



## **From the Desk of the City Administrator**

As Valentine's Day approaches, why not take the opportunity to support local Monmouth shops and find your special someone a gift from one of the downtown stores. By putting money back into our businesses and restaurants, you help Monmouth grow.

With tax season coming up, you may be faced with the task of disposing of documents you no longer need. The City has an option and it is free! We provide shredding services, so you may safely get rid of your unwanted papers. This year we are providing three Shred Days on April 22, July 22, and October 21.

We haven't had much snow this winter, so many of us are stuck with leaves in our yard. Don't worry—we are still accepting leaves at the Transfer Station. And as the days get longer, lots of us are already thinking about spring cleaning. Just a reminder that Waste Management will only pick up four bags or four containers, and nothing can weigh over 50 lbs. You will be able to get rid of larger items in June during our Summer Clean-up Week.

One final thing, when you look at your water bill, you will notice that it is actually a Municipal Services bill. It has recycling, garbage pickup, the Transfer Station, yard waste, water and sewer—conveniently all on one bill. If you have a question about any of the charges, please stop by City Hall, and we can review your bill with you.

*Lowell Crow*  
City Administrator

### **February City Council Meetings**

**Monday, February 6, at 7 p.m.  
and Tuesday, February 21, at 7 p.m.**

At City Hall

# Monmouth Associates

## Let's Do Lunch

On Thursday, February 16, Paul Schuytema, director of community and economic development for the City of Monmouth, will speak about the new CEO (Creating Entrepreneurial Opportunities) program that is available for high school juniors and seniors, beginning in the fall.

Applications for this new business class are due February 21. Students at Monmouth-Roseville High School and United High School may pick up applications from their guidance counselor or from [www.warrencountyceo.com](http://www.warrencountyceo.com).

### Noon

Whiteman-McMillan Highlander Room  
Stockdale Student Center at Monmouth College

\$10 per ticket

RSVP by February 14 to (309) 457-2231 or  
[alumni@monmouthcollege.edu](mailto:alumni@monmouthcollege.edu)

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CREATING ENTREPRENEURIAL  
OPPORTUNITIES

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**Shuttle service:** The shuttle leaves from the northeast quadrant of the public square at 11:45 a.m. and the Faith United Presbyterian Church parking lot (200 S. 8th St.) at 11:50 a.m. Please request shuttle service when you make your reservation.

Parking is available along North 9th Street and in the parking lot near the Stockdale Student Center.



## 5K Hot Chocolate Hustle

Help the Jamieson Community Center alleviate poverty and improve our community by participating in their 5K Hot Chocolate Hustle.

Junior Fun Run, T-shirts, hot chocolate, and other chocolate treats are included in the registration. Call (309) 734-4251 for more information.

The Hustle begins at 9 a.m. on Saturday, February 11.

# Trash Talk

## Shred Days

Confidential document Shred Days for 2017 are April 22 (Earth Day), July 22 and October 21. Shred Days are open to all residents and businesses, with no limits. Simply bring your documents to the Monmouth Transfer Station. These events are conducted by Confidential Security Inc. from Peoria, Illinois. All documents are destroyed at their facility in Peoria.

## Monmouth Residents Recycle

2016 totals for recycling electronics and paint disposal are in: 18,135 pounds of paint from 299 households, and 123,190 lbs. of electronics from 1,121 lbs. households. In comparison, 2015 paint was 22,745 lbs. from 387 households, and 97,325 lbs. for electronics recycling from 1,010 households.

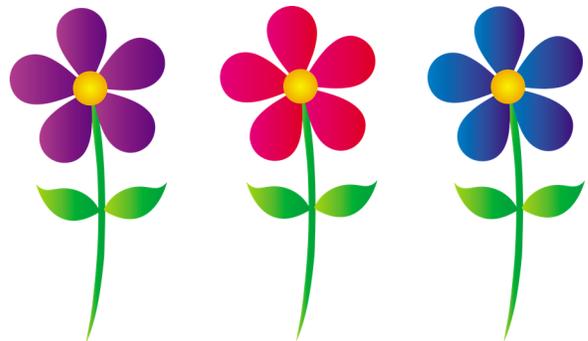
Monmouth's blue recycling totes were set out on the curb 45,311 times in 2016, containing 1,020,083 lbs. of single stream recyclables. That's 318.8 lbs. of recyclables per household in Monmouth for 2016.

Small businesses and rural residents dropped off 240,545 lbs. of recyclables at the Transfer Station last year.

## Compost Kings and Queens

Monmouth residents like to manicure their yards! Last year, Monmouth's compost site handled (in cubic yards):

- Grass: 6,396 CY
- Leaves: 5,877 CY
- Woodchips: 633 CY
- Brush: 16,799 CY
- 19,558 yard waste bags from the curb



Most important, residents picked up 1,575 CY of finished compost. That is more than double from last year.

# Illinois Small Business Development Center

The Small Business Development Center in Macomb is happy to speak to our community about business and business-related matters. Whether you represent your local Chamber of Commerce, college, school district, or another organization, if you need a qualified business speaker for your event, please contact the SBDC. Their advisers will speak at events such as local high school career days, City Council meetings, local Chamber of Commerce events, etc.

Call them today if you need a speaker with business experience and knowledge! (309) 298-3040



## The 8th Annual Home Show



In preparation for spring home remodeling projects, the Chamber of Commerce is hosting the Monmouth Home Show on February 18, from 9 a.m. until 2 p.m. at the 1st Street Armoury. This free event is sponsored by Alexander Lumber Company and is designed to assist residents with their renovation projects. Vendors will be on hand to answer questions and discuss their services.

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