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WHAT'S HAPPENING IN COMMUNITY

AFFAIRS

City of Monroe Mayor- James Mayo
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Our mission is to enhance the quality of life for our citizens and visitors by presenting a variety of diverse entertainment, leisure activities, outreach and educational programs as provided by our various divisions, including the Monroe Civic Center, Chenault Golf Course, Downtown RiverMarket, Masur Museum of Art, Parks and Recreation and the Louisiana Purchase Gardens and Zoo. We are many communities, but one city, with one future and we are **MONROE PROUD**



MONROE CIVIC CENTER

The Civic Center offices will be closed on July 3 in observance of Independence Day. Scheduled events will happen as planned. Every Tuesday/Thursday in July (except on the 2nd) we will have Line Dancing Classes located in the convention center. Cost is only \$3.00 person, so bring all your friends and family to have a good time.

Now it is time for us to slow down and take the time to enjoy our families. Here at the Civic Center is the celebration of family with a reunion happening every week in July. While we want to celebrate family, Chase Mortgage Banking celebrates their employees. They will take over the Civic Center for two days in the month of July.

July is just a month full of celebration with Chef's for a Cause happening on July 28, 2015 in the B.D. Robinson Conference Hall starting at 6 pm. Proceeds will benefit Ministry of Family Promise. Join us for the 9th Annual Best of the Delta Awards Banquet where they celebrate and recognize local businesses in North Louisiana. DeltaStyle and the Louisiana Restaurant Association are excited to bring you a night of food, fun, and entertainment as they award this year's Best of the Delta winners in over 150 categories.

While we are slowed down, taken back we will continue to make improvements here at the Civic Center. We aim/strive to make your visit the very best it can be. Be ready because when August gets here it will be a hurricane of events coming through.

You can always visit our Facebook page, <https://www.facebook.com/monroeciviccenter> for any information you may need or comments you want to leave.

Birthday

Charles Thomas	Civic Center
Lois Rogers	Parks & Rec
Mindy Holliis	Zoo
Charles Donaldson	Zoo
Leo Hill	Zoo
Arial King	Zoo
Michele Marsala	Zoo
Tomekas Brown	Parks & Rec

Employee of the Month

- Bradley Jones- Monroe Civic Center
- Tomekas Brown- Parks & Rec



PARKS & RECREATION

- **Parks & Recreation Division six (6) weeks summer youth program ends on July 10, 2015 @ all of the community centers.**
- **Parks & Recreation Division t-ball & baseball for youth ends on July 8, 2015 at all of the community centers.**
- **Parks & Recreation Division summer workers employment at the community centers ends on Friday, July 10, 2015.**
- **Parks & Recreation Division Swimming Pools will remain open as of the present time.**
- **Lori Keith's Company Picnic @ Forsythe Park's All Children's Play Area on Saturday, July 11, 2015 from 11:00 A. M. - 3:00 P. M.**
- **Limited Renovations to Existing Shelters @ Monroe Civic Center & Six (6) Community Centers Bid Opening will take place on Thursday, July 16, 2015 @ 2:00 P. M. inside the Purchasing Division Conference Room.**
- **Six (6) New Buffers (Total) should arrive @ the six (6) community centers.**
- **Fish & Wildlife Boat Dock Pavilions & Fishing Cleaning Content Items will start arriving during the month of July '2015.**
- **Summer Workers Recap Meeting will take place during July '2015 with Mr. Rod Washington.**



Calendar of Events–JULY



4	BLUES, BREWS, & BBQ FOR INFORMATION: 318-329-4347	SAT: 10:00AM	DOWNTOWN RIVERMARKET
11	LORI KEITH'S COMPANY PICNIC FOR MORE INFORMATION:318-329-2523	SAT: 11:00AM	FORSYTHE PARK
11	FIRE AND ICE FOR INFORMATION: 318-537-1654	SAT: 10:00PM	CONFERENCE HALL
31	BEST OF THE DELTA FOR INFORMATION: 318-381-4550	FRI: 7:00PM	ARENA

LINE DANCING EVERY TUES & THURS EXCEPT THE 2ND AT THE CIVIC CENTER– 6 PM,

BE READY TO HAVE FUN, LEARN HOW TO DANCE, & GET YOUR EXERCISE!!!

ART EDUCATION

Children

**“Self Portraits with Pencils and Paint”
taught by artist Vitus Shell**

Two separate classes offered!

Like us on Facebook for more information!

July 25 and August 22 · 12:30 p.m. to 3:00 p.m.

\$40 / student · Registration is required

Ages 10 to 16

FREE Children’s Drop-In Activity

Usually the first Saturday of every month*

July 18, between 2:00 and 5:00

*Except in case of holidays or when the museum is closed for installation of a new exhibition.

Like us on Facebook to keep up with any changes!

Adults

Dates and Times to be announced!

Like us on Facebook for further details!

Stained Glass · Bookmaking

Digital Photography · Drawing · Painting

LOUISIANA PURCHASE GARDENS & ZOO



This month I would like to share with you about one of the newest animals in the zoo. It is the Pere David's Deer. First I would like to tell you that it is one of the rarest deer in the world and it was saved from extinction by smuggling. By the late 19th century, the world's only herd left belonged to Tongzhi, the Emperor of China. The herd was maintained in the Nanyuan Royal Hunting Garden in Nan Haizi, near Peking. In 1895, one of the walls of the hunting garden was destroyed by a heavy flood of the Yongding River, and most of the animals escaped and were killed and eaten by starving peasants. Fewer than thirty Père David's Deer remained in the garden. Then in 1900, during the Boxer Rebellion, the garden was occupied by troops and the remaining deer were shot and eaten, leaving the animal extinct in its native China. The animal would have been extinct from the whole world if no for the fact that a few of the deer had previously been illegally transported to Europe for exhibition and breeding. After the extirpation of the Chinese population in 1900, Herbrand Russell, 11th Duke of Bedford, was instrumental in saving the species. He acquired the few remaining animals from European zoos and nurtured a herd at Woburn Abbey. Threatened again by both World Wars, the species survived largely due to the efforts of Bedford and his son Hastings, later 12th Duke of Bedford. The current world population, now found in zoos around the world, stems from the Woburn Abbey herd.^[10]

We would like to announce that our herd had a baby this year so there is one more in the world. These animals are most likely to be seen from our safari boat ride.

CHENNAULT GOLF COURSE

CONGRATULATIONS OHPC WINNERS

Class A Men: Eddie Jolley STATE CHAMPION

Class B Women: Becky Jo Boyte & Nancy McMullen STATE CHAMPIONS

Class B Men: Bill King & Darrell Dennis 3rd Place

Class B women: Erica Noblet & Vickie Howard 3rd Place.....



Thanks to ALL participants and EVERYONE that had a hand in putting on a great Tourney.....Thanks for your hard work and long hours for the past week or more just for this event.....

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Downtown River Market

Hours: *10am-4pm*
Date: *July 4, 2015*
Theme: *Blues, Brews & BBQ*
Website: *downtownrivermarket.com*



*The City of Monroe and Community Trust Bank present the Downtown RiverMarket. The market offers hand-made items, shopping, food, live music, fun for the kids, and much, much more! Come experience what Downtown Monroe has to offer, while taking in the sites overlooking the beautiful Ouachita River. The market is **free** and open to the public every Saturday starting October 3– December 15, 2015. Come and join the fourth of July fun with Blues, Brews, & BBQ this Saturday. It will be a "BIG BANG". We are located in **Downtown Monroe at 316 S. Grand Street** across from the Courthouse on the Ouachita River.*

Shop and gather unique items on the Ouachita River

Shaded seating provided!

Featured Live Entertainment:

***Morgan Myer 10 am;** Morgan was a contestant on the voice and is the opening act*

***Hands On 11a-3p;** A variety Band*

***Chosen Stone 3-4 pm;** A Christian Band*

Events: Kids Corner:

Geaux bubbles- making life size bubbles

Face Painting

Paint it Simple 10-2

Snow Cones and Ice cream

Jumpers and rock wall

Highlighted Vendors:

Geaux Bubbles from Shreveport- Geaux Bubbles makes life size bubbles

Ouachita River Cruise – Come cruise the Ouachita River and spend the 4th learning about the historic district of Monroe

Pelican State Clothing – Unique men's and women's clothing that feature the state of Louisiana

ADULTS:

Spirits

Food trucks

Beer tastings @ 5 pm

Fireworks show at dark