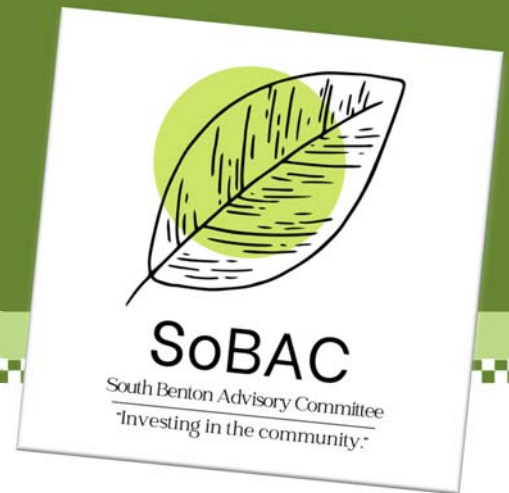


Community News

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Community Calendar

October 7: Cider Day, 10am to 3pm;
Willamette Grange

October 31: Halloween Spooktacular, 4pm to
7:30pm; Monroe City Hall

November 4: Pumpkin Palooza, 10am to 2pm;
Willamette Grange

November 11: Alpine Holiday Festival,
9:00am to 4:00pm; Monroe Grade School

November 21: Special Thanksgiving
Distribution, 10am to 5pm; S. Benton Food
Pantry, 648 Orchard

November 24 and 25: Monroe Community
Bazaar, 10am to 4pm; South Benton Food
Pantry's Heritage Hall, 648 Orchard

December 2 and 3: Winter Holiday Fair and
Children's Wreath Making, 8am to 5pm;
Willamette Grange

December 8: S. Benton Food Pantry Honors
Gala, 6pm to 9pm; Keppi Nak-Nak Heritage
Hall, 648 Orchard

December 9: Monroe Light Parade, 7pm to
8pm; downtown Monroe and Monroe
Community Library

December 9 – 16: Monroe Holiday Lights
Contest, Contact Monroe City Hall

S. Benton Connections

Visit <https://sobac.org/spring-2023-newsletter>
to see a version of this newsletter that includes
links to visit non-profit websites and donate
on-line.

Local Donations make Local IMPACTS!

These local non-profit organizations welcome your support:

Alpine Community Center: Programs include Alpine Coop Preschool, Monroe Resale, Alpine Holiday Festival. Mail donations to 25184 Webster Ave, Monroe, OR 97456.

Monroe Library Legacy Fund: Dedicated exclusively to the Monroe Library's capital maintenance, enhancement, and preservation: long term expensive projects like roof and heating system replacement. Make checks payable to: The Library Foundation, add "Monroe" as a note on the check, and send to: 645 NW Monroe Ave, Corvallis, OR 97330.

Monroe Arts Association: Dedicated to serving the interests of rural local artists and encouraging a vital, creative community. Mail donations to P.O. Box 571 Monroe, OR 97456.

Monroe Relief Nursery satellite of Old Mill Center for Children and Families: A free and voluntary therapeutic early childhood program for at-risk children ages birth to 6 years, providing parent education, advocacy, and counseling including personalized home visits and therapeutic classrooms. Mail donations to Old Mill Center at 1650 SW 45th St. Corvallis, OR 97333 and include "Monroe" in the memo line.



More local options for charitable giving

South Benton Advisory Committee (SoBAC) for United Way: Provides opportunities for local collaborations and sensible investment in our community and families. Past investments include the pathway and crosswalk linking Monroe Grade School to Orchard St, Monroe Relief Nursery outdoor play equipment, Monroe Arts Association HVAC and building insulation, and Keppi Nak-Nak commercial kitchen development. Mail donations to PO Box 396, Monroe, OR 97456.

South Benton Communities Museum: Preserving the cultural history of Monroe and the surrounding communities of South Benton County. Mail donations to 140 S 5th St, Monroe, OR 97456.

South Benton Food Pantry: Programs include the Food Pantry, Senior Meals, Weekend Snack Pack for Monroe School District kids, Art in the Park. Mail donations to PO Box 396, Monroe, OR 97456.

South Benton Gleaners: Mail donations to PO Box 396, Monroe, OR 97456.

Willamette Grange: A social and service organization, and agriculture advocacy group. Mail donations to PO Box 1923, Corvallis, OR 97339. Make checks payable to "Willamette Grange #52" and include "Willamette Grange #52" on the memo line.

Local Donations Make a Difference!

In the world today, there are so many causes and needs that seek charitable donations that it is easy to overlook what is happening in our own communities and the opportunities available to give locally. Did you know that there are 1,098 non-profit 501C3 organizations in Benton County alone?

Why should you give locally? When you give to a local non-profit, you are making a critical investment in your community. You know exactly where your donation is going, how it will be used, and frequently see the results. Several examples of investments SoBAC has made that are visible to the community include a crossing light on Maple St., a tire swing on the playground of Old Mill Center's Relief Nursery Satellite on the Monroe Grade School property, and insulation and H-VAC system for the Monroe Art Center's classroom and in the remodel for the Keppi Nak-Nak Community Center. Your donations to the organizations serving South Benton County help you, your neighbors, local families and residents in addition to supporting the wellness and growth of the Monroe Community.

To search for other Benton County non-profits, please go to <https://sos.oregon.gov/business/Pages/research-oregon-nonprofit-data.aspx>.



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