



### Input needed on housing study

In the July edition of the newsletter we talked about the housing study that we have partnered with WIU on. The study is now at the stage where it requires public input.

The survey, intended for anyone living or working in Monmouth, will be available to complete online over the next several weeks. Copies also can be picked up at Monmouth City Hall. All responses will be held confidential and only summary information will be included in discussions that will be shared with the public at a later date.

The survey link for English is here: <http://bit.ly/COMstudy>

The survey link for Spanish is here: <http://bit.ly/COMstudies>

**City Council Meetings at City Hall**  
Monday, October 2nd, at 7 p.m.  
and Monday, October 16th, at 7 p.m.



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### Two MPD Officers Promoted



*Investigator Brandon Blackman was promoted to the rank of Sergeant. Sgt. Blackman has over 10 years of service and is a Warren County native.*



*Sgt. Joe Bratcher was promoted to the rank of Lieutenant. Lt. Bratcher has over 19 years of service and is also a Warren County native.*

## Road Construction completed on South Sunny Lane

The contractors finished the South Sunny Lane road project last month. This was an excellent example of a public/private infrastructure project. The road reconstruction and drainage improvements were primarily funded by the private sector and went from design to completion in a surprisingly quick 14 weeks.



Contributions from Big River Resources, West Central FS and a local foundation helped us to bring a new and improved road designed for the maximum weight limit of any vehicle.

## City and Smithfield Partner on Major Wastewater Treatment Improvements

The City of Monmouth and Smithfield Foods have formally entered into a very important agreement that will allow the City to undertake \$3 million worth of major improvements at its North Pre-Treatment Plant that will ensure the viability of continued operations at the Smithfield hog processing facility well into the foreseeable future. Under the terms of this memorable contract, Smithfield will pay the City an amount equal to the City's debt service obligation for the next 20 years to repay its \$3 million loan, the proceeds from which will finance the following improvements at the pre-treatment plant:

The repair and upgrade of the second clarifier that allows suspended solids to settle out of the wastewater while allowing the biological and chemical breakdown of pollutants that lowers the strength of the waste stream and treats water by reducing contaminants. This 50 year old clarifier is not currently operational and the other clarifier is equally as old with questionable reliability.

The replacement of the existing sewage forcemain that transports the wastewater from the Smithfield plant to the pre-treatment facility, with a new, larger diameter pipe. The current pipe is old and deteriorated, and has experienced numerous breaks, which could result in an immediate shutdown of this major employer in Monmouth. The new forcemain will enable both Smithfield and the City to allow for hog processing operations to continue uninterrupted for years to come.

The complete upgrade and reconstruction of the antiquated and unreliable electrical network that operates the pre-treatment facility. The current system is so old that it is nearly impossible to find the necessary electrical components to keep the plant operating, because these parts are so old the replacements are no longer manufactured by the electrical service industry. Clearly another significant threat to both the pre-treatment facility and, consequently, Smithfield hog processing operations.

This agreement and these major improvements are long-term assurance for the entire Monmouth community for the proper treatment of wastewater discharges from a business leader that provides employment for many residents and their families, while also ensuring continued revenues to all local units of government as a major contributor to the Monmouth-Warren County property tax base.

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