

**City Manager's Report**  
*Brian J. Borne, Interim City Manager*  
*Week Ending April 29, 2022*

***Charlotte Monroe Executive Airport***

***Peter Cevallos, Manager, Charlotte Monroe Executive Airport***



***Engineering***

***Sarah McAllister, Director of Engineering***

**New Hires and Promotions:**

Parke Richards has been promoted to Equipment Operator I.

Tyler Burris has transferred from Energy Services and been promoted to Equipment Operator II.

John Mullis has been hired as an Equipment Operator I.

Jennifer Wagner has been promoted to Stormwater Construction Inspector II.

Chad Splawn has been promoted to Civil Engineer I.

Zach Ross has transferred from the Fire Department and been promoted to Construction Inspector II.

***Fire***

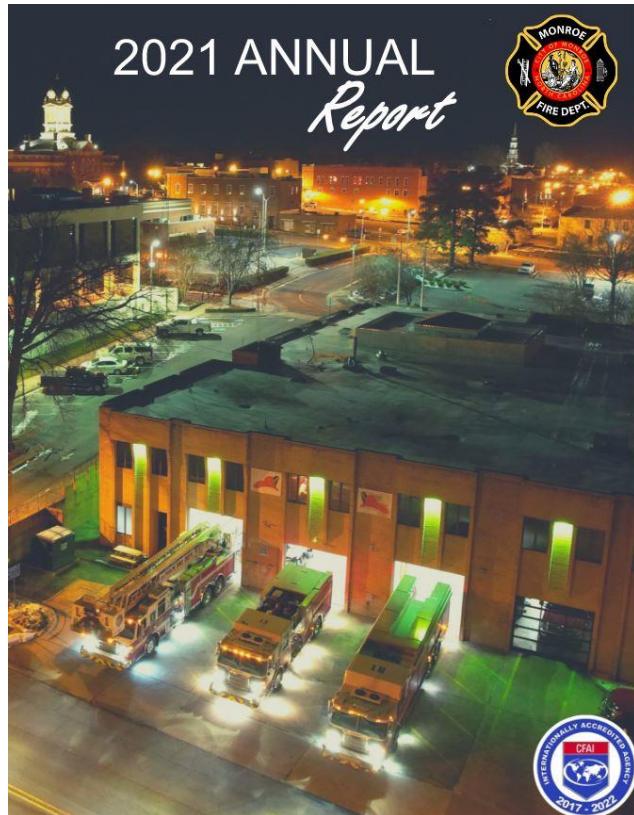
***Ron Fowler, Chief, Fire Department***

**Monroe Fire Department 2021 Annual Report:**

The Fire Department's 2021 Annual Report is complete and available for our citizens. The report, which is compiled in-house by fire department staff, contains an overview of the fire department's services and activities during 2021 along with general information on the department itself. The

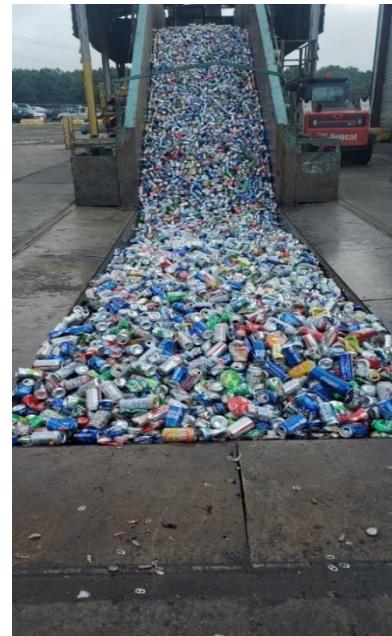
report can be found on the Fire Department's page of the city's website and by following the attached link.

<https://www.monroenc.org/Departments/Fire>



#### **“Save Cans – Save Kids”:**

The Fire Department supports the Union County Chapter of the Firefighters' Burned Children Fund by maintaining aluminum can recycling trailers at Fire Station 2 and Fire Station 3/Aquatics Center parking lot. This organization is dedicated to the support, education, and recovery of burn survivors and their families and the prevention of burn injuries. They also support the two burn centers in North Carolina, which are Baptist in Wake Forest and the Jaycee Burn Center. Captain Kevin Philemon and Captain Jason Easter serve on the board of this chapter, which has helped burn survivors in the City as well as supported the fire prevention education efforts. The Fire Marshal Division recently emptied the can trailer from Fire Station 3 at Metal Recyclers in Monroe. The approximately 800 pounds of aluminum cans netted \$896.00 for the Union County Firefighters Burned Children's Fund. Thank you to all who help with can donations at Fire Stations 2 and 3.





### ***Energy Services***

***Rob Miller, Interim Director of Energy Services***

#### **Energy Services Department**

Energy Services and the Purchasing Division worked together to advertise a Request for Qualifications (RFQ) seeking a qualified firm for Architectural Design and Construction Administration for the Energy Services Building. Qualifications are due June 6, 2022.

### ***Parks and Recreation***

***Ryan Jones, Director of Parks and Recreation***

#### **Monroe Aquatics and Fitness Center (MAFC)**

##### **Did you know that April is Parkinson's Awareness Month?**

The MAFC's Novant Health and Wellness Center is offering two on-going Parkinson's programs to members and non-members.

These programs provide support, education, and awareness of community services available in dealing with this chronic disease.

##### **Parkinson's Support Group:**

The group meets every third Monday of the month at 12 pm.

This support group is for people with Parkinson's, their spouses and other support individuals. Each class includes a guest speaker that is educated about Parkinson's disease.

There are various benefits to joining a Parkinson's disease support group, including:

- Regular support
- Education about your condition and ways to manage it
- A chance to learn new coping skills
- Finding comfort in people to which you can relate
- Opportunities for empowerment and growth

### **Power Up!**

This exercise class meets every Tuesday and Thursday at 9:30 am.

Power Up enhances mobility, flexibility, strength, and cognition. It increases coordination, balance, endurance, and promotes wellness in general. The instructor holds a special certification, which enables teaching to the Parkinson's population and their support individuals.

For questions or more details, please contact Nurse Tracey or Nurse Sheila at 704-282-4693.



### **Parks Maintenance:**

Warm weather has brought heavy usage to our parks. With Belk Tonawanda Park closed for the Phase 1B renovation, Dickerson Recreation Complex has seen an incredible amount of new usage. The Dickerson Recreation Complex outdoor courts have been scheduled to be repainted. The newly renovated outdoor courts will include two new half courts and a full court. The new playground structure at J. Ray Shute Community Center has arrived and should be installed before the middle of May.

### **Recreation:**

#### **Community Centers**

The Spring/Summer Program Guide is ready and we have a ton of activities, camps and recreational opportunities in store for the residents and those living in surrounding areas. *[Click on the link below to take a look:](#)*



## **Athletics**

The United Senior Games began on March 21<sup>st</sup> and will take place until mid-May. Take a look at some of our senior athletes participating in the Bocce event that took place on April 19<sup>th</sup> at the Dickerson Recreation Complex. We would like to express our sincerest thanks to Charlotte Speech and Hearing for sponsoring and attending this event to provide on-site hearing tests to seniors interested or in need. Also, Council on Aging volunteered at this event and provide assistance scoring. Table Tennis also took place last week and featured some very skilled senior table tennis players.



The Monroe Parks and Recreation Department has partnered with [Tennisbloc](#). This ten-week program will allow participants more opportunity to play tennis and pickleball at Dickerson Community Complex (899 N. Johnson St.) beginning in June 2022. Individuals interested may register [here](#).

The Youth Track and Field program began practice on April 11<sup>th</sup>. As seen in the photo, participants were able to enjoy beautiful weather on Thursday, April 21<sup>st</sup>. Practices are currently being held at Central Academy and Technology and Arts (CATA) High School.



Adult Softball Registration is still taking place until April 30<sup>th</sup>. Anyone interested in registering a team may contact Rae Moore, Athletics and Special Events Coordinator, at [rlmoore@monroenc.org](mailto:rlmoore@monroenc.org) to receive a registration packet.



## Special Events

The 2022 Music on Main Concert Series begins Friday, April 22<sup>nd</sup> with the Legacy Motown Revue Band. This band is sponsored by the Union County Arts Council and North Carolina Arts Council. We are very excited to announce this event has been moved to Friday nights. We had a GREAT crowd! Food vendors were delicious and the band was outstanding!



We are also excited to announce the first Outdoor Movie event for this year, featuring "Encanto." This event is in partnership with Union County Parks and Recreation, Wingate University and the Union County Public Library. The event takes place at Dickerson Recreation Complex. The event begins at 7:00 pm and the movie will start when the sun goes down, around 8:15 pm. We will have a delicious lemonade vendor on site, as well as, some tasty donuts and other sweet treats!



Our next Classic Car Cruise In will take place on Friday, May 13<sup>th</sup> and will feature Corvettes!

# 2022 Downtown Cruise-In Line-Up

6:00 PM - 8:00 PM

04/08	Camaros
05/13	Corvettes
06/10	Motorcycles
07/08	Mustangs
08/12	Jeeps
09/09	Chevilles
10/14	Trucks

Reserved parking is not available  
Parking allowed in designated spaces only



For more information contact Rae Moore at  
704-282-4663 or [rmoore@monroenc.org](mailto:rmoore@monroenc.org)



*Planning and Development Department  
Lisa Stiwinter, Director, Planning and Development*

## Community Development Division:

Teresa Campo, Community Development Coordinator, co-led a Performance Management in Community Development course offered through the School of Government on April 28, 2022. The course had 27 attendees from across the state. The course focused on converting performance information into decisions that will enhance the effectiveness, efficiency, and equity of local government community development departments. We are lucky to have such a knowledgeable person on the team with other 25 years of government and non-government experience.

Be sure to check out the Community Development website for news, opportunities, and project updates - <https://www.monroenc.org/Departments/Planning-Development/Community-Development>

**Planning Division:**

The Board of Adjustment and Historic District Commission have open seats.

The Board of Adjustment is a quasi-judicial board. This Board hears and makes decisions on Special Use Permits, Variances, and Appeals.

The Historic District Commission makes quasi-judicial decisions on matters within the Historic District. You must either live in the district or have a demonstrated special interest, experience, or education in history, architectural, archaeology, or related fields to serve on this Commission.

Please note if you are interested in serving on one of these boards, you must attend at least one meeting prior to applying to serve on a Board. The application is on the City's website ([www.monroenc.org](http://www.monroenc.org)). If you have any questions, please contact the Planning Department at 704-282-4520.

**City's Unified Development Ordinance and Zoning Map Update**

On April 12<sup>th</sup>, City Council adopted the new Unified Development Ordinance (UDO) and Zoning Map. The new zoning code and zoning map can be found at the following link until staff is able to prepare a long-term solution to provide this information.  
<http://www.forwardmonroe.com/Transform.html>

**New Hires:****Paiden Holcomb, Building Inspector 1**

Paiden Holcomb has joined the Planning and Development Department as a Building Inspector 1. Paiden comes to the City of Monroe from Madera, CA where he was one of two Combination Building Inspectors. Paiden has six months experience as a residential and commercial inspector, ten years of customer service and three years of residential home building experience. He received an Associate's Degree in Construction and worked for Habitat for Humanity where he gained experience in building homes from the ground up and being a foreman over his own crew. His love for the construction and building standards field comes from his father where he learned many aspects of the field at an early age. Paiden enjoys traveling, building relationships with people and is excited to start a new family soon.