



From the Desk of the City Administrator



As we enter fall with football tailgaters, cheering the Cubs, and enjoying the autumn colors, many of us dread the thought of raking leaves. The City's street leaf pickup program makes it easy on you. From October 24 through the end of November, you can rake your leaves directly into the street along the curb. Please do not put branches, two by fours, bricks, or any other materials into the leaf piles as these damage our leaf vacuum. (If you prefer, you can put leaves into yard waste bags and put them on the curb on your garbage pick-up date.)

Trick-or-Treating is Monday, October 31, from 5:30 p.m.–8 p.m. Please be careful of our little ones if you're driving around town that night. If you don't want anyone to come to your home for goodies, just turn off your porch light.

City updates:

- Well drilling operations for our new well are scheduled for five days a week, 24 hours a day, through the middle of November. At the beginning of March, our contractors will begin to lay the new pipeline along Sixth Street. Once the pipeline is finished, the sidewalk along Sixth Street will be completed.
- We have resurfaced many roads recently and made repairs to North Sixth Street. The work includes sidewalks and sewers on those streets.
- Finally, I would like to welcome two new members of our City Hall staff: Natalie Malone, the Code Compliance Officer in our Zoning Department, and Amy Zesbaugh in our Community Development Department.



Happy Halloween!

Lowell Crow, Monmouth City Administrator



Rental Inspection Violations

All rental properties are subject to an inspection by the Director of Zoning. Once an inspection is passed, a certificate is rewarded and is valid for three years.



The following are the most common rental inspection violations:

1. **Missing carbon monoxide and smoke detectors.** These detectors are required within 15 feet of bedrooms and/or one on each floor.
2. **Missing GFI and outlet (covers as well).** These are required within three feet of sinks. All junction boxes, GFI, and outlets must have covers.
3. **Loose handrails and posts.** Steps, rails, posts, and porch boards must all be free of decay or broken/loose boards.
4. **No exhaust fans or nonoperational windows in bathroom.** Bathrooms are required to have an operational window or working exhaust fan.
5. **Cracked or nonoperational windows.** Operational windows are required in *every* room.
6. **Blocked exit paths.** A three foot path is required to all exits and stairways. (Do not use these areas to store items.)
7. **Floors.** Floors must be flat/level, and free of cuts, tears, or missing pieces.
8. **Deteriorating foundations.** Foundations must be structurally sound, with no visible light showing through. There should not be any cracks or missing bricks, stone, or concrete.
9. **Deteriorating counter tops.** There should not be any bare wood on the exposed edges, top or back splash.
10. **Paint.** All interior and exterior wood and metal surfaces must be free of chipped, cracked or flaking paint and free of rust or bare wood.
11. **Missing exterior siding.** All exterior surfaces must be covered 100%.
12. **Covered windows.** Windows may not be covered or boarded over.



City Council Meetings

October 3

October 17

All City Council meetings take place at 7 p.m. in Council Chambers at City Hall (100 E. Broadway) on the first and third Mondays of the month. If a holiday falls on a Monday, then the meeting is scheduled for the next day.

Calling All Telecommuters!

Do you work remotely or have a home-based business? We'd love to hear from you! We are making plans for telecommuters to meet monthly to share ideas, network, and drink good coffee. There will be WiFi, so you can even bring your phone or laptop and do actual work (gasp!). No matter how much you love your job, toiling from home can be a little lonely. Working with others can be inspiring and make you more productive.

Email amy.zesbaugh@cityofmonmouth.com if you are interested, and we'll make sure you're invited to our first event.



Halloween Trick-or-Treating



October 31
5:30 p.m. to 8 p.m.

Hello, Beautiful!

Lauren Gavin opened Ciao Bella Salon last May. Open seven days a week, Ciao Bella provides UV tanning with six bronzing beds, 100% UV-free Evolv sunless airbrush tan, and an assortment of clothing, gifts and accessories. Licensed esthetician Leah Koch offers waxing, professional makeup, lash extensions and facials.

Gavin is Smart Tan-certified and has been in the tanning industry for three years. "Our goal is to create an inviting salon for the community, where clients can come to shop, pamper themselves, and leave feeling refreshed," she said.

Gavin gets apparel from the Chicago, Dallas, and Atlanta markets for the boutique line, adding a little big city flavor to the Monmouth area.

This well-rounded salon is located in Monmouth at 400 N. Main. Website: www.ciaobellaonmain.com.



Community Shred Event

**Saturday, October 22
9 a.m. until noon**

City of Monmouth Transfer Station
186th Avenue (1/4 mile off of South 11th Street)

This is your chance to clean out and safely recycle paper documents:

- ⇒ Tax forms
- ⇒ Checks
- ⇒ Junk mail
- ⇒ Legal
- ⇒ Bank
- ⇒ Medical



There is no charge for this event, and you do not need to remove paper clips, staples or rubber bands.

Attention Landlords

The City of Monmouth passed Ordinance 11-023 in November 2011, requiring all landlords to register their rental properties and have rental inspections done on the premises.

Each year there is an open enrollment period where there is **no fee** to register your rental properties. The open enrollment period is October 1–October 31 every year. Rental properties must be registered every year. If you fail to (re)register your property during the open enrollment period, a \$75 violation ticket will be issued for every property not (re)registered.

Please use this time to let us know if you have sold your properties or added more, or changed any of your contact information. You may contact the Zoning Department to begin registering your rental properties at (309) 734-7590.

Register to Vote!

To avoid “grace period” registrations, please register to vote by October 11. You may register in person at the Warren County Clerk’s Office at the Courthouse. You will need two forms of I.D. (one showing current address).



The Monmouth Area Branch of AAUW (Association of American Women) is holding a voter registration drive at the Stockdale Center at Monmouth College on:

Tuesday, October 4, from 11 a.m.–1 p.m. and 4 p.m.–7 p.m.

Tuesday, October 11, from 11 a.m.–1 p.m. and 4 p.m.–7 p.m.

In a hurry? Print the form and fill it out ahead of time. <http://www.warrencountyl.com/voter-registration>

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