



City to Undertake Housing Needs Study

The Monmouth City Council has approved a proposal from the Northern Illinois University Center for Governmental Studies to assist the City in its strategic planning to address the community's housing issues. The housing needs assessment will analyze recent changes in the characteristics of Monmouth residents resulting in a more diverse population with varying housing needs and desires. Information on household size, age, income, employment and other factors will help the City understand opportunities and challenges.

One of the most critical components of this housing study will be an evaluation of the market demand for housing in Monmouth. This analysis will include a careful examination of the aging of households with their movement through the housing cycle, the formation of new households, migration of households for employment opportunities, the loss of existing units, and demand created by the need to reach the natural vacancy rate. Researchers will obtain information on the housing preferences of newer residents, young adults, and aging residents, as well as people who work in Monmouth but live elsewhere. The City will seek the cooperation of major employers to survey their employees.

The study will also take a look at the special demand for housing units in historic downtown Monmouth to create a more balanced downtown with a sizable population for long-term sustainability. The study is expected to begin this month and should be completed by mid-December.

—Lew Steinbrecher, City Administrator

July 4 Fun

Fly-In

The Monmouth Flying Club will hold its 51st annual Fly-In Breakfast at the Monmouth Municipal Airport from 7 a.m. until 10:30 a.m. on July 4. Our airport has the distinction of being the oldest continually operated airport in Illinois.

The club was formed in 1966 to generate interest in aviation. They help aspiring pilots attain their first license and provide ongoing training for local pilots. The purpose of the Fly-In Breakfast is to celebrate aviation in Monmouth. An average of 1,200 breakfasts are served, and each year there are nearly 100 visiting aircraft.



The pilot in command for each aircraft arrival receives a ticket for free breakfast! Breakfast includes ham, eggs, toast, hash browns, gravy, donuts, fruit cups, coffee and orange juice.

Tickets:

\$8 for those over 12

\$6 for children, 6-12 (kids 5 and under are free!)

Save \$1 by buying tickets in advance from City Hall, Monmouth Flying Club members, or any Monmouth bank.

City Council Meetings at City Hall

Monday, July 3, at 7 p.m.
and Monday, July 17, at 7 p.m.

Fireworks

Please join us for our annual fireworks display at Citizens Lake! The fireworks will begin around 8:45 p.m., depending on darkness and the weather.

If you can't make it, we have another option for you: live stream the fun on the City of Monmouth's Facebook page.

Forklifts and Facelifts

As you drive around downtown Monmouth this month you may hear jackhammers or see forklifts. It's summer, so that means lots of improvements are underway!

Several of the buildings received matching facade grants from the City. Building owners in our historic downtown may apply to receive grants for half the costs of facade projects (up to a maximum of \$7,500). Facade improvements range from masonry repairs to more cosmetic enhancements such as paint, lighting and awnings.

A few projects:

- The Buchanan Center for the Arts is renovating their beautiful building and replacing the sidewalk. They received a \$7,500 facade grant.
- The Warren County Public Library is installing a new sidewalk.
- The brick building that houses Shyvel's Photography Studio and the Diffusion Hair Studio has had its north wall tuckpointed and repaired. They will begin to work on the south wall next, thanks to a \$7,500 facade grant.
- The City of Monmouth bought the former Vaughn Jewelers building last fall. Masonry repair work is underway and will be completed in mid-July. The paint is being sodablashed off to reveal the original brick. The mortar will be replaced, and a new roof will be installed. Once the building is looking its best, the City will be ready to find a developer to purchase the building and make interior improvements. The second floor has terrific views of downtown,

and it would be a great place for loft apartments.

Achiever of the Month

Congratulations to Deputy Chief Joe Switzer, who received the Warren Achievement Center/Review Atlas "Achiever of the Month" award for his work in the community! Switzer's many accomplishments include his 26 years with the Monmouth Police Department, his service to our country in the U.S. Army and the Illinois National Guard, his work with the West Central Leadership board, Little League, Kiwanis, and other community activities such as serving as a celebrity dancer for the Dancing for Dreams YMCA fund-raisers. Switzer is also involved with the Monmouth Police Department's programs for children: the fishing derby, the downhill derby, and Shop with a Cop.



The award was presented by Sean Cavanaugh, marketing coordinator for the Warren Achievement Center, in a surprise ceremony at the Monmouth Police Department on June 15.

Farmers' Market



The Farmers' Market is every Friday from 8 a.m. to noon. It is located at the corner of North Main Street and West Boston and features fresh, local fruits and vegetables, honey, baked goods, plants, and other items.



Community Shred Day July 22

Come out to the Transfer Station on Saturday, July 22, from 9 a.m. to noon, to dispose of documents securely. This service is offered at no cost to the public. The Transfer Station is located on 186th Avenue (1/4 mile off of South 11th Street).

On our last Shred Day in April, we recycled a whopping 6,394 pounds of paper. Can we top that this time?

Successful Clean-Up Week

Our spring clean-up week was a hit! We tossed out 253.87 tons of material.

Lawn Bags

Just a reminder that no brush or litter should be put in your yard waste bags. We have found bricks and glass bottles recently. Please help us by recycling properly.

Eco-Friendly Ideas for Your Trash Cans

Since Millennium Waste Inc. has provided carts for trash pick-up, you may be wondering what to do with your old cans. Eagle Enterprises Recycling, our recycling company, will pick them up for you. Please rinse out your cans and leave a "Recycle me!" note on them, so it's obvious you want them recycled.

There are lots of ways to upcycle your cans, too—everything from storing compost to creating a rain barrel. Look online for tips to repurpose your cans.

Monmouth City Pool

This is a great month to cool off at the Monmouth City Pool, located near the

intersection of U.S. 67 and West Broadway Ave. (southwest corner).

Daily Admission

- Ages 5 to adult: \$3.
- Ages 4 and under: \$1.
- Family memberships are available.
- Evening rentals are available for birthday parties, class reunions, and team parties.

Features

- Wading pool
- Small water slide
- Diving board
- Concession stand

Please call (309) 734-4069 if you have any questions.

The pool is open daily, from noon until 6 p.m., though it may sometimes be closed due to low attendance or inclement weather. Please check the pool's Facebook page (Monmouth City Pool) for regular updates.

Happy Retirement to Chief Feithen!



At the City Council meeting on June 19, 2017, Mayor Rod Davies presented retiring Police Chief Bill Feithen with a plaque to thank him for his service to Monmouth. Chief Feithen expressed his gratitude to the members of the police department and said it was an honor to serve the community, and that he is happy to be able to close his career here.

Reading by Design!

The Warren County Public Library's summer reading program is Reading by Design! Stop by the library and pick up a schedule of events, or look at their Warren County Public Library Summer Reading Facebook page. All events are free and open to the public.

There are four categories for the summer reading program:

Read to Me for kids under 5: Parents will read to their children. For every 30 minutes of reading, your child is eligible to win up to two prizes a week.

Kids from 6-7: For every 30 minutes of reading, you are eligible to win up to two prizes a week.

Kids from 8-12: For every two hours of reading, you are eligible to win up to two prizes a week.

Teens from 13-18: There is no need to register to participate. Fill out a slip of paper for each book you read, and write a sentence about it.

Each book increases your chances of winning a weekly teen-only prize!



Have you been training for the BaconFest bacon-eating contest? Check out the BaconFestMonmouth Facebook page for the entry form!

BaconFest is August 11. During the day of the event, eight names will be drawn from a hat to participate. The winner will be awarded a booklet worth one free year of bacon!



City of Monmouth
Monmouth City Hall
100 East Broadway
Monmouth, IL 61462
(309) 734-2141

Copyright © 2017. City of Monmouth.
All rights reserved.

If you have Internet access, you can sign up to receive the digital version of this newsletter.
Subscribe here: <http://www.cityofmonmouth.com/index.php/city-newsletter>