



## Monroe Approves 2019 Budget with No Municipal Tax Increase

Monroe Mayor Gerald W. Tamburro signed a 2019 municipal budget with zero increase after a public hearing at the regular meeting of Monroe Township Council on May 6.

“I am pleased to have signed our 2019 Township budget that includes zero increase to the municipal tax rate,” said Mayor Tamburro. “This budget is the culmination of a year-long process with fiscally responsible decisions, careful negotiating and thoughtful planning at its core. All of which help to maintain Monroe’s position as the second lowest overall effective tax rate in Middlesex County and contribute to our AA+ bond rating.”

The newly adopted municipal

### Monroe’s Overall Effective Municipal Tax Ranking in Middlesex County

Taxing District	Overall Effective Tax Rate	Taxing District	Overall Effective Tax Rate
Cranbury	1.93	East Brunswick	2.74
<b>Monroe</b>	<b>2.08</b>	South Amboy	2.77
Old Bridge	2.08	Milltown	2.85
South Brunswick	2.09	Cartaret	2.89
South Plainfield	2.18	Middlesex	2.96
Edison	2.27	Woodbridge	2.97
Plainsboro	2.29	North Brunswick	3.01
New Brunswick	2.33	Spotswood	3.02
South River	2.38	Perth Amboy	3.02
Piscataway	2.42	Jamesburg	3.26
Sayreville	2.51	Dunellen	3.27
Metuchen	2.58	Highland Park	3.40
Helmetta	2.71		

\*Source: Middlesex County’s 2018 Abstract of Ratables.

budget reflects productive negotiations related to municipal employee healthcare benefits among the contributing factors for this flat tax rate. The adopted budget maintains the previous

year’s tax rate of \$47.6 cents per \$100 assessed value.

In other good news, Middlesex County also recently passed a 2019 operating budget that contains no tax rate increase. ■

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## Middlesex County and Monroe Township To Preserve Nearly 59 Acres of Open Space Along Federal Road

Monroe will be adding nearly 59 acres to its open space inventory thanks to successful collaboration with Middlesex County, which will purchase the property.

“The addition of 59 acres of beautifully wooded area moves us closer to our goal of preserving half of the Township,” said Mayor Tamburro. “When

we learned that the Otto Pohl Estate property was available, we quickly reached out to our Freeholders in an effort to protect and preserve this land. We are thankful that Middlesex County took the necessary steps to acquire the land in partnership with us.”

The freeholder board bought the land from the

estate of Otto & Mary E. Pohl at its May 16 meeting.

“These 59 acres will be a great addition to the careful balance of development and nature in Middlesex County,” said Middlesex County Freeholder Director Ronald G. Rios. “We are honored for the opportunity to help Monroe  
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59 Acres at the corner of Perrineville Road and Federal Road to be purchased by Middlesex County. Acquisition moves Monroe closer to 50 percent of its open space preservation goal.

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## From the Mayor's Desk

### Mayor Pushes Back on Court-Ordered Housing and Demands More Funding for Monroe

My ongoing pledge is to continue to be a good steward of the public's resources for the betterment of our community. Presenting a municipal budget without a tax increase is one part of the equation and working with state leaders in the best interest of all Monroe residents is another crucial element.

In March, I invited Senate President Steve Sweeney to Town Hall to share my concerns about the court-mandated affordable housing requirements that force many communities in the state – including Monroe – to accept unwanted housing. I told the Senate President that Monroe needs more tools to manage this development, including builders' impact fees. I also reinforced my determination to maintain an open space rate of 50 percent, even as we contend with the state's court-mandated housing.

We discussed my long-

time concern with the state's school funding formula for which I have testified in Trenton and will remain a vocal proponent for Monroe to receive its fair share. We have made some headway but hard work remains.

Also discussed was the impending closing of the New Jersey Training Home for Boys. I made our wishes clear that we need to ensure all 600 acres of the state-owned property in Monroe is used for farming and open space.

At the close of our meeting, Senate President Sweeney expressed his appreciation for the opportunity to connect and committed to working together on an ongoing basis for the betterment of Monroe.

Last year, I worked with Assembly Speaker Craig Coughlin, a Middlesex County resident, to successfully restore cuts to the Homestead Credit program, providing \$3.3 million in state tax relief for



**Mayor Gerald W. Tamburro**

Monroe seniors. Qualified residents received half of the credit in their May tax bill. I will fight along with Speaker Coughlin and our state representatives to ensure the second credit is funded in the state's fiscal 2020 spending plan.

I have been discussing with Speaker Coughlin about the need to expand the income threshold for the Senior Freeze (Property Tax Reimbursement) Program. Currently, the senior freeze is limited to incomes under \$70,000. This threshold must be raised so more seniors qualify.

Several years ago, I helped fight to expand the state's retirement income exemption, which was stuck at \$20,000.

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*Bob and Mary Shine recently presented Mayor Tamburro with a painting by Mr. Shine of the historic Monroe Oak that presently hangs in the Mayor's office.*



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## Mayor Tells “Bald Eagle Developer” That He Won’t Be Silenced

The so-called “Bald Eagle Developer,” who has failed in obtaining Zoning Board approval to increase net density to construct a large, mixed-used development within the vicinity of the site of a bald eagle’s nest, has filed a lawsuit against Monroe, and specifically named Monroe Mayor Gerald W. Tamburro as a defendant.

“We will not be bullied by aggressive developers and their lawyers, who are focused on maximizing their profits, going beyond the court ordered settlement, no matter the detriment to the people of Monroe and our environment,” Tamburro said. “I have stated my opposition

to this proposed development in my capacity as a concerned Monroe resident and an American who is entitled to free speech. If this developer has a problem with my criticism, that’s his problem.”

The site at 1009 Route 33 in Monroe is home to nesting Bald Eagles, which are sensitive to human activity and protected by law. (Photo: Wikimedia Foundation)

Since the discovery of the nest, the Bald Eagle Developer, known in municipal filings as “SPII-LLC,” reconfigured the development plan by squeezing the original number of units into less developable land. To do

this, he is adding 4-story apartments, maintaining 206 housing units and reducing the development’s commercial component.

SPII-LLC, appeared before the township zoning board on March 26, trying to get approval for their amended plan to cram 206 new housing units on a smaller buildable footprint, in an environmentally-sensitive area of Monroe, near the Millstone River.

Prior to the meeting, Mayor Tamburro spread the word that the area is home to a bald eagle’s nest perched near the Millstone River. Under state and federal law, it can be illegal



to construct buildings within 660 feet of the nest.

Hundreds of residents heard the Mayor’s concerns and turned out for the meeting, in which the zoning board rejected the application.

“Suing the town, and me personally, will do

absolutely nothing to change the position of the zoning board, which has made its ruling,” Tamburro said. “And, as a resident who cares deeply about this community, it is a decision I fully support and I will not be silenced.” ■

## More Funding for Monroe *Continued from page 2*

Thankfully, we were successful in that fight and we must stay on track in order to keep our seniors financially stable and remaining in New Jersey.

The retirement income exclusion threshold is slated to increase to \$80,000 this year (2019) and to \$100,000 in 2020. Retirees will be able to exclude more of their pension and retirement income from New Jersey income tax.

In the future, many retirees may pay zero income tax under the new program. It is absolutely critical that this exemption reach \$100,000 in 2020. We need to change the law so everyone gets the benefit of the first \$100,000 exemption, no matter an



*Senate President Steve Sweeney and Mayor Gerald W. Tamburro*

individual’s income.

Finally, we have to continue to support our veterans. I was pleased that the state Legislature added a \$3,000 state income tax deduction for veterans beginning in 2017. And of course, we must maintain the \$250 property tax deduction for veterans. Both of these are important

programs and recognize the sacrifice that our veterans made for each of us.

I truly appreciate that Senate President Sweeney took the time to meet with me in Monroe to discuss some pressing concerns that our residents have voiced and I look forward to further conversations with Speaker

## Ready, Set, Go!



*Mayor Tamburro pictured with Mayor’s Choice Award winner Logan Sisolak at the annual Pinewood Derby hosted at the Community Center by Monroe Cub Scout Pack 3.*

Coughlin and our other state lawmakers in the near future, as I continue to fight for Monroe.

Thank you for the opportunity to serve this great community. ■

## Infrastructure Improvements in Full Swing

### Monroe Township Sponsored Projects:

#### Road Improvements

Monroe's annual road improvement program began this month. The following roads are scheduled for milling, resurfacing and striping: Erickson Avenue; Centre Drive; portions of Federal Road between Perrineville and Bergen Mills; Union Valley Road in the area of Carly Court; Federal Road at England Road; Cranbury-Half Acre Road between Applegarth Road and Union Valley-Half Acre Road; Dey Grove Road, between Perrineville and Jurgelsky; and Mounts Mills Road from Spotswood-Englishtown Road to the Regency entrance. This project will be complete by early fall.

#### Monmouth Road

This project will be nearing completion early this summer with roadway widening, milling, new pavement, striping, with crosswalks and concrete improvements to comply with ADA standards, and drainage improvements as

required under stormwater management guidelines. This project is partially funded by a \$310,000 state grant. These improvements vastly improve the walkability of this neighborhood to reach Mill Lake School and the Monroe Township Community Center.

#### Daniel Road & 10th Street

This project, funded in part by a \$475,000 NJDOT Municipal Aid grant, has been advertised for public bid. Improvements include road milling, paving, drainage, curb and ADA concrete improvements. Construction is expected to begin this summer.

#### Schoolhouse Road

(from the railroad tracks to Spotswood Gravel Hill Road)

This portion of roadway is a main, municipal thoroughfare; restoration and new pavement is being funded in part by a \$557,200 state grant. The project is expected to be complete this summer.

#### Daniel Ryan Field ADA Restroom and Concession



New concession stand and restrooms for the Daniel Ryan field and soccer complex.

Construction on the new concession and ADA restroom facility is almost complete. This highly-anticipated project will be ready to open for the Wolverine season.

#### Monroe Township Soccer Complex Improvements

Construction on the new concession and ADA restroom facility is proceeding rapidly. The soccer league is eagerly awaiting the grand opening just in time for the fall season.

#### Matchaponix, Pergola & Spotswood Gravel Hill Signal

Land acquisition and county coordination continue at this intersection; construction is anticipated to begin late 2019.

#### Safety Improvements

- Avenue K - Solar power speed radar is

being installed in the area of Veterans Park. Keep an eye out for these pedestrian safety improvements.

- Federal Road at Stonebridge and Cranbury Half Acre Road at The Orchards will be the location of flashing, pedestrian crossing signs later this summer. This will allow pedestrians to cross to the park safely.
- Streetlight installation, upgrades and tree trimming to reduce power outages is currently underway in conjunction with JCP&L.
- Concrete replacement, road striping and damaged guide rail replacement will begin late this summer.

### Middlesex County Sponsored:

#### Old Bridge-Englishtown and Mounts Mills Road Traffic Signal

Middlesex County is currently working with its traffic engineer on design plans for land acquisition for traffic signal installation, drainage improvements and road widening.

#### Spotswood-Englishtown Road (County Road 613)

Paving from Mounts Mills Road to Country Club Drive at Regency is expected to begin in August.

### State Sponsored:

#### Railroad Crossing Repair

Conrail has notified the Township that at-grade crossing repairs will be completed on Federal Road later this year. ■



Monmouth Road Improvements Underway

## Monroe Township Among the Safest Cities in America

Monroe Township is ranked high among the 100 Safest Cities in America, according to the 2019 Report by SafeWise, a leading resource for home safety and security.

Monroe Township is ranked as the 12th safest city in America, fourth safest city in the state and the top safest city in Middlesex County. The ranking is based on FBI crime report statistics and population data for 2017, the most recent year for which information is available.

“There’s nothing more important than the safety of all of our residents, businesses and visitors to Monroe Township,” said Mayor Tamburro. “We are committed to keeping crime rates very low – zero is our ultimate goal – and continue to allocate the appropriate resources toward that mission.”

“I think all would agree that the Monroe Township Police Department is top notch and its creative initiatives toward safety and community engagement are unparalleled,” he added.

Monroe police recently announced a voluntary security camera registry. Businesses and residents provide access to their outdoor surveillance footage that could aid police investigations, expedite consequences for offenders and deter future unlawful activity.

Those with security systems are encouraged to join the registry by calling police headquarters at 732-521-0222.

“This safety ranking is a testament to the men and women who patrol the



streets of Monroe day and night, as well as their supervisors and commanding officers,” Mayor Tamburro said. “We welcomed three new officers to the police force earlier

this month and we will continue to evaluate our human resources to ensure our police department has the staffing and other resources needed to remain successful.” ■

## Mayor Says Local Roads Would Not Connect into Potential Warehouse Development in Cranbury

Mayor Gerald W. Tamburro says local Monroe roads will not serve as access points for new warehouses in neighboring Cranbury.

Cranbury is likely to consider a plan to erect warehouses on 43 acres of farmland on the Monroe municipal border at Ely Drive, Halsey Reed Road and Old Halsey Reed Road. Mayor Tamburro said the initial proposals of this warehouse plan show a direct connection to municipal roads in Monroe.

“I will not allow tractor trailers on our residential streets,” Mayor Tamburro said.

Tamburro hoped that providing a thoughtful study of the area would spark important dialogue about the property. Instead, Tamburro received an unproductive letter from Cranbury Mayor James Taylor, saying that Monroe should “respect our rights to develop the Master plan in our residents’ interests.”

The Cranbury mayor – who noted in his letter that Monroe’s report was “very well done” – also chose to suggest that “impacted residents in Monroe should have and could have done their homework before purchasing in this area,”

adding these choices are “not Cranbury’s responsibility or concern.”

Tamburro said he was certainly disappointed with the unnecessary tone of the letter, noting Monroe has enjoyed a superb relationship with Cranbury and hopes to continue to do so.

Tamburro added that responsible, effective leaders take suggestions and input into account as they make decisions, not blindly choose to create problems for residents because they happen to reside in a neighboring zip code.

“Still, our goal remains to work cooperatively with Cranbury and try to find a



solution,” Tamburro said. “We have worked together in the past many times. But I caution that I serve the people of Monroe. They need to come first.”

To that end, if massive warehouses are construct-

ed on this property, local residents in both towns have a right to be heard about impacts and Monroe streets would not be used, Tamburro said. All local access points from Monroe

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## Monroe Township Launches “Clean Sweep Monroe” Litter Clean-Up Initiative

Monroe Township launched the “Clean Sweep Monroe” litter clean-up initiative to tidy up Township roadways, parks and open space where litter and other debris collect.

“Monroe Township is a beautiful location to live, work and play with its variety of parks, trails, open space and historical landmarks. We take great pride in our community,” said Mayor Gerald W. Tamburro. “The kick-off event spruced-up areas where debris has accumulated through the winter months. Now, ongoing clean-up activities will sweep throughout the Township through the remainder of the year.”

The year-long initiative began with a Township-wide litter patrol event May 18 at the Monroe Township Community Center. There were more than 100 volunteers from groups such as Our Lord of Nativity youth church

group, Boy Scout Troop #3, Monroe Station # 51 Volunteer Fire Co., Wolverine Cheerleaders, Agraj Seva Kendra and other Township residents and employees.

Teams were bused to one of seven locations, where they collected and disposed of truckloads of accumulated litter.

All volunteers were then treated to a complementary barbecue lunch. While there, participants also toured the Township’s Enviromobile, gathered educational information from eco-friendly organizations and picked up a free tree seedling from members of Monroe Township’s Shade Tree Commission, as part of the New Jersey Tree Recovery campaign.

“We must all work together to keep our community clean,” Mayor Tamburro said. “I implore each resident, business owner, student and visitor to Monroe to use proper

receptacles and to discard any litter they may encounter.”

In addition to the spring litter clean-up day, non-profit and community-service groups can help with litter clean-up efforts throughout the year and earn as much as \$500 in mini-grants for their respective organizations.

Interested organizations can register for litter patrol parties at Township-approved sites throughout the year. Contact the Department of Public Works for additional information.

The Clean Sweep Monroe initiative is supported by the New Jersey Clean Communities Council, Inc. (NJCCC), the 501c3 nonprofit that works closely with the New Jersey Department of Environmental Protection and the New Jersey Department of Treasury to administer the Clean Communities program. ■



Litter Patrol at the inaugural Clean Sweep Monroe event on April 18.



Councilman Baskin and Monroe residents ready to volunteer for Clean Sweep Monroe.



Monroe Township Police Officers posing with Oscar the Grouch at Clean Sweep Monroe.



## Construction Department Q & A

**Q: What types of permits do residents submit to the Construction Department? How do I know if I need a permit?**

A: Residents can submit Plumbing, Electrical, Fire and Building permits for a one-family or two-family detached home. Homeowners will typically need permits when replacing mechanical equipment such as water heaters, heating and air conditioning. Be sure to call the Construction Department to confirm what, if any, permits are required prior to beginning any project.

**Q: With summer here, what do residents need to know before installing any type of pool in their yard?**

A: All pools greater than 24 inches in height require an installation permit issued through the Construction Department. No pools will be allowed to be in use until final inspections and the certificate of approval is issued.

**Q: How long does it take for an application to be reviewed and approved?**

A: An application can take up to 20 business days to be reviewed, however, we do our best to review applications as quickly as possible. Approval timeframes depend on the scope of the project, completeness of the application and pre-approval requirements.

**Q: What happens if my permit application is denied?**

A: If your permit application is denied, the plan reviewer will reach out to you for clarification.

**Q: What are the construction requirements for submitted plans?**

A: Two sets of drawings are required that show the scope of work being performed. Drawings must be clear and legible with as much information to show all work being done and materials being used. When drawings are prepared by licensed professionals such as plumbers, electricians and architects the drawings must be signed and sealed. Depending on the type of work, submitted plans may also need to include Zoning approvals, MTUD approvals or other requirements.

**Q: Are there any recent changes in permit requirements residents should be aware of?**

A: Recent changes in permit requirements for minor work have been established. Minor work has less restrictions on inspection since only a final inspection is required. Contact the construction office to determine if your project falls under the regulations for minor work.

**Q: What are some of the required inspections residents should be aware of?**

A: Required inspections vary by project. If you are replacing mechanical equipment, for example, electrical and plumbing final inspections would be required. If you are putting on an addition to your home, the required inspections would be footing, slab inspection, plumbing and electrical rough inspection, framing sheathing and all finals for each involved sub code.

**Q: Where can residents get copies of Department of Community Affairs (DCA) forms? And what kinds of DCA forms will they need?**

A: All DCA forms such as Plumbing, Electrical, Fire, Building and Certificates of Occupancy, can be found on our website at [monroetwp.com/departments/construction](http://monroetwp.com/departments/construction). Chimney verification forms can also be found on the site when replacing a gas appliance.

For more information, visit the Construction department page on



Members of the Township Council and Municipal staff from the Construction Department gathered to recognize Harold Dower for his 25 years of service and his retirement.

[monroetwp.com](http://monroetwp.com), contact the Construction Department via phone or make an appointment to stop by the office.

**Q: Where is the Construction Department located and how can residents contact you?**

A: We are located at 76 Gravel Hill-Spotswood Road and can be reached at (732) 656-4585. For residents of Monroe Township, the Construction Department counter opens at 7:30 a.m.

**Q: Once a resident receives an approved permit, how long do they have to complete the intended project?**

A: The resident has until the third year after issuance of the permit to complete the project. The resident may apply for a one year extension if the project is not yet complete by the allocated time. This does not apply to interior improvements to the primary residence of the permit holder as long as the improvements are not visible from the outside of the property. ■



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## Monroe Township Awarded \$557,000 State Transportation Grant

Monroe will receive a \$557,200 state grant from the New Jersey Department of Transportation's (NJDOT) Fiscal Year 2019 Municipal Aid Program for the Schoolhouse Road – Pedestrian and Roadway Improvements project.

“This grant marks the largest award Monroe Township has received yet from the NJDOT – almost \$80,000 more than the previous year and \$247,000 more than the 2017 grant,” said Mayor Tamburro.

“We are thankful to our legislators, including Senator Greenstein and Assemblymen DeAngelo and Benson, for their strong advocacy in support of our efforts to secure the necessary funding for this phase of the Schoolhouse Road project,” he said. “We plan to put the funds to good use while ensuring the safety

of our roadways for our residents and visitors to Monroe Township.”

The funding will be utilized for a Schoolhouse Road improvement project that will mill, repave and reconstruct Schoolhouse Road east of the railroad tracks to the split between Schoolhouse and Spotswood Gravel Hill Roads. This will not include the signaled intersection at Buckelew Avenue which was recently improved by Middlesex County.

“As Chairman of the Assembly Transportation and Independent Authorities Committee, I fought alongside my 14th District legislative colleagues Senator Linda Greenstein and Assemblyman Wayne DeAngelo to ensure the highest award in recent history for Monroe residents,” said Assemblyman Daniel



A westbound view of Schoolhouse Road facing the train tracks and Forman Ave., slated for improvement with funds from Monroe's largest-ever NJDOT grant. (Photo: Monroe Township)

Benson.

“This grant money is an important investment in the safety of our local roadways and an improvement in our local transportation system,” he said. “I will continue to advocate for the funding of transportation projects in

Monroe Township and all municipalities in the 14th District.”

NJDOT's Municipal Aid Program is a very competitive program intended to provide municipalities with transportation-based grants to supplement their trans-

portation programs.

Each fiscal year, the NJDOT issues a solicitation announcement to municipalities inviting them to apply for funding for their specific project needs. Projects are presented to a screening committee comprised of municipal engineers and NJDOT staff appointed by the Commissioner. The committee evaluates the projects presented and makes recommendations to the Commissioner of Transportation for consideration and approval.

This year, the Department reports receiving 681 applications requesting more than \$377.9 million but awarded \$161.2 million. ■

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## Local Roads

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would be closed off, forcing any tractor trailer traffic generated by Mayor Taylor to use only local streets in Cranbury.

“I know our residents cannot stand this excessive tractor trailer traffic to and from the Cranbury warehouses on our roads,” Tamburro said. “I’m sure the good people of Cranbury would be equally frustrated and angered by Mayor Taylor’s decision to add even more trucks to their roads. That is why I hope we can all meet and discuss a plan that works best for everyone.”

“I’m sure the residents in both Monroe and Cranbury would agree.” ■

## 59 Acres of Open Space *Continued from page 1*

Township in their preservation goal and hope their mission will encourage our residents to take an interest in protecting the environment.”

“As a Freeholder, I’m always proud to be part of the effort to preserve nature in Middlesex County. I hail from Monroe, so I know that its residents are committed to protecting its wooded areas and preserving its legacy,” added Freeholder

Leslie Koppel, Chair of the Finance Committee.

Comprising approximately 34 acres located at the southwest corner of Perrineville Road and 25 acres at the northwest corner of Federal Road, the land is purchased through the Middlesex County Open Space, Recreation & Farmland And Historic Preservation Trust Fund for a price not to exceed \$508,000.

“The acquisition of this

land is a testament to the great partnership between Monroe Township and Middlesex County, and our commitment to continually work together in the best interest of our residents,” said Council President Stephen Dalina. “Securing this land not only maintains the natural beauty of the area, it also provides possibilities for activities including horse trails and other recreational uses.” ■

## Friends of the Senior Center Car Show



Saturday, May 25 was a great day for a car show! The Friends of the Senior Center Car Show hosted more than 100 antique and modern cars and trucks. Residents and guests donated dozens of canned food items to the Monroe Township

food pantry in exchange for admission. Wayne Horbatt, Director of DPW, pictured with his classic car.

## EMS Appreciation Week



Mayor Tamburro designated May 19-25, 2019 as Emergency Medical Services Week in honor of the lifesaving care our EMS team provides to Monroe Township residents 24-hours per day, seven days per week.

The Monroe Township EMS team, whether career or volunteer, engage in thousands of hours of specialized training and continuing education to dramatically improve the survival and recovery rate of those who experience sudden illness or injury.

The EMS system consists of first responders, emergency medical technicians, paramedics and emergency medical dispatchers.

*Thank you to all EMS team members for your care and dedication!*

## Free Tree Seedlings for Our Tree City

Free tree seedlings are being distributed to Monroe Township residents at various events throughout the year as part of the New Jersey Tree Recovery Campaign. This program helps communities replace trees damaged or destroyed by Superstorm Sandy.

The first seedling distribution event was held April 6 at the Department of Public Works, Monroe Township Library and James Monroe Park. Seedlings also were handed out at the Clean Sweep Monroe event on May 18. Upcoming opportunities to pick up seedlings will be at the Green Fair in September and at the annual Octoberfest event at the Community Center.

“In addition to the environmental benefits of replacing downed trees and planting new ones in open areas, the New Jersey Tree Recovery Campaign helps Monroe Township maintain our Tree City USA status with the Arbor Day Foundation,” said Mayor Tamburro. “Residents are encouraged to visit one of the distribution sites and plant a seedling as prescribed by the instruc-

tions provided.”

Monroe Township was named a 2018 Tree City USA by the Arbor Day Foundation in honor of its commitment to effective urban forest management. The Tree City USA program is sponsored by the Arbor Day Foundation in partnership with the U.S. Forest Service and the National Association of State Foresters.

Residents are encouraged to pick up tree seedlings on a first-come, first-served basis. Each resident also will receive instructions on how to store, care for, and plant the seedlings as well as guidelines for choosing the right place on a property to plant a tree while keeping in mind the tree’s full-grown size in the future. Residents should plant the seedlings within two days after pick-up in order to prevent the roots from drying out.

The goal of the Tree Recovery Campaign is to distribute 600,000 tree seedlings to New Jersey residents over the course of six years. It is a joint effort between Monroe Township, New Jersey Forest Service, New Jersey Soil Conservation Districts,



Mayor Tamburro and members of Monroe Township Council joined members of the Shade Tree Commission at the Falcon's Nest preschool on March 13 to distribute tree seedlings. Monroe Township High School students assisted children in Ms. Scaletti and Ms. Silberstein's preschool class as they collected their seedlings. Members of the Shade Tree Commission shared information about the importance of trees in the environment and how to care for their seedlings.

Sustainable Jersey, the Arbor Day Foundation, BJ's Wholesale Club, Canon and FedEx.

When properly planted and maintained, trees can be assets to a community. They improve the visual appeal of a neighborhood or business district, increase property values, reduce home cooling costs, remove air pollutants, and provide wildlife habitat, among many other benefits.

For a list of all distribution locations across the state, visit [www.forestry.nj.gov](http://www.forestry.nj.gov)

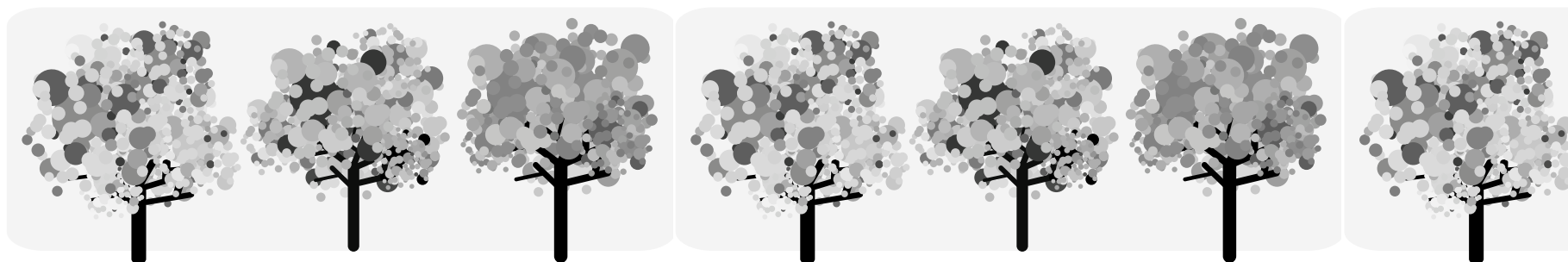


Members of the Shade Tree Committee distribute seedlings to visitors at the Monroe Township Library

[nj.gov](http://www.nj.gov) or [www.facebook.com/newjerseyforests](http://www.facebook.com/newjerseyforests).

For inquiries regarding Monroe Township seedling

distribution, please contact Pam Broskie at 732-521-4400. ■



## Monroe Maintains Lowest Water & Sewer Rates in Area

### 2019 WATER COST COMPARISONS

District	Water
<b>Monroe Township</b>	<b>\$64.83</b>
South Brunswick	\$93.78
East Brunswick	\$104.69
Sayreville	\$126.64
Old Bridge	\$137.40
New Brunswick	\$183.84
Spotswood	\$193.00
Helmetta	\$202.05
Jamesburg	\$203.05
City of South Amboy	\$209.67
Milltown	\$288.20

25,000 Gallons of Usage per Quarter

### 2019 SEWER COST COMPARISONS

District	Sewer
<b>Monroe Township</b>	<b>\$64.75</b>
Jamesburg	\$97.00
Helmetta	\$114.00
South Brunswick	\$132.83
City of South Amboy	\$141.53
Old Bridge	\$142.77
East Brunswick	\$160.00
Spotswood	\$186.40
Milltown	\$198.76
New Brunswick	\$215.66
Sayreville	\$231.91

25,000 Gallons of Usage per Quarter

## Scouts Corner



Members of Daisy Troop 83619 plant flowers at a garden at the Monroe Township Library.



Girl Scout Cadets Keerthi Prabhu (left) and Julia Russell (right) of Troop 83803 hosted a pet toy-making workshop at Monroe Township Middle School. The workshop is part of the scouts' Silver Award project "Toys for Homeless Animals."



Mayor Tamburro continued his effort to recognize the service of Monroe Township Vietnam War Veterans with commemorative pins from The United States of America Vietnam War Commemoration. Maurice Levy, pictured here with his wife Margo, son Michael Sultan and Mayor Tamburro, served from '55 to '57.



## Avery's American Girl Salon



Avery Moskowitz's second annual American Girl Doll Hair & Nail Salon fundraising event was held on March 10 to support pediatric cancer patients and their families. Mayor Tamburro and Council Vice President Schneider stopped to visit Avery, her parents and their Disney Princess friends.

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 Promo Code: 14-1110  
This offer is available for new clients only and cannot be combined with any other offers or discounts. One time services are not eligible for this offer. Expires 7/31/19.

## Monroe Township Launches New Website to Further Enhance Communication with Residents

Monroe Township now offers a new website at [www.monroetwp.com](http://www.monroetwp.com) that features streamlined navigation, mobile capability and enhanced, simple-to-use functionality.

“We are excited to present a new virtual face for Monroe Township via this visually pleasing and easy-to-navigate site,” said Mayor Tamburro. “Our residents and businesses now will have easy access to the latest Township news and information while maintaining the ability to conduct standard transactions such as making payments and downloading forms and applications.”

### New features of the website include:

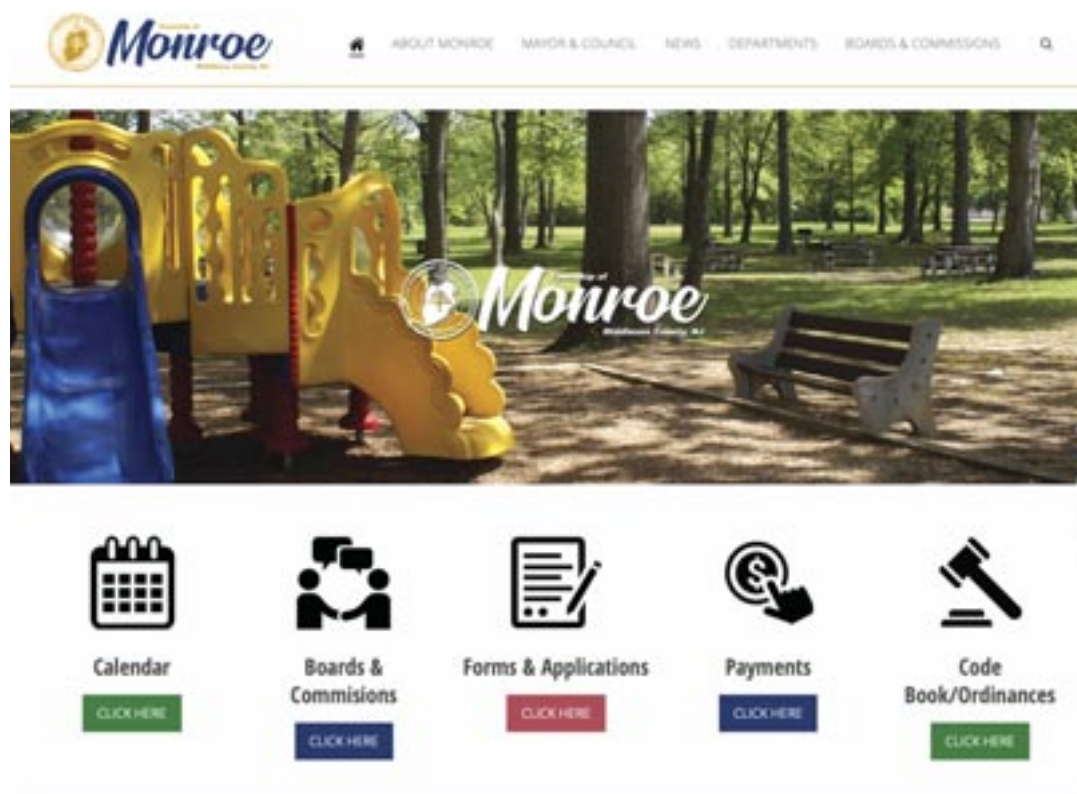
- Updated home page with large icons for easy viewing
- Intuitive navigation for more direct access to the Township’s most commonly searched topics
- Mobile device com-

patibility for easy remote access and viewing across all platforms

- Improved search ability for residents to easily find what they need
- Upgraded search engine optimization for more direct results
- Helpful Links to commonly-used local, county and state pages

The new site serves as an anchor for the Township’s broader communications plan that includes the launch of a monthly e-newsletter campaign earlier this year and continuation of tried-and-true resources such as the tri-annual editions of the Monroe Newspaper mailed to every home, business and post office box, Monroe TV and the Township of Monroe Facebook page.

“The website was developed and built with input from a multitude of town-



### Helpful Links

- Public Bids
- Middlesex County
- Social Security
- OPRA Request
- Cultural Arts
- Monroe Library
- Police
- Recreation Website

ship departments, professionals and stakeholders in order to provide the most comprehensive resource possible,” said Mayor Tamburro. “This launch is

the next step in our overall communications strategy to share accurate information quickly and effectively via channels our residents commonly use.”

Residents are urged to sign-up for the e-newsletter on the website under the “News” tab. ■



## National Bookmobile Day

Mayor Tamburro, Make a Wish New Jersey Chief of Staff Christopher Bogusz, Library Director Irene Goldberg, Deputy Director Leah Wagner and library staff at the first stop of the Library 2 Go in front of the Make-A-Wish Foundation of News Jersey headquarters.

# Recreation Calendar of Events

## July 2019

## Celebrate Independence Day

Monroe Township Department of Recreation  
120 Monmouth Road • Monroe Twp., NJ 08831  
732-723-5000 • monroerec.com



Thompson Park • July 4, 2019  
Festivities begin at 5:00 PM  
Fireworks at Dusk

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
<b>SUMMER REC CAMP AND MTSEPA CAMP JULY 1ST - AUGUST 1ST</b>	<b>1</b> First Day of Summer Rec Camp and MTSEPA Camp	<b>2</b>	<b>3</b> PHOTOGRAPHY CLUB, Community Ctr, 7 PM	<b>4</b> JULY 4TH CELEBRATION, Thompson Park, 5 PM COMMUNITY CENTER CLOSED	<b>5</b>	<b>6</b> FIRST DAY OF SOCCER STARS, Community Ctr, 9 AM Summer Weekend Hours 8 AM - 5 PM, Saturday and Sunday through Labor Day
<b>7</b>	<b>8</b> Lady Falcon Volleyball Camp Future Falcons Soccer Camp Beginner Golf Camp Boys Lacrosse Camp	<b>9</b> MTBA GENERAL MEMBERSHIP MEETING, Community Ctr, 7 PM Falcon Ice Hockey Camp Lady Falcon Volleyball Camp Future Falcons Soccer Camp Beginner Golf Camp & Boys Lacrosse Camp	<b>10</b> Lady Falcon Volleyball Camp Future Falcons Soccer Camp Beginner Golf Camp Boys Lacrosse Camp	<b>11</b> MAYOR'S CUP BASKETBALL, Community Ctr, 6 PM Falcon Ice Hockey Camp Lady Falcon Volleyball Camp Future Falcons Soccer Camp Beginner Golf Camp & Boys Lacrosse Camp	<b>12</b> Future Falcons Soccer Camp Beginner Golf Camp Boys Lacrosse Camp	<b>13</b>
<b>14</b>	<b>15</b> Girls Lacrosse Camp Boys Volleyball Camp Farm Camp	<b>16</b> Falcon Ice Hockey Camp Girls Lacrosse Camp Boys Volleyball Camp Farm Camp	<b>17</b> PHOTOGRAPHY CLUB, Community Ctr, 7 PM Girls Lacrosse Camp Boys Volleyball Camp Farm Camp	<b>18</b> Falcon Ice Hockey Camp Girls Lacrosse Camp Boys Volleyball Camp Farm Camp	<b>19</b> Farm Camp	<b>20</b>
<b>21</b>	<b>22</b> Field Hockey Camp Lil Squirts Sports Camp	<b>23</b> Falcon Ice Hockey Camp Field Hockey Camp Lil Squirts Sports Camp	<b>24</b> Field Hockey Camp Lil Squirts Sports Camp	<b>25</b> MAYOR'S CUP TABLE TENNIS, Community Ctr, 6 PM Falcon Ice Hockey Camp Field Hockey Camp Lil Squirts Sports Camp	<b>26</b> Lil Squirts Sports Camp	<b>27</b>
<b>28</b>	<b>29</b>	<b>30</b> Falcon Ice Hockey Camp	<b>31</b>	<b>TENNIS LESSONS</b> 8 CLASSES: DAYS & TIMES VARY DATES: JULY 1ST-AUGUST 8TH TIME: MORNINGS WHO: STUDENTS GRADES 4-12, ADULTS, 55+ WHERE: MTHS TENNIS COURTS FEE: \$25, \$30 OR \$15 BASED ON CLASS CHECK PAYABLE TO: MONROE RECREATION DIRECTOR: JIM KUSHNER		

## August 2019

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## Monroe Wolverines

Limited spots still available for both Football & Cheer  
Practices kick off on August 1st (younger groups start 1-2 weeks after)  
For ages 3 & up. Go to [www.monroewolverines.com](http://www.monroewolverines.com) for more information.

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
				<b>1</b> Last Day Summer Rec & MTSEPA Camp MEN'S & WOMEN'S MAYOR'S CUP TENNIS, 33 Sports Ctr, 2 PM Falcon Ice Hockey Camp First night of Monroe Wolverines Cheer & Football	<b>2</b>	<b>3</b>
<b>4</b>	<b>5</b> Future Falcons Soccer Camp Falcon Basketball Camp Jr. Falcon Basketball Camp Mad Science Camp Intro to Karate Camp Mini Ninjas Camp	<b>6</b> NATIONAL NIGHT OUT Thompson Park, 6 PM Future Falcons Soccer Camp, Falcon Basketball Camp, Jr. Falcon Basketball Camp, Mad Science Camp, Intro to Karate Camp, Mini Ninjas Camp	<b>7</b> PHOTOGRAPHY CLUB, Community Ctr, 7 PM Future Falcons Soccer Camp, Falcon Basketball Camp, Jr. Falcon Basketball Camp, Mad Science Camp, Intro to Karate Camp, Mini Ninjas Camp	<b>8</b> Future Falcons Soccer Camp Falcon Basketball Camp Jr. Falcon Basketball Camp Mad Science Camp Intro to Karate Camp Mini Ninjas Camp	<b>9</b> Future Falcons Soccer Camp Falcon Basketball Camp Jr. Falcon Basketball Camp Mad Science Camp Intro to Karate Camp Mini Ninjas Camp	<b>10</b>
<b>11</b>	<b>12</b> Mad Science Camp Pre-K Mad Science Camp Lady Falcon Basketball Camp Junior Golf Camp	<b>13</b> MTBA GENERAL MEMBERSHIP MEETING, Community Ctr, 7 PM Mad Science Camp, Pre-K Mad Science Camp, Lady Falcon Basketball Camp, Junior Golf Camp	<b>14</b> Mad Science Camp Pre-K Mad Science Camp Lady Falcon Basketball Camp Junior Golf Camp	<b>15</b> Mad Science Camp Pre-K Mad Science Camp Lady Falcon Basketball Camp Junior Golf Camp	<b>16</b> Mad Science Camp Pre-K Mad Science Camp Lady Falcon Basketball Camp Junior Golf Camp	<b>17</b>
<b>18</b>	<b>19</b> Twirling Camp, Hip-Hop Gymnastics Camp, Children's Theater Camp, Creative Writing Camp, Scholar Tree Camp, Falcon Basketball Camp, Jr. Falcon Basketball Camp, MTGSA Softball Camp	<b>20</b> Twirling Camp, Hip-Hop Gymnastics Camp, Children's Theater Camp, Creative Writing Camp, Scholar Tree Camp, Falcon Basketball Camp, Jr. Falcon Basketball Camp, MTGSA Softball Camp	<b>21</b> PHOTOGRAPHY CLUB, Community Ctr, 7 PM Twirling Camp, Hip-Hop Gymnastics Camp, Children's Theater Camp, Creative Writing Camp, Scholar Tree Camp, Falcon Basketball Camp, Jr. Falcon Basketball Camp, MTGSA Softball Camp	<b>22</b> Children's Theater Camp, Creative Writing Camp, Scholar Tree Camp, Falcon Basketball Camp, Jr. Falcon Basketball Camp, MTGSA Softball Camp	<b>23</b> Scholar Tree Camp Falcon Basketball Camp Jr. Falcon Basketball Camp MTGSA Softball Camp	<b>24</b>
<b>25</b>	<b>26</b> Summer Art Camp Healthy Lifestyles Camp Future Falcons Baseball Camp Bricks 4 Kidz	<b>27</b> Summer Art Camp Healthy Lifestyles Camp Future Falcons Baseball Camp Bricks 4 Kidz	<b>28</b> MAYOR'S CUP DUPLICATE BRIDGE, Senior Center, 11 AM Summer Art Camp, Healthy Lifestyles Camp, Future Falcons Baseball Camp, Bricks 4 Kidz	<b>29</b> Summer Art Camp Healthy Lifestyles Camp Future Falcons Baseball Camp Bricks 4 Kidz	<b>30</b> Summer Art Camp Healthy Lifestyles Camp Future Falcons Baseball Camp Bricks 4 Kidz	<b>31</b>

## Honoring Excellence



There's plenty of accolades for Construction Official/Director **Louis Bounocore**, named the Middlesex County Board of Chosen Freeholders' Appointed Member of the Middlesex County Construction Board of Appeals. In addition, he was chosen as the New Jersey Department of Community Affairs' 2019 Plumbing Inspector of the Year. Bounocore, right, is posing with Council President Stephen Dalina.



**Susan Schwartz**, Supervisor of Social Services at the Monroe Township Senior Center, received the 2019 New Jersey State Bar Association Elder and Disability Law Section's Mary WanderPolo Award for excellence in the field of elder law. She poses with Dalina.

## Cheers to 30 Years!



Middlesex County Freeholder Leslie Koppel (right) and Mayor Gerald W. Tamburro proudly stand with **Library Director Irene Goldberg** at her retirement party. She will definitely be missed!

## Celebrating Retirements



**Monroe Police Sergeant Robert Bell** began his 25-year career with the Monroe Township Police Department in the Patrol Division in 1995. He was promoted to Sergeant in 2002.

"If I was 23 years old, I would sign up again in a heartbeat," he said. "It has been an absolute honor to serve the community."

Retirement for Sergeant Bell includes spending some well-earned time with his family. Thank you, Sergeant Bell, for your dedicated service to the people of Monroe.



Congratulations to Building Sub-Code Official **Harold Dower** on his retirement after 25 years of service to the Township. Thank you for your hard work and dedication to the municipal construction department, and best wishes for a happy, healthy retirement. Council President Dalina honors Dower with a placque for his service.

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## Monroe Holds Annual Senior vs. Senior Games

The Monroe Township Recreation Department pitted Monroe Township High School seniors against members of the Monroe Township senior adult community as part of the annual Senior vs. Senior Games.

The day of friendly competition included a pickleball tournament at the Community Center; bocce ball at Thompson Park; shuffleboard at Rossmoor and bowling at Knob Hill Country Lanes.

Participants then gathered at the Community Center for awards and a complimentary lunch sponsored by The Gardens

at Monroe.

“The Senior vs. Senior Games have become a Monroe tradition over the past six years. These events offer a unique opportunity for some fun competition between two segments of the community that might not otherwise have the chance to interact,” said Recreation Director Mary Lange.

“We are happy to have provided the venue for our high school seniors to enjoy a fun day and learn from our senior adult community,” she added. “The weather cooperated and a great time was had by all.” ■



*The winners of the Senior vs. Senior Games held on May 29.*

Seniors... looking for something fun?

## Fun Friday Nights!

**Check out the ad on page 22.**

Music, Dancing and  
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## Monroe Celebrates Its Centenarians

Imagine the momentous events of the past century, from the women's rights movement, to Prohibition and the Great Depression, to the Holocaust and Pearl Harbor, to the first man in space, to the advances in health care, technology and civil rights. Now imagine living through it all.

Monroe Township is home to five women whose ages range from 101 through 108. These women have experienced so much throughout their lives and are a tremendous wealth of historical knowledge and life experience.

The Township celebrates Helen Fried, age 108, born Feb. 16, 1911; Rose "Rosie" Bromberg, age 105, born Aug. 24, 1913; Anna Corso, age 104, born Feb. 18, 1915; Margaret Badders, age 101, born July 27, 1917; and Lillian Fishelberg, age 101, born May 7, 1918.

Ms. Fried was raised in

Bronx, NY and, having graduated in 1931, is the oldest living alumna of Hunter College that named her Alumni of the Century at their 85th reunion.

Ms. Bromberg grew up in Paterson, where she worked in a candy store with her parents making ice cream sodas. Her favorite childhood activity was dancing. Bromberg lived in Florida for some time before moving back to New Jersey five years ago. Ms. Bromberg is proud of her two children, five grandchildren and 10 great-grandchildren.

Ms. Corso spent most of her adult life in Toms River. She raised two children as a stay-at-home mom and says, "The secret to a long and healthy life is to drink lots of Coca-Cola and eat no vegetables."

Ms. Badders hails from the Bronx, NY, and is one of 10 children. Ms.



Back Row (Left to Right)- Anna Corso, Lillian Fishelberg, Margaret Badders  
Front Row (Left to Right)- Helen Fried and Rose Bromberg

Badders worked retail in her youth and she loved going to radio shows with her friend. Ms. Badders' family says she loves to watch old television shows.

Ms. Fishelberg was raised in Brooklyn, NY, and is the youngest of seven children. When she married, Fishelberg moved to Atlantic City and had two children. Her house always had pets, including "Precious," the alligator who lived in the bathtub.

Fishelberg enjoyed fishing with her husband and children.

"May every day bring each centenarian happi-

ness and warm memories," Mayor Tamburro said. "We wish our cherished residents well for many more years to come." ■

## Senior Center Unveils New Medical Room

The Monroe Township Senior Center recently opened a new medical room to serve as a safe, private environment to conduct monthly health screenings and serve as an emergency medical assistance office if needed.

Located in the lobby behind the former receptionist desk, the medical

room contains basic first aid supplies, a recovery couch and mobility assistance apparatus, such as wheelchairs, walkers and canes.

With the opening of the medical room, the Senior Center now offers free monthly screenings with a licensed doctor or nurse by appointment only.

Screenings include – but are not limited to – cholesterol, balance, blood pressure and hearing.

Senior Center members are encouraged to take advantage of this service, which can detect any issues early in order to start proper treatment. ■

### A D V E R T O R I A L

## Do You Provide Care For An Aging Loved One?

Caregiver support groups offer the emotional support and education that caregivers need to better understand and cope with the unique challenges of memory loss in a family member or friend.



If you are helping a loved one to navigate the complications of aging with dementia, there is a place where you can give and receive support from other caregivers who have taken on this role and share similar feelings.

Groups facilitated by social workers with specialized training in dementia and group facilitation techniques are held on the **2nd Tuesday of each month at 10:00 AM at Parker at Monroe Adult Day Center, 200 Overlook Drive, Monroe Township,**

Meetings are **free**. Registration recommended, but not required. Contact **Victoria Proto, MSW, LSW, 609-655-6853** or **vproto@parkerlife.org**.

# Senior Services



## July 2019 Center Activities

**Pre-Register for All Programs**  
In-Person, by Phone, or Online.  
**Please Make ONE Check Payable to:**  
"Township of Monroe"

Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
<b>1</b> 9:00 <b>SHAPE IT UP (\$)</b> 9:30 Drop-In Bridge 10:00 <b>Move &amp; Groove (\$)</b> 10:00 <b>American Songbook</b> 11:15 <b>Yang Tai Chi (\$)</b> 1:00 Yarn It / Games /Tennis 2:00 <b>Karaoke with Rick</b> 3:00 Happy Travel Club	<b>2</b> 9:00 Chorus/ Games 9:00 <b>Gentle Mat Yoga (\$)</b> 9:15 <b>Body Work (\$)</b> 10:30 <b>Benefits of Painting</b> 10:30 <b>Beginners Meditation</b> 11:15 <b>POUND (\$)</b> 12 Chess-Mates/ 1 T. Tennis 12:00 Brain Injury Support 2:00 <b>NJ Grown Music</b>	<b>3</b> 9:00 H. Bones Grads 9:00 <b>Total Toning (\$)</b> 10:15 <b>Bodies in Motion (\$)</b> 10:30 <b>Origami Fun</b> 11:15 <b>Breathe/Stretch (\$)</b> 11:15 <b>Line Dancing (\$)</b> 1:00 Jewelry Gems/ Games 1:00 Beg. Healthy Bones 1:00 Parkinson's Support 1:30 <b>Shay &amp; Jay Music</b>	<b>4</b> <b>Office Closed.</b> 	<b>5</b> 9:00 <b>Zumba Gold (\$)</b> 10:00 <b>Boot Camp (\$)</b> 10:30 <b>Judge for Yourself</b> 10:30 Harmonica 1:00 Table Tennis 2:00 <b>Magic by Marco</b> 2:00 <b>Beginners Hebrew (\$)</b> 3:00 <b>Hebrew Conversation \$</b>
<b>8</b> 9:00 SHAPE IT UP 9:30 Drop-In Bridge 10:00 Move & Groove 10:30 <b>Tapping to Relax</b> 11:15 Yang Tai Chi 1:00 Yarn It / Games /Tennis 1:30 <b>Land of Inventions</b>	<b>9</b> 9:00 Chorus/ Games 9:00 Gentle Mat Yoga 9:15 Body Work 10:30 Beg. Meditation 10:30 <b>Between the Covers</b> 11:00 Green Thumbs 11:15 POUND 12 Chess-Mates/ 1 T. Tennis <b>Blood Pressure, by appt.</b> 2:00 <b>Patriotic Stories</b>	<b>10</b> 9:00 H. Bones Grads 9:00 Total Toning 10:15 Bodies in Motion 10:30 <b>TED Talk</b> 11:15 Breathe/Stretch 11:15 Line Dancing 1:00 Jewelry Gems/ Games 1:00 Beg. Healthy Bones 2:00 <b>Hey...Abbott!</b>	<b>11</b> 9:00 <b>Chair Yoga (\$)</b> 10:00 <b>Ceramics (\$)</b> 10:15 <b>Body Works (\$)</b> 10:30 <b>Home Sharing, 101</b> 12:15 Duplicate Bridge 12:30 <b>Mixed Watercolor (\$)</b> 1:30 <b>Bees to Tomatoes</b> 2:00 Mandolin Practice <b>Evening Classes Begin....</b>	<b>12</b> 9:00 Zumba Gold 10:00 Boot Camp 10:00 <b>Get Crafty Coasters</b> 11:00 <b>Friends Brunch (\$)</b> 10:30 Harmonica 12:30 <b>Watercolor Exp. (\$)</b> NO TABLE TENNIS <b>Hand Massage, by appt.</b> 2:00 Beginners Hebrew 3:00 Hebrew Conversation
<b>15</b> 9:00 SHAPE IT UP 9:30 Drop-In Bridge 10:00 Move & Groove 10:30 <b>Coffee: Friend or Foe</b> 10:30 <b>Robinson Artshop</b> 11:15 Yang Tai Chi 1 Yarn It / Games / T. Tennis 1:30 <b>Thomas Presents</b>	<b>16</b> 9:00 Chorus/ Games 9:00 Yoga/ 9:15 Body Works 10:15 <b>Triple 15 (\$)</b> 10:30 <b>Beginners Meditation</b> 10:30 <b>Write Your Story</b> 11:15 POUND 11:30 <b>Coming to America</b> 12 Chess-Mates/ 1 T. Tennis 1:30 <b>Thomas Presents</b> 1:30 Cancer Support	<b>17</b> 9:00 H. Bones Grads 9:00 Total Toning 10:15 Bodies in Motion 10:30 <b>Birding Basics</b> 11:15 Breathe/Stretch 11:15 Line Dancing 1:00 Jewelry Gems/ Games 1:00 Beg. Healthy Bones 2:00 <b>Jeff Norris Comedy</b> 2:30 Diabetes Support	<b>18</b> 9:00 Chair Yoga 10:00 Ceramics 10:15 Body Works 10:30 <b>Worldly Book Tour</b> 10:30 <b>Move Big Program</b> 12:15 Duplicate Bridge 12:30 Mixed Watercolor 2:00 Mandolin Practice 2:00 <b>Trivia Meets Tunes</b>	<b>19</b> 9:00 Zumba Gold 10:00 Boot Camp 10:30 Harmonica 11:00 <b>1950's Guitar Jam</b> 12:30 Watercolor Exp. 2:00 Beginners Hebrew 3:00 Hebrew Conversation 7:00 <b>Music by</b> <b>New Power Soul</b>
<b>22</b> 9:00 SHAPE IT UP 9:30 Drop-In Bridge 10:00 Move/Groove 10:30 <b>Ease Heart Disease</b> 11:15 Yang Tai Chi 1 Yarn It / Games / T. Tennis 1:30 <b>GymGuyz Presents</b>	<b>23</b> 9:00 Chorus/ Games 9:00 Gentle Mat Yoga 9:15 Body Works 10:15 Triple 15 10:30 <b>Beginners Meditation</b> 10:30 <b>Release Your Energy</b> 11:15 POUND 12 Chess-Mates/ 1 T. Tennis 1:30 Science Today 2:00 <b>Michael and Ted</b>	<b>24</b> 9:00 H. Bones Grads 9:00 Total Toning 10:15 Bodies in Motion 10:30 <b>Eating on a Budget</b> 11:15 Breathe/Stretch, Line D. 1:00 Jewelry Gems/ Games 1:00 Beg. Healthy Bones 1:30 <b>Shirley's Shakespeare</b> 2:00 <b>Art of the Masters</b> 2:00 Caregiver Support	<b>25</b> 9:00 Chair Yoga <b>Sleep Assessments, appt.</b> 9:30 <b>Beg. Mah Jongg (\$)</b> 10:00 Ceramics 10:15 Body Works 12:15 Duplicate Bridge 1:30 <b>Berlin and the Exodus</b> 2:00 Mandolin Practice	<b>26</b> 9:00 Zumba Gold 10:00 Boot Camp 10:30 Harmonica 10:30 <b>iPhone Tricks</b> 12:30 Watercolor Exp. 1:00 Table Tennis 2:00 <b>Center Cabaret</b> 2:00 Beginners Hebrew 3:00 Hebrew Conversation
<b>29</b> 8:45 <b>Drivers Safety (\$)</b> 9:00 SHAPE IT UP 9:30 Drop-In Bridge 10:00 Move/Groove 11:15 Yang Tai Chi 10:30 <b>Intro vs. Extrovert</b> 1 Yarn It / Games / T. Tennis 1:00 <b>Andrea's Life Support</b> 1:30 <b>Gut Health Tips</b>	<b>30</b> No Chorus Today 9:30 Games/ 1:00 T. Tennis 9:00 Gentle Mat Yoga 9:15 Body Works 10:15 Triple 15/ 11:15 Pound 10:30 <b>Beginners Meditation</b> 10:30 <b>Barnes Foundation</b> 10:30 <b>Get Grilled</b> 12:00 Chess-Mates 1:30 <b>Levels of Balance</b>	<b>31</b> 9:00 H. Bones Grads 9:00 Total Toning 10:15 Bodies in Motion 11:15 Breathe/Stretch 11:15 Line Dancing 10:30 <b>Curbing Hunger</b> 1:00 Jewelry Gems/ Games 1:00 Beg. Healthy Bones 2:00 <b>Chef Lori Presents</b>	<b><i>SUMMER SESSION BEGINS!</i></b>  <i>Please Consult the Summer Session Flyers for Complete Details About Our Weekday Classes as well as Our Thursday Night and Saturday Morning Exercise Classes.</i>	

## Monroe Secures 25 Acres to Create "Patriot Park" and Veterans Housing

Monroe has received more than 25 acres of land from K. Hovnanian at Monroe NJ, LLC at Cranbury-Half Acre Road and Prospect Plains Road.

"The acquisition of this land serves three very important functions for Monroe Township. It increases our open space inventory and adds convenient recreational facilities for residents in that part of town," said Mayor Tamburro. "Perhaps most importantly, it will provide land for the construction

of affordable housing specifically for veterans, as we are so grateful for their service to our country."

The land, slated for dedication as "Patriot Park," will be home to the newest Monroe Township recreation area built by the developer, featuring a new playground, basketball court and cricket pitch.

The balance of the land totaling almost 25 acres will expand open space, increasing the Township's open space inventory to nearly 8,000 acres.

"We are pleased to provide additional recreational resources to be enjoyed by residents of all ages. Unique to this site, the Township is installing a new cricket pitch by popular demand," said Council President Stephen Dalina, who is also chair of the Recreation Advisory Board. "It seems fitting that this site be designated Patriot Park in honor of the brave men and women who defend our country – past, present and future." ■

## Women's Army Corps



Councilwoman Schneider visits with Carmela Epifanio, age 102, of Monroe Village during Armed Forces Day ceremonies. Ms. Epifanio is an original member of the Women's Army Corps. She was a Sergeant stationed at Camp Pickett, Va. and served as a warehouse foreman.

## Honoring Monroe's Veterans



Mayor Tamburro joined Monroe Township's American Legion Post 522 as they honored Vietnam Veterans on Monday, April 15 at the Municipal building. Each Veteran in attendance was announced and presented a commemorative lapel pin from The United States of America Vietnam War Commemoration.

Please contact the Mayor's office at 732-521-4400, ext. 114, if you or someone you know served on active duty in the U.S. Armed Forces at any time during the period of November 1, 1955 to May 15, 1975, regardless of location.

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## Swearing In



Congratulations to three new Monroe Township Police Officers who were sworn in at the March 4 Township Council meeting before family, friends and colleagues. Mayor Tamburro and Council members welcomed Nicholas LaFata (top photo), Stanley Ramnaidu (middle photo) and Zachary Wilson (bottom photo) to the Monroe Township Police Department.

## Torch Run



Members of the Monroe Township Police Department participated in the NJ Special Olympics Torch run on June 7.

## MTPD Promotions



The Monroe Township Police force promoted two new superior officers. With their families by their side and their colleagues in attendance, Lt. Griffin Banos (left photo) and Sgt. Ronald Breuer (right photo) were sworn in at the September 5, 2018 Township Council meeting.

## Kindness Day



The Monroe Township Police Department received a special surprise of goodie bags for Kindness Month from Ms. Papandrea's first grade class at Mill Lake School on Wednesday. MTPD officers talked with the class and toured a few patrol cars before posing for a group picture.

## Mayor Tamburro Appoints Michael J. Biennas as Monroe Chief of Police



*Captain  
Michael J. Biennas*

Mayor Gerald W. Tamburro announced the appointment of Captain Michael J. Biennas to the position of Chief of Police of the Monroe Township Police Department effective July 1. Captain Biennas will replace outgoing Chief Michael Lloyd, who will retire effective June 30.

“Michael Biennas has dutifully served Monroe

Township in roles of increasing responsibility since joining the Monroe Township Police Department as a patrolman in 1987. He has proven himself throughout his 32 years on our police force and has been promoted through the ranks based on solid performance and strong command decisions,” said Mayor Gerald W. Tamburro. “I am confident that the Monroe Township Police Department – and our community as a whole – are in good hands with Chief Biennas at the helm.”

Biennas was sworn in as a Patrolman on December 30, 1987 and is a graduate of the Sea Girt State Police Training 188th municipal class. He was promoted to Sergeant in July 1999 and

Lieutenant in December 2014, before his promotion to Captain in July 2017.

“I am honored to accept this appointment and I will strive to build upon the success of the dedicated individuals who have come before me as we protect and serve the people of our community,” said Biennas. “As a Monroe resident and an active member of the community, I am committed to maintaining a safe and secure environment for all of our Township residents.”

The Monroe Township Police Department comprises 61 sworn officers. The Department consists of a detective bureau, a juvenile/youth services bureau, a domestic violence unit, a traffic safety



*Chief Michael Lloyd (right) congratulating Captain Michael J. Biennas (left).*

bureau and has an officer assigned to senior citizen crime prevention.

“Monroe Township places the safety of all of our residents, businesses and visitors as a top priority and we credit the Monroe Township Police Department for our rankings as the fourth safest city in New Jersey and for

the lowest crime rate in Middlesex County,” said Mayor Tamburro. “We are extremely grateful to Chief Lloyd for his years of service and we will continue the department’s professionalism and success under the leadership of our incoming police chief.” ■

## Unity Tour



Monroe Township Police Unity Tour cyclists as they depart on their way to Washington, DC as part of a national campaign to honor law enforcement officers who have died in the line of duty and raise funds for the National Law Enforcement Officers Memorial and Museum.

## Saluting Chief Lloyd



Members of the Monroe Township Police Department gathered to applaud Chief Lloyd as he exits headquarters on his last day of active duty.

## Monroe Township Cultural Arts Commission

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The free 2019 summer concert series to be held Thursday nights at 6:00 PM at the Open Grove Gazebo on the Lake at Thompson Park.

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- July 25:** Tanglewood with Classic Rock & Pop Music on Acoustic Guitars
- August 1:** David Cendeno and his Band with Salsa and Solid Gold!
- August 8:** Legacy Band with top 40's Dance Tunes with Horns and Harmonies
- August 15:** Ed Goldberg & the Odessa Klezmer Band with music genres of Klezmer, Eastern European, Middle Eastern, Latin, Russian and Gypsy music

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- December 20** Joey Vincent

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## Take Me Out to the Ballgame - Baseball Opening Day



Council President Stephen Dalina catching the ceremonial first pitch.



Mayor Tamburro signs a baseball for a player at Opening Day ceremonies.

## School Athletes



Gabby Miller, NJSIAA Girls State Wrestling Champion



Boys Bowling - Central Jersey Group 4 Sectional State Champions



High School Cheerleaders - Division and Group 4 State Champions



Unified High School Basketball Team - NJSIAA Group B State Champions

## Ribbon Cutting



Monroe Township celebrated the 10th Anniversary of Prospect Oral Surgery Center, LLC located at 312 Applegarth Road. Mayor Gerald W. Tamburro, Council Vice President Schneider and Council-man Dipierro joined Yuan (Cathy) Hung, DDS and staff at the ceremonial ribbon cutting ceremony.



Mayor Tamburro welcomed TOKIWA Cosmetics America, LLC to Monroe Township at the grand opening of the company's first facility in the United States on April 26.



Mayor Gerald W. Tamburro welcomes DaVita Kidney Care to Monroe Township at a ribbon cutting event on May 23.

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## Read Across America



Council Vice President Elizabeth Schneider visited Applegarth Elementary School for their Read Across America activities to encourage children to read and explore through books.



## Memorial Day Celebration

The Township of Monroe remembered and honored all those who died while serving in the United States Armed Forces during its annual Memorial Day Remembrance Ceremonies.

Mayor Tamburro and members of the Township Council joined veterans and residents for wreath laying services and to pay tribute at the Veterans Monument at the Municipal Complex and at the Veterans Park on Avenue K.

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