

# Building permit fee to increase

**By Herb Swett**  
The Itemizer-Observer

MONMOUTH — Building permits in Monmouth will cost 10 percent more effective Jan. 1, 2018.

The City Council approved the increase on Nov. 21, as well as an automatic 3 percent raise effective July 1 of the next three years, on the recommendation of the Building Department.

The increases will involve all statewide specialty codes (codes involving different kinds of buildings) that the city administrators.

Building Official Larry Thornton said the raises are necessary to maintain the viability of his department and cover increasing costs.

Thornton noted a substantial increase for the Public Employees Retirement System and rising health care costs for Polk County.

Also approved was an advance refunding proposal involving 2010 Minet bonds and 2011 sewer bonds.

Janet Chenard, city finance officer, said the city could save an estimated \$963,987 over the remaining life of the debt.

The council also voted to create a reserve line item in the city budget.

The item, which will be in the general fund, would require council approval for spending any money in it.

A proposal to expand the two-hour parking area in Monmouth was tabled. The limit would involve the length of Monmouth Avenue

between Clay and Jackson streets.

Russ Cooper, public works director, recommended the expansion because people often have to park several blocks away from residential streets.

Councilor Thomas Steinke responded that limits on parking in front of residences could be hard on guests. Councilor Darin Silbernagel agreed and said the proposed two-hour area should be shortened.

Other comments from the council were suggestions by Jon Carey that a limit effective Monday through Friday would be reasonable, and by Royal Johnson that there should be a six-month trial period for any parking regulation change.

# Dallas waits water test

*Precautionary boil water still in effect on Orchard Ln.*

**By Jolene Guzman**  
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DALLAS — The city of Dallas was awaiting the results of water test by press time on Tuesday to lift a “boil water” notice in effect in the neighborhood from Polk Station Drive west toward Douglas Street and north of Ellendale Avenue.

The notice is due to a water main break at happened on Sunday morning.

The boil water notice was called in after a resident noticed water gushing onto the road on Orchard Lane near Fern Avenue, said Dallas Public Works Director Frank Anderson.

A crew from the city’s water system maintenance contractor OMI found the source of the leak, a broken pipe on Orchard Drive.

Anderson said the break is due to the pressure of pumping the water uphill.

About 24 inches of the pipe was replaced, and the repair job finished by Sunday night.

However, a precautionary boil water notice is required after a system is depressurized until testing confirms the water is safe.

Anderson said citizens, for the most part, have been patient and helpful through the process.

“We had two different residents bring the crew coffee and someone else made them cookies,” he said.

For more information or to check on the test result, call 503-831-3559 or visit [www.dallasor.gov/water-notice](http://www.dallasor.gov/water-notice).

What to do under a boil water notice: Don’t drink tap water without boiling the water first. Bring water to a rolling boil and let boil for full minute. That will kill any bacteria present. Let it cool before using for drinking, brushing teeth, washing produce, cleaning food contact surfaces, preparing food or baby formula or making ice. You can also use bottled water.

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# OBITUARIES

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## Jesse Lewis Haddon

June 11, 1931 – Nov. 19, 2017

Jesse Lewis Haddon passed away on Nov. 19, 2017, at the age of 86. He was born June 11, 1931, to John and Lydia Haddon in Densmore, Kan.



Jesse graduated eighth grade in Independence. He married Viola Elliott in 1953 in Vancouver, Wash.

Jesse worked in the lumber industry at Leading Plywood. He helped haul food at Gleaners, and enjoyed collecting coins, working on cars, gambling and playing the lottery. He was a hard worker and a good provider.

Jesse is survived by his ex-wife, Viola; daughter Lisa Fryman, of Salem; son Randall Haddon, of Buena Vista; son Doug Haddon, of Buena Vista; and nine grandchildren. He was preceded in death by stepson Donnie Davis.

A funeral service will be held Friday, Dec. 1 at 11 a.m. at Farnstrom Mortuary, 410 Monmouth St., Independence. Interment will be at Hilltop Cemetery. Please share your memories and condolences at [Farnstrom-Mortuary.com](http://Farnstrom-Mortuary.com).

## David Christopher McDonnell

Oct. 21, 1962 – Oct. 21, 2017

David Christopher McDonnell, 55, of Keizer, died on Oct. 21, in Reno, Nev.

David was born on Oct. 21, 1962, in Porterville, Calif., to John and Bessie (Shaw)

McDonnell.

He graduated from Central High School in 1981, in Independence. He joined the U.S. Navy, where he served on the USS Kincaid. David worked in the sheet metal industry for several years.



His interests were golfing, fishing and listening to music.

David survived by his fiancée Thersa Moore; his dog, Spencer; mother Bessie McDonnell; and siblings John (Andrea) McDonnell, Theresa McDonnell, Mark (Debbie) McDonnell, Patrick McDonnell, Paul (Suzie) McDonnell, Thomas McDonnell; and numerous nieces and nephews.

He is preceded in death by his father, John McDonnell, and his brother, Mathew McDonnell.

Per David’s wishes, he will have a military burial at sea.

in the Evangelical Bible Church. Private interment was in the Dallas Cemetery. The Dallas Mortuary Tribute Center is caring for the family. To leave an online tribute: [www.dallastrIBUTE.com](http://www.dallastrIBUTE.com).

## Geraldine Lurse Read

April 29, 1954 – Nov. 22, 2017

Geraldine Lurse Read, 63, of Rickreall, died Nov. 22 at her home. She was born on April 29, 1954, in Dallas, the daughter of William and Sylvia Anderson.

She is survived by husband James “Jim” Edward Rea; sons Loren Martin and Neal Read; along with four grandchildren; and sister Vicki. She was preceded in death by brother Chuck Anderson and sister Charlene Anderson.

Graveside services will begin at 1 p.m. on Dec. 2 in the Dallas Cemetery. The Dallas Mortuary Tribute Center is caring for the family. To leave an online tribute: [www.dallastrIBUTE.com](http://www.dallastrIBUTE.com).

## Kacey Suanne (Barker) Moore

May 30, 1986 – Nov. 13, 2017

Kacey Suanne (Barker) Moore died on Nov. 13.

She lived in the Dallas area all her life.

Private arrangements were handled by Dallas Mortuary Tribute Center.

## Dorothy S. Wall

Aug. 31, 1927 – Nov. 6, 2017

Dorothy S. Wall, 90, of Dallas, died Nov. 6 in the Dallas Retirement Village.

A memorial service will begin at 11 a.m. on Nov. 30

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### Sudoku

Difficulty: ★★★★★

**Solution on Page 3**

3			6			5
	5			9		1
7	6				9	
		4	3	2		6
			8		6	
	3			9	4	8
		5			4	8
8			1			3
2			8			7

**How to do Sudoku**  
Fill in the grid so the numbers 1 through 9 appear just once in every column, row, and three-by-three square. See example above.

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All volunteers are encouraged to bring canned goods when coming to help sort, shop & deliver food boxes on Christmas Eve at 6 am, Sunday, Dec. 24th at LaCreole Middle School

More information: 503-623-3585  
Coordinators: Warren & Sue Lamb — 5013C — Non-Profit Organization

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# DECEMBER 2017

### Monmouth Area Community Events Calendar

**Don't Forget! Nov. 30 - Dec. 1**

**Garden Club Holiday Greens Sale.** Central Baptist Church 655 S. Pacific Ave. (Hwy 99) Monmouth. 10 am – 6 pm. Free Admission. Fresh and made on site door wreaths plus table arrangements & decorated mugs available for sale with new ones put out all day. Funds raised are used for local community beautification projects. For More information contact Margaret Johnson 503-838-3995.

**Dec 1 Western Oregon University's 50th Annual Holiday Tree Lighting!** Begins at 6 pm. Come join us for this years 50th Annual Holiday Tree Lighting! This year will incorporate a host of different activities all across our campus! These events include: The Holiday Parade (6pm) Activities Inside the Werner University Center (7pm) 1. Local School Choir Concert 2. Pictures with Santa 3. Holiday Cookie Back-off 4. Tree Decorating Contest 5. Arts and Crafts 6. Toys for Tots Chamber Singers and Concert Choir at the Rice Auditorium (7:30pm) And so much more! We hope to see you there and look forward to sharing this holiday with the community! Monmouth Ave N., Monmouth, OR, 97361 In front of and inside the Werner University Center on the Western Oregon University campus. For more info contact Student Engagement John Wilkins (503) 838-8229 | or e-mail: [wilkinsj@wou.edu](mailto:wilkinsj@wou.edu)

**Dec. 2 WOU Dance Alumni Showcase. 7 p.m.** - Maple Hall, WOU FREE!! (Donations for dance scholarships accepted at door). Please join us for an exciting evening to come together with prospective, current, and past WOU dance students to enjoy new and recent works of WOU Dance Alumni ranging from the graduating classes of 2004-2017. This event is about connecting and sharing—such important elements of keeping the dance community thriving! We are not about perfection or impressing anyone, we just want to share what we have and hopefully encourage others to pursue their own creative endeavors. This is the ideal event for pre-professional dancers young in their career to simply come see what's possible with dance after college. Additionally, it is a great opportunity to for the community to connect with the university arts scene. There will be a short question and answer time after the show for audience members to interact with the choreographers and learn more about the choreographic and professional process. We look forward to having you! FREE TO ALL!! That said, we invite monetary donations at the door to support WOU Dance scholarships if you feel so inclined.

**Dec. 3 Polk Flea Market.** 9 am – 3 pm. Adult Admission is only \$1.00 and children 12 and under and parking is free. Early Bird Admission is only \$5.00 per adult from 6am-9am Sunday morning. Follow us on Facebook at PolkFleaMarket. Polk County Fairgrounds & Event Center, 520 S Pacific Hwy W. Rickreall.

**Dec. 15 – Jan. 2 Winter Break!** No School Central School District, grades K-12

**Dec. 25 Merry Christmas** from the Monmouth Business Association.

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**Mon/Indep Chamber of Commerce December Forum**  
Date: Wednesday, December 13  
Time: 12:00 PM to 1:00 PM  
Location: TBD  
Topic: Member Volunteer Project—Toys for Tots  
Join us in December for our “volunteer” forum and help us give back to our community! We have partnered with Toys for Tots to help ensure families in Monmouth and Independence have a happy holiday season. Forum participants will help package items being received by local families. Attendees are encouraged to bring a toy or food item to donate to Toys for Tots. Volunteering one hour will help to make a huge impact on our community! MI Chamber Office 503-838-4268

**Thirsty Thursday — December 21**  
Host: Petals & Vines  
Date: Thursday, December 21  
Time: 5:30 PM to 7:00 PM  
Location: 410 Main Street E, Monmouth

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