of previously-used lawn/leaf bags to share.** They are available in a trash-can underneath the hickory tree. Please take what you can use. **Please don't fill bags too full and tie them lightly** (so we can re-use them).

If you have a large load of un-bagged grass/leaves to drop off, please call ahead.
Please, NO DUMPING! We're all volunteers and it makes a lot of extra work for us!

Questions?

Call Chris and Llyn from 8:30 to noon or 2:00 to 5:00

(541) 847-8797 | shareinjoy@gmail.com | www.TheSharingGardens.blogspot.com

CHRISTMAS CHEER

COMING SOON!!!

Events:

Monroe Community Bazaar!

11/26-11/27 | 10-4pm

MRFPD Light Parade!

12/11 | Sundown/TBA

**FINE
ART &
CRAFTS**

CHRISTMAS
WREATHS & DECOR

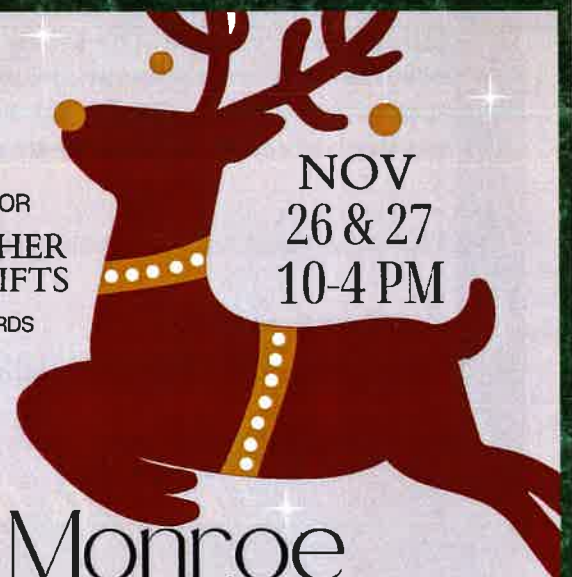
WOOD, LEATHER
AND PAPER GIFTS

BOOKS AND CARDS

JEWELRY

AND MORE!

**NOV
26 & 27
10-4 PM**



**Monroe
Community Bazaar**

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