

Monroe Monthly

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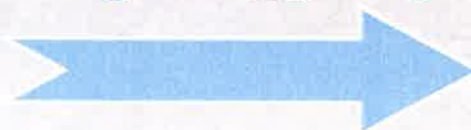
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A little holiday message from the Mayor is on the next page!



Monroe Residents, Neighbors and Friends,

I want to take this opportunity to wish you and your families the very best this holiday season and the coming New Year. As we ring in the Christmas holiday, I just want to acknowledge how far we have come and how truly blessed I feel to take part in the leadership of this city. You have made our community a friendly place that fosters goodwill and generosity toward those in need with the November Food Drive. Over 400 pounds of food was brought to Monroe City Hall and Broadley Vineyards for donation to the South Benton Food Pantry. What an incredible giving spirit our community has this year! It has been an exciting year for Monroe as we've witnessed substantial progress in our city — and we have another year of progress ahead of us. And you—the people of Monroe and your enthusiasm—remain our greatest asset. This shows in our growing reputation as a great place to live, work and raise a family.

This year, we were so happy to bring the community safely together with events for kids and their families. At the September 11th City Park Reopening Celebration, we honored our local first responders, military personnel, veterans, and those we lost 20 years ago with the terrorist attacks at the World Trade Center, Pentagon, and skies over Pennsylvania. We also gathered for the first Halloween Spooktacular at Monroe City Hall handing out candy as well as serving hot cocoa and hot apple cider to all our local trick-or-treaters! In addition, we saw the return of the Holiday Gathering at the Library and the Monroe Light Parade bringing everyone together to watch and enjoy all the holiday floats and welcoming Santa to the City of Monroe.

A big THANK YOU goes out the Monroe Rural Fire Protection District and Chief Rick Smith for organizing the Monroe Light Parade! Also, a THANK YOU and SHOUT OUT to Lori Pelkey and her husband, Craig, with the Monroe Community Library, Erin Ritch with the Monroe Community Library Legacy Fund as well as City of Monroe volunteers Jennifer Foster, Dallas Davis, and their kids for handing out candy, glowsticks, popcorn, hot cocoa and hot apple cider for the excited Light Parade crowd. It was a great night to usher in the holiday season!

I want to also thank and I'm incredibly grateful for our City Hall staff including Jennifer, Jonah, Mark, and Steve along with the City of Monroe's Community Engagement Subcommittee who organized the City Park Reopening Celebration, Halloween Spooktacular, November Food Drive, and Holiday Gathering at the Library. We have more events planned for 2022 including the Monroe Festival and Movies at the Park! #staytuned

All of us at City Hall know that while we enjoy the many successes of this past year, there are still challenges ahead of us. This holiday season, it is important for all of us to focus on continuing to help others in our community. From volunteering time to charitable organizations or serving the less fortunate by donating food, there is truly no greater holiday feeling than that of serving others. I encourage our entire community to do some act of kindness this season. We could all use a little extra holiday cheer in these unprecedented times. We are entering 2022 in the fortunate position of being a city in the midst of a transformation. There remains much work to be done, but we are not afraid to face our challenges. You are the reason for this momentum.

You make me proud to be Mayor of Monroe and I am sincerely honored to continue to serve you. I look forward to the opportunities that lay ahead of us in 2022. I wish you a safe, happy, and healthy holiday season.

Happy Holidays and a Happy New Year!
Best wishes,

Mayor Dan Sheets

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Monroe Community Library News January 2022



Library Hours:

Monday: 10:30 am-4:30 pm

(closed for lunch from 1:00 pm-1:30 pm)

Tuesday: 1:00 pm-7:00 pm

Wednesday: 1:00 pm-7:00 pm

Thursday: 10:30 am-4:30 pm

(closed for lunch from 1:00 pm-1:30 pm)

Saturday: 12:00 pm-3:00 pm

Greetings from the Monroe

Community Library! First of all we want to say how nice it was to see all the pictures on Facebook of the 2021 Light Parade and to see our community out enjoying the season! As we all turn our calendars to the New Year, we look forward to good things on the horizon.

- Lori and Petra

For the adults, we are excited to announce **The 2021 -2022 Random Review schedule is available!**

Visit this link: <https://cbcpubliclibrary.net/random-review/> (Recordings of previous Random Review presentations can also be found at that link.)

On **Wednesday, January 12, 12 PM** Dee Curwen will review "After the Last Border" by Jessica Goudeau. Register here for this virtual webinar: <https://register.gotowebinar.com/register/842270306922471693>

Attention everyone with young children!

We welcome you to participate in our

Read 1000 Books Before Kindergarten program!

Sharing just one book a day gives your child the building blocks for lifelong success! Your child will receive a prize at the 500 and 1000 books milestones.

Want to get started? This year there are two ways you can choose to participate!

Option 1: Request a **Starter Pack** to track your child's reading using paper logs. Starter packs are available by delivery or pick-up at the library.

Option 2: Participate online with the *1000 Books Before Kindergarten Challenge* on **Beanstack**, a free website and app for tracking reading. You'll earn digital badges as you share books with your child! For more information visit

<https://cbcpubliclibrary.net/1000books/> or call us at the Monroe Community Library at 541-847-5174

Thank you for visiting the Monroe Community Library – we love to see everyone each and every time you visit. Everyone is welcome here!

We will see you at the library!

Your friends, Petra and Lori



It's a bittersweet start to the new year as we digest the retirement of our beloved Fire Chief, Rick Smith, from the Monroe Rural Fire Protection District after an impressive total service of 38 years to this City and all of South Benton County. He will be impossible to replace and greatly missed (—but not for too long because he's already been told several times he'll be getting personal invitations for every City event here in the future until he's sick of us!)

We hope you got a chance to say goodbye-for-now at his day of retirement celebration on December 31st, or at the amazing 2021 Light Parade organized and hosted by the Chief and MRFPD.

Join us in saying CONGRATULATIONS again, Chief Rick, and we hope you enjoy the MUCH-DESERVED time of peace with your family! Thank you for everything you've done for us!



Are you in need of assistance with your utility bills? Its been a tough year. Here are some resources that could help get you on your feet:

Local - Community Services Consortium : <https://www.wecarecorvallis.org/> Federal:

https://nilhc.org/sites/default/files/FAQs_Emergency-Rental-Assistance.pdf

As always, we are here to help you. Let us know if you need to make payment arrangements, or if you have any questions, by emailing cityhall@ci.monroe.or.us.