

City Manager's Update

Wednesday, June 1, 2016

Hello everyone!

In an effort to provide an update of important news and notes from this last week, the following report has been prepared. As always, please feel free to let me know if you have a question about any of the items contained in this update – I can be reached via email at ochi@ci.monrovia.ca.us!

And of course... all the best to you and yours as we continue through this week!

Best regards,
Oliver

QUOTE OF THE WEEK

It is never too late to be what you might have been.
– George Eliot

MONROVIA'S MAP PROGRAM WINS THREE AWARDS AT THE NEIGHBORHOODS, USA (NUSA) CONFERENCE!

Last week, Monrovia was well-represented at the 2016 Neighborhoods USA (NUSA) annual conference, where elements of the City's overall Monrovia Area Partnership (MAP) program were considered for nationwide awards, including our *Care for your Neighbor* program, our *MAP Youth Leadership Academy*, and our *MAP Neighborhood Newsletter*.

Even when facing stiff competition from programs that stretched across the nation, our MAP program shined as we won the following awards:

- 1st Place – MAP Neighborhood Newsletter (Newsletter Competition)
- 2nd Place – Care for your Neighbor Program (Physical Revitalization / Beautification)
- 2nd Place – MAP Youth Leadership Academy (Social Revitalization / Neighborliness)

As the photos below illustrate, our team represented Monrovia so very well, and the awards that were won demonstrate how truly exceptional the MAP program is!

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NUSA is a national non-profit organization committed to building and strengthening neighborhood organizations. Created in 1975 to share information and experiences used to build stronger communities, NUSA continues to encourage networking and information-sharing to facilitate the development of partnerships among neighborhood organizations, government, and the private sector for the ultimate goal of strengthening every neighborhood.

GOLD LINE TO OLD TOWN SHUTTLE SERVICE UPDATE

As you may be aware, during the past three months, the City has been operating a shuttle service every Friday and Saturday evening from 5:00 p.m. to 10:00 p.m. between the Gold Line Station at Station Square and Old Town. We have been monitoring ridership rates since the shuttle first started, and to date, we have seen very moderate usage. Since March 11, 2016, ridership on the shuttle has averaged the following levels:

- Friday: averaging 27 riders / Friday
- Saturday: averaging 14 riders / Saturday
- **Combined: averaging 41 riders / Friday & Saturday**

The City's weekly shuttle service option connecting the Gold Line Station at Station Square to Old Town Monrovia runs as follows:

- **Operational Days / Times**
 - Every Friday & Saturday, from 5:00 p.m. -10:00 p.m.
- **Location**
 - From Station Square (in the bus turnaround on Primrose Avenue) to Library Park / Community Center (drop off on Lime Avenue), and back to Station Square.
- **Fee**
 - The fee to ride the service will be \$1.00, which is in line with other transit service operations. However, please note... the shuttle service will be FREE upon presentation of any METRO / Foothill Fare media (i.e., Tap Card, Pass, Transfer, etc.).

PROPOSED BOB BARTLETT MEMORIAL MOSAIC RFQ RESULTS IN, SEVEN SUBMITTALS, COMMITTEE REVIEWS SET TO TAKE PLACE DURING THE NEXT FEW WEEKS

During the past few months, the Bob Bartlett Memorial Committee (Committee) has been working to coordinate a recognition process for Monrovia's former mayor. Ultimately, the Committee recommended that the City hire an artist to develop a mosaic mural at Station Square to honor the late Bob Bartlett, and to that end, an RFQ soliciting the services of a qualified artist was issued a few weeks ago.

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The City has received seven (7) responses to the RFQ, and during the next few weeks, we will be reviewing the qualifications of the artists who submitted proposals with the Committee. Once those review processes have been completed, we plan on bringing the overall issue before the City Council for further review and consideration. In the interim, we will be certain to keep everyone apprised of our progress.

WELLFIELD WATER TREATMENT FACILITY EXPERIENCED AN ELECTRICAL FAILURE LAST WEEK RESULTING IN A WATER SYSTEM MALFUNCTION

Last week, the City experienced an electrical failure at our Wellfield located at 2655 South Myrtle Avenue. We had received reports of water running into the street at the location, and when our staff arrived on scene, we found that our Water Treatment Towers 3 and 4 had gone into an electrical shutdown, which left water overflowing out of the facility.

Our staff, including Water Production Manager Paul Zampiello, and Water Production Operator Alonzo Alatorre, responded to the scene and immediately took control of the situation. After turning off the pumps and stabilizing the overall operations, our team troubleshooted the issue and eventually determined that the system backup battery unit experienced a failure. We are conducting additional research to determine how to prevent the situation from happening again in the short term, and on a longer term basis, we are certainly looking forward to upgrading the overall electrical system at the Wellfield as part of the Monrovia Renewal project! Kudos and thanks going out to our water production team for their expert handling of this difficult situation!

EWMP GROUP MET THIS PAST WEEK TO DISCUSS FORMATION OF A JOINT POWERS AUTHORITY, NEXT STEPS AGREED UPON

Last week, Monrovia hosted a meeting which was attended by the city manager's from each of cities included in our Enhanced Watershed Management Plan (EWMP), along with representatives from Los Angeles County. At the meeting, we presented an overview presentation of the options available as it relates to the possibility of forming a joint powers authority (JPA) to coordinate the execution of certain EWMP projects, along with ongoing maintenance related activities.

It is important to note that as part of our ongoing efforts to address the MS4 Permit requirements outlined in our EWMP document, we are continuing to advocate for policy change to ease the financial burden of complying with the currently mandated regulations. However, we are simultaneously working on developing and executing affordable and cost-effective MS4 Permit compliance related activities, one of which we have identified as forming a JPA for our EWMP group. There is no financial obligation associated with forming the JPA, and forming such an entity would create the mechanism through which large-scale regional storm water capital projects could be built and maintained on an ongoing basis, once we have determined what exactly it is that we will be required to construct.

For additional information regarding issues surrounding storm water regulations, please visit the City's website at: <http://www.cityofmonrovia.org/publicworks/page/stormwater-management>

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CITY WORKING WITH THE MAIN SAN GABRIEL BASIN WATERMASTER TO DEVELOP UPDATED WATER CONSERVATION TARGETS PURSUANT TO THE GOVERNOR'S NEW EXECUTIVE ORDER REGARDING WATER CONSERVATION

Last week, staff engaged in discussion with the Main San Gabriel Watermaster (Watermaster) regarding the process through which we would be developing updated water conservation targets pursuant to the Governor's recently issued executive order. Given the process as outlined in the attached fact sheet issued by the State Water Resources Control Board (SWRCB), the City, along with all of the other jurisdictions governed by the Watermaster, are working to develop a consistent and unified response from the Main Basin. To that end, we will be working closely with the Watermaster to develop a realistic self-certification for our ongoing water conservation levels.

Based on the discussions that have occurred to date, we anticipate that the self-certification analysis should be completed by mid-June 2016, and we will of course keep everyone informed as to our progress moving forward.

WATERMASTER ESTABLISHES SAFE YIELD FOR FISCAL YEAR 2017/18 AT 130,000 ACRE FEET, WHICH IS A 13.3% REDUCTION OVER FISCAL YEAR 2016/17 LEVELS

Annually, the Main San Gabriel Basin Watermaster (Watermaster) establishes a "safe yield" for the following year, which dictates how much water can be drawn out of the overall Main San Gabriel Basin (Basin). Monrovia, which is part of the Basin, is allocated around 3.09472% of the water established by the Watermaster's annual safe yield level.

During the past several years, the Watermaster has been establishing safe yield levels based on the drought conditions we have experienced during the past several years. For the upcoming Fiscal Year 2016/17 (July 1, 2016 through June 30, 2017), the safe yield was established last year at 150,000 acre feet. Moving forward, the Watermaster established the safe yield for Fiscal Year 2017/18 at 130,000 acre feet, which is 13.3% lower than the rate for Fiscal Year 2016/17.

For your reference, 1 acre foot is the equivalent of 325,851 gallons!

In Fiscal Year 2016/17, which was allocated a safe yield level of 150,000 acre feet, the City will be allowed to pump 5,740.08 acre feet of water. With the reduction of the safe yield level to 130,000 acre feet for Fiscal Year 2017/18, the City's pumping rights will be reduced to 5,122.14 acre feet.

It is important to note, however, that the City has been doing a terrific job of conserving water during the past year, and in fact, between Fiscal Year 2014/15 and Fiscal Year 2015/16, we were able to reduce our overall water usage rates by around 800 acre feet... which equals nearly 261 million gallons of water saved! A truly terrific job by all those that call Monrovia home!

Moving forward, the City does have a plan to comply with the reduced water production levels. The strategy involves the continued imposition of aggressive water conservation measures, utilization of the City's Water Cyclic Storage Bank (a water savings account in which the City currently has over 1,400 acre

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feet of water production rights), and the strategic purchase of additional water production rights from other agencies in the Basin.

For more information on this matter, and to obtain additional water conservation tips / strategies, please visit the City's website at:

<http://www.cityofmonrovia.org/publicworks/page/monrovia-conserves-community-effort>

NEW WATER UTILITY VALVE TRUCK ARRIVED LAST WEEK

Last week, the City's water utility operation received a new valve truck! As is illustrated in the attached photo, the new piece of equipment comes with a custom made utility bed, a high-powered vacuum, cutting-edge safety lights / equipment, as well as a fully articulating valve operating arm. The new truck will increase efficiencies, improve operator safety, and significantly expand the access we have to more challenging valve locations within the City water system.

The valve truck really is an essential piece of equipment for water system maintenance, as it allows our water utility team to isolate main line valves and hydrant valves when repairs or maintenance is needed. In addition, the technology on the new truck will allow our team to utilize GIS functions to automatically record certain valve operations, such as the number of valve turns, the condition of different valves, and the recordation of general notes.

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ATHENS DISPOSAL FEATURED ON KABC 7 REGARDING THEIR PARTNERSHIP WITH THE LOS ANGELES RAMS TO CREATE A ZERO WASTE ENVIRONMENT AT THE LOS ANGELES COLISEUM

Last week, Athens (which serves as the City's trash hauler) was featured on KABC Channel 7 regarding their partnership with the LA Coliseum and the LA Rams. Athens, which is the trash hauler for the LA Coliseum, has developed a zero-waste program for the LA Rams, and details related to the program are highlighted in the news clip you can access by clicking on the link below.

<https://youtu.be/y3vC71lgVr4>

SIGN UP FOR MONROVIA RENEWAL CITYWIDE INFRASTRUCTURE PROJECT NEWS AND UPDATES

Have you heard about the *Monrovia Renewal* program, which is geared toward repairing critical water, sewer, and road system infrastructure throughout the community? Well, there's a lot of capital improvement work that the City will be engaged in during the next few years, and now, you can stay up to date on all things related to *Monrovia Renewal* by signing-up to receive project updates and construction notices!

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Please see the attached flyer which outlines how to sign-up for more information, or, simply click on the link below and following the steps to subscribe!



Sign Up for E-mail Updates!

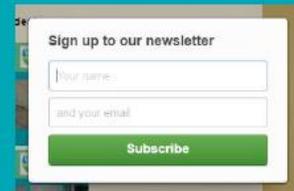
Step 1: Visit www.cityofmonrovia.org/monroviarenewal and click on the Project Updates and Work Notices tab.



Step 2: Scroll down the page and click the Subscribe button.



Step 3: Enter your name and email address.



Step 4: You will receive a confirmation email.

Click the link and you're all set!

www.cityofmonrovia.org/monroviarenewal

SIDEWALK CPR PROGRAM SET TO BE HOSTED BY THE MONROVIA FIRE DEPARTMENT ON THURSDAY, JUNE 2, 2016

Working in collaboration with the Los Angeles County Department of Health Services, the Monrovia Fire Department has worked to coordinate a Sidewalk CPR program, which is scheduled to take place on Thursday, June 2, 2016, from 9:00 a.m. – 1:00 p.m., at Library Park. A flyer with additional event details has been included to this email for your reference, and many thanks to Captain Chris Huson and the entire Monrovia Fire Department team for their assistance in coordinating and offering this terrific event!

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Monrovia Fire & Rescue

American Heart
Association 

Present



**LEARN HOW TO SAVE A LIFE WITH
HANDS-ONLY CPR.**

GIVE US 10 MINUTES, IT COULD HELP YOU SAVE A LIFE

Thursday June 2nd, 2016

9am-1pm

Library Park

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HOUSEHOLD HAZARDOUS WASTE EVENT SCHEDULED FOR JUNE 4, 2016

Do you have any old paint in the garage that you need to throw away? Or maybe it's that old computer lying around that you need to get rid of? Well... now is your chance to dispose of any household hazardous waste items in a safe and environmentally friendly manner right here in Monrovia! On Saturday, June 4, 2016, the County of Los Angeles, in partnership with the City, will host a Household Hazardous Waste Round Up event on Monrovia City Streets! Swing by Evergreen Avenue between California Avenue and Shamrock Avenue from 9:00 a.m. until 3:00 p.m. for your chance to dispose of household hazardous wastes for free! For more information, please see the flyer attached below!

TOO
TOXIC
TO
TRASH



Household Hazardous Waste
and E-Waste Roundup

Saturday, June 4, 2016
9:00 am - 3:00 pm

Monrovia City Streets
Evergreen Ave. between
California Ave. & Shamrock Ave.
Monrovia

Open to all Los Angeles County residents

Dispose of Household Hazardous Waste and E-Waste the right way on Saturday: JUNE 4, 2016

BUSINESS WASTE WILL NOT BE ACCEPTED.

What you CAN bring to an event (examples):

- Brake fluid, paint* paint thinner, cleaners with acid or lye, pesticides or herbicides, household batteries and car batteries, pool chemicals, motor oil, oil filters, expired pharmaceuticals, anti-freeze, and fluorescent light bulbs.
- * You can also recycle paint at participating retailers through the PaintCare Program. Details at www.PaintCare.org or (855) 724-6809.
- Household electronic waste including: Computer monitors, televisions, computer CPUs, keyboards, printers, cell phones, etc.

What you CAN'T bring to an event:

- Hazardous waste and electronic waste from businesses.
- Explosives, ammunition and radioactive materials.
- Trash and tires.
- White goods such as refrigerators, stoves and washing machines, etc.
- Controlled substances.

How to prepare items for transportation:

- Bring the items in a sturdy box, preferably in their original labeled containers.
- Do not mix the items together.
- There is a limit of 15 gallons or 125 pounds of hazardous waste per trip.
- Be prepared to leave your containers and boxes. Remove all other items from your trunk.

Brought to you by the County of Los Angeles and presented by the Department of Public Works and the Sanitation Districts of Los Angeles County in cooperation with the cities of Arcadia, Azusa, Baldwin Park, Bradbury, Covina, Duarte, El Monte, Irwindale, Monrovia, Pasadena, San Gabriel, Sierra Madre, Temple City, and West Covina.

Supervisor Michael D. Antonovich, County of Los Angeles

Home-generated sharps waste such as hypodermic needles, pen needles, syringes, lancets, and intravenous needles SHOULD NOT be placed in your trash. Bring them to the Roundups or visit www.CLEANLA.com for alternate disposal options.

S. Myrtle Ave. S. California Ave. Huntington Dr. Shamrock Ave. Mountain Ave. E. Central Ave. Foothill Fwy (210) E. Evergreen Ave. E. Pomona Ave. E. Duarte Rd.



Scan this code for a schedule of upcoming events and a complete listing of what you can and cannot bring, or contact: 1(888) CLEAN-LA • www.CleanLA.com, or 1(800) 239-0172 • www.lacsd.org.



You can also take your used motor oil to more than 600 oil recycling centers in Los Angeles County. Call 1(888) CLEAN-LA for a complete listing.

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FAMILY HIKE & CAMPOUT PROGRAM SET FOR JUNE 11-12, 2016, AND AUGUST 13-14, 2016 – SIGN-UP TODAY!

Have you ever wanted to do a fun family hike and overnight camping trip in Canyon Park? If so... we have just the program for you! The Public Services Department has developed updates to the very popular *Canyon Park Family Hike & Campout* event!

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We will have two event dates, including June 11-12, 2016, and August 13-14, 2016, and we hope that you'll sign-up today for the terrific program! Event participants will be able to go on guided day and night hikes, eat BBQ'd hotdogs and hamburgers, and roast marshmallows... all while spending an evening in a tent underneath the stars in Canyon Park! In addition, we have a variety of activities planned for families that sign-up, including Saturday evening story time events hosted by our Library staff, and also a Sunday morning pancake breakfast hosted by our Fire Department!

If you are interested in participating, please see the flyer attached below, or contact Eugene Suk, Hillside Wilderness Preserve Supervisor, at (626) 256-8281, or via email at esuk@ci.monrovia.ca.us!

Monrovia Public Services Department

Family HIKE & CAMPOUT

**JUNE 11 & 12
AUGUST 13 & 14**

Go on guided day & night hikes, bbq hotdogs and hamburgers, and roast marshmallows.
All this fun while sleeping in tents under the stars!

Location: Monrovia Canyon Park - 1200 N. Canyon Blvd.
Arrive: Saturday at 2:00 p.m. • Depart: Sunday at 10:00 a.m.
Maximum spots available - Twenty 10x10 foot spots (Maximum 4 people per spot)
Fee: \$40 per spot
Bring: A tent that can fit in a 10x10 foot square, and sleeping bags

For program registration, please contact Eugene Suk, Hillside Wilderness Preserve Supervisor at 626.256.8281 or by e-mail at esuk@ci.monrovia.ca.us

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2016 MONROVIA LIBRARY SUMMER READING PROGRAM READY TO BEGIN ON JUNE 13, 2016, REGISTER TODAY!

Can you believe that summer is already here? In addition to hanging out at the beach, taking a summer vacation, and relaxing... make sure you mix in some reading, as the Monrovia Library summer reading program is ready to kick off on June 13, 2016! The program, which will run through July 30, 2016, allows participants to engage in a coordinated reading program, with bookmarks, prizes, and drawings for cool gear!

The program is free for everyone, from babies, to children, to teens, to adults! So make sure you register! Just visit us online at:

www.cityofmonrovia.org/library

Or... feel free to drop by the Library and sign-up in person! We're looking forward to reading with you!

SUMMER READING PROGRAM KICK-OFF EVENT AT STATION SQUARE PARK ON JUNE 16, 2016, FROM 6:00 P.M. – 7:30 P.M. WITH FANTASTICK PATRICK – THE ONE MAN CIRCUS BAND!

As part of the Summer Reading Program, the Library will be hosting a kick-off event on Thursday, June 16, 2016, from 6:00 p.m. – 7:30 p.m. at Station Square Park, where you can meet Fantastick Patrick, the one Man Circus Band! The performance promises to be filled with laughs, juggling, music, a 10-foot high unicycle, and other "fantastic" tricks. Make sure you swing by for the fun and festivities!

POLICE DEPARTMENT SEMI-WEEKLY NEIGHBORHOOD WATCH REPORT

The most recent Police Department semi-weekly neighborhood watch report for the period May 23 – 25, 2016 has been uploaded on our website at the link below for your review and reference. During the past seven-day period, the Monrovia Police Department handled 425 service events, resulting in 69 total investigations.

<http://www.cityofmonrovia.org/police/page/semi-weekly-report>

That's it for this update, thanks so much for taking the time to read this report and I do hope you have a wonderful rest of the week!

Best regards,
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