



MONROE HARVEST FESTIVAL



2013 Harvest Festival has first Patriotic Theme

The theme for the fifth annual Harvest Festival is “Honoring Our Servicemen and Women.” 2013 is the 60th anniversary of the Korean War armistice, and we are just one year away from the 70th anniversary of the Normandy Invasion of World War II, which began the liberation of Europe. (Our Vietnam veterans honor the 50th anniversary of the first ground troop deployment in 2015.)

The Harvest Festival will honor all veterans through a special scarecrow category (most patriotic), our parade theme, selection of grand marshals, and other special commemorations throughout the weekend. Don't forget to wear your best red, white & blue!

Calling All Veterans!

We admit it. We've gone out to the Town Park and copied down all the names of Monroe veterans from the monuments there. But we're not sure that's a complete list, and it won't have the names of veterans who have since moved into town. If you are a veteran, PLEASE call the Selectmen's Office, 638-2644, and let them know who you are. You'll be invited to ride at the head of the parade, but even if you are too shy for that, we'd still like to get your name. It will help us thank you properly.

A Quick Summary of the Fun



Friday, 9/27

7 PM, Wildlife Show
8 PM, Fast Squad Dance



Saturday, 9/28

10 AM, Town Offices Dedication
11 AM, Parade
11:30 AM – 8 PM, FUN



Sunday, 9/29

8 AM – 10 AM, Breakfast
8 AM, 5K Fun Run/Walk

And, the Selectmen Want You!



Did you know that all New Hampshire towns, by law, must have an official “town seal”? According to RSA 31:93, “Every town shall provide for the use of its town clerk an official seal, bearing the name of the town and the date of its incorporation, and of such general design as may be approved by the selectmen thereof.” Oops. We don't have one. This is where YOU come in.

The Town is looking for design ideas, from any and all residents of Monroe. The seal should represent the history of Monroe and what we stand for. Please submit your entries to Town of Monroe, P.O. Box 63, BEFORE 9/26, and we will display all of the drawings on Saturday at the Harvest Festival. (The Selectmen get the final choice, and the final design may have to be “tweaked” to be reproducible.)

Scarecrows Add a Patriotic Category

The annual scarecrow contest is back, and we are all wondering what our “Monroe Couple” will be up to this year. Scarecrows will be judged in these 3 categories – but of course, you should feel free to do whatever you like!

 Most Patriotic

 Funniest

 Most Creative

Please sign up to join the scarecrow contest on-line at www.monroetown.com (follow the link on the home page.) If you prefer to sign up with a paper form, they are available at the Selectmen’s Office and in the Library. (Signing up helps us find your scarecrow – otherwise we might miss you.) SCARECROWS MUST BE UP BY MONDAY, 9/23.

Friday Night Double-Header

Similar to last year, we start the fun on Friday night at 7 pm in the Monroe School Gym with a special presentation by the Squam Lakes Science Center. This year, they are teaching us about “Coded Messages” – secret ways animals communicate with each other. We apologize in advance, parents, if your children begin squawking, whistling, or making strange arm movements to each other after the show. This show should last about 1 hour. It was standing room only last year, so get there promptly if you want a seat!

And at 8 PM, the Fast Squad presents “Phil n’ the Blanks” at Town Hall. There are no tickets available at the door for this event; you must get hold of Monica Jaynes ahead of time (638-4764) if you’d like to go. The dance is for 21’s and over only, BYOB. \$10 per person. Doors open at 7, music starts at 8, ends at midnight.

New Town Office Dedication & Tours

Saturday morning, the Selectmen will officially dedicate the new Town Office building (previously the Monroe Clinic building). There should be lots of ‘political-type’ celebrities on hand, and flags that have flown over the U.S. and NH State Capitol buildings will be raised (thank you, Brad Bailey!). The Selectmen will be on hand to give tours of the building, and afterwards, it’s a great spot to watch the parade from.

Parade To Honor Servicemen & Women

Get out your best red, white & blue, camo, flags, whatever and decorate your floats. Entries will be judged for best float, best marching group, and best car. (Remember, it’s all about the glory – you’ll get a fancy ribbon. But it is still worth throwing candy and/or money at the judges.) Parade participants should be at the Municipal Garage by 10:30 to be lined up. Parade steps off at 11 AM.

Great Food Courtesy of Local Groups

Once again, we are so lucky to have the Men’s Club willing to cook us all a tasty hamburger/hot dog lunch, and the Monroe Church willing to serve up their famous chicken BBQ supper (still only \$10 for a huge plate of food). The Café inside the school will be hosted this year by the Monroe School 8th Grade Class Trip group – please help them out as they work to raise money.

The Men’s Club will start grilling right after the parade, the Café’ opens at 1 PM, and the chicken BBQ is at 5 PM. And as always, there will be a slide show running in the Café’ as well as the ever-popular display of yearbooks. Also on display this year in the cafeteria will be entries for the new Town Seal.

Hay Rides are Back!

Bruce Frazer has graciously agreed to pull Dan Power's trailer (got that?) so we can once again have hayrides – yee haw! The hay rides will run from 1:30 – 3:00 PM, and then stop for the Talent Show. If there's a large enough demand, we may be able to talk Bruce into another round later on. Parents of young children should plan to ride WITH their children, please.

Art & Photography Show

We are trying something new this year – instead of a quilt show, it's an art (& photography) show. Drawings, photos, paintings, mixed media – it's all good, and it will be a people's choice judging. Please bring your artwork to the school on FRIDAY afternoon between 3 PM and 7 PM so we can get it all set up. Voting will close by 4 PM Saturday, and you can collect your artwork then or on Sunday morning.

Baking Contest this year is a Cupcake Decorating Contest!

Have at it! Decorate your cupcakes however you like, but please make sure your decorations are edible. After all, the judges need SOME compensation. There are two age categories: 12 and under, 13 and up. Cupcakes should be brought to the school Saturday morning, by 11:30 AM.

Who Will De-Throne Angela?

The chocolate cream pie-eating contest will once again have 3 age groups: 12 and under, 13-17's, and 18+. Angela Caccavaro appears to have a lock on the adult prize (a very fancy gold-painted Burger King crown), but last year she faced some stiff competition from Jaime Burrill. Come and watch under the big tent, 2:30 PM, or join in the fun. After all, it's free pie!

Mclure's Alumni Band to Perform

We are pleased to have Mclure's Alumni Band performing once again during lunch. They'll be performing on the bandstand, so pull up a chair, enjoy your lunch, and some great music. At dinnertime, we'll pipe in some tunes from the eras of the Korean War ('50's), and the Vietnam War ('60's) as well as a few current hits so our teens don't go insane listening to golden oldies.

Monroe Talent Show in Second Year

The talent show is open to all – but you must register so we can plan the order of the performances! (You can sign up online at monroetown.com – follow the link on the home page.) If you would like to practice on a stage, with microphone & speakers, come to Town Hall at 6:30 PM on September 11th, where event coordinators Ray & Joan Flint will be set up. (The practice session is not required, but it might help you refine your act.) Finally, remember this is a family-friendly festival – that means absolutely no Miley Cyrus-style “twerking!”

Volunteers are Always Needed

Did you know that every year, over 50 people, NOT counting the Fire Department, are needed to prepare and run the Harvest Festival? Most people are only asked to give one hour of their time (many people give a lot more!). If you are willing to give one hour to do something like supervise a kids' play area, help cut & serve pies, prepare and hand out glow necklaces, etc., please call the Selectmen's Office at 638-2644.

Fire Department To “Fire Up” the Stoves

Sorry, couldn't resist. The “top chefs” of the Monroe Fire Department will serve up their famous “all-you-can-eat” breakfast on Sunday morning from 8 AM to 10 AM at Town Hall.

They ask \$5 per person, but given the Harvest Festival would not happen without them, we ask for you to give more. Just for Harvest Fest, they put up (and take down) the tent, the street flags, go in the parade, move the tables & chairs over and back, do their muster, light the field . . . well, you get the idea. This is their only fundraiser of the year for the department, so let's be generous. And thank you, gentlemen, for all you do.

‘Scarecrow Shuffle’ 5K in its Second Year

Thanks to local uber-runner Gary Guion and his wife Paula, we will have a 5K Fun Run (or Walk) again this year. Please sign up ahead of time on monroetown.com- it helps us plan for water, bib numbers, etc. Participants should arrive at the Monroe School at 7:30 AM on Sunday morning – the run/walk starts at 8 AM. And yes, the Fire Department is saving breakfast for you.

We will follow the same route as last year – turn left out of the school, south on 135, left on Harleyview, across the Frazer's field, left on Plains Road, and back to the School. There are prizes for the top 3 finishers in the over AND under 18 groups.

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