

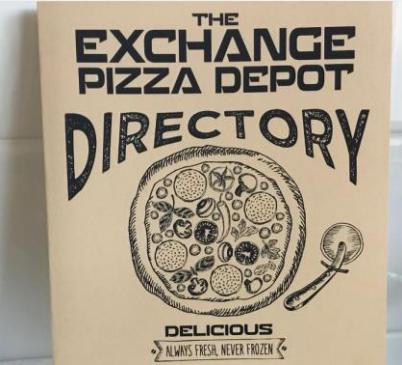
**City Manager's Report**  
*Brian J. Borne, City Manager*  
*Week Ending July 22, 2022*

**Downtown**

**Matthew C. Black, Director, Downtown**

**New Downtown Businesses:**

Americana Beer Co. 222 N. Main Street 	Rech Law, P.C. 200 E. Franklin Street 
Bela Nature 211 S. Main Street 	State Farm- Adriana Cabrera 214 E. Jefferson Street 

<p>Salvage Sassy Design 202 E. Jefferson Street</p> 	<p>The Exchange Pizza Depot 217 N. Hayne Street</p> 
<p>J. Kerr &amp; Co. Real Estate 318 N. Hayne Street</p> 	

### ***Energy Services***

***Rob Miller, Director, Energy Services***

#### **Electric Division:**

The Electric division completed the upgrade of electric primary in the Camelot subdivision.

The Electric division completed the installation of primary, secondary, and street light wire in the Founders Point subdivision.

#### **Natural Gas Division:**

The Natural Gas division completed the relocation of the 6" steel pipeline on Morgan Mill Road for the upcoming NCDOT widening project. The relocation of the 2" pipeline and services will be complete by the end of July.

The Natural Gas division completed the installation of gas main in the Founders Point subdivision.

***Finance***

***Lisa Strickland, Director, Finance***

**Government Finance Officers Association News Release:**

The Government Finance Officers Association of the United States and Canada (GFOA) has awarded the Certificate of Achievement for Excellence in Financial Reporting to the City of Monroe for its annual comprehensive financial report for the Fiscal Year ended June 30, 2021. The report has been judged by an impartial panel to meet the high standards of the program, which includes demonstrating a constructive “spirit of full disclosure” to clearly communicate its financial story and motivate potential users and user groups to read the report.

The Certificate of Achievement is the highest form of recognition in the area of governmental accounting and financial reporting, and its attainment represents a significant accomplishment by a government and its management.



**The Government Finance Officers Association of  
the United States and Canada**

*presents this*

**AWARD OF FINANCIAL REPORTING ACHIEVEMENT**

*to*

**Department of Finance**

City of Monroe, North Carolina



*The Award of Financial Reporting Achievement is presented by the Government Finance Officers Association to the department or individual designated as instrumental in the government unit achieving a Certificate of Achievement for Excellence in Financial Reporting. A Certificate of Achievement is presented to those government units whose annual financial reports are judged to adhere to program standards and represents the highest award in government financial reporting.*

Executive Director

*Christopher P. Morrell*

Date: 7/7/2022

This is the 29<sup>th</sup> consecutive year that the City has received this prestigious award!

## ***Fire***

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

Congratulations to Firefighter Chad Burns on his retirement! Firefighter Burns is retiring effective August 1, 2022 with 20 years of faithful service to the citizens of Monroe. May God bless Chad and his family with a long, healthy and happy retirement!

### **United Way Day of Caring:**

The Fire Department Explorers are helping with some preparation efforts for United Way's Day of Caring. The explorers met and made signs that will be posted at each of the project sights to thank the volunteers that help that day. This is just a little something the explorers are doing to let all the volunteers know how much they are appreciated! Monroe Firefighters will also be visiting the project sights in Monroe and offering free smoke alarm checks and installations on the Day of Caring. The United Way Day of Caring is August 27, 2022 and there are still team entry opportunities available. Anyone interested can contact the United Way office for details at 704-283-1537 or email at [ifallen@uwcentralcarolinas.org](mailto:ifallen@uwcentralcarolinas.org).



## **Parks and Recreation**

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

### **Active Adults**

Through ongoing collaboration with community partners, the Ellen Fitzgerald Senior Center (EFSC) offered educational programs throughout the month of July. Partners to include: Humana; Partners Health Management/Geriatric Adult Specialty Team; North Carolina Cooperative Extension; and, Union County Soil and Water.

In preparation to transition to the new Active Adult Living Center, the EFSC has expanded its hours to include regular Thursday evening programming.



#### **ELLEN FITZGERALD SENIOR CENTER**

City of Monroe Parks and Recreation  
327 South Hayne Street Monroe, North Carolina 28112-5506  
Telephone 704-282-4657 Fax 704-238-9187

#### **HELLO JULY 2022**

*Aging Well, Living Well*  
44 years of serving seniors 55+

Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
<b>July 18, 2022</b>	<b>July 19, 2022</b>	<b>July 20, 2022</b>	<b>July 21, 2022</b>	<b>July 22, 2022</b>
<b>In-Person and Zoom Fitness</b> 9 a- Aerobics 10 a- Range of Motion  9a-1p Ceramics  9a Bags for Benches  1p - 3p Intermediate Line Dance <b>NEW</b>  <b>2 - 3 pm Book Club</b> <i>Eleanor Oliphant is completely fine</i> <i>By Gail Honeyman</i>	<b>In-Person and Zoom Fitness</b> 9a- Mat Yoga 10:00a- Tai Chi Seated Class  9 a - 11 a - Ceramics 11a-2p - Pottery 10 a - 12:00 p - Handwork  10:00a- Spades 12:30p -Bridge 1:00p- Game Time  1-2 p Beginner Line Dance <b>NEW</b>  <b>Trip: Earl Scruggs Center</b> <i>9am - 4 pm</i>	<b>In-Person and Zoom Fitness</b> 9a- Aerobics 10:00a- Range of Motion  9 a-1p - Ceramics 1:30 - 3:30 p- Art Studio  12:15 p - Pinochle  1p - 3p Intermediate Line Dance <b>NEW</b>	<b>In-Person and Zoom Fitness</b> 9a- Mat Yoga 10:00a- Chair Yoga  9a-Walk at Monroe Crossing Mall 9a - 12 p Ceramics 12p-2p- Pottery 10a - 12p Handwork 12p -Canasta 1-2 p Beginner Line Dance <b>NEW</b> <b>1-2 PM Educational Class</b> <i>Briana Walker Frogs and toads of the southeast</i>  6:00-8:00p: Thursday Night Dance Open Studio Ceramics & Pottery	<b>In-Person and Zoom Fitness</b> 9a- Aerobics 10:00a- Range of Motion  9a Bags for Benches  10a-12p- Euchre
<b>July 25, 2022</b>	<b>July 26, 2022</b>	<b>July 27, 2022</b>	<b>July 28, 2022</b>	<b>July 29, 2022</b>
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- **FOCAL POINT WHERE SENIORS 55+ COME TOGETHER FOR SERVICES, CLASSES, ACTIVITIES, AND SOCIALIZATION WHICH ENHANCE THEIR DIGNITY, SUPPORT THEIR INDEPENDENCE, AND ENCOURAGE THEIR INVOLVEMENT IN THE COMMUNITY**
- **MISSION STATEMENT** The Ellen Fitzgerald Senior Center was built by the city of Monroe.
- **MEMBERSHIP**: Requires completion of Membership Registration Form. Fees- No fee for City of Monroe residents; \$60/annually for 1 person or \$90/annually for 2 people.
- **MONTHLY SCHEDULE ON INTERNET** Web address: [Monroenc.org/Departments](http://Monroenc.org/Departments)
- **Monroe does not have a transportation division.** If you need transportation to the center, please call [Union County Transportation 704-292-2511](tel:704-292-2511)
- **CITY OF MONROE'S MASK POLICY:** Masks are optional to wear. You may continue to wear masks, but we will no longer require masks to be worn by employees and customers in City facilities.

## Athletics

### Youth Flag Football Skills Clinic



On July 9, 2022, participants were able to meet their coaches for the regular season and sharpen their football skills. Around 35 participants got back to the gridiron at Parks Williams Athletic Complex and had a blast!

### Her Time to Play (all-girls) Basketball Camp



Her Time to Play (HTTP) Camp 14U will be held on July 25, 2022 at the Dickerson Recreation Complex (899 N. Johnson Street). HTTP is provided by the WNBA and JR. NBA organizations. Through on-court training and off-court life skills, HTTP helps girls build confidence, overcome challenges, and learn values such as teamwork, sportsmanship, and leadership. To register, click [here](#).

Youth Baseball/Softball and Youth Soccer Registration is now open! Registration can be found online [here](#). Limited spots are available. Late registrations will be subject to a \$10 late fee.

**FC Carolinas and Monroe Parks and Recreation partner to offer professional clinics to area youth**



FC Carolinas/Monroe Parks and Recreation Soccer Camp – Monroe Parks and Recreation Department has partnered with FC Carolinas to offer soccer camps and programming. The FC Carolinas/Monroe Recreational Soccer Camp is designed for players ages 6-12 who want to improve their fundamental soccer skills in a fun and encouraging environment. Each session will include a variety of technical exercises designed to improve confidence on the ball. Players will also get the opportunity to execute new skills in small sided games. This camp is to be offered August 13, 2022 at Parks Williams Athletic Complex (2011 Ashton Avenue). Registration ends July 31, 2022 at 11:59 p.m. To register, please click [here](#).

**Community Centers:**

**Bridge Builders Camp**



Monroe Parks and Recreation Department partnered with the Monroe Police Department provided this awesome program to summer camp participants from Dickerson, Winchester, J. Ray Shute and Winchester Community Centers. This camp provides opportunities to learn about how to stay in a safe environment and understand your surroundings. It also helps the Police introduce themselves to the youth of the community.

### **Let's Tee Off Golf Camp partnered with Serve Unity**



Monroe Parks and Recreation, Monroe Country Club and Serve Unity Outreach teamed up to provide area children the opportunity to be introduced to and enjoy the game of golf! Kids were exposed to professional instruction and were able to play a few holes on the course. Kids also enjoyed an awesome awards banquet on the last day.

### **Unified Diversified Industries Camp at Sutton Park**



Monroe Parks and Recreation teamed up with Unified Diversified Industries (UDI) to provide some fun recreational opportunities to participants. UDI started in 1970 as a result of a Monroe Jaycees Project with the mission to enhance the lives of adults with developmental disabilities. Over 50 years later, this organization is still enhancing lives. UDI is a hybrid company that bridges the gap between two major categories of individuals: underemployed adults with developmental disabilities; and, manufacturing organizations that are looking to outsource repetitive processes.

### **Monroe Aquatics and Fitness Center:**

Exercising in the water is a great fitness choice for most people, regardless of age or fitness level. Water fitness is a low-impact activity that is still aerobically intense. This means you can improve your health (your heart, lungs, circulation, etc.) while placing minimal stress on your joints and working at your own pace. Impact can be adjusted from about 50% of body weight in shallow water to zero in deep water. Since liquid resistance surrounds your body, exercising in the water benefits your muscular system as well. You can also use water-specific equipment (water buoys, noodles, etc.) to provide more resistance and challenge a muscle's endurance. Since we know that cross-training is best for our overall health, why not try lap-swimming or try a water fitness class to see if you'd like to add it to your workout routine? The Novant Health Wellness Center Nurses offer programs geared toward using the benefits of water exercise. The MAFC Group Fitness Department offers 18 classes a week. Whether you need morning, evening, shallow, deep or just range-of-motion for your joints, our classes can help you add a different aspect to your exercise regimen. Join us!

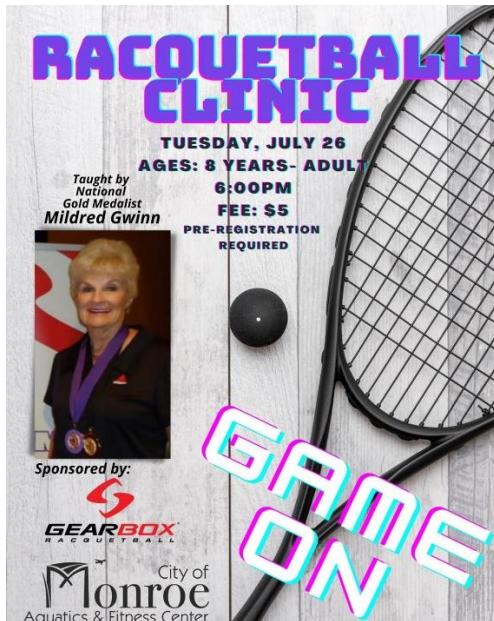


### **MAFC Summer Camp**

MAFC Summer Campers had an OVERSIZED fun Friday with a 30-inch pizza party and visits from the City of Monroe's Police Department, Fire Department, Energy Services Department, Union County Sheriff's Department, EMS and the NC Forest Services, not to mention YUMMY lemonade. Campers learned about fire safety, when to call EMS, stranger danger, ways the Police help us in the community and ways to keep our forests safe. Thanks Union County and the City of Monroe!!!



Learn from the BEST! Mildred Gwinn is a national gold medalist, sponsored by Gearbox, and will be holding a racquetball clinic July 26, 2022 at 6 p.m. Open to ages 8 years through adult. Beginners welcome! Learn the basics or improve your skills! Cost is only \$5. Pre-registration required at the front desk.



## Parks Maintenance:

### Belk Tonawanda Park

Parks and Recreation officially opened the lower and main portion of Belk Tonawanda Park to the public on July 4, 2022!

New amenities include additional walking trails throughout the park, the renovation and relocation of some beautiful bocce courts, fitness station, outdoor table tennis and outdoor cornhole boards (equipment for cornhole, bocce and table tennis are not provided, so make sure you bring your own).

Construction has begun on the splash pad and we are looking forward to an opening later this summer.



## Special Events:

July 22, 2022 – Music on Main Concert Series featured “The Catalinas.” Monroe Parks and Recreation Department featured the Catalinas on July 22, 2022 at 6:30 p.m. for Music on Main. The Catalinas are celebrating their 65<sup>th</sup> anniversary this year (2022)!

Be sure to stop by for next month’s concert, the “*Band of Oz*” in Downtown Monroe. Food vendors will be onsite as well as a beverage vendor! And, be sure to check out all of the Downtown Merchants while you are dancing to the music!



July 29, 2022 – Outdoor Movie Event partnered with Union County Parks and Recreation Department. Bring the family out for a movie in the park at Dickerson Recreation Complex (899 N. Johnson Street). This month’s event features the move “LUCA.”



### Other:

July is the official Park and Recreation month. During this month, the National Recreation and Parks Association is encouraging park and recreation agencies to showcase the ways in which they faithfully serve their communities all year long, as well as how community members can support the work of their local agencies.

Parks are at the center of so many experiences and memories – moment that park and recreational professionals help make happen. They are places to gather with friends and family, spaces to celebrate life's special moments, spots of respite and healing, sites to connect us with essential community services and so much more. The services that park and recreation professionals provide are vital for our communities – from protecting open space and natural resources to helping to provide activities and resources for all people. This has been especially true throughout the COVID-19 pandemic. Park and Recreation month encourages everyone to reflect on the exponential value park and recreation professionals bring to communities.

For this year's Park and Recreation month, we want to hear our community's stories about what parks and recreation mean to them. Community members are encouraged to share stories about how parks and recreation benefits their lives through social media using the hashtag #RiseUpJuly or by simply emailing his/her submission to [rlmoore@monroenc.org](mailto:rlmoore@monroenc.org).

All other programs offered throughout the summer can be found in our Program Guide. Click below to learn more:



## ***Water Resources***

***Scott E. Clark, Director, Water Resources***

### **Water Treatment Division:**

In the photo below, our Water Treatment Laboratory Chemists (Lolita Lewis and Lauren Carnes) are analyzing samples, ensuring water quality meets state and federal requirements. Our Chemists collect and analyze 30-Bacteriological samples per month.

They also test 5-maximum residual samples per week, which includes analysis for chlorine, mono-chloramine, free-ammonia, pH, Iron, Manganese, and Phosphates. Our Chemists and Operators collect and analyze over 60-process control samples per day. Thank you to our staff for the great job they do every day!



#### **Electrical/Instrumentation/Mechanical (EIM) Division:**

Our EIM Team is working with Water Treatment staff to replace a raw water pump motor at Lake Twitty Dam. Hat's off to our EIM and Water Treatment staff for coordinating the work so well!



**Water Resources New Hires, Advancements, and Retirements:**

**Advancements**

Manuel (Manny) Carrillo promoted to Crew Leader I, Maintenance Division