



## Monroe Secures Historic Low Energy Rates For Residents

### Households See 19.2-Percent Reduction

Monroe officials locked in the municipal energy aggregation program's lowest rate ever by approving a contract with a new provider, South Jersey Energy, at an Aug. 2 Township Council meeting.

Heading into a third round, Monroe's energy aggregation program has used the power of bulk purchasing to guarantee a lower fixed electric rate over local provider, Jersey Central Power & Light.

As the lowest bidder, South Jersey Energy proposed a set price of \$.07662 per kilowatt hour for the duration of a two-year contract.

This new rate, effective Dec. 1, represents a 19.2-percent savings



over the present tariff price of JCP&L.

"Our municipality was one of the first in the State to establish an energy aggregation program," said Mayor Gerald W. Tamburro. "It's paid off, amounting to \$9 million in savings for our residents over the past four years. We expect this next round will be our biggest

savings yet with the average household in Monroe seeing a reduction of more than \$400 during the term of the contract."

Savings could be significantly higher for residents using large quantities of electricity or for those living in all-electric houses, like many that are found in the Clearbrook, Concordia and Rossmoor active adult communities.

"Many of our residents are seniors, who are living on fixed incomes," said Council Vice President Elizabeth Schneider. "Larger families are also usually big consumers of electricity. While the savings will be across the board, these groups typically

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## Mayor and Council Move to Acquire 412 Acres of Open Space

Monroe is making major gains toward its goal of preserving 50 percent of the Township.

In August, Council members moved forward to secure 412

acres of environmentally sensitive land along Perrineville Road.

As part of an agreement with the New Jersey Turnpike Authority, Monroe Township will take ownership of the property, which runs adjacent to the Millstone River and includes 80 acres of manmade wetlands, six acres of vernal pool habitat and 186,000 new trees and shrubs.

"This is our largest acquisition of open space property in the history of the Township," said Mayor Gerald W. Tamburro. "I was pleased to work with the Turnpike Authority to secure this incredible piece of land and all of its ecological treasures to the benefit of our residents for generations to come. This acquisition brings us close to 8,000



**Acquiring 412 Acres:** Property view from Perrineville Road. This acquisition brings Monroe close to 8,000 acres of preserved property.

acres, a major milestone for our community."

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# Mayors United Against Anti-Semitism

By Mayor Gerald W. Tamburro

As you may know, earlier this summer, before the Charlottesville hate summit, I joined the Mayors United Against anti-Semitism initiative. Today, I am one of the more than 360 mayors and municipal leaders from all 50 states and the District of Columbia representing nearly 90 million people to join this effort.

Personally, I did so with the backing of our Township Council members; and ceremoniously, I did so with a proclamation presentation to our local Hadassah Alisa Chapter representatives, Marilyn Gerstein and Karen Mandel, at a July 5 Township Council meeting. I have also presented the resolution to the Regency Hadassah and later this month, will be at Stonebridge's Hadassah.

Together, we are publicly condemning prejudice, hatred and discrimination perpetrated against the Jewish community. Furthermore, we condemn hate against all people, as we look to advance human rights, our core democratic values and a peaceful and respectful co-existence around the world.

This is an important action that required my attention and my support for many reasons.

I took this action before the horrific events of Charlottesville under-

scored just how important it is to speak out against hate of all kinds and anti-Semitism.

I am proud that we have a very active and engaged Jewish community in Monroe. I also believe our Township has one of the largest communities of Holocaust survivors in the country. These extraordinary people have witnessed firsthand the atrocities of the Holocaust.

The inhuman crimes waged against the Jewish people during that era stemmed from the seeds of discrimination. When planted among our citizens and our children, those seeds can only bare the fruits of ignorance, fear and cruelty.

Some might say that the persecution of the Jewish people is a page for the history books, a dark period that we won't likely see again in our lifetime.

I argue that there is a reason Holocaust survivors have adopted the phrase, "We Must Never Forget."

Their struggle remains relevant to this very day, lest we repeat ourselves.

Had there been a more universal pushback



Marilyn Gerstein, representative for Hadassah Alisa, and Mayor Tamburro at the July 5 Council meeting.

against anti-Semitism in those times, I'd imagine the outcome would have been very different.

The sad state of affairs that played out in Charlottesville is only the most recent example of a problem that we must confront in our time.

So today, I take this action and we do our best to atone for the silence of our forefathers and stand in solidarity against hate, in whatever form it might take and against whatever color or creed it has set its sights on.

Our diversity, as a country and a community, is not a weakness, but rather our greatest strength.

I hope you stand with me in this fight, because anti-Semitism and any form of hate has no place here in Monroe or America.

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## Monroe Named Safest Community in Middlesex County Officials Credit Police with Top Rankings

On the heels of being newly minted as a safe city in a number of national and regional surveys, Monroe honored members of its law enforcement at a July 5 Township Council meeting.

Safewise recently ranked Monroe as the seventh safest city in the country to raise a child, the National Council for Home Safety and Security identified the Township as the 14th safest in the state and

FBI's latest Uniform Crime Report placed Monroe as the safest of the 25 towns in Middlesex County.

"Quite a few factors played into these rankings, everything from high school graduation rates to emergency preparedness training and, of course, crime rates," said Mayor Gerald W. Tamburro. "But I would largely credit our hard-working police force, not to mention our leadership there, with the Township's improved safety standards."

At the July meeting, Tamburro pre-

sented Police Chief Michael E. Lloyd with the Community Leadership Award in recognition of his outstanding guidance of the Township's Public Safety Department.

The Township also recognized Patrol Division Officers Anthony Trohalides, Dale Degraw, Ostap Pronin and Trevon Robinson. All were recently honored by MADD-NJ for their exemplary DWI enforcement, collectively accounting for more than three dozen stops in a year's time.

"In a perfect world, these offenders would have never gotten behind the wheel in the first place," said



**Out in Full Force:** Uniformed Monroe Police came out to a July 5 Township Council meeting to support fellow officers being honored and sworn in.



Swearing-in of Patrolman Jake O'Brien.

Councilman Michael Leibowitz, following the meeting. "But it does give me some peace of mind to know we have such an able-bodied and diligent team of officers here,

who are patrolling and protecting our streets from these kinds of dangers."

Lastly, the Council swore in Monroe's newest officer, Patrolman Jake O'Brien.

## Low Energy Rates for Residents *Continued from page 1*

stand to benefit the most from our program."

In October, the Township will hold public information sessions to answer any questions from residents before the program begins.

"I have personally saved hundreds of dollars through this program," said Councilman Michael Leibowitz. "So, we welcome the opportunity to educate our residents on the benefits of

participation."

The Township is warning the public to be cautious of third party companies soliciting residents, offering lower rates that can fluctuate and then skyrocket after an introductory period has ended.

"Be leery of the fine print," warned Councilman Leonard Baskin. "Some of these companies may be outright scamming our residents,

while others are just using aggressive sales tactics to hoodwink them into paying higher rates. We don't want our residents to fall victim to either."

For more information on the energy aggregation program, interested parties are encouraged to contact Harold Klein at Monroe Township by calling 732-521-4400 or emailing [hklein@monroetwp.com](mailto:hklein@monroetwp.com).

### Next Steps

Customers of Tri Eagle Energy or JCP&L will receive a letter in September about their choices.

Residents in the Tri Eagle program will be transferred to South Jersey Energy at the new rate on Dec. 1, unless they opt out.

JCP&L customers will also be enrolled unless they opt out. There are no exit fees or penalties. Residents will receive a "Notice of Opt Out" in early October and must respond by Nov. 4.

Those on a budget plan with JCP&L will continue on that plan with the new energy provider.

#### Public Meetings at:

**Monday, Oct. 16** at 1:30 p.m., Senior Center, 12 Halsey Reed Road

**Wednesday, Oct. 18** at 7 p.m., Community Center, 120 Monmouth Road

**WARNING: Be cautious of solicitation by third-party companies with fluctuating electric rates.**

## Council Taps Dr. Baskin to Fill Vacant Seat

The Township Council has unanimously appointed Dr. Leonard Baskin to fill the vacant ward two seat of departing Councilman Blaise Dipierro, who retired and moved to Florida in late June.

Baskin, a resident of Stonebridge, an active adult community, was one of three nominations put forth by the Monroe Township Demo-

cratic Organization.

"This was the right choice for the Township," said Mayor Gerald W. Tamburro. "We expect Councilman Baskin will bring a combination of his scientific expertise and thorough knowledge of the community to benefit all Monroe residents."

Baskin hails from an academic and scientific research background,

receiving his undergraduate degree in chemistry at Trinity College in Hartford, Conn. and later, earning his doctorate in biochemistry from John Hopkins University in Baltimore.

Among his many professional roles, Baskin taught at Stevens Institute of Technology and conducted medical research at the University of Medicine and

Dentistry of New Jersey and the Veterans Assistance Medical Center in Brooklyn.

As one of the founding members of The Friends of the Monroe Community Garden, Baskin remains involved in this citizen-driven organization.

During his long-spanning record of public service, Baskin has been a member of the Monroe



**Dr. Leonard Baskin**

Shade Tree Commission and Mayor's Senior Advisory Committee.



**Eagle Scout Project:** On July 8, Mayor Tamburro and Council members joined local Eagle Scout Joseph Vitale of Troop 60 and the Harvie family to dedicate a kiosk at the Community Garden to the late Joseph "Joe" Harvie, Monroe's former Public Information Officer who passed away last August.

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## Protecting Open Space *Continued from page 1*

### Council Approves 10-Acre Zoning

In June, the Township Council, in coordination with the planning board, increased the minimum lot-yield size for new construction in the "rural residential farmland preservation zone" from six to 10 acres.

Accounting for approximately 5,500 acres, the RR-FLP zone is predominantly found in the southern section of Monroe and consists of many undeveloped tracts of land, some of which are prone to flooding problems.

"Our residents have been asking the Township to preserve our rural landscape, which has been a hallmark of our community for nearly two cen-



turies," said Council President Stephen Dalina. "This resolution is just further evidence that we're actively listening and acting within the best interest of our Township."

Many of the properties in this zone are outside of the sewer service area and rely on septic and well systems.

"We are using every tool available to limit development in our Township and this is an important step forward in that effort," said Dave Rothman, planning board chairman. "I'm

proud of the planning board's action on this issue."

Municipal officials applauded both the planning board's direction and support regarding this policy.

"Monroe is a desirable community to live in," said Councilman Michael Leibowitz. "Our ability to maintain our quality of life and town character is critical to ensuring our residents' and community's success. Proper planning is the key to our future."

# Monroe Achieves Third Lowest Effective Municipal Tax Rate in Middlesex County

## Residents See Zero Increase in 2017 Municipal Tax Rate

Out of 25 municipalities in Middlesex County, Monroe had the third lowest effective municipal tax rate in 2016.

Following the Township Council's recent adoption of a flat tax in 2017, Monroe is poised to improve even further.

"A lot of time and energy, as well as careful fiscal management has led us to a zero-increase in the municipal tax rate and improved our effective tax-rate standing," said Mayor Gerald W. Tamburro.

The Township maintained the previous year's tax rate of 45.7 cents per \$100 of assessed value. For a homeowner with a residence assessed at the Township average of \$312,219, that translates to an annual municipal tax bill of \$1,428.

Furthermore, for the 26th consecutive year, Monroe built a budget that saw no increases for residential water and sewer services.

The municipal tax rate in Monroe accounts for approximately 20 percent of a Township resident's total property tax bill.

"Despite no municipal tax increase, we're maintaining the level of services that our residents have come to expect and rely upon," said Councilwoman Miriam Cohen. "Our services are unparalleled regardless of where you travel in Middlesex County."

## Monroe's Overall Municipal Tax Ranking in Middlesex County

Taxing Districts	Equalized Municipal Purpose Tax	Taxing Districts	Equalized Municipal Purpose Tax
SO. BRUNSWICK TWP	0.341	NO. BRUNSWICK TWP	0.653
PLAINSBORO TWP	0.360	HELMETTA BORO	0.667
<b>MONROE TWP</b>	<b>0.413</b>	WOODBRIIDGE TWP	0.771
CRANBURY TWP	0.435	DUNELLEN BORO	0.792
OLD BRIDGE TWP	0.449	MIDDLESEX BORO	0.838
SO. PLAINFIELD BORO	0.471	SPOTSWOOD BORO	0.856
METUCHEN BORO	0.513	HIGHLAND PARK BORO	0.870
EAST BRUNSWICK TWP	0.536	JAMESBURG BORO	0.913
EDISON TWP	0.537	NEW BRUNSWICK CITY	0.964
MILLTOWN BORO	0.598	CARTERET BORO	1.095
PISCATAWAY TWP	0.632	SOUTH AMBOY CITY	1.232
SOUTH RIVER BORO	0.636	PERTH AMBOY	1.820
SAYREVILLE BORO	0.647		

Source: Middlesex County Abstract of Ratables and Final Equalization Table, County of Middlesex for the year 2016

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## Parker's National Survey Says Most Are Optimistic About Aging

Most Americans appear hopeful and optimistic about aging according to a new, national study from Parker, based in Monroe, one of America's leading aging services organizations. Key findings include:

- A vast majority of Americans (71%) do not fear or worry about aging very much or at all.
- Sixty-two percent believe that 80 is not too old to serve in government, run a marathon, be CEO of a Fortune 500 company, teach a class, or practice yoga.
- Those surveyed were evenly split (49%) in describing the experience of growing older with positive words (e.g., "hopeful," "relevant," "vibrant") vs. negative words (e.g., "scary," "depressing," "lonely").
- Nearly two-thirds (59%) feel that not enough technology innovation focuses on the lifestyles of older people.
- While 38% of Americans feel the most positive thing about getting older is gaining more experience and wisdom, only 1% believes it is acquiring greater wealth and material goods.

"This survey underscores how American society's views on aging are changing for the better, especially as the Baby Boom generation reaches retirement age and beyond," says Roberto Muñoz, President & CEO of Parker, which for more than a century has been challenging, changing, and expanding the idea of what it means to grow older in America. "Seniors are staying more vibrant, active, and connected well into their seventies, eighties, nineties, and beyond, and society is beginning to embrace that fact."

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## Special Needs Campers Find Special Place in Monroe

It was the mid-1970s, when a teenage Debbie DeVivo first signed on as a counselor with Monroe Township's summer camp.

Even then, DeVivo began to notice special needs individuals becoming more visible and active members of her quaint hometown.

Monroe was eager to evaluate how it could improve services for this important and growing group.

At the onset, the Township established a summer camp, with the Monroe Township Special Education Parents Association, MTSEPA, dedicated to special needs children – one of the first of its kind in the area.

The camp, based out of Brookside Elementary School, is mainly geared toward those children living with learning challenges, such as autism, said DeVivo, current MTSEPA director.

Organizers challenge and entertain campers

with a full slate of activities to include sporting events, day trips, arts and crafts, performing arts and educational opportunities like outdoor science exploration.

“Special needs children can do all the things that other kids can do,” DeVivo said. “You modify the games, the rules and the equipment so that everyone can participate and be successful.”

What started as a few staff members in those early years, now includes a team of educators, counselors and even an on-site nurse.

“A number of our campers become volunteers,” said Jeanne Crawley, assistant superintendent to the Monroe Township Recreation Department, which is tasked with MTSEPA's oversight. “Some have even become staff. They all provide a great contribution to our program.”

## Getting to Know Monroe Resident Services

Learn more about the extensive list of municipal services exclusively available to Monroe residents:

**1. Community Center's Fitness Center** – Open to residents 18 years and older. An annual \$10 membership registration fee is required. Fitness Center is open from 8 a.m. to 9 p.m. daily with the exception of weekends in July and August, when the Community Center closes at 5 p.m. Please call 732-723-5000 for further details.

**2. Library's Free Museum Passes** – Residents can borrow free passes to one of more than twenty regional attractions – everything from rock climbing in Morganville to the Museum of Modern Art in New York City to the Grounds for Sculpture in Hamilton. The three-day passes must be booked online prior to pick up and dropped off before 11 a.m. on the day of return. More details can be found at [www.monroetwp-library.org](http://www.monroetwp-library.org) or by calling 732-521-5000.

**3. Bookmobile** – If a resident can't make it out to the library, then they can visit the Library's Bookmobile. Patrons can get a library card, check out or request books or return material through this

mini mobile library. Currently, the Bookmobile cruises by dozens of locations. The Library also offers door-to-door book delivery, returning every three weeks with new and requested materials, for homebound residents. See the full schedule at [www.monroetwp-library.org](http://www.monroetwp-library.org) or call 732-521-5000 for more information.

**4. Paper Shredding** – Several times per year, Middlesex County, in coordination with the municipal Recycling Department staff, schedule paper shredding events, where resident may take confidential and personal paperwork for shredding at a local site. Dates are typically advertised on the Township's homepage [www.monroetwp.com](http://www.monroetwp.com). Upcoming dates in Monroe include Sept. 8 at Thompson Park from 9 a.m. to noon or until the shredder is at capacity.

**5. Bulk Pick Up** – Schedule a once-a-year pick-up of larger items like refrigerators, appliances, furniture and more by contacting Monroe Township's Department of Public Works at 732-656-4575.

**6. Paint Drop-off** – Dispose of any outdated or unused paint at Monroe's Recycling Center, 76 Gravel Hill-Spotswood Road. As of

Jan. 1, Monroe will be accepting paint from residents on the third Saturday of the month between 8 and 11:30 a.m. Call staff at the Department of Public Works at 732-656-4575 for more information. Monroe's next drop-off dates include Sept. 16 and Oct. 21.

**7. Safe Zone** – Monroe Township's Police Department is making it safer for residents to exchange online merchandise, providing a designated area at its headquarters for this type of activity. At the front of the building, 3 Municipal Plaza, two spots to the left of the flagpole are videotaped and monitored 24 hours per day.

**8. Project Medicine Drop-off** – A secured box, located in the lobby of the Monroe Township Police Headquarters, 3 Municipal Plaza, allows residents to safely dispose of any unused, excess or outdated prescription drugs at any time, 365 days per year, without any questions. Further information can be found by calling the Police Department personnel at 732-521-0222.

**9. Transportation** – Monroe's Transportation Department provides out-of-town bus routes for residents. For residents 55 years and older, as well as



**Independence Day:** Everyone had a real blast at this year's Fourth of July festivities at Manalapan Lake with thousands gathering to take in the food, free rides and of course, a fireworks extravaganza! Pictured here: Council President Stephen Dalina, Mayor Gerald W. Tamburro, Councilwoman Miriam Cohen and Council Vice President Elizabeth Schneider.

those who are physically challenged, Monroe also offers in-town busing and curb-to-curb pick-up and drop-off for medical appointments. Contact Transportation Department employees at 609-443-0511 or review an up-to-date schedule at [www.monroetwp.com/transportation.cfm](http://www.monroetwp.com/transportation.cfm).

**10. Animal Control** – Monroe's Office of

Animal Control responds to calls regarding lost, stray, injured or nuisance domestic animals, as well as wild, rabid animals and vicious dogs. Staff also handle the disposal of deceased animals on local roads. In addition, the Township offers a once-a-year free rabies clinic in the winter. More information can be found at 732-521-0222.



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## Meet and Greet with Monroe's Staff



**Mary Lange**  
Superintendent of  
Monroe Township's  
Recreation Department

**Q: How would you describe your experience living in Monroe?**

**A:** I am so happy to be living in Monroe; I love it here. I moved here in 1989, I raised my family here and now my children are coming back to do the same. Between the library, rec center, activities and sports, the town does a great job of helping keep my kids involved and active.

**Q: What's your average day at work?**

**A:** There is no such thing as an average day. Every day is always different than the last. I'm always trying to listen to the residents about possible issues and suggestions regarding the Recreation Department, and ways to improve. In the summertime especially, there is so much to

deal with, between summer camps for kids, sports and other activities that are offered to our residents.

**Q: What's your favorite aspect of work?**

**A:** I get to meet and talk to so many people, and I love it. I get to see people I've known for years and new people who come to me for assistance. I love trying to

solve people's problems and satisfy their needs.

**Q: What is the most challenging aspect of your job?**

**A:** Well, I started off as a volunteer and I worked my way up. Trying to keep up with all we have scheduled can be daunting at times, but when you enjoy the work, you make it work.



**Wayne Horbatt**  
Director of Monroe  
Township Department  
of Public Works

**Q: How do you like living in Monroe Township?**

**A:** It's great. There is so much to do, whether it's going to our beautiful parks, the rec center or our state-of-the-art library.

**Q: What is it like working for the town?**

**A:** I love it, but the day is very busy. My

team is always staying proactive and trying to avoid problems before they occur. We work with contractors, like the people working on our HVAC, doing our landscaping and maintaining the sports fields.

**Q: What are some of your favorite things about working at the Township?**

**A:** Listening to residents' concerns and solving their problems. While it's hard work, my team and I also get a lot of satisfaction out of keeping our town clean and beautiful. As a veteran, one of my favorite projects is acquiring military surplus vehicles at no cost to Monroe taxpayers.

**Q: What part of your work do you find most challenging?**

**A:** First and foremost, our job is to act in the best interest of the taxpayers, whether it's clearing the snow or repairing a road. That's not always easy in a municipality of this size.



**Jeanne Crawley**  
Assistant  
Superintendent of  
Monroe Township's  
Recreation Department

**Q: How do you enjoy living in Monroe?**

**A:** I've lived in the town for about 32 years now. It is a great place to live and is a great community to raise a family. There are so many things to enjoy, like our great sports programs, and I've had the pleasure of coaching softball and cheerleading in the Township. In the summer, I love bringing my

granddaughter to the spray park in Veteran's Park; she absolutely adores it.

**Q: How would you describe an average day in your position?**

**A:** The best way to describe it is busy. I am always talking to and listening to the residents of the Township, trying to improve our Recreation Department so it best serves our residents. I

am also in charge of purchasing everything in our department from supplies to equipment, as well as day-to-day maintenance, so I spend a lot of time making sure our department has everything it needs to function properly. I was also involved in the creation of Community Pass, an online program that helps residents do things like register for

rec programs and camps in just a few clicks.

**Q: What is your favorite part of your job?**

**A:** Definitely interacting with the kids. Just watching the kids enjoy themselves participating in all of the activities, sports and camps that the Township offers. It makes me feel like all our hard work here is paying off.



## Intersection Improvements Make Local Roads Safer

Here is a quick list of traffic signal improvements:

- **Perrineville and Federal roads** – The light and improvements are complete.
- **Perrineville and Union Valley roads** – Improvements complete, light has been activated.
- **Spotswood Englishtown and Mounts Mills roads** – Developer-funded signal construction is expected to begin this fall.
- **Matchaponix and Spotswood Gravel Hill roads** – Design complete and under review. A cost-sharing agreement with Middlesex County has been executed. Construction planned for 2018.
- **Englishtown and Mounts Mills roads** – Monroe Township and Middlesex County are working together on design and construction of improvements at this location.

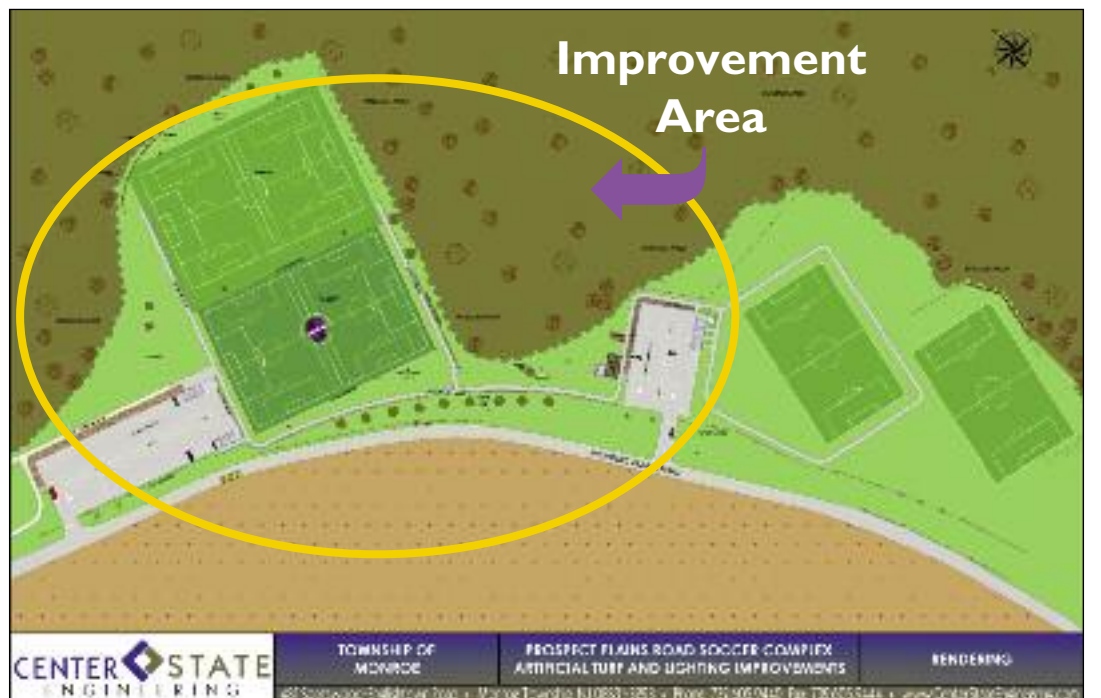


View from Federal and Perrineville intersection. Monroe appreciates residents' patience during construction as the Township works to improve the local roadway for safety and efficiency.

## Monroe Awards Contract for Soccer Field Turf and Lighting



**Soccer Field Upgrades:** At the Aug. 7 Council meeting, Mayor Tamburro and the Township Council awarded a contract for a new turf soccer field, a regulation field and lighting at the Monroe Township Soccer Complex on Prospect Plains Road. Freeholders Leslie Koppel and Shanti Narra joined Monroe Township Soccer Club teams and board members for an unveiling of the improvements made possible through joint funding from Monroe Township and a \$1M grant from Middlesex County. Construction is expected to begin this fall.



Members of the Indian American Club shared their heritage July 22 with a Dasavathara presentation at Monroe Township's Senior Center. Between the food, music and dancing, a packed house got a taste of the many regions in India!

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**Cadets Get Honorable Sendoff:** Mayor & Council recognized 2017 Monroe Township High School graduates and future military academy cadets, Matthew Mischler and Kaitlyn Guo (center). Both students have left for their academies; Mischler is at the US Naval Academy in Annapolis, MD and Guo is at US Air Force Academy in Colorado Springs, CO.

Councilman Michael Leibowitz, a former Army Captain (far left and above), graduated from West Point Academy and served during the Vietnam War. Leibowitz met with the new cadets to share a few words of encouragement.

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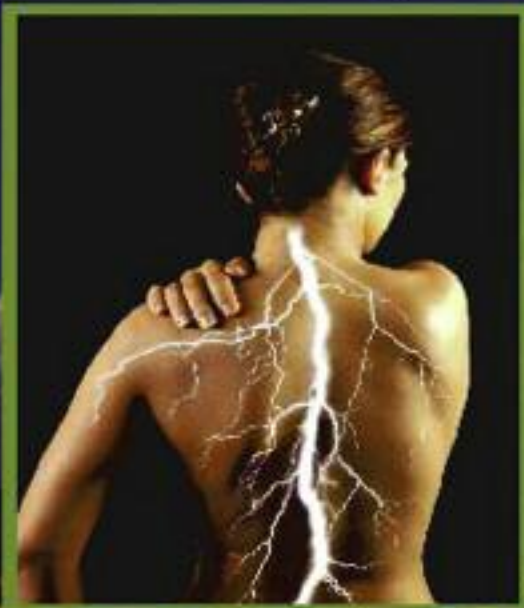
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# Recreation Calendar of Events

The Recreation Events Calendar will no longer be mailed out separately at the beginning of each year and will now be included in The Monroe News. It will also be available online at [www.monroetwp.com](http://www.monroetwp.com).

## September 2017

Monroe Township Department of Recreation  
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### Spray Park

Closes for the season at 8:00pm on September 4th. Will open again Memorial Day Weekend

### Pickle-Ball & Table Tennis



Open gym begins Monday, August 28th 8:00am—1:00pm Monday—Friday



Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
<b>Community Center Membership</b> Monroe Residents must register for our \$10.00 annual membership to use the facility and to register for most programs. Go to <a href="http://www.monroerec.com">www.monroerec.com</a> for more information or to <a href="http://register.communitypass.net/monroetownship">register.communitypass.net/monroetownship</a> to register today!					1	2
3	<b>4 LABOR DAY</b> Community Center Closed Spray Ground is Open until 8 PM. Last day of the season	5	<b>6 PHOTOGRAPHY CLUB</b> Community Center, 7 PM	<b>7 MAYOR'S CUP SHUFFLEBOARD</b> Rossmoor, 9 AM	8	9
10	<b>11 RECREATION ADVISORY BOARD MEETING</b> Community Ctr, 7 PM <b>SENIOR LUNCH &amp; LEARN</b> Community Ctr, 11 AM	<b>12 MTBA General Membership Mtg., Comm. Ctr, 7 PM</b> <b>MAYOR'S CUP WOMEN'S PICKLEBALL, Comm. Ctr, 6 PM</b>	13	<b>14 MAYOR'S CUP BOCCE</b> Thompson Park, 9 AM	15	16
17	<b>18 MTGSA Board Meeting</b> Community Ctr, 7 PM <b>MAYOR'S CUP PICKLEBALL,</b> Community Ctr, 6 PM	19	<b>20 PHOTOGRAPHY CLUB</b> Community Center, 7 PM	21	<b>22 AUTUMN BEGINS</b> 	23
24	25	26	27	28	29	30

## Join Us for Community Day 2017!

The whole family will have a ball.

Sunday  
September 17<sup>th</sup>  
10 a.m. to 1 p.m.  
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- Moon Bounces & inflatables
- Doctor Bernard and the Pawsitive Action Team!
- Food and refreshments
- And more!
- Music and games
- Door prizes and give-aways

**5K Run/Walk starts at 10 a.m.**  
 Adults, kids & strollers are welcome! \$10 per participant. Registration required. Visit us online for details:  
[HackensackMeridianHealth.org/5krace](http://HackensackMeridianHealth.org/5krace)

**Children's Health Fair and Teddy Bear Clinic**  
 This year's event will feature a teddy bear clinic as a fun opportunity for children to meet the care team and learn about various departments of the hospital. Have a stuffed friend that can use a little TLC? Our caregivers will be ready to repair stuffed animals' boo-boos with first aid supplies, stuffing and stitches. A nurse will also take the time to measure and weigh the stuffed friends, which will be recorded on certificates that each child will receive to take home.



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## October 2017

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### OCTOBERFEST

Saturday, October 22, 2017  
Begins 12noon  
Food, Music, Vendors, and more  
at the Community Center

### HALLOWEEN PARADE

Saturday, October 28, 2017  
10:30am REGISTRATION  
Free Admission at the  
Monroe Twp. Community Center  
120 Monmouth Road

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
1	2 MONROE WOLVERINES MONTHLY MEETING, Community Center, 7 PM	3	4 PHOTOGRAPHY CLUB Community Center, 7 PM	5	6	7
8	9 RECREATION ADVISORY BOARD MEETING Community Ctr, 7 PM SENIOR LUNCH & LEARN Community Ctr, 11 AM	10 MTBA General Membership Meeting, Community Ctr, 7 PM	11	12	13	14
15	16 MTGSA Board Meeting Community Ctr, 7 PM	17	18 PHOTOGRAPHY CLUB Community Center, 7 PM	19	20	21
22 OCTOBERFEST Community Center, 12 Noon	23	24	25	26	27	28 HALLOWEEN PARADE, Community Center, Registrations opens 10:30 AM
29	30	31 	<b>Open Gym Times</b> After School Open Gym, Monday—Friday 2pm-5pm Men's Basketball, Sundays 8am-10am. Adult Volleyball, Monday Nights 7pm-9pm Pickleball and Table Tennis, Monday—Friday 8am-1pm Fitness Center is open 8am-9pm, everyday			Membership required—\$10.00 annual fee. Additional open gym hours are available weeknights and weekends when no other programs are taking place. Call (732) 723-5000 for availability.

## November 2017

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### Grandparent's Day Out

Registration for Grandparent's Day Out will open November 1st. Forms and additional information can be found online at [www.monroerec.com](http://www.monroerec.com) or at the Community Center. Online registration is not available for this event and forms must be dropped off or mailed to the Community Center. Space is limited and is first come, first serve. Event is scheduled to be held on December 27th

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
			1 PHOTOGRAPHY CLUB Community Center, 7 PM Registration opens for GRANDPARENTS DAY OUT	2	3	4
5 DAYLIGHT SAVING TIME ENDS	6 MONROE WOLVERINES MONTHLY MEETING, Community Center, 7 PM	7 ELECTION DAY 	8	9	10	11 
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## Monroe Taxpayers Receive State School-Aid Increase



By Senator Linda Greenstein and  
Assemblymen Wayne DeAngelo and Dan Benson

Monroe Township property taxpayers have for far too long carried an unfair share of the burden of educating the Township's children because the Christie administration has failed to live up to its State aid obligation under the current school funding law.

Thankfully, through our hard work and the efforts of our parents and educators, an otherwise immovable Christie administration has finally agreed to begin making the necessary changes.

This fiscal year's State budget, just signed, will send an additional \$514,000 in State aid as a first step toward ensuring that Monroe receives the kind of State aid property taxpayers here so badly need. This additional \$514,000 includes approximately \$56,000 in new money for extraordinary special education aid to reimburse the district for the cost of educating special education students with the most severe learning disabilities.

This is the first meaningful increase since the Christie administration

cut our funding by \$4.4 million in 2011. The increased State aid we successfully fought for is just a down payment on what Monroe will receive in future years. We want to commend the Board of Education for using this money as property tax relief to reduce the burden on property taxpayers in this year's budget.

To be clear, this year for the first time, the State budget started to take away aid from districts that were getting more than they should have, and began to reallocate it to districts that were underfunded. This was a

major milestone, and we won't stop until all of that aid is sent back to school districts like Monroe, whose taxpayers need and deserve the relief as a matter of fairness.

This first step will be followed by an additional \$3.5 million for Monroe next year and potentially greater amounts in future years under a Democratic plan we support to reinstitute the millionaire's tax to provide more funding for our schools. The millionaire's tax will only be levied on income over \$1 million in any given tax year.

We recognize the additional aid we've been able to secure in this year's budget doesn't completely rectify a problem Gov. Christie brought upon us after he took office back in 2010 and immediately slashed school aid across New Jersey and refused to reauthorize a millionaire's tax, which could have been used for school aid.

We are committed to making further changes in school aid and in the school-funding formula in the years ahead to make sure that Monroe gets its fair share of funding.

## Summer Reading Program Helps Build A Better Monroe

Over the past two months, the Monroe Township Library's Summer Reading Club has been building momentum, drawing hundreds to its annual summer reading club.

Staff worked in this year's national theme, "Build a Better World," with complimentary tape measurers and accompanying activities.

The reading initiative, open to parents of infants and children up to the sixth grade, kicked off June 27 and runs through Labor Day.

The program rewards children each time they reach a benchmark in reading.

"If you make reading fun, you have lifelong learners; and that's what we're hoping to accomplish here," said Council Vice President Elizabeth Schneider.

Monroe's participants receive a free book for the first five hours they read, a Chipotle Mexican Grill coupon when they reach 10 hours, another free book with 15 hours completed and a Dunkin' Donuts coupon for the

final 20 hours.

As an added bonus, children who finish the full 20 hours are eligible to enter a drawing for a Kindle E-Reader and an Amazon gift card.

"We owe a big thanks to the Friends of the Monroe Township Library," said Monroe Township Library Director Irene Goldberg. "Their support, financial and otherwise, has been instrumental."

As of late July, Monroe's children and parents had logged a collective 2,500 hours of reading, according to



**Library staff member** Tammy Aarseth presents long-time Bookmobile patron, Concordia resident and notably, a Holocaust survivor, Curtis Huppert, with his books and a celebratory cake just prior to his 100th birthday on June 27.

Library Youth Services Coordinator Lynnette Fucci.

"The goal is 5,000, so we're on target," she said.

## High School Athletes Building on Past Season's Successes

As the Monroe Township School District continues to thrive, so too does its athletic programs at the high school. The Falcons have recently moved up into the Greater Middlesex Conference's Red Division, embracing their new role and an elevated level of competition. Many have already risen to the challenge, delivering several banner seasons to the Monroe Township High School Athletic Department. Teams have been practicing throughout the summer preparing for the upcoming fall seasons with official practices already underway in August.

### FALL PREVIEW

#### Football

Coach Dan Lee leads a talented squad with aspirations of returning to the State playoffs. Since the close of the school year, the Falcons have been hard at work, preparing daily for a grueling upcoming season. Their home opener is slated for Sept. 8 at 7 p.m. and another Saturday afternoon game against East Brunswick falls on Sept. 23. Add to that schedule an Oct. 13 Homecoming game versus Sayreville and a Senior Night game on Oct. 27, where players will face-off with Colts Neck.

The kick-off for all Friday night games begin at 7 p.m.

#### Boys Soccer

In Boys Soccer, Coach Steve Mackenzie hopes to seize another Division Championship with a strong returning nucleus and advance deep into the conference and State playoffs. Home games include:

- Tuesday, 09/05/17  
So. Brunswick HS, 6 p.m.
- Saturday, 09/09/17  
Old Bridge HS, 10 a.m.
- Saturday, 09/16/17  
Perth Amboy HS, 10 a.m.
- Thursday, 09/28/17  
E. Brunswick HS, 6:30 p.m.
- Tuesday, 10/03/17  
Saint Joseph's HS, 4 p.m.
- Thursday, 10/05/17  
Piscataway HS, 6 p.m.
- Saturday, 10/07/17  
J.P. Stevens HS, 3 p.m.
- Tuesday, 10/17/17  
New Brunswick HS, 6 p.m.

#### Girls Soccer

Looking to carry-over last season's end-of-year hot streak, Coach Pete Ruckdeschel's is counting on his experienced core of players this fall. With much at stake, the lady Falcons have been working through a regiment of summer practices. Home games include:

- Tuesday, 09/12/17  
So. Brunswick HS, 6 p.m.
- Tuesday, 09/19/17  
J.P. Stevens HS, 4 p.m.
- Wednesday, 09/20/17  
Edison HS, 3:45 p.m.
- Saturday, 09/23/17  
Lawrence HS, 9 a.m.
- Tuesday, 09/26/17  
Old Bridge HS, 6 p.m.
- Tuesday, 10/03/17  
Piscataway HS, 4 p.m.

- Thursday, 10/05/17  
E. Brunswick HS, 4 p.m.
- Tuesday, 10/10/17  
Peddie School, 4:15 p.m.
- Monday, 10/16/17  
Lawrenceville School, TBA

#### Field Hockey

Coach Sarah Cummings is leveraging the past two years' momentum, even with several key senior losses due to graduation, through a demanding summer-practice schedule. Home games include:

- Tuesday, 09/05/17  
Peddie School, 4 p.m.
- Saturday, 09/09/17  
Old Bridge HS, 10 a.m.
- Thursday, 09/14/17  
So. Plainfield HS, 4 p.m.
- Monday, 09/18/17  
Piscataway HS, 4 p.m.
- Wednesday, 09/20/17  
E. Brunswick HS, 4 p.m.
- Thursday, 09/28/17  
So. Brunswick HS, 4 p.m.
- Monday, 10/02/17  
Sayreville, 4 p.m.
- Friday, 10/06/17  
Metuchen HS, 6 p.m.

#### Girls Volleyball

Defending a division title, Coach Mike Collins prepped his young but seasoned team for the intense competition approaching. The home schedule includes:

- Thursday, 09/07/17  
Edison HS, 5:30 p.m.
- Friday, 09/08/17  
WW-Plainsboro N&S, 4 p.m.
- Monday, 09/18/17  
J.F.K., 5:30 p.m.
- Wednesday, 09/20/17  
New Brunswick HS, 5:30 p.m.
- Wednesday, 09/27/17  
Woodbridge HS, 5:30 p.m.



In partnership, officials from Monroe Township and the Monroe Township School District, accompanied by student athletes, unveiled the newly renovated tennis courts on Schoolhouse Road May 31.

- Monday, 10/02/17,  
So. Brunswick HS, 5:30 p.m.
- Tuesday, 10/03/17  
Piscataway HS, 5:30 p.m.
- Thursday, 10/12/17  
No. Brunswick, 5:30 p.m.

#### Girls Tennis

Coach Matt Olszewski, aiming to follow up on a stellar first season in the Red Division, is counting on his large contingency, who've made good use of the new tennis facility. Home games include:

- Thursday, 09/07/17  
South Brunswick HS, 4 p.m.
- Wednesday, 09/13/17  
East Brunswick HS, 4 p.m.
- Monday, 09/25/17  
Perth Amboy HS, 4 p.m.
- Wednesday, 09/27/17  
Edison HS, 4 p.m.
- Tuesday, 10/03/17  
Old Bridge HS, 4 p.m.
- Monday, 10/09/17 J.P.  
Stevens HS, 4 p.m.
- Thursday, 10/12/17  
Piscataway HS, 4 p.m.
- Monday, 10/23/17  
New Brunswick HS, 4 p.m.

#### Boys Cross Country

Coach Nick Puleio has high hopes for his players, who will be returning from an intro-

ductory season and to a very tough Red Division schedule.

#### Girls Cross Country

Coach Mary Howroyd continues to challenge the Girls Cross Country team, as they step back into the Red Division steep competition.

Home meets for boys and girls cross country meets are held at Thompson Park for:

- Tuesday, 09/12/17  
Saint Joseph's and Old  
Bridge, 3:45 p.m.
- Saturday, 09/16/17  
Thompson Park Classic  
Meet, 10:00 a.m.
- Monday, 09/18/17  
Divisional Meet, 3:45 p.m.
- Tuesday, 10/03/17  
Edison & New Brunswick,  
3:45 p.m.
- Saturday, 10/21/17  
GMC Championships, TBA

All game schedules can be found on the Monroe Township High School Athletic website: [www.monroe.k12.nj.us/site/default.aspx?PageID=8097](http://www.monroe.k12.nj.us/site/default.aspx?PageID=8097).

*Let's Go Falcons!*

## School District Celebrates Student Achievement

Monroe Township High School advanced 304 places on the 2017 Washington Post list of America's Most Challenging High Schools. We are proud of this tremendous recognition, as we want to ensure our students are prepared for the rigor of college.

The MTHS Chapter of DECA had seven students achieve first place in the International Career Development Conference in California. DECA is an internationally-recognized program for high school business students that focuses on developing leaders and entrepreneurs in marketing, finance, hospitality and management.

On June 21, more than 500 students graduated from Monroe Township High School. Led by Valedictorian Naomi Doshi and

Salutatorian Om Prahbu, the event was a celebration of the hard work of the students and their teachers. We are extremely proud of the accomplishments of our seniors and their plans for college and a career. Our Valedictorian, Naomi, plans to study neuroscience and biology at Johns Hopkins University and our Salutatorian, Om, is attending Rutgers University on a full scholarship to study biomedical engineering.

## State Aid Earmarked for Tax Relief

The Monroe Township School District is receiving \$458,098 in additional State aid, which the Monroe Township Board of Education designated for taxpayer relief at its July 19 meeting.

On behalf of the Board of Education, it gives me great pleasure to recognize the efforts of our community mem-

bers, Board and Township officials, Ad Hoc Committee, PTO/PTA, teachers, administrators and elected officials who worked for multiple years to secure additional State aid for our severely underfunded school district.

We are not finished fighting for our fair share of funding from the State. We regard the additional \$458,098 as a down payment toward the State aid that has been withheld from Monroe Township at a time when student enrollment has been accelerating on a monthly basis.

## Student Enrollment Continues to Climb

Our student enrollment continues to increase each month. In the past two years, we have added classrooms to our middle and high school by reducing the size of the library, converting offices to classrooms and even using



the stage for a classroom. Our elementary schools continue to use every available space for instruction. We have added additional staff in an effort to keep our class sizes at reasonable levels and to ensure the quality of education offered to our students does not suffer.

We have been working closely with Mayor Gerald Tamburro and Township Business Administrator Alan Weinberg to secure land for the construction of a new middle school. Once the land is purchased, we will be able to calculate the cost of the new projects. We will host informational nights, post information

on our website and send newsletters home to ensure that the community is kept informed of the entire process.

## Meet Sphero

Monroe Township Middle School students continue to showcase their technology skills by programming Sphero robots to perform various tasks. Sphero is an interactive robot that allows students to use their curiosity, creativity and inventiveness while learning computer programming.

And, speaking of creativity, our MTMS Percussion Ensemble was selected to perform at the All-Eastern Music Educator's Conference

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**CORRECTION:** In *The Monroe News* Spring 2017 edition, the article "Monroe Marching Band Performs at Pearl Harbor," should have stated, "Student musicians and parents who travelled with the band raised their own funds to pay for travel expenses."



in Atlantic City last year, when the students wowed the audience with the high level of their performance.

Our students and staff raise money and supplies throughout the year to help people in need.

One such way our students work with the community is the Empty Bowls Hunger Awareness Project. Last year, students from Brookside School collaborated with some of our senior citizens at the Senior Center to create ceramic bowls. These bowls were then sold and the funds went to local food banks in Monroe Township and surrounding communities.

## A Summer School Like No Other

Monroe Township School District Extended School Year Program for preschool through high

school students ensures that learning continues throughout the summer.

This six-week program, held at Oak Tree Elementary School, is designed for targeted students with special needs. The program is taught by special education teachers and para-professionals.

With specialists available in speech, occupational therapy, physical therapy and behavior/social skills. The focus of the program is on maintaining and strengthening students' academic skills to prepare them for the new school year. There is an academic portion of the program that focuses on math and reading skills, and additional activities, such as arts and crafts, play time, and outdoor activities.

These additional activities are often relat-

ed to the academic portion of the students' day, so that the children have an opportunity to expand what they have learned during their academic instruction.

## Connect with the Monroe Schools

Please visit the MTSD website at [www.monroe.k12.nj.us](http://www.monroe.k12.nj.us) to find more information on the many exciting activities and events occurring in our schools. In addition, we have Facebook ([www.facebook.com/monroe.k12.nj.us](https://www.facebook.com/monroe.k12.nj.us)) and Twitter (<https://twitter.com/mtsdfalcons>) pages, our Focus on Education Show on Channel 28 and our monthly newsletter, the Falcon Flyer, which you can sign up for at: <https://www.monroe.k12.nj.us>.



Above: Empty Bowls Hunger Awareness Project



Right: MTMS Percussion Ensemble

Photos provided by Monroe Township School District



During six performances in late July, the Mighty Oak Players presented Rodgers & Hammerstein's "Oklahoma!" Hosted by the Monroe Township Cultural Arts Commission at the Monroe Township Performing Arts Center, actors artfully delivered this American classic to local play-goers. Check out [www.MonroeTownshipCulturalArts.com](http://www.MonroeTownshipCulturalArts.com) or call 877-77(CLICK) between 9 a.m. and 10 p.m. to see what's in store next. (Photo courtesy of Alessandro Graziano)



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- High Holiday Tickets

✪ This holiday season we are offering an introductory membership program. ✪

When you join us by November 1, 2017, the first year of membership will be 50% off the annual dues and includes your High Holiday tickets for 5778.

Non-members can also purchase tickets for the High Holidays. Please call the temple for pricing.

Open House on Sunday, September 10th from 10 a.m. to 1 p.m.

Please contact us at 732-251-1119 or visit us on the web at [etzchaimmtjc.org](http://etzchaimmtjc.org)  
We look forward to hearing from you!!!

## National Night Out



**Thompson Park** was the scene of hundreds of well-wishers, who came to greet police, emergency responders and Township employees during this annual community gathering featuring games, giveaways and food and held nationally on the first day of August.



## Monroe Continues its Push for More School Aid

By Kathy Kolupanowich, President  
Monroe Township Board of Education

Our Board of Education and district administration has been working diligently this summer to ready our schools for the opening of the 2017-2018 school year. There is a lot to accomplish in a short amount of time and our summers tend to be just as busy as the rest of the school year.

As we open our schools in September, I'd like our community to know that the Board of Education is very much aware that every decision we make has an effect on all of our residents. That is why we have been, and will continue to be, your voice in our quest for additional State funding for our district.

I'd like to thank our community for their support of our petition drive this past spring,

when we collected more than 8,000 signatures in areas throughout Monroe Township.

On May 2, I had an opportunity to speak on behalf of our residents at a rally in Trenton in support of an increase in State funding for this school year and a new funding formula in the future that will help the underfunded districts like Monroe Township.

The good news is that our Township was at the forefront in the minds of the New Jersey legislators, who awarded our school district an additional \$458,098 in State aid this year. The Board of Education unanimously agreed in a resolution at our July meeting to give all of the additional monies back to our taxpayers as promised during our petition drive.

While we are thankful that those in Trenton heard our voices and delivered on their promise to increase funding, it was just a drop in the bucket of what we deserve in order to make a difference to all of our taxpayers. Our Ad Hoc Committee on Fair Funding met throughout the spring and summer to make sure that we explore every avenue in advocating for our fair share of state funding. We cannot sit back and be content in the amount of money our district received.

I would like to assure all our residents in Monroe that our Board of Education will continue to advocate for continued State aid and a funding formula that will be fair to the Monroe Township community and school district.

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Oct. 23 at 10:30 a.m. – Movement, Music and Mindfulness

Nov. 27 at 10:30 a.m. – Diabetes Awareness

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## Seeking Election Poll Workers in Monroe

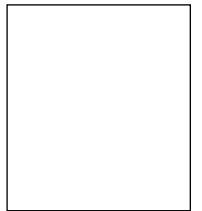
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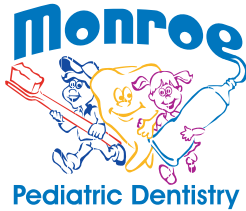
Applications are available on the Monroe Township website, [www.monroetwp.com](http://www.monroetwp.com), or by contacting a clerk's office staff member at 732-656-4573 or in-person at 1 Municipal Plaza, Room 108.

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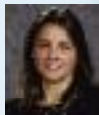
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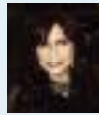
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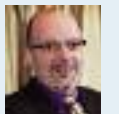
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