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official newsletter of Monroe, Georgia

Rebate Rally

Time to Rally!

It's time to rally around savings when it comes to energy in your home! Each year, the City of Monroe participates in a state-wide campaign with other municipal natural gas providers to offer their customers rebates and incentives on natural gas appliances. The City of Monroe offers its customers a \$400 credit to their bill on the purchase of a natural gas tankless water heater and a \$200 credit on their bill for the purchase of a natural gas tank water heater!

Financing Available

In addition to these savings, the City of Monroe offers on-bill financing for the purchase and installation of natural gas appliances! Zero percent financing is available to qualified customers for up to a 60-month term! Loan amount max is \$5,000. The upfront costs of purchasing a new appliance and having it installed can really impact a family's budget; so we want to help make the process as painless as possible.

Did You Know?

It's more energy efficient to heat your water using natural gas than electricity. The recovery time for a natural gas tankless water heater is quicker than electric. Natural gas tankless water heaters heat only the water you need, saving hundreds of dollars annually on utility costs. And the best part? With a natural gas tankless water heater you will never run out of hot water! Visit www.rebaterally.com and click on Monroe's page for details and contact information regarding these rebates and financing options!

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Airport Upgrades and Updates

Each year, the City of Monroe as the sponsor for the Monroe-Walton County Airport, submits a five (5) year Capital Improvement Plan (CIP) to the FAA/DOT. This CIP includes projects that seek both state and federal funding support through grant monies in conjunction with local funding sources. These funds in combination have produced projects such as the burial of electrical distribution power lines, acquisition of lands surrounding the airport, removal of obstructions, sealing and striping of the runway, the install of Precision Approach Path Indicator (PAPI) lights, enclosure fencing around the property, the erection of an Automated Weather Observing System (AWOS), and the installation of a 10,000-gallon 100LL Avgas Fuel Farm. The Monroe-Walton County Airport has recently been awarded grant funds from the state and federal governments to rehabilitate and expand the east area apron for the FY19 project year cycle. The awarded amount of state funds are \$607,242 and federal funds are \$468,564 for a total of \$1,075,806. This amount along with matching local funds by the City of Monroe of \$215,675 will allow for an overall project base of \$1,291,481. This FY19 project will be for the complete rehabilitation and expansion of the East Apron area of the airport to include earthwork, paving, and striping of the area. The expansion will be put into place a future

site use plan for a Jet-A fuel farm, terminal building, provide for added tie-down spaces, and other possible facilities to the Monroe-Walton County Airport. The airport will also see a reroute of the existing West Apron area through local funding sources in order to bring this area into compliance with FAA and DOT requirements. These projects should begin construction in the fall of 2018 with completion expected in early 2019.



MOVE OVER

for utility workers in Georgia. It's the law.

Safety should always be a priority for both the citizens and employees of the City of Monroe. On a daily basis, public safety and public works employees work in and outside of right-of-ways and on or near roadways to ensure the delivery of services. While they are carrying out their jobs, they wear safety vests and other protective gear to work as visibly and safely as possible.

Though these workers take the necessary precautions to keep themselves safe, the public now plays a part in keeping them safe as well. The State of Georgia has passed into law, two initiatives that will aid the public in keeping our public safety and public works employees safe. Both initiatives encourage the public to take notice of the roadways and those who work on and around the roadway.

Our Sanitation Department will have new decals featuring the 'Slow Down to Get Around' campaign/law. This new law encourages those traveling behind or beside all refuse and/or recycling trucks to slow down especially when trying to get around or pass them.

Our Utility and Public Safety workers will see the inclusion of decals reminding passersby of the 'Move Over' law put into place in 2016. This decal is already on some of our Utility vehicles but will become a more common feature. Keep in mind when you're on the road to Move Over when you see public safety and utility workers!



Reduce. Reuse. Recycle.

The City of Monroe has a robust recycling program that encourages City residents to help reduce waste in landfills by recycling.

Recycling is collected weekly at the curb on the same day your household garbage is picked up. Each resident is provided with one recycling bin. After collection, the recycling bin must be removed from street or curb by 5 p.m. on the day following pickup.

The following items are **COLLECTED** in this program:

- Paper
- Newspapers
- Magazines
- "Flattened" OCC (old corrugated cardboard)
- "Flattened" Cereal Boxes
- Paper Egg Cartons
- Junk Paper Mail
- Aluminum and Steel Food Cans
- Plastic Containers with the numbers 1 and 2.

Please view list of items **NOT ACCEPTED** for recycling:

- No Glass
- No Aerosol Cans
- No Ceramics
- No Wire Hangers
- No Batteries or Light Bulbs
- No Styrofoam
- No Food Waste
- No Napkins or Paper Towels
- No Pots or Pans
- No Shredded Paper
- No Plastic Bags or Wrap
- No Plastic Bottles used for Motor Oil, Antifreeze or any cleaning products with chemicals.
- No Paper Plates or Cups

Please remember to empty and rinse all containers before setting them out.

Goods such as old appliances (refrigerators, stoves, freezers), scrap metals, and empty or dry paint cans (paint that has been dried out by using an oil dry compound, cat litter, or naturally dried out) will be picked up by the Solid Waste Department once per week, or you may bring it to our Transfer Station at 213 Cherry Hill Road and have it placed inside a scrap metal recyclable container.

For more information, please contact the City of Monroe's Solid Waste Department at (770) 267-6933.



Your Community Arts Center

The Monroe-Walton Center for the Arts is your community arts center! A gallery, a gift shop, an arts school and a pottery studio – all in one! A place where you can go for inspiration – whether you are needing a little quiet spot in a hectic day ... or a chance to try something new ... or are looking to challenge your skills a bit!

We offer classes for all ages and skill levels – 50+ classes every month! Our class list is continually changing as we add new classes, so please watch for updates at www.monroewaltonarts.org. You can also view photos of examples of each class on our events and classes page.

We offer:

- Weekly classes for adults (drawing, sculpture, painting, photography, pottery etc.)
- Free creative gatherings (writers group, scrapbooking, and “Monroe Makers” – a fun gathering for all creative souls)
- Open studio times for members
- After-school arts (general arts for ages 7+ and pottery for ages 10+)
- Creative workshops of all kinds – painting, jewelry making, and more
- PLUS fun monthly events like Painting & Pizza, Art Guild Members Meetings, Walton Writers and special needs classes

GALLERY ... Our Gallery Shows change every 4 to 6 weeks and admittance is always free. Did you know that often the works in our shows are available for purchase? Whether you're looking for an inspirational piece to spark a new decoration scheme or something small to brighten a little corner of your home – we have it!

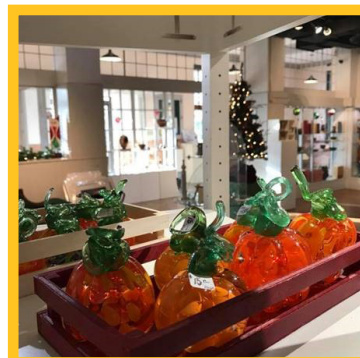
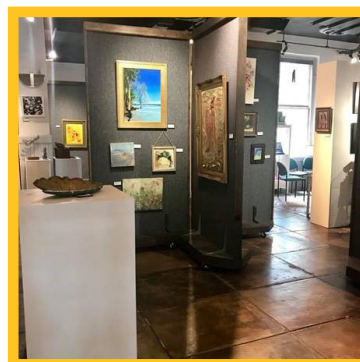
- September 6 thru 27 – Fiber Show: Traditions & Techniques
- October – Monroe Celebrates Photography
- November thru December: Gifts from the HeART Gallery of Christmas Gifts

Our Gift Shop ... Did you know that all of the art in our Gift Shop is created by our local member-artists? We have affordable, unique, and beautiful gifts for you to choose from – original art and prints, of course, but also fine gifts such as jewelry, candles, pottery, and so much more. The lion's share of the money you spend here goes right back out to our artists and instructors, so you are truly supporting our local community arts center and local artists. When art thrives in a community, the community thrives!

Support the Arts ... You can become a member and support your community arts center – plus get great benefits: discounts in our shop, discounts on classes, and members-only events too. We depend on volunteers to help accomplish our goals of supporting local arts and outreach into our community. Come by and visit and see how you might want to get involved!

HOURS: Monday thru Thursday 11 to 4, Friday & Saturday 10 to 5; first Thursday (April – October) open 11 to 8 and Thursdays in November and December open 11 to 8.

For more information about our classes and events, (did you know we can host custom private ARTFUL PARTIES and events for all ages?) please visit us! Check out our website at www.monroewaltonarts.org or give us a call (770) 207-8937.



From the City Administrator's Desk

We Want to Hear from You!



The City of Monroe is interested in hearing what you have to say regarding quality-of-life issues. We have developed a quick survey to help us gauge your interest and ideas on things that help make Monroe a great place to live, work, shop, dine, and play. Knowing what you want is how we can better plan future City initiatives. Our goal is to provide the best quality-of-life options for people in every season and walk of life. Your opinion is important as we strive to reach that goal. We look forward to hearing from you!

The survey is available at: www.monroega.com



OPEN FOR BUSINESS

- Andrea P Gray, LLC
300 E Church Street
- Divine 5 Service, LLC
225 S Midland Ave
- Xynkhouse Auto Sales, LLC
809 A N Broad Street

Natural Gas Rebate Rally

The Natural Gas Appliance Rebate Rally is a special event that will run from September until November. The central theme is natural gas tank and tankless water heating. Natural gas water heating offers several benefits for citizens and businesses. With natural gas, water is heated faster so there is more hot water. Natural gas tankless water heaters provide a continuous supply of hot water so you will never run out. Because natural gas is delivered efficiently to homes and businesses, the cost of heating water with natural gas is much lower than with electricity or propane.

In addition, natural gas is the most environmentally-friendly energy today, a natural gas water heater will emit less greenhouse gas emissions than an electric water heater. An electric water heater uses electricity that's generated at a central plant with coal, nuclear energy, and even natural gas. The electricity is then delivered to your home or business very inefficiently. When you choose natural gas, you're making a choice to lower your energy costs, use energy efficiently, and be a good steward of the environment.

Benefits of natural gas water heating for your home or business:

- Plenty of hot water
- Reduced monthly energy costs
- Reduced CO² or greenhouse gas emissions

The Rebate Rally is a partnership of local governments, water heater manufacturers, local contractors, and local businesses to help consumers understand the advantages of natural gas water heating. During these 60 days, special rebates, offers, and events will be available to consumers to help with the purchase and installation of a natural gas water heater. The Rebate Rally is the best time to begin enjoying the benefits of natural gas water heating. Natural gas water heating is the most efficient way to heat water.

Join the movement and let's get rid of those inefficient water heating systems and start saving energy and money now! For more information on the Natural Gas Appliance Rebate Rally call (770) 266-5330 or visit www.monroega.com.





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UPCOMING EVENTS

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- 3 Holiday: City Hall Closed
- 4 City Council Meeting 6:00 p.m.
- 7 First Friday Concert 7:00 p.m.
- 11 City Council Meeting 6:00 p.m.
- Farmers Market every Saturday 8:30 a.m.

N November

- 1 Light Up the Night 5:00 p.m.
- 6 City Council Meeting 6:00 p.m.
- 8 Candlelight Shopping 5:00 p.m.
- 13 City Council Meeting 6:00 p.m.
- 15 Candlelight Shopping 5:00 p.m.
- 21 Holiday: Closed at Noon
- 22 Holiday: Closed
- 23 Holiday: Closed
- 29 Candlelight Shopping 5:00 p.m.
- Farmers Market every Saturday 8:30 a.m.

O October

- 2 City Council Meeting 6:00 p.m.
- 4 Alive After 5 5:00 p.m.
- 9 City Council Meeting 6:00 p.m.
- 13 Paws in the Park 5K 8:30 a.m.
- 13 Fall Fest 10:00 a.m.
- 19 Food Truck Friday 11:00 p.m.
- 31 Halloween
- Farmers Market every Saturday 8:30 a.m.

Unless otherwise noted, City of Monroe meetings are at City Hall, 215 N. Broad Street. Dates subject to change; check monroega.com for updates.

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Georgia**

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