



Infrastructure Projects Underway and Planned

The City of Monmouth is currently undertaking several very important major infrastructure projects to position the community for future growth and to avoid potential problems. The City recently drilled a new water well on Jackson Avenue and is currently constructing the water transmission main down North 6th Street to deliver this source of fresh water to the municipal water treatment facility located at the North Water Plant between E. Harlem and E. Girard Avenues. This project will ensure residents and businesses alike a safe and adequate supply of drinking water for decades to come.



Construction of new water transmission main down North 6th Street, looking south.

Another important project currently under construction is the replacement of the screw pumps at the combined sewer overflow treatment plant just east of the cemetery to move wastewater to the holding lagoons during periods when there is excess flow due to rain events and whereby the flow rate exceeds the

north wastewater treatment plant capacity. This project will address state and federal mandates requiring municipalities to discharge properly treated and clean effluent into adjoining surface waters such as creeks and rivers. Once these new screw pumps become operational, the City will upsize the pump station that will pump the captured wastewater in the storage lagoon to the north wastewater treatment plant once the flow has decreased after a rain event.



Existing screw pumps in operation at municipal combined sewer overflow facility.

Construction is set to begin on the complete rebuilding of Sunny Lane from W. 11th Avenue to Lovdahl Lane during the first week of August. This project will also include the construction of a new storm sewer to address the surface water runoff issue that affects the current street condition. This \$450,000 project is a joint public-private partnership that effectively leverages limited municipal funds

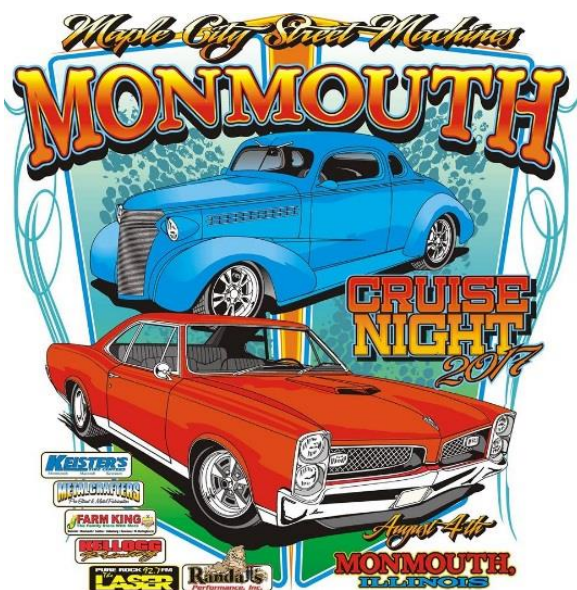
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Monday, August 7, at 7 p.m.
and Monday, August 21, at 7 p.m.

while solving a significant local street and drainage problem.

Two other very important infrastructure improvement projects are designed with bid specifications being finalized, pending financing terms. The first is a \$1 million repair and upgrade of the secondary clarifier at the pre-treatment plant that will facilitate the separation of solids from fluids in wastewater influent prior to phosphorus removal. This process is critical in reducing the biological strength of this wastewater which improves the capability of the municipal sewage treatment plant to meet its discharge limits into surface waters. The other project is about \$1.4 million (including engineering and design) and involves the replacement of the force sewer main where wastewater is pumped under pressure to the north wastewater plant's pretreatment facility. The existing force main has deteriorated to a point where a major rupture in the pipe could occur causing a significant discharge of pollutants into the open. Both of these projects would be completed under an agreement with local industry to secure and strengthen Monmouth's economic base.

—Lew Steinbrecher, City Administrator

Cruise Night



You won't want to miss Cruise Night on Friday, August 4. It's one of the biggest car shows in Illinois!

Cruise Night attracts an average of 1,500 vehicles and more than 25,000 spectators. So hit the road and admire everything from muscle cars to low riders to convertibles and 4x4 trucks. There is something for everyone! You'll also find plenty of food vendors, live music, commemorative T-shirts, door prizes and 50/50 drawings.

This free community event is held in downtown Monmouth and is sponsored by the Maple City Street Machines car club.

City Hall closes early that day at 2 p.m. Cars will begin to arrive as early as 7 a.m. for the festivities.



The third annual BaconFest is Friday, August 11. It runs from 5 p.m. to 9 p.m. and features events such as a bacon-eating contest, live music and, of course, plenty of BACON! Tickets are not necessary this year (except for beer). Each vendor will have a \$3 tasting option.

Come out to the Square and pig out!

Congratulations, Chief Switzer!

At our City Council meeting on July 3, Joe Switzer was sworn in as our police chief.

Chief Switzer began his Monmouth Police Department career as an officer in 1994. He was promoted to sergeant in 2002, lieutenant in 2004, and deputy chief in 2012. Chief Switzer is a graduate of the FBI National Academy and also attends annual training provided by the FBI. Last year, he recertified as one of the department's Master Firearms Instructors.

"I am excited about becoming the Chief of Police and the direction our department is

headed," Chief Switzer said. "We have a professional department, and we have a great community to serve. In the coming weeks and months, I will be working to improve our customer service, so that we offer the type of service that our residents deserve."



Mayor Rod Davies congratulates Chief Switzer on his promotion.

Warren County 911 Dispatch Center

The Warren County 911 Dispatch Center is located at the Monmouth Police Department, with eight full-time and four part-time telecommunicators.

EMD. Beginning later this summer, our 911 dispatchers will be able to give medical advice to callers. As part of the emergency medical dispatching (EMD) platform, dispatchers will have flip cards that cover many typical symptoms such as shortness of breath, cuts, abdominal pain, and chest pain. Dispatchers will be able to go through a list of standardized instructions with the caller to provide life-saving procedures. Currently, our dispatchers are not able to give medical advice due to liability concerns.

These pre-arrival instructions are endorsed by the American College of Emergency Physicians and the National Association of EMS Physicians.

Weather. During storms, if you hear the siren go off, there is no need to double-check with

the dispatchers. Please take shelter and find updates on the Warren County 911 Facebook page or the radio. Let's save the phone calls for people who are in an emergency situation. If your power goes out, please contact Ameren—not the police.

Stats. The Dispatch Center is responsible for dispatching for 20 entities in Warren County and is also the backup 911 emergency call center for Mercer and Knox counties. In 2016, the Dispatch Center received 9,857 calls to 911. The Dispatch Center received an additional 58,899 calls on the non-emergency telephone lines. There were 112,543 total radio transmissions. The MPD is the largest agency the Dispatch Center services with 18,690 calls for service. There are currently two fully equipped radio and computer consoles with a third computer terminal.

Well, Actually ...

You have questions? We have answers!

I heard that the City will pay for some of the costs for residential sidewalks. How do I make a request?

Depending on available funds, the City will pay 50% of residential sidewalk repairs (not to exceed \$4 a square foot). There are a few stipulations, but the process is pretty straightforward. You will need to provide our zoning department with two estimates for your project, and you must receive approval before the work begins.

Given the City's current budgetary restrictions, access to this program may be limited on a first-come-first-served basis due to the availability of municipal funds.

Other requirements:

- For a sidewalk, the minimum depth of the concrete must be four inches thick. If the sidewalk crosses a driveway, the minimum depth of the concrete must be six inches thick.

- When a property is located on a corner and the replacement of the sidewalk includes a crosswalk, a handicap ramp must be constructed.

Homeowners will not be reimbursed for work they do themselves. Please ask for an estimate from a licensed and insured contractor. Here are two companies that repair sidewalks in Monmouth and are familiar with our requirements:

Leary Construction: (309) 368-1690
 Maple City Construction: (309) 734-5185

Please submit your request to:
 Wade Woodward, Director of Zoning
 City of Monmouth
 100 E. Broadway
 Monmouth, IL 61462

If there is something you've wondered about that relates to living in Monmouth, let us know by emailing info@cityofmonmouth.com. We will answer some general interest questions here periodically. Be sure to look at the FAQ section of our website as well!

CoWoMo



offers the opportunity to get out of the house and work in an upbeat environment with others. Sometimes a little noise is motivating! (And delicious Scots Roast coffee doesn't hurt.)

If you would like to join us for our next free CoWoMo event, please stop by the upstairs Community Room at the Library on

The City of Monmouth hosts coworking (CoWoMo) events at the Warren County Public Library on the second Thursday of the month. For people who have a home-based business or work remotely, coworking

Thursday, August 10, any time from 9 a.m. until 11:30 a.m. There is WiFi, so you can work on your phone or laptop. You can do your regular work, of course, or get through your email, write a blog post, or update your social media sites.

Inside Our Water Plant



These are four of our massive Tonka water softeners.

At each location, we have access to the SCADA (supervisory control and data acquisition)



system controls. Every aspect of the plant feeds into here, which allows our operators to make their

rounds and attend to the needs of the plant quickly.



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