



River Raisin Jazz Series
May-August, every other Thursday night, restaurant/bar venues throughout downtown

Fire & Drum Muster
3rd weekend in June, Loranger Square & Monroe Street

River Raisin Jazz Festival
2nd weekend in August, St. Mary's Park

Downtown Monroe Fine Art Fair
2nd weekend in August, East First and Washington Streets

River Raisin Labor Day BBQ
Labor Day Weekend, East Front and Washington Streets

River Raisin Halloween Festival
Last weekend in October, Downtown Monroe

Holiday Kick-Off Weekend
Weekend before Thanksgiving, Loranger Square and Monroe Street

Events

Downtown Monroe



The place to live, work, play, shop, **be.**

www.downtownmonroemi.com

Phone: (734) 384-9172

While you are shopping, if an over-time parking ticket shows up on your automobile, please feel free to return your ticket to a patronized store (within 24 hours if possible) so that it can be validated for you. Look for the **P** symbol on display in stores, offices, and restaurants to identify those businesses which validate. That's it — ticket is deleted — enjoy your day in downtown Monroe. We offer this program because our motto is, "You, the customer, are top priority in Downtown Monroe."

In order to make your visit to Downtown Monroe as pleasurable as possible, the Downtown Monroe Business Network, in conjunction with the City of Monroe, has instituted a Parking Ticket Validation Program.

With over 1,300 parking spaces throughout the general downtown area, residents, customers, clients and employees can all find a parking space to fit their needs.



Parking

Lodging

Downtown

Hotel Sterling ⁸³

The Hotel Sterling was completely renovated in 2007 and boasts contemporary loft décor and modern amenities in Historic Downtown Monroe. Short- and long-term stays are welcome in rooms of various sizes. 109 W. Front St. Monroe, MI 48161 (734)242-6212 kenw@thehotelsterling.com www.thehotelsterling.com



In the Area

Lotus Bed and Breakfast ^{c5}

324 Washington St. Monroe, MI 48161 (734)735-1077

Del Rio Suites & Hotel ^{e1}

Short and long-term suite stays available including individual home rental. 215 E. Elm Ave. Monroe, MI 48162 (734)242-9400 jk@delriomanagement.com www.delriomanagement.com

Convenient hotel lodgings are also available at both Exit 11 and 15 on I-75.

Historic Monroe Walking Tour



A guide brochure of all of the residential and commercial buildings that show architectural significance throughout history can be found in the Document Downloads section of www.downtownmonroemi.com and at the Monroe County Historical Museum. (734)240-7780

The Monroe County Library System enriches the quality of life for all residents of the county by providing free access to informational, educational and recreational resources. The Dorsch Memorial Library opened in 1914 after the circa 1850 home was donated to the City of Monroe in honor of Dr. Eduard Dorsch. 18 E. First St. (734)241-7878 www.monroelib.mi.us/branches/dorsch/main.htm

Dorsch Memorial Library ^{c4}

It is the mission of the Monroe County Labor History Museum to provide a facility open to the public for the purpose of the preservation and display of local, regional and national labor history for present and future generations to view. 41 W. Front St. (734)693-0446 www.monroelab.org

Monroe County Labor History Museum ⁸³

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It houses one of the largest collections of 18th and 19th century artifacts relating to Southeast Michigan. Only a small percentage of the total collection can be exhibited at one time; many exhibits are changed each year. Return trips to our museum are often rewarding. 126 S. Monroe St. (734)240-7780 www.co.monroemi.us (link on homepage)

Monroe County Historical Museum ^{c4}

The RRCA presents and produces quality entertainment and educates Monroe County's youth in the performing arts. The art deco theatre, which opened in 1938, has showcased movies, stage productions and more throughout the decades. 114 S. Monroe St. (734)242-7722 www.riverraisincentre.org

River Raisin Centre for the Arts ^{c4}

Attractions

History

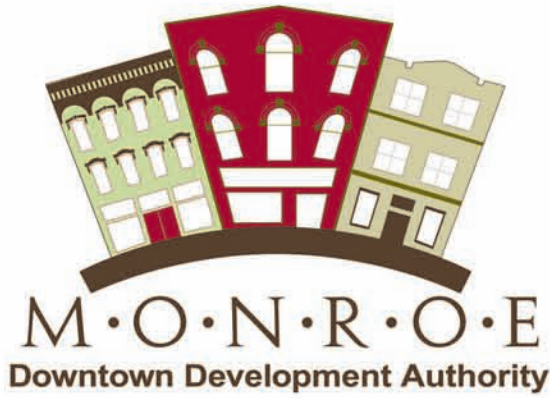
Nestled on the banks of the River Raisin is the City of Monroe, one of Michigan's gateway cities located between Toledo and Detroit right off I-75.

Monroe is Michigan's third oldest community. Its location on the west shore of Lake Erie and the River Raisin made it a natural crossroads for the Native Americans and later the French missionaries and fur trappers who settled here.

Originally called Frenchtown, the settlement found itself caught between the British Army and the U.S. forces during the War of 1812 making the Battle of the River Raisin the single most deadly battle for the U.S. in the war. "Remember the Raisin" became the American rally cry of the war. The River Raisin Battlefield was placed on the National Register of Historic Places in 1982. In 2009, the federal government incorporated River Raisin National Battlefield Park into the National Park System.

Monroe was home to General George A. Custer and his wife Elizabeth Bacon Custer, J. Sterling Morton (founder of Arbor Day), Vern Sneider (author of Teahouse of the August Moon), and Elizabeth Upham McWebb (author of the beloved Little Brown Bear series) among many others.





Tourism Resources

Monroe Downtown Development Authority D4
 120 E. First St. • 384-9172
 Monroe County Convention and Tourism Bureau B3
 103 W. Front St. • 457-1030

Directions



From the North take Exit 15 and turn right onto Dixie Highway. Turn right on Elm Avenue and left on Monroe Street.

From the South take Exit 11 and turn left on LaPlaisance Road. Turn left onto Jones Avenue and right on Monroe Street.



Take Exit 17 and turn East onto M-50. Follow M-50 approximately 14 miles and angle right onto West First Street to reach Monroe Street.

ATMs

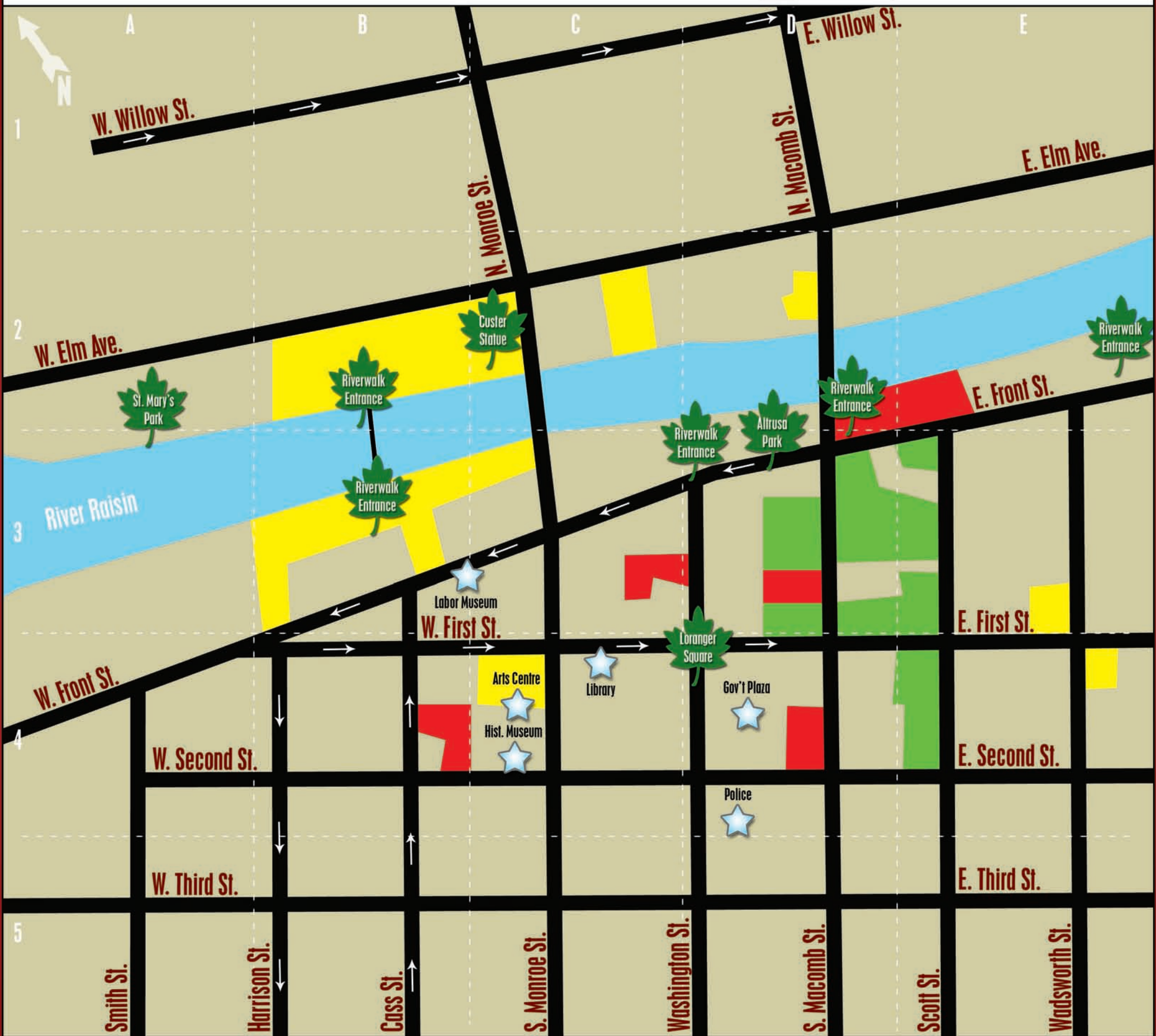
Bank of America • 602 S. Monroe St. • 242-6230
 Fifth Third Bank • 453 S. Monroe St. • 241-5300
 Monroe Bank & Trust • 102 E. Front St. • 241-3431 D3
 PNC Bank • 202 N. Monroe St. • 384-4940 C1
 Monroe County Community Credit Union • 120 E. First St. • 242-6727 D4

Parking

In addition to parking lots, there are almost 500 on-street parking spaces in the downtown area. On-street parking consists of free one-hour parking and metered parking.

Off-Street Parking

- Free Parking
- Metered Parking
- Restricted Parking



Physical Fitness

Advanced Chiropractic: 425 N. Monroe St., 243-5460
 Dolphin Dance: 6 E. First St., 244-2606 C4
 Mind/Body: Balance: 50 W. Front St., 457-9003 B3
 Mindful Movement (yoga): 23 W. First St., 243-6683 B4
 Optical Mart: 27 W. Front St., 770-9294 C3
 Powerhouse Fitness Center: 975 S. Monroe St., 241-6130
 Stevens Family Chiropractic & Well-Life Center: 11 E. Front St., 241-4070 C3

Personal Services

Barbara's Hair Salon: 144 N. Monroe St., 243-7608 C1
 Blu Water Spa: 975 S. Monroe St., 242-4460
 Elektrik Beach Tanning: 721 S. Monroe St., 242-0000
 Looks by Lauren: 123 S. Monroe St., 241-5665 C4
 Martinizing Dry Cleaners: 845 S. Monroe St., 241-3365
 Spin Clean: 833 S. Monroe St., 242-6611
 The Cutting Crew: 222 N. Monroe St., 243-9560
 Victoria Day Spa: 105 W. Front St., 242-1700 B3
 Wise Guy: 6 E. Front St., 240-9000 C3

Restaurants, Bars & Caterers

129 Lounge: 129 E. Front St., 241-4008 D3
 Beek's Bar & Grille: 128 E. Front St., 241-4942 D3
 Big Boy (Downtown): 138 N. Monroe St., 242-3010 C1
 Cakes By Stephanie: 118 N. Monroe St., 240-2253 C1
 Cravings: 31 E. Front St., 734-61-CRAVE D3
 Fino's Family Dining: 881 S. Monroe St., 457-1156
 Fox Club: 16 W. Front St. C3
 Lichee Garden: 37 S. Monroe St., 243-9292 C3
 Mancino's Pizza & Grinders: 101 S. Monroe St., 457-0200 C4
 McGeady's Town Pub: 39 S. Monroe St., 243-1220 C3
 Monroe Street Grill: 2 W. Front St., 241-1112 C3
 Norjo Café: 103 E. Front St., 242-2535 D3
 Roark's Tavern: 132 E. Front St., 243-8970 D3
 Roger's Place: 4 E. Front St., 243-8583 C3
 Senor Cactus: 120 E. Front St., 240-5525 D3
 Subway: 20 N. Monroe St., 457-0525 C2
 The Eatery: 723 S. Monroe St., 242-9171
 The Loft: 128 E. Front St., 241-4942 D3
 Tiffany's Pizza: 128 N. Monroe St., 242-4600 C1
 Tim Horton's: 404 S. Monroe St., 384-9523
 Uptown Bar: 8 W. Front St., 243-9380 C3

Village Bistro: 15 Washington St., 384-1112 D3
 You and I Bar: 36 W. Front St., 242-8070 C3

Retail Establishments

Battery Wholesale: 303 S. Monroe St., 241-7600 C5
 Belle Fleur: 423 E. Front St., 770-9981 E2
 Book Nook: 42 S. Monroe St., 241-2665 C3
 Cigars and Conversations: 45 S. Monroe St., 241-7740 C3
 CVS Pharmacy: 919 S. Monroe St., 384-9559
 Damascus House: 212 Smith St., 242-8136 A4
 David's Jewelry: 127 S. Monroe St., 241-8250 C4
 Diamond Designs: 10 E. First St., 384-4400 C4
 Durocher TV Sales & Services: 222 S. Monroe St., 241-7626 C5
 Erie Bread Company: 311 S. Monroe St., 241-4644 C5
 Farmer's Market: 20 E. Willow St., 241-9570 C1
 Frenchie's Fine Jewelry, Coins, Stamps, Inc.: 15 E. Front St., 242-5840 C3
 Health Matters, Herbs and More: 17 E. 2nd St., 240-2786 C4
 Independent Energy: 17 W. First St., 384-9655 C4
 Jack's Bicycles: 206 S. Monroe St., 242-1400 C4
 JC Quality Wood Stoves: 17 W. First St., 241-7442 C4
 Jones for Men: 10 E. Front St., 241-9444 C3

Magnum Force: 409 E. Front St., 457-4242 E2
 Martin's Shoe House: 43 S. Monroe St., 241-5866 C3
 Metro PCS: 309 S. Monroe St. C5
 Monroe Florist: 747 S. Monroe St., 242-6565
 Monroe Liquor Plaza: 811 S. Monroe St., 241-2577
 Monroe Thrift Shop: 119 S. Monroe St., 242-1082 C4
 Monroe White Sewing Center: 12 S. Monroe St., 242-1473 C3
 Nino's Italian Market: 101 S. Monroe St. C4
 Our House Games: 403 E. Front St., 242-GAME E2
 Penguin Music: 611 S. Monroe St., 243-6555
 Ray's Place: 21 W. Front St., 242-7244 C3
 Rivers Edge Business Interiors: 44 W. Front St., 457-2660 C3
 Second Chance Boutique: 50 S. Monroe St., 457-5866 C3
 Shirley's Gourmet Popcorn Company: 49 S. Monroe St. C3
 Thompson's Computers: 125 S. Monroe St., 241-3689 C4
 Traditions: 114 E. Elm Ave., 244-5231 D2