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Monroe



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Hidden Figures

The City of Monroe had the privilege of playing host to Hollywood during the month of March. Our beloved Downtown was transformed to 1960s Hampton, Virginia with modern storefronts becoming Woolworth's, Sweetie's Ice Cream Shoppe, and Morrow's Fine Clothing. The movie set boasted period correct water fountains, streets signs, and picket signs. The scenes were reminiscent of civil rights protest, homecoming parades, and life changing court cases. Film crews lined the streets as actors took their respective places in each scene. For those lucky enough to witness the action, it was definitely a worthwhile experience. While the movie filming in Monroe is noteworthy, the story of the women on which the movie is based is even more impressive.

Hidden Figures is the story of three African-American female mathematicians who worked for NASA during the Cold War. The movie Hidden Figures was adapted from Margot Lee Shetterly's book "Hidden Figures: the Story of the African-American Women Who Helped Win the Space Race." Hidden Figures tells the story of Katherine Johnson, Mary Jackson, and Dorothy Vaughn as they work to compute the algorithms responsible for sending John Glenn into orbit. These "Human Computers," housed separately from their counter parts, persevere through the height of the Civil Rights movement securing their own place in American History.



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The movie *Hidden Figures* will tell the story of these courageous women by giving viewers a look into their lives during some of the most historic moments in American History.

The movie has garnered much attention for the star-studded list of actors. Taraji P. Henson will portray math genius Katherine Johnson. Henson's notable roles include her Oscar nominated role in *The Curious Case of Benjamin Button* as Queenie, Detective Joceyln Carter in *Person of Interest*, and Cookie Lyon in the new, hit show *Empire*. Octavia Spencer will be playing Dorothy Vaughn, a mother of two, who works for NASA during the Space Race. Octavia Spencer is known for her award-winning role as Minnie in *The Help*, as well as notable roles in *Black & White* and the *Divergent Series: Insurgent*. Grammy Award winning singer Janelle Monae makes her big screen debut as Mary Jackson. Other actors/actresses that have been rumored to be in the movie are Kevin Costner and Kirsten Dunst.



David Clemons

Slated to premiere in 2017, *Hidden Figures* will be worth the watch if only to look for the scenes filmed in Monroe. Look out for premiere dates and trailers for the upcoming film!



Housing Team **Monroe**

Local leaders are at the helm of implementing a program that will help guide the conversation about housing in the City of Monroe. The Georgia Initiative for Community Housing (GICH) is a program championed by the University of Georgia's College of Family and Consumer Sciences along with many other partnering organizations. GICH was launched in 2004; and since then, sixty communities have directly benefitted from the program.

The City of Monroe is at the beginning stages of the program having attended their first GICH retreat in Dublin, Georgia in February. The team continues to grow and held a follow-up meeting in March.

The purpose of the GICH program is to facilitate communities in identifying housing needs, available resources, and potential obstacles to housing growth and improvement. The program is a three-year commitment of technical assistance from GICH facilitators, cross-community sharing, and developing a housing plan with objectives and goals.

The Monroe team is made up of elected officials, public safety officers, realtors, business owners, non-profits, members of the faith community, and residents. All team members have a vested interest in seeing Monroe grow and succeed. Current team members are Sadie Krawczyk, Lee Malcom, Teri Smiley, Anthony Krumpach, Lisa Anderson, Mike Gray, Brian Krawczyk, Leigh Ann Walker, Gloria Reese, Dena Huff, James Draper, III, Norman Garrett, Susan Enfinger, Amy Hunnewell, Jonathan Locklin, Anna Blount, Pete McReynolds, Larry Bradley, Katy Bradley, Patrice Broughton, and GICH Facilitator, Sharon Ligget. Other citizens interested in connecting with the Monroe GICH efforts are invited to join the Monroe Housing Team Facebook page or email Sadie Krawczyk at sadiek@monroega.gov.

Retiring After 40 Years!!!



Most people will work a total of forty years in their lifetime, but few work that many years at one job. Mr. James Peters did just that. He retired from the City of Monroe with 40 years of service. Mr. Peters will be missed by his fellow colleagues. A retirement lunch was held in his honor, where he was congratulated on his retirement by members of City Council and his longtime colleagues.

Open

for business

The following businesses received new licenses from the City of Monroe since December.

- **Allstar Alarms & Sounds**
129 N Broad Street
- **Alpha Counseling Alternatives & Solutions**
230A N Hammond Drive
- **Anita's Tender Touch**
333 Alcovy Street Ste 7
- **Bulldog Motors, Inc.**
702 E Spring Street Ste B
- **Cocina Fuentes**
500 Great Oaks Drive Ste 1
- **Dunkin Donuts**
152 MLK JR BLVD Ste B
- **G & R Muffler & Brakes**
104 Glen Iris Drive
- **Moe's Southwest Grill**
1998 West Spring Street
- **Prince Drywall, Inc**
1035 W Spring Street
- **Salamandras Kitchen**
500 Great Oaks Drive Ste 14
- **Taxes R US**
214 W Spring Street
- **Zefer Contracting Inc**
135 N Midland Avenue

Farmers Market

The City of Monroe and Monroe Downtown are happy to be the home to one of the state's best farmers markets. The Monroe Farmers Market is operated and comprised by its membership of farmers, growers, artisans, and vendors. The Monroe Farmers Market exists to encourage the community to purchase locally grown products, provide local growers with a space to sell their products, and to allow citizens of Monroe to buy healthy food that is locally grown. The market also offers demonstrations centered around agriculture, gardening, food safety, and food preparation. The Monroe Farmers Market is also a proud sponsor of Wholesome Wave Georgia. Wholesome Wave Georgia believes that all Georgians should have access to wholesome, locally grown food. This program will double the dollar amount of each Supplemental Nutrition Assistance Program (SNAP, aka Food Stamp) dollar spent at the Monroe Farmers Market. Wholesome Wave Georgia is looking to increase access to good food while also supporting farmers. The Monroe Farmers Market is held every Saturday, starting May 14th thru October 8th. Located on Court Street in Downtown Monroe. The market hours are 8:30am - 12:30pm every Saturday. Come shop locally and enjoy fresh, locally grown produce and other goods!



First Friday Concerts

Now that summer is approaching, it's time to get out of the house and enjoy the beautiful scenery of Downtown Monroe. Do you love music and like to dance every once in a while? We've got the event just for you. Come join us for our First Friday concerts! This year's line-up will be sure to have you out of your chair and on your feet grooving to the tunes of some really great bands. This year's line up include RetroVertigo, The Brothers of the Road Band, The Tams, and the Swinggin' Medallions.

The concerts also boast a food court featuring local restaurants and eateries. Come out for food and fun on May 6 starting at 7:00 p.m. on Court Street in Downtown Monroe.



Downtown Awards

2016 was a good year for Downtown Monroe. The Downtown Development Authority and Mainstreet Program were recognized for several awards at this year's Georgia Downtown Conference. Among those recognized were Volunteers Steve and Susan Brown for Downtown Excellence-Volunteers of the Year for their work with the Monroe Downtown Development Authority in establishing the Monroe History Museum.

Also receiving an award, was Sadie Krawczyk for her completion of the Georgia Downtown Association's Professional Development Program level one review and received the designation of Georgia Downtown Development Professional.



Blood Drive

Ever wanted to be a superhero growing up? Most people have fantasized about saving the world at one point or another. Now you can, one pint of blood at a time. The City of Monroe will be hosting a blood drive on May 20, 2016 from 10:00 a.m. until 12:00 p.m. in the council chambers at City Hall. Come join us and get your superhero on!!!

DRIVE DETAILS

Day/Date: Friday, May 20, 2016

Time: 10:00am – 3:00pm

Location: Monroe City Hall
City Council Chambers
215 North Broad Street
Monroe, GA 30655



**Save a Life!!!
Give Blood!!!**

Holiday Garbage Pick-up Schedule

Memorial Day – May 30, 2016

Monday, May 30, 2016 – No Collection

Tuesday, May 31, 2016 – Monday's Collection Route

Wednesday, June 1, 2016 – Tuesday's and Wednesday's Collection Routes

Thursday, June 2, 2016 – Thursday's Collection Route

Independence Day – July 4, 2016

Monday, July 4, 2016 - No Collection

Tuesday, July 5, 2016 - Monday's Collection Route

Wednesday, July 6, 2016 - Tuesday's and Wednesday's Collection Routes

Thursday, July 7, 2016 - Thursday's Collection Route

UPCOMING EVENTS

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| 3 | City Council Meeting | 6:00 p.m. |
| 6 | First Friday Concert Series-Retro Vertigo | 7:00 p.m. |
| 10 | City Council Meeting | 6:00 p.m. |
| 14 | Farmer's Market Opening | 8:30 a.m. |
| 14 | Kids Fest | 9:00 a.m. |
| 30 | Holiday: Closed | |



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| 3 | First Friday Concert Series-The Brothers | 7:00 p.m. |
| 7 | City Council Meeting | 6:00 p.m. |
| 14 | City Council Meeting | 6:00 p.m. |

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| 4 | Holiday: Closed | |
| 5 | City Council Meeting | 6:00 p.m. |
| 12 | City Council Meeting | 6:00 p.m. |
| 29 | Movies at the Mill | 6:00 p.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.

**City of
Monroe
Georgia**

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Norman Garrett-District 5
Nathan Little-District 7
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