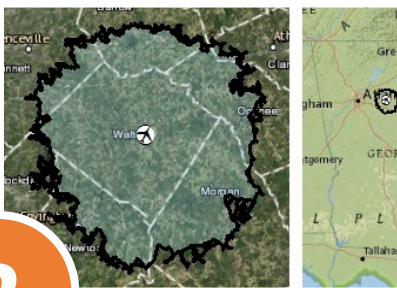


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This section highlights the consulting and engineering services change for the newly named Cy Nunnally Memorial Airport. It also details the process of that change as required by the Georgia Department of Transportation.

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A brief article about the On-Stage Walton theater and its history in Monroe. Also mentioned is their upcoming performance of Steel Magnolias with dates and times. Be sure to visit www.onstagerwalton.org for more information.

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Learn about the recent summer activities and events at the Monroe-Walton County Library, and be sure to attend the upcoming events at the Library this fall as listed in this article.

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This article provides an introduction of the upcoming newsletter detailing the origins, affordability, and benefits of natural gas, and discusses the system provided by the City of Monroe.

Cy Nunnally Memorial Airport

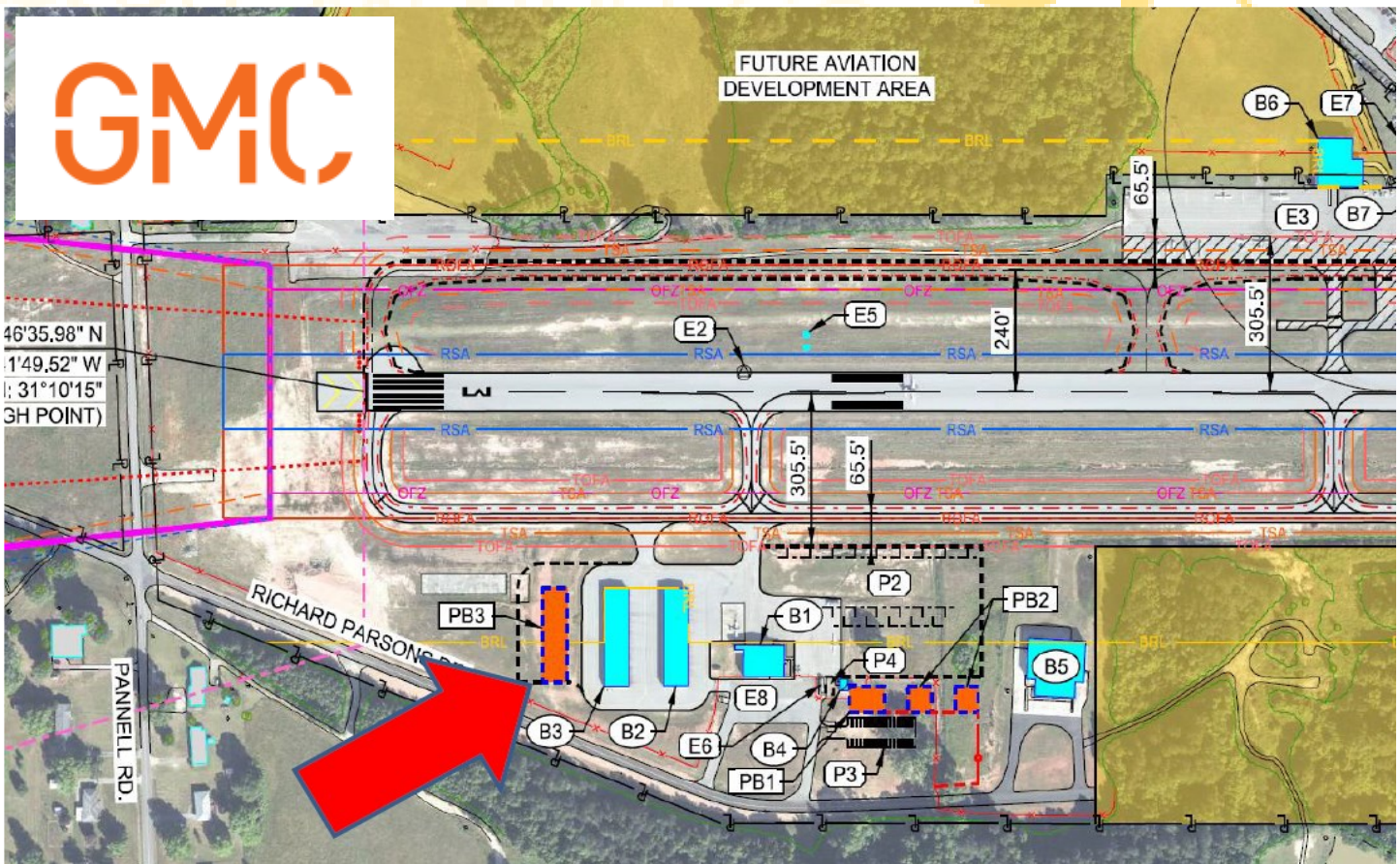
Every five (5) years, the Georgia Department of Transportation (GDOT) requires municipal governments to advertise a Request for Qualifications (RFQ) for airport consulting and engineering service firms, per grant funding requirements. The City of Monroe recently completed its selection process for an airport consulting and engineering services firm to assist with projects at the Cy Nunnally Memorial Airport for FY2020-24. The selection process involved four (4) steps.

First, consulting and engineering firms were invited in an RFQ publishing to submit a Statement of Qualifications to the City for consideration. The RFQ includes a list of anticipated projects that a consultant could reasonably expect to participate in during that term. Interested firms have approximately 30 days, no less, from the date of the advertisement posting to submit a Statement of Qualifications explaining their interest, experience, and qualifications to work with the City. Specifically, the most recent RFQ asked for a company description, a list of key personnel in the company, personnel qualifications, relevant project experience, references, and familiarity with Federal Aviation Administration (FAA) and GDOT regulations. The City received four (4) submissions from firms seeking to provide this service. The firms were rated based on their responses to each of the above criteria. Second, the submitted Statement of Qualifications were reviewed and rated. Third, representatives from each of the four (4) firms were invited to Monroe for a presentation and interview. For the presentation, the firms were asked to address several key topics specific to the Cy Nunnally Memorial Airport. Those topics were as follows:

- Terminal building location and general design
- LPV approach acquisition
- T-Hangars, storage, and alternatives
- Capital Improvement Plan (CIP) structure recommendations

- Airport growth and increasing overall economic impact
- Funding solutions for all of the above

Each of these topics comes from the proposed projects for the FY2020-24 CIP for the airport. In other words, the firms were asked to consider the projects that they may actually be working on with the City and come up with creative, practical, and cost-effective solutions. Lastly, the firms were rated based on presentations, and then combined with initial ratings for an average with one (1) firm being selected. The highest rated firm was Goodwyn, Mills, and Cawood (GMC). GMC is an architectural and engineering services firm with offices throughout the southeast, including four (4) in Georgia. The City of Monroe has employed GMC for engineering services on several occasions including an efficiency study at the Jack's Creek Wastewater Treatment Facility, current water tank maintenance contracts, and have relocated and/or designed several natural gas lines for the City. We are excited to begin working with them at the Cy Nunnally Memorial Airport!





EVENTS

& happenings...

September 5 - Alive After 5

September 6 - First Friday Concert (Swingin' Medallions)

October 3 - Alive After 5

October 12 - Fall Fest *presented by Synovus Bank*

October 25 - Food Truck Friday

November 7 - Light up the Night

FARMERS MARKET

September 7

September 14

September 21

September 28

October 5

October 12 (LAST DAY)

CITY MEETING DATES

September

- 3 - City Council Meeting - 6pm
- 10 - City Council Meeting - 6pm
- 12 - Downtown Development Authority Meeting - 8am
- 12 - Convention & Visitors Bureau Meeting - 9am
- 17 - Planning & Zoning Commission Meeting - 5:30pm
- 24 - Historic Preservation Commission Meeting - 6pm

October

- City Council Meeting - 6pm - 1
- 6pm - City Council Meeting - 8
- 8am - Downtown Development Authority Meeting - 10
- 9am - Convention & Visitors Bureau Meeting - 10
- 5:30pm - Planning & Zoning Commission Meeting - 15
- 6pm - Historic Preservation Commission Meeting - 22

November

- 5 - City Council Meeting - 6pm
- 14 - Downtown Development Authority Meeting - 8am
- 14 - Convention & Visitors Bureau Meeting - 9am
- 12 - City Council Meeting - 6pm
- 19 - Planning & Zoning Commission Meeting - 5:30pm
- 26 - Historic Preservation Commission Meeting - 6pm

On Stage WALTON

Onstage was organized in 1971 and incorporated as Onstage, Inc. in 1974. The main goal was to “to bring a little culture to our town.” The theater was moved in 1975 to the current On Stage Playhouse in the old Monroe Primitive Baptist Church. The church building was built in 1910 with donations of land, money, materials, and labor. On Stage holds summer workshops for adults and youths. The theater helps support a local 501c3 charitable, educational, or cultural/historic preservation organization. For more information, please contact Marc Hammes at director@onstagewalton.org or visit www.onstagewalton.org.

During October and November, On Stage, Monroe’s community theater, presents a cherished crowd favorite, *Steel Magnolias*, in eight (8) different performances. Performances are on...

- October 18 at 8pm
- October 19 at 8pm
- October 25 at 8pm
- October 26 at 8pm
- October 27 at 2pm
- November 1 at 8pm
- November 2 at 8pm
- November 3 at 2 pm



Tickets are \$20 and are available beginning October 4 at www.onstagewalton.org or at Carmichael’s Drug, 150 MLK Boulevard in Monroe.

Steel Magnolias is a hilarious and touching story, as we watch six (6) women bond during their time in a Louisiana beauty parlor. Through the years, the staff and customers engage in small-town gossip and we see a deep strength emerge in these women that they didn’t know they had.

Monroe-Walton County Library

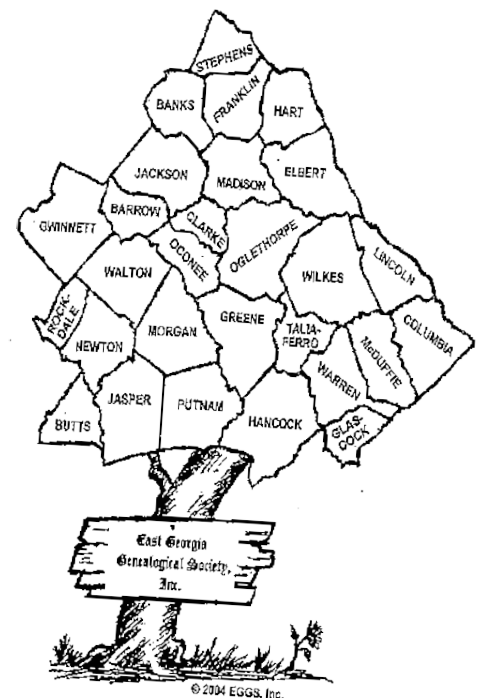
The hot summer arrived and is almost over, and the past few months have been exciting at the Monroe-Walton County Library! The summer reading program performers have proven popular this year. Our regular monthly programs continue to be well attended. Patrons enjoyed the Master Gardeners' seed starting programs.

A special thank you to the Friends of the Library for their guest speaker and to the Walton County 4-H group for their guest program. Our patrons especially enjoyed the 18 Artifacts exhibit from the Breman Jewish Heritage Museum and the Athletic Memorabilia exhibit from the University of Georgia. Library managers, Blake Peters and Colby Hunter, spoke at the meeting of the East Georgia Genealogical Society in Winder, Georgia where they informed the members about the society of various library resources relating to genealogy.



In the coming months, here's a roster of events:

- Baby Reads: Every Tuesday at 10:30am
- Children's Book Club: Third Thursdays at 10:30am
- Nonfiction Book Club: First Thursdays at 3:00pm
- Fiction Book Club: Third Thursdays at 3:00pm
- 4-H at the Library: First Thursdays at 10:30am
- Drawing & Board Games Club: Second Wednesdays at 10:30am



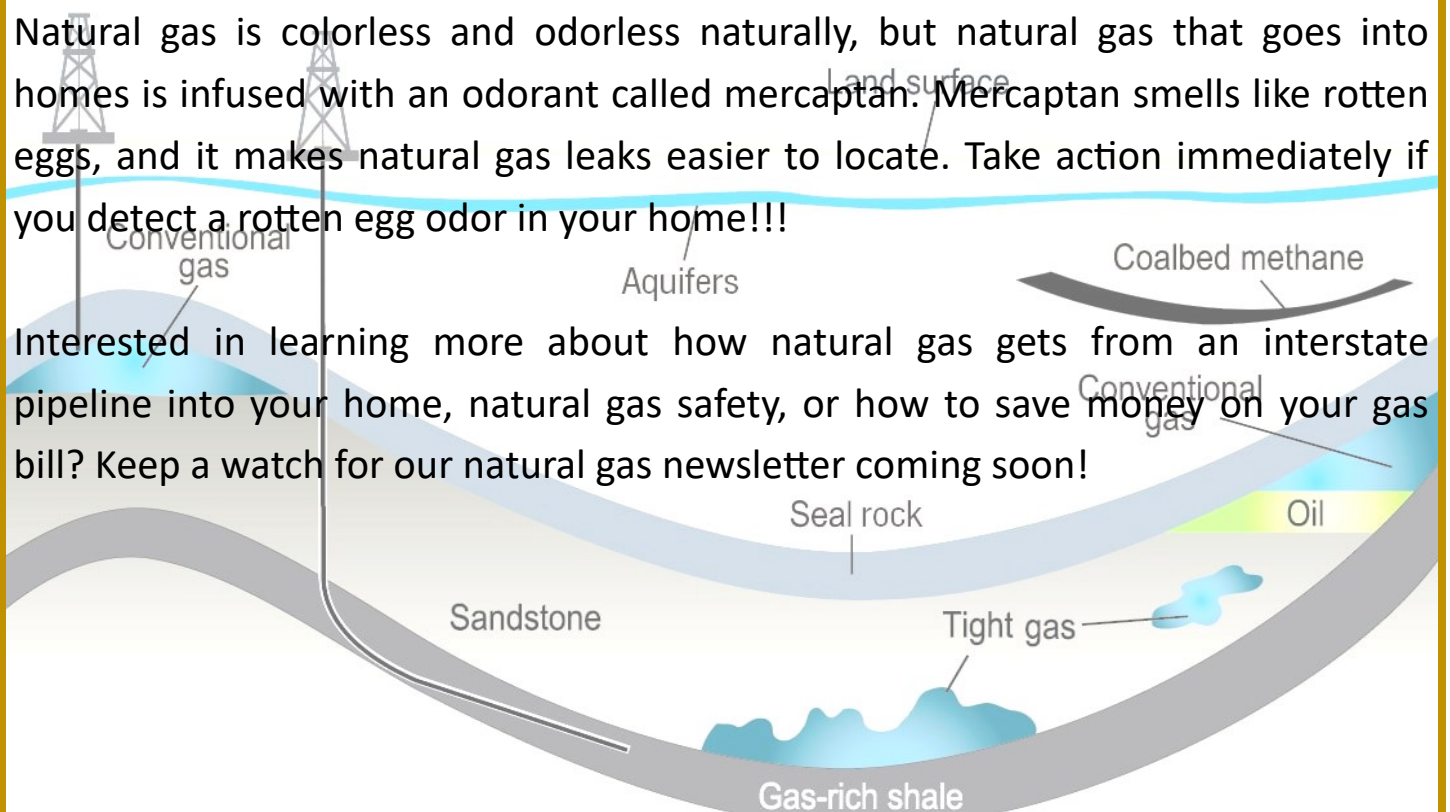
NATURAL GAS

Natural gas usage has grown in the United States over the past decade mostly due to its falling cost, abundance, and reliability as an energy source. Natural gas usage is growing rapidly worldwide since it can be used for heating, cooking, and the production of electricity. Most of the southeastern United States obtains its natural gas supply from the Transcontinental Pipeline that runs from Texas to Pennsylvania. The pipeline actually runs through Monroe and Walton County!

People use natural gas for heating, hot water, and cooking every day, but what is it exactly? Natural gas is a fossil fuel hydrocarbon gas formed under the surface of the Earth's crust, most often released and captured during hydraulic fracturing (fracking) operations. Natural gas produces carbon dioxide emissions when it is burned, but it produces fewer CO₂ emissions than coal or oil. Over the past decade, natural gas has become the cheapest and most abundant source of energy in the United States.

Natural gas is colorless and odorless naturally, but natural gas that goes into homes is infused with an odorant called mercaptan. Mercaptan smells like rotten eggs, and it makes natural gas leaks easier to locate. Take action immediately if you detect a rotten egg odor in your home!!!

Interested in learning more about how natural gas gets from an interstate pipeline into your home, natural gas safety, or how to save money on your gas bill? Keep a watch for our natural gas newsletter coming soon!



IMPORTANT CALENDAR DATES

September 2 - Labor Day

September 8 - Grandparents' Day

September 11 - Patriot Day

September 16 - Stepfamily Day

September 17 - Constitution/Citizenship Day

September 27 - Native American Day



October 14 - Columbus Day

October 16 - Boss's Day

October 19 - Sweetest Day

October 31 - Halloween



November 3 - Daylight Saving

November 11 - Veterans' Day

November 28 - Thanksgiving



City of Monroe Officials

MAYOR - John Howard

CITY ADMINISTRATOR - Logan Propes

COUNCIL DISTRICT 1 - Lee Malcom

COUNCIL DISTRICT 2 - Myoshia Crawford

COUNCIL DISTRICT 3 - Ross Bradley

COUNCIL DISTRICT 4 - Larry Bradley

COUNCIL DISTRICT 5 - Norman Garrett

COUNCIL DISTRICT 6 - Wayne Adcock

COUNCIL DISTRICT 7 - Nathan Little

COUNCIL DISTRICT 8 - David Dickinson

CITY CLERK - Debbie Kirk

FIRE CHIEF - William Owens

POLICE CHIEF - Robert Watts

CODE DIRECTOR - Patrick Kelley

FINANCE DIRECTOR - Beth Thompson

SOLID WASTE DIRECTOR - Danny Smith

CENTRAL SERVICES DIRECTOR - Chris Bailey

HUMAN RESOURCES DIRECTOR - Les Russell

HIGHWAYS & STREETS DIRECTOR - Jeremiah Still

ELECTRIC & TELECOM DIRECTOR - Brian Thompson

PLANNING & DEVELOPMENT DIRECTOR - Darrell Stone

ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT DIRECTOR - Sadie Krawczyk

WATER, SEWER, & GAS DIRECTOR - Rodney Middlebrooks