



# MONROE CITY NEWSLETTER

NOVEMBER 2011

## MAYOR'S MESSAGE

Happy Holidays!  
Isn't this a great time of year? A special time with family and friends.

Things are going great at the city. I hope you've had a chance to see the progress being made on the new E.M.S/Maintenance building going up near the city yards. Even though there's nothing to see yet, the new hydro-electric project is moving right along. The city fishing pond has been a fun addition—just ask any of those who have been up there. Our Pioneer Day celebration was a big success again. How many people were there on the park and up to the concert and fireworks? The Public Power Picnic is always a good time,

enjoying a good meal, visiting friends, and maybe even winning a prize. And, on December 5th, we'll have our annual visit from Santa and turn on the city's Christmas lights. It's a great way to kick off the Christmas season.

As always though it's you, the people of Monroe, who make this a great place to live. A welcoming wave and friendly smile from you makes everyone feel at home here.

I can't say "Thank You" enough to all those people who give of their time in helping the city. You do a great job.

May your holiday season be Merry and Bright!!

*Merry Christmas  
and  
Happy New Year*

### Monroe City Annual Holiday Decorating Contest

Everyone is encouraged to decorate their home and yard with lights and frills of the holiday season.

Judging will take place December 10th thru 17th.

The following three categories will be judged.

Lights only - Religious -Novelty

Winners in each category will receive a utility credit as follows:

1st -\$50      2nd -\$25      3rd-5th- \$10

All customers who decorate with at least 50' of lights will receive a 10% credit on their electric bill.



- *MONROE'S ANNUAL CHRISTMAS TREE LIGHTING WILL BE*
- *DECEMBER 5TH @ 5:30 PM*
- *LIONS PARK (MAIN ST.)*
- *COME VISIT WITH SANTA CLAUS*
  - *AND ENJOY A CUP OF*
  - *HOT CHOCOLATE AND A DOUGHNUT.*



This year the Monroe City Youth Council will be sponsoring a food drive for the local food bank and a child gift drop off for the New Horizon Crisis Center.

If your family is willing to donate to this program please bring your gift or food item to the City Tree Lighting on December 5th. The youth council will be there to collect your items. You can also take your donations to the city offices.

We know there are many needs this Christmas season and we hope that our community will be generous in giving what we can.

Thank you and Merry Christmas.

*Monroe City Youth Council*

# FYI:

## Fishing pond

We have just completed our first summer season of fishing at our new fishing pond. Due to safety reasons the pond will not be open to ice fishing.

Please remember if the gate is closed no fishing is allowed.

## HEAT ASSISTANCE

If you are in need of assistance with your utility bills this winter, contact Six County Heat office at 893-0744 to make an appointment.

## Dog Vaccination Clinic and Licensing

January 14th, 2012 from  
10:00 a.m. to 12:00 noon @ the  
old fire station on Main St.

Dr. Utley will be there to offer rabies and other vaccinations.

## **Fire Safety Tips**

**From: Monroe Volunteer Fire Department**

**\*Pick a "safe" tree.** If you're buying a cut tree for Christmas, check for freshness. A fresh tree has a good green color and needles that are hard to pull from the branches and do not break. Shedding, brittle needles and a faded green color are signs of a dry tree. Keep your tree fresh by placing it in a stand that holds water.

**\*Choose "Fire Resistant"**-labeled artificial trees and decorations. This does NOT mean these items won't catch fire - it does mean that they should resist burning and extinguish fairly quickly in the event of fire.

**\*Pick a safe place for your tree.** Keep your tree out of traffic areas and away from doorways. Exits should always be clear. Also, make sure there's a "safety zone" all around your tree - at least 3 feet away from fireplaces, wood stoves and other heat sources (candles included).

**\*Don't overload circuits.** With the extra lights and holiday decorations, don't be tempted to plug too many items into your outlets. Unplug items that aren't in use, and never ignore a tripped fuse.

**\*Before those lights go up:** Check each set of lights, new or old, for broken or cracked sockets, frayed or bare wires, or loose connections. Don't forget to check your extension cords, too. Throw out any damaged lights or cords.

**\*Always disconnect** all decorative lights before you go to bed or leave the house. Lights can short out and cause a fire.

**Working smoke alarms save lives.** Winter - and holidays - can bring increased risk of fire. If you haven't changed the batteries in your smoke and carbon monoxide alarms this year, now is a good time. Your family might have only minutes to escape a fire.