

DECEMBER 2025 & JANUARY 2026

MONROE MATTERS

A COMMUNITY NEWSLETTER

FROM THE OFFICE OF THE SELECTMEN

The Board wishes everyone a Healthy and Happy Holiday Season!

- Snow season is here. Be prepared. Be safe. Remember that it is illegal to push snow across a public road.
- A Public Hearing to re-approve the PILOT agreement with Great River Hydro will be held on December 9th at 7 pm at the Town Office.
- The town received notice that the Town of Littleton will not accept our recycling in 2026. The selectmen are working on a solution.
- Changes this month due to the holidays
 - All Town Offices are closed December 25th and January 1st
 - Selectmen's Office is closed December 24th - 26th. Will reopen at 8 a.m. Monday, Dec 9th at 8am
- T-shirts, sweatshirts, and hoodies are available and can be seen at the Town Office and the Library.

As always, if you have any questions/comment, call the Town Office at 603-638-2644 or email monroeselectmen@monroenh.org

Monroe Fire Department's Famous Breakfast Buffet

 Holiday Edition – by donation

Serving our community... one breakfast at a time.

Sunday December 7th 7:30 – 10:00 am
Monroe Town Hall



Proceeds of this breakfast will go to benefit local families

MONROE COMMUNITY CHURCH



Sunday Services
9:30am in the village

The Monroe Community Church 30th Annual Lighting of Our MEMORY TREE

Dedicated in Memory of:

William Dimick, Jr.
Paul "Butch" Gibson
Amy Ann Spisak

Mary Thorne Thomson
Sue Ann (Butler) Stuart
Robert (Bob) Dezie

You may have a bulb shine in memory of a loved one throughout the holiday season. Bulbs may be purchased at \$5.00 per person to be remembered.

Sunday, December 7th, 2025
The Tree Lighting will occur at the
Village Church at 4:30 PM

(Memory Lights will also be automatically lit at the North Monroe Church)

Please send donations to:

Marguerite Currier, 98 Harleyview Drive, Monroe, NH 03771

In Memory of: _____

By Whom: _____

Checks made payable to: Monroe Community Church



Service at
the village
church on
Wednesday,
Dec 24th at
7pm

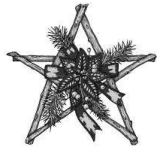


IT OUT AT THE LIBRARY (603)638-4736 monroepubliclibrary@gmail.com
TUESDAY 12pm-7pm; WEDNESDAY 9am-4pm; SATURDAY 9am-12pm

HOLIDAY HOURS UPDATES

Closed Wednesday, Dec 24th

RUSTIC, SIMPLE CHARM FOR YOUR WINTER HOME



Drop in when the library is open on December 9th and 10th

We will offer some minimalistic grapevine and twig star options that you can learn to make in a short time. Free of charge.



Our crochet Christmas tree will return this year between December 6th and mid-January. Come in and enjoy, especially if you didn't see it last year. It is beautiful and many hours were put into it by our neighbors & friends.

5th MONDAY BOOK CLUB

Meets only in months that have 5 Mondays
Come when you can, no commitment

Monday, December 29th at 6pm

Auggie Wren's Christmas Story by Paul Auster

The holiday season can be hectic but reading this 48-page story won't feel like a chore.

From the publisher:

It begins with a writer's dilemma: he's been asked by *The New York Times* to write a story that will appear in the paper on Christmas morning. The writer agrees, but he has a problem: How to write an unsentimental Christmas story? He unburdens himself to his friend at his local cigar shop, a colorful character named Auggie Wren. "A Christmas story? Is that all?" Auggie counters. "If you buy me lunch, my friend, I'll tell you the best Christmas story you ever heard. And I guarantee every word of it is true."

And an unconventional story it is, involving a lost wallet, a blind woman, and a Christmas dinner. Everything gets turned upside down. What's stealing? What's giving? What's a lie? What's the truth? It's vintage Auster, and pure pleasure: a truly unsentimental but completely affecting tale.

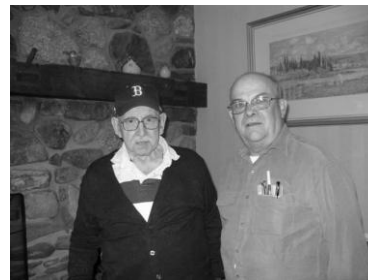
KIDS HOLIDAY CRAFT

Stop in anytime we're open and make one of the Christmas themed kits available that turn mini terra cotta pots into snowmen, reindeer, Santa, etc.

LOCAL HISTORY EVENT

We are planning a local history event in conjunction with the Monroe Historical Society for February (tentative date of the 7th with the 21st as a snow date) that will be held at the library.

- Films and slideshow
- Collecting oral and written histories
- Artifacts and memorabilia (if you'd like to share something for the day, reach out!)



In 2010, memories from Lark Burril were shared by Tom Gunganig at a film event during the town's first Harvest Festival.

We have computers, a printer, and scanner. Wifi too!

We have LOTS of puzzles to borrow.

We offer our space for group meetings.

DID YOU KNOW?
You can borrow ebooks, audiobooks, and digital magazines

We've got free coffee, tea & cocoa to enjoy while at the library.

We have a FUN, comfortable kids' room that's a great place to hang out.

HOW Mrs. Finch SPIN CHRISTMAS

The Pageant

BY THE MONROE COMMUNITY KIDS

SUNDAY : TOWN HALL : 5:00
21st : PERFORMANCE AND : PM
DECEMBER : COMMUNITY DINNER :

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PLEASE RSVP TO LACY LAPETE BY DECEMBER 19TH
TEXT OR CALL AT 603-991-5201 OR BY EMAIL LACYLAPETE@GMAIL.COM
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See you there!



SCHOOL BOARD MEETINGS

Mondays, December 1st and 15th

Monday, January 5th

and Tuesday, January 20th

Residents in the Town of Monroe, NH MONROE SCHOOL DISTRICT

Monroe School District announces the deadline of filing for Candidacy for the following offices:

School District Clerk	One Year Term
School District Moderator	One Year Term
School District Treasurer	One Year Term
School Board Member, Two Positions	Three Year Term Each

To declare your candidacy, you must contact:

Hilary Bradshaw, School District Clerk
77 Woodsville Rd., Monroe, NH 03771
Phone: (603)638-2800 ext. 148
Email: Clerk@monroeschool77.com

The tentative dates for the filing period are January 21, 2026 - January 30, 2026

Contact School Clerk to schedule filing anytime during the filing period or tentatively at the Town Office on Friday, January 30, 2026 from 3-5pm

Dates will be confirmed and posted on monroeschool77.com/notices



In 2009 research was being done to bring recycling to town. In the fall, the town came together for a "Green Day" sponsored by the school. Townspeople voted to start a recycling center in 2010. A poster contest was done at the school and signs for the new center were made using 2 winning designs. The first day the recycling center was open was a mini celebration of sorts; many volunteers were on hand to help residents learn what could be recycled and there was much conversation among those that came out with recyclables. Fun fact: townspeople so enjoyed the community feel of that 2009 event, that it evolved into Harvest Festival which still runs in a different format.

FROM THE TOWN CLERK'S OFFICE

Our Holiday Schedule:
Closed December 24 & December 25
December 31 & January 1

The New Hampshire DMV is increasing rates as of January 1, 2026, and mandatory vehicle inspections will no longer be required effective January 31, 2026. All safety regulations remain in effect.

2026 Dog licenses are available at the Town Office. A reminder that the state requires all dogs be registered and up to date on rabies vaccinations by April 30. Renewals can be completed online at monroenh.org.

Planning ahead for March Town Elections

If you are considering running for office, Declaration of Candidacy forms will be available Wednesday, January 21 thru Friday, January 30, 2026, at 5PM. A list of positions will be available in January.

OFFICE HOURS

Monday & Friday 8:30am -12 noon
Tuesday 4:30 - 7pm
Wednesday & Thursday 2-6pm
Last Saturday of each month 9am-12 Noon, *by appointment only*

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Information for the February
newsletter should be submitted
by Thursday, January 22nd.
Email 03771plans@gmail.com