

City Manager's Report
Brian J. Borne, City Manager
Week Ending November 25, 2022

Parks and Recreation
Ryan Jones, Director, Parks and Recreation

Active Adults:

The Ellen Fitzgerald Senior Center's ceramics class is in full swing! Everyone is working hard to put the finishing touches on some of their beautiful Christmas creations.



Michelle Marcano from Veterans Services presented on some of the benefits available to veterans.

Marcus McFarland from NC Cooperative Extension joined us last week for a cooking demonstration. The participants learned how to make a soup with Thanksgiving leftovers.



On November 9th, we honored some of our veterans with a special luncheon. This was a great event and was enjoyed by all who attended! Lunch was sponsored by Humana and



Please click [HERE](#) for our monthly program calendar!

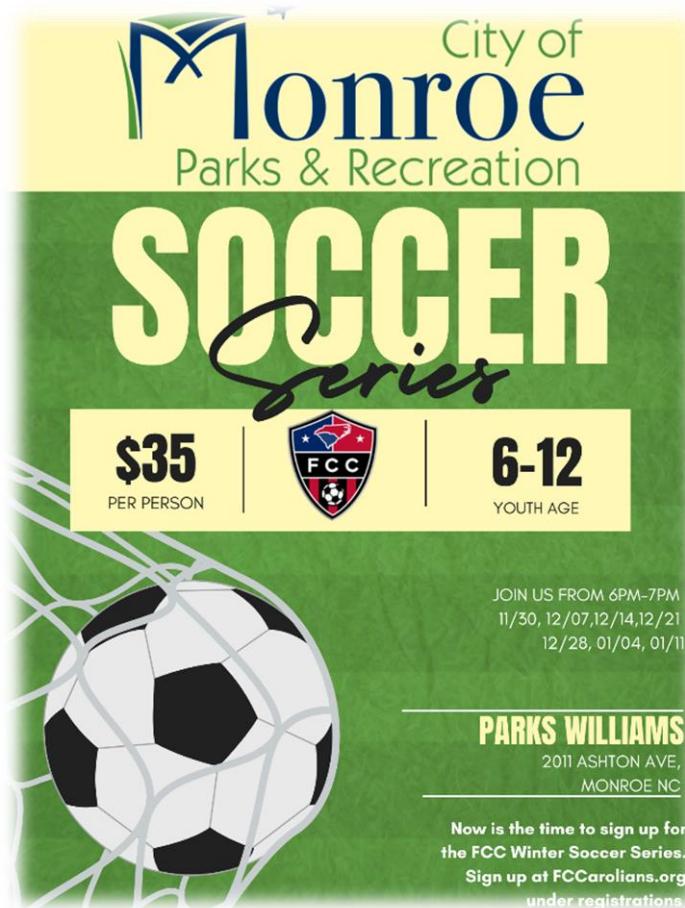
Athletics:

Youth Basketball registration has officially ended. Practices are scheduled to begin November 14th, 2022. Games will begin December 3rd, 2022.

The Monroe Parks and Recreation Department gained a total of 25 teams this season. Let's wish them all good luck as they begin to prepare for the upcoming winter season!

Winter Soccer Series in partnership with FC Carolinas:

Check out this exclusive soccer series on Wednesday nights throughout the Winter months in collaboration between FC Carolinas and Monroe Parks and Recreation to bring soccer training to the Monroe community. [Sign up today!](#)



Monroe Aquatics and Fitness Center:

Our Angel Gift Tree is up and loaded with 100 names of local Union County children and senior adults provided by Union County Christmas Bureau. If you would love to sponsor one or some of our angels, please stop by the facility and choose a name from the tree.

Please gift wrap or place gifts in a decorative bag and return by Wednesday, December 7th.

Thank you for all you do to make this program successful, but more than that, thank you for giving hope to those who need it during this holiday season!



Parks Maintenance:

SEASONAL LOOSE LEAF COLLECTION – OCTOBER 17, 2022 – FEBRUARY 24, 2023

This is a friendly reminder, seasonal loose leaf collection begins Monday, October 17th. The City of Monroe's leaf trucks operate weekdays during this time. City residents can expect their leaf piles vacuumed up at least every 10-14 days, but this cycle can be affected by both weather and the volume of leaves. Residents must place leaf piles at the edge of their yard above the curb, free from foreign debris and away from potential obstructions, while still being within the reach of the leaf trucks. Foreign debris is anything that is not leaves such as limbs, vines, rocks and trash, as these items can damage the vacuum equipment. Obstructions include, but are not limited to parked vehicles, mailboxes, fire hydrants, utility boxes, fences, trees & landscaping. Due to the risk of damage, leaf piles too close to obstructions, or mixed with foreign debris CANNOT be collected. If you have questions about loose leaf collection, please call Parks & Recreation at 704-282-4651.



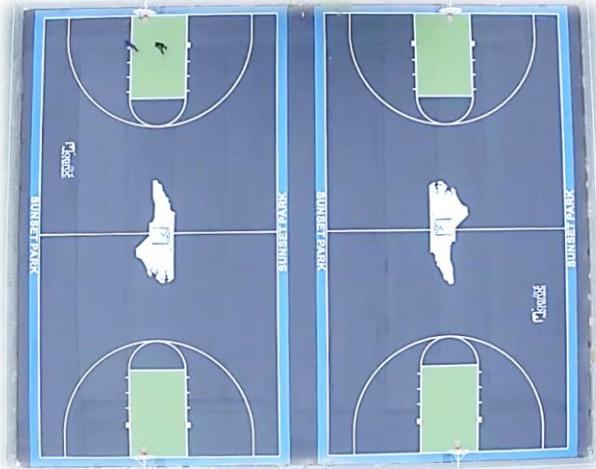
Tis' the season! The Christmas tree is up!

The Monroe Parks and Recreation Maintenance staff have been working hard on setting the tree up this year in time for the Union County Christmas Parade on Sunday, November 20th, 2022.

Staff is also preparing for our department's Annual Christmas Tree Lighting event to be held on Saturday, December 3, 2022 from 6:00pm-8:00pm.



Sunset Park Outdoor Basketball
Court renovations are now complete!
Our department is excited to provide
our community with the new and
improved outdoor basketball courts.



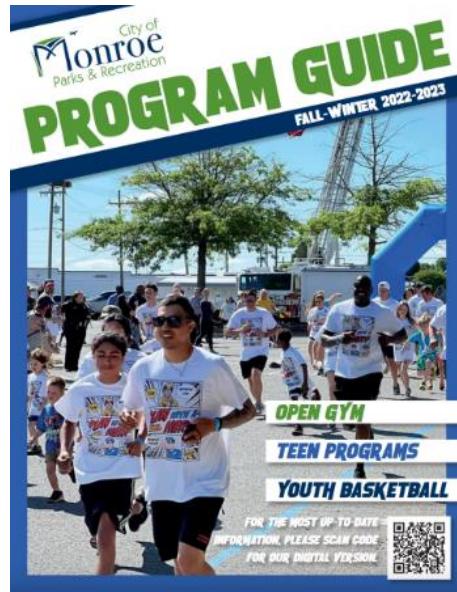
Special Events:

Our Annual Christmas Tree Lighting is scheduled to take place on Saturday, December 3rd in Downtown Monroe.



Other:

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

Maintenance Division:

Our Maintenance Crew (Brandon Tarlton, Bobby Martin, and DiLynn Benson) completed a replacement of approximately 300' of 2" water main along Craig Street.





Water Treatment Division:

Our Water Treatment staff (Robbie Jenkins and Joshua Lemmond) removed overgrown vegetation and replaced with a low maintenance rock scape that resembles a flowing river with Japanese maples.





Construction Division:

Our Construction Division Crew (Casey Keziah, Brandon Anderson, and Nathan Baker) has completed a portion of the 16" water main replacement on the Arborwood project. This 16" water main is a critical supply for the Patton Avenue elevated storage tank.





Engineering Division:

Our Engineering staff has launched a distribution system pressure monitoring program. This program uses hydrant pressure monitors and records pressures up to 256 times per second. The data is utilized to enhance operational awareness and provide enhanced monitoring abilities. We have nine (9) recorders installed on hydrants throughout our system.

These hydrants are marked as “Out of Service” using the orange bags, but are readily available for emergency purposes. Please remember these hydrants are ON and fully pressurized. It is important to remember the hydrant must be turned off prior to removing the caps.



Water Resources New Hires, Advancements, and Retirements

Advancements:

Rich Riser-to Engineering & Construction Manager

New Hires:

None at this time