

City Manager's Update

Wednesday, August 17, 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

Always wake up with a smile knowing that today you are going to have fun accomplishing what others are too afraid to do.
– Mark Cuban

MALDEF ISSUE UPDATE

As you may be aware, last week, the City received a demand letter from a group known as the Mexican American Legal Defense and Education Fund, or MALDEF. In that letter, MALDEF has demanded that the City of Monrovia change our current at-large based system for electing City Council members to a district-based electoral system.

A copy of the MALDEF letter has been included as an attachment to this email. As you will note from the correspondence, MALDEF cites both the California Voting Rights Act of 2001 and the lack of Latino representation on the City Council as the basis for their demand. Furthermore, in their letter, MALDEF states their intention to seek judicial relief if they do not receive a satisfactory response from the City by August 24, 2016.

Here at the City, we are taking the issues raised by MALDEF seriously, especially in light of the fact that Monrovia has such a rich history of electing individuals that represent a diverse range of backgrounds and perspectives to serve on the City Council. To that end, the City Council held a special closed session meeting yesterday (Tuesday, August 16, 2016, at 5:00 p.m.) to further discuss the overall matter. As this issue unfolds, please feel free to let me know if you have any questions regarding this matter.

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MALDEF

The Latino Legal Voice for Civil Rights in America.

August 10, 2016

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VIA U.S. MAIL

Tom Adams, Mayor
City of Monrovia
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Re: Demand for Compliance with California Voting Rights Act

Dear Mr. Adams:

We have received complaints from Latino voters in the City of Monrovia that the use of an at-large election system for the election of city council members results in Latino vote dilution and prevents Latino voters from electing candidates of their choice. We reviewed demographic and electoral information pertaining to your jurisdiction with particular attention to the prohibitions of the California Voting Right Act of 2001 ("CVRA"). Based on our investigation, we believe that the City of Monrovia is in violation of the CVRA and must convert to a by-district election system.

The CVRA, California Elections Code § 14027, states in relevant part:

An at-large method of election may not be imposed or applied in a manner that impairs the ability of a protected class to elect candidates of its choice or its ability to influence the outcome of an election, as a result of the dilution or the abridgment of the rights of voters who are members of a protected class...

Latino residents of the City of Monrovia are a "protected class" within the meaning of the CVRA. U.S. Census population data shows that Latinos constitute 31.7% of the citizen voting age population of Monrovia. However, it appears that none of the five current members of the City Council is Latino and only one Latino individual has served on the City Council since 1999. Based on our review of election returns and demographic information, we believe that the lack of success of Latinos candidates results from the inability of Latino voters to elect candidates of choice due to racially polarized voting among the electorate, and that continued use of at-large elections therefore violates the CVRA. We demand that the City convert its at-large election system to a district-based electoral system. Under the authority of

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www.maldef.org

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Government Code § 34886, the City Council can effectuate that conversion by passage of a resolution, and we demand that it do so without delay.

We request your response to this demand by August 24, 2016. In the absence of a satisfactory response, our clients will be forced to seek judicial relief in the form of an action to obtain an order converting the election system from at-large to by-district, together with other relief provided for in the CVRA, including an award of litigation and expert witness costs, and attorneys' fees. The City can avoid the imposition of a judicially-mandated plan, including district maps designed or approved by the Court, by taking appropriate action without the filing of litigation.

We look forward to your response.

Sincerely,



Matthew J. Barragan
Staff Attorney
MALDEF

MIJ/mg

cc: Alexander C. Blackburn, Mayor Pro Tem (via U.S. mail)
Gloria Crudgington, Council Member (via U.S. mail)
Becky A. Shevlin, Council Member (via U.S. mail)
Larry J. Spicer, Council Member (via U.S. mail)
Craig A. Steele, City Attorney (via U.S. mail)

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CITY OF MONROVIA PRESS RELEASE

FOR IMMEDIATE DISTRIBUTION
August 11, 2016

Contact: Oliver Chi, City Manager
City of Monrovia
(626) 932-5506

MALDEF DEMAND LETTER REQUESTS DISTRICT BASED MONROVIA CITY COUNCIL ELECTIONS

MALDEF (Mexican American Legal Defense and Education Fund) demand letter cites the California Voting Right Act of 2001 and lack of Latino representation on the Monrovia City Council as the basis for their demand that the City convert its current citywide at-large based election system into a district-based electoral system.

Monrovia, CA – The City of Monrovia has been issued a demand letter from MALDEF requesting that our current at-large based system for electing City Council members be converted into a district-based electoral system. In the letter, MALDEF cites as the basis for their demand both the California Voting Rights Act of 2001 and the purported lack of Latino representation on the City Council. Furthermore, MALDEF's correspondence states their intention to seek judicial relief if they do not receive a satisfactory response from the City by August 24, 2016.

City Manager Oliver Chi responded by saying, "We certainly do take the demand letter issued by MALDEF seriously, especially given that Monrovia has had such a rich history of electing individuals that represent a diverse range of backgrounds and perspectives to serve on the City Council."

"Given the issues that MALDEF has raised and the manner in which those matters have been articulated, we are working to schedule a special meeting next week for the City Council to discuss this particular issue," continued Mr. Chi. "We would note, however, that prior to receiving their letter on August 10, 2016, the City had not been contacted by any representatives from MALDEF, nor have we received any complaints about the City's current at-large system for electing City Council members."

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PLANNING COMMISSION APPROVES MUNICIPAL CODE UPDATE THAT STRENGTHENS OUR HISTORIC PRESERVATION PRACTICES

Last week, the Planning Commission voted to recommend that the City Council adopt an update to the Monrovia Municipal Code that will enhance our historic preservation practices by instituting an additional demolition permit review process for any main residential structure that is 50 years or older.

Under the newly proposed regulations, before a main residential building that is 50 years or older can be demolished, an assessment will first have to be performed to ensure that the facility to be torn down has no historical value. The guidelines that have been developed were born out of the demolition moratorium that the City Council adopted on November 18, 2014, which prohibited the demolition of any main building on a property that was constructed before 1940. Since that time, staff has conducted extensive outreach to better assess the overall issues, and we have worked with the City Council, the Planning Commission, and the Historic Preservation Commission to develop the new rules. To view the staff report and proposed ordinance, visit:

<http://cityofmonrovia.org/pc/page/planning-commission-meeting-24>

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The Historic Preservation Commission will be conducting a special meeting this week on Thursday, August 18, 2016, at 6:00 p.m. to review the proposed ordinance, and the full City Council will consider the matter in September 2016. .

FORMER FIRE CAPTAIN JOHN ROOKS PASSES AWAY, SERVED MONROVIA FOR 29 YEARS AND RETIRED IN NOVEMBER 2015

It is with a heavy heart that we share the passing of retired Fire Captain John Rooks. Captain Rooks passed away unexpectedly last week while at home. He retired in November 2015 after serving the Monrovia community with distinction for 29 years. Captain Rooks loved our City, loved the Monrovia Fire Department, and loved the fire service, as he served with great passion and heart. We will be certain to pass along additional information regarding funeral arrangements as soon as those details have been made available.

MONROVIA RENEWAL – SEWER ENHANCEMENTS CONTINUE ON AUGUST 22, 2016, ON MONTEREY AVENUE JUST SOUTH OF HUNTINGTON DRIVE

Beginning on Monday, August 22, 2016, additional infrastructure improvement work on the sewer segment located on Monterey Avenue just south of Huntington Drive (across from the Toys 'R' Us and Panda Express parking lot) will begin. The sewer improvement work is expected to last approximately 5 – 7 business days, and working hours for this project will be from 8:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m., Monday through Friday. Given the extent of the work, some overnight construction work may take place from 8:00 p.m. to 5:00 a.m., in an effort to allow our construction crews to finish the identified improvements in a way that will limit the impacts on traffic and sewer services in the area. A copy of the work notice for the project has been included as an attachment to this email, and also, the City has placed our electronic message boards out at the site to alert travelers of upcoming construction.

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WORK NOTICE

In partnership with the City of Monrovia, **Grbcon, Inc.** will be making improvements to damaged sewer pipeline on Monterey Avenue between Huntington Drive and Bonita Street, approximately mid-block.

These improvements are being done as part of the Monrovia Renewal project, a multi-year initiative that is making priority repairs to the City's water and sewer pipelines, water facilities, streets, sidewalks, curbs, and gutters.

When: Beginning August 22nd for approximately 5-7 business days

Where: On Monterey Avenue across from the Toys 'R' Us / Panda Express back parking lot

What to Expect:

- Work Hours: 7 AM – 5 PM, Monday through Friday; 8 PM – 5 AM overnight work as needed
- Expect road closures and detours onto surrounding streets
- A crew of 5-10 people
- Heavy equipment on site
- Construction noise
- Steel plates on street on off-hours to allow for driving
- *Please use caution when driving in the area and plan to take alternate routes. Always adhere to posted signs and instructions from crew members for safety.*



Questions? Contact the Public Works Division at (626) 932-5575 or email monroviarenewal@ci.monrovia.ca.us.

NEW LIGHTS IN OLD TOWN!

As you drive up and down Myrtle Avenue during the evening this week, you may notice that the lights on the trees in Old Town look a little bit different! That's because our terrific Streets Team over in Public Works was able to complete the installation of new tree lighting on Myrtle Avenue from Foothill Boulevard to Olive Avenue in Old Town!

The lights that were installed by our team are more consistent in their height and installation layout. This should create a more uniformed and elegant display throughout Old Town. In addition, our team utilized a new technique by installing the lights in an up-and-down fashion on each tree trunk, as opposed to round-and-round installation process as was previously the case. This updated installation patter reduces potential damage to the lights and the tree as the trunk of the tree grows from year to year.

Many thanks to Jeremiah Brooks, Manny Garcia, Chase Buckelew, Esau Ramos, Chalo Valenzuela, Mario Lopez, Carlos Burrel, Jose Torres, and William Duran for their dedicated efforts to get the new lights in Old Town installed!

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LIBRARY STRATEGIC PLAN KICK-OFF MEETING SET FOR MONDAY, AUGUST 15, 2016

Just a quick note to let everyone know that the development of the Library Strategic Plan started this week. We held a kick-off meeting on Monday, August 15, 2016, and our team in charge of developing the strategic plan met for three hours to map out the overall process moving forward. We are confident that this planning work will pay dividends for our entire community by mapping out ways in which the Library can better serve the Monrovia community.

TERRIFIC FEEDBACK RECEIVED REGARDING FIRE DEPARTMENT PERSONNEL GOING BEYOND THE CALL OF DUTY

We wanted to share some feedback that the City received regarding a terrific effort by our Fire Department personnel going beyond the call of duty... as the attached email we received illustrates, our team is always looking for ways to better serve the people of Monrovia in our efforts to be premier!

Oliver Chi

Subject: RE: Some Good Feedback for the City of Monrovia

From: Williams, Ivan (Monrovia) [<mailto:Ivan.Williams@WorleyParsons.com>]
Sent: Thursday, August 11, 2016 1:58 PM
Subject: Some Good Feedback for the City of Monrovia

Hello. My name is Ivan Williams, and I work at the WorleyParsons office at 181 West Huntington Drive. I want to tell you that I witnessed a wonderful display of outstanding professionalism and behavior by the Monrovia City Fire Department. Even though I do not reside in your wonderful city, I think that what I witnessed yesterday should be an example for any city in America.

Here is the story. I was having lunch on a sidewalk table just outside the front door of Jimmy John's sandwich shop at 672 West Huntington Drive. This business is in the strip mall shopping center located on the southeast corner of Monterey Avenue, and Huntington Drive. It so happens that four Monrovia City Fire Department firemen were also enjoying their lunch at a table near mine. As I was finishing up my lunch, one of the firemen approached me and asked me if I could possibly move to another location. At first I wondered why he was asking me to move, and when I asked him, he gave me the reason.

While the Monrovia firemen were eating their lunch, they noticed a potentially dangerous situation above my head. One of the firemen looked up and on a shelf underneath the sidewalk overhead awning, a spare terracotta tile was balancing on an edge right above me. Instead of ignoring the situation, the fireman took action. They proceeded to get a ladder off their fire truck (Engine no. 102) and moved the tile to safer location.

While the actual actions seem small, I think the fireman demonstrated exemplary behavior and attitude. They really did not have to do anything, since this was on private property and they were enjoying their lunch. But no, they stepped up and took it upon themselves "to do the right thing." I did not get a chance to get the names of the firemen, but I saw that were on Engine no.102 around 12:46 p.m. on Wednesday, August 10th.

I thanked the firemen, and said that I greatly appreciated what they did. It is people like them that show us all that even small actions can make a big impact. I also believe their behavior must represent the high quality atmosphere and the way the City of Monrovia runs their operations. Kudos to the City of Monrovia and to the Fire Department for doing things right. Please let the firemen on Engine no. 102 know that someone noticed their fine service and really appreciated it yesterday.

Regards,

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ONLINE HOMEWORK HELP AVAILABLE AT THE LIBRARY – ALL YOU NEED IS YOUR LIBRARY CARD!

Summer is over and school is back in session... and what better time to check out the HelpNow feature from Brainfuse at the Monrovia Public Library! This free online service provides homework help for students with live tutors every day from 1:00 p.m. – 10:00 p.m., with all ages welcome! The program provides support in a variety of subjects, including: Math, English, Science, Social Studies, and test prep. They also have a writing lab, where students can submit their essays for constructive feedback from teachers around the country. Other features include a language lab, lesson plans, and a flashcard builder.

And the best news is... this entire service is now available to all students for free... as long as you have your Monrovia Library Card!

To get started, visit the library's new online catalog at: <https://monrovia.biblionix.com/catalog/>.

Once there, login with your library card number and PIN (your full 10-digit phone number) and click on *Brainfuse HelpNow* link. For more information on HelpNow and all of the other amazing resources we have at the Library, please drop by or give us a call at (626) 256-8274.

PUBLIC ART COMING TO OLD TOWN MONROVIA ON AUGUST 17, 2016!

The long awaited bronze sculpture by the talented artist Daniel Stern (of Home Alone acting fame!) is scheduled to be installed on Myrtle Avenue this coming Wednesday, August 17, 2016! The new artwork will be installed on the east side of 400 block of Myrtle Avenue near the Krikorian Theatre.

The life-sized sculpture is comprised of three life-sized pieces, including an old fashioned movie director, a free standing movie camera, and a tall director's chair. The director's chair is designed to be interactive and you will actually be able to sit in it and have your picture taken! Furthermore, the art has movement, whimsy ties into the history and present of the City, as the Art in Public Places Committee recommended that The Monrovia Feature Film Company and The Argonauts of 49 (which was filmed in Canyon Park) be incorporated into the piece. A sketch of the artwork that has been produced is as follows:



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BOARD AND COMMISSIONER TRAINING PURSUANT TO AB 1234 SCHEDULED TO TAKE PLACE ON SEPTEMBER 15, 2016 AT 6:00 P.M.

Just a quick note to let everyone know that all of the City's board and commission members will be invited to participate in a special AB 1234 Ethics Training, set to take place on Thursday, September 15, 2016, at 6 p.m. The 2-hour training is required by State law for designated positions within 1 year of being appointed, and every 2 years following their initial appointment.

SUCCESSFUL PARTNERSHIP WITH FOOTHILL UNITY CENTER FOR THEIR 18TH ANNUAL BACK TO SCHOOL EVENT, WHICH WAS HELD ON AUGUST 9, 2016

The Foothill Unity Center concluded another successful Back to School event last week on August 9, 2016, at the Santa Anita Race Track. Monrovia was proud to be a supporter, as our Monrovia Transit operation helped provide transportation for 50 individuals to participate in the spectacular event. Students in grades K-12 received school supplies for the upcoming school year through generous donations, and hundreds of students were able to benefit from the event. To find out more about how you can help with next year's event, please contact Foothill Unity Center at bts@foothillunitycenter.org, or call (626) 358-3486.

FOOTHILL TRANSIT OFFERING BUS TRANSPORTATION SERVICE TO THE LA COUNTY FAIR, AND THOSE THAT TAKE ADVANTAGE WILL BE ABLE TO BUY DISCOUNTED TICKETS TO GET INTO THE FAIR!

Did you know that you'll be able to visit the L.A. County Fair this year without needing to pay for parking or looking for a parking space? It's true... because Foothill Transit is offering up a new service on Line 196 to get individuals to the Fair!

The special new Line 196 will get individuals to the LA County Fair for \$1.25. Also, if you're transferring from the train or another bus, the cost to ride is just 50 cents! Furthermore, the fare is included in all Foothill Transit passes, and if you're a college student using a class pass, you won't pay anything!

Also, anyone who rides Line 196 to the LA County Fair will be able to purchase a discounted ticket for \$12 instead of the normal price of \$20. That's almost half off!

The LA County Fair is set to start on September 2, 2016, so make sure you take a look to see how you can get to the event using Foothill Transit's new Line 196!

If you need help planning your trip to Line 196, call 1-800-RIDE-INFO (743-3463) to speak with one of Foothill Transit's friendly representatives. You can also find additional information online at:

<http://foothilltransit.org/lacountyfair/>

SOCALGAS ISSUES NOTICE REGARDING DEFECT IN ADVANCED GAS METERS THAT CAUSED AN UNDERBILLING SITUATION, 11,000 CUSTOMERS IMPACTED

This week, the City was notified that SoCalGas has had a problem with their advanced gas meters. The problem has resulted in the under-reporting of natural gas usage by customers, and it appears that around 11,000 customers have been impacted. The attached notice outlines the details regarding this matter.

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Important Notice re: Meter Transmission Unit (MTU) on Gas Meters

Shaw, Helen Romero [HShaw@semprautilities.com]

Sent: Wednesday, August 10, 2016 8:11 AM

To: Alex Blackburn; Becky Shevlin [bshevlin@gmail.com]; Gloria Crudgington; Larry Spicer; T Adams

Cc: Oliver Chi

Dear City Official:

SoCalGas has recently discovered a small percentage of our Advanced Meter communication devices have a technical defect, which causes under-reporting of natural gas usage. The fault is with the Meter Transmission Unit (MTU) - the advanced meter module that transmits data from the customer's meter to SoCalGas - not with the meter that physically measures consumption.

Based on a limited and ongoing analysis, SoCalGas believes that a minimal percentage (less than 1 percent of the more than 5.5 million Meter Transmission Units (MTUs) installed thus far) may be experiencing this malfunction and potentially under-reporting gas consumption. As a result, some of our customers may have been under-billed for their natural gas service in the past. At this point the faulty MTUs seem to be located across our service territory and not located in any one particular geographic area.

SoCalGas plans to replace the faulty Advanced Meter communication devices as soon as possible and this process will take only about 15 minutes. SoCalGas sent out approximately 11,000 letters Monday to those customers that will have their MTU replaced. Customer's natural gas service will not be interrupted during the replacement, but we will need access to their meter during that time.

Once the device has been replaced, we will determine the extent of any under-billing and incorporate those charges on customer's next bill along with a letter of explanation. Under-billing charges for residential customers will not go back more than three months. We expect any additional charges for residential customers to be small and apply to very few customers. Under-billing for business customers will go back thirty-six months.

We realize these under-billing charges may create a hardship for families and businesses

- Residential customers that would like more time to pay; may go online at www.socalgas.com/pay-bill/need-more-time-to-pay to make payment arrangements, or call the SoCalGas Customer Contact Center at 1-800-427-2200 to discuss their account.
- Business customers that would like more time to pay; may call their account representative or contact the SoCalGas Customer Contact Center at

<https://ci.monrovia.ca.us/owa/?ae=Item&t=IPM.Note&id=RgAAAABWX0...> 8/14/2016
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1-800-427-2000 to discuss their account.

At SoCalGas, our goal is to provide customers with timely, accurate billing and we are working closely with the advanced meter manufacturer to prevent any future problems for our customers.

As always, please do not hesitate to contact me should you have any inquiries within your community,

Helen Romero Shaw
Public Affairs Manager
Southern California Gas Company
Ofc: 626-279-2295
Cell: 626-622-2235



A Scopus Energy company

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MONROVIA RENEWAL BEGINS CONSTRUCTION IN AUGUST 2016, HERE'S WHAT YOU CAN EXPECT TO SEE!

Monrovia Renewal has started construction! As you may recall, Monrovia Renewal is a multi-year initiative that will make priority repairs to the all of the City's water & sewer pipelines, water facilities, streets, sidewalks, curbs, and gutters.

The initial work related to Monrovia Renewal has begun in the Southwest and Southeast portions of town! These areas include everything located to the eastern and western City limits located between Colorado Boulevard to the north and the 210 Freeway to the south.

An overview of upcoming construction work schedule in the Southwest and Southeast project locations is outlined below:

Sewer Pipeline Projects

- **Beginning Early August 2016 – Expect Road Closures & Detours**
 - Monterey Avenue just south of Huntington Drive
 - Shamrock Avenue from Olive Avenue to the alley north of Walnut Avenue

Sidewalk Repairs

- **Beginning Early August 2016 – Expect Sidewalk Closures**
 - Sidewalk repairs are expected to begin in late August 2016, and will continue on a rolling basis throughout the project area

Water Pipeline Projects

- **Beginning Late August 2016 – Expect Road Closures & Detours**
 - Primrose Avenue from Central Avenue to Huntington Drive
 - Cypress Avenue from Sherman Avenue to Shamrock Avenue

Street Repair Projects

- **Beginning Late Fall 2016 (Anticipated for October 2016) Expect Road Closures & Detours**
 - Street-related projects are expected to begin in the Southwest and Southeast segments in October 2016
 - Street work will occur throughout these areas, so residents should anticipate intermittent road closures, restricted parking, and traffic detours

While these repairs are underway, residents can expect a variety of construction related impacts. Our goal here at the City is to minimize those impacts as much as possible, and we also are working to provide as much information as we can regarding the planned work.

In advance of construction related activities, the City has developed work notices that will be distributed to all residents who may be impacted. The most recent work notice, related to the sewer improvement work on Monterey Avenue, just south of Huntington Drive (across from the Toys 'R' Us and Panda Express parking lot) is attached to this notice above for your reference.

In addition, as part of an effort to provide additional details regarding the planned work, the City has developed a handout (which we have attached to this email) that outlines in an easy to read map the work planned in the Southwest and Southeast project segments.

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Finally, you can also visit us online at www.cityofmonrovia.org/monroviarenewal to obtain the latest information regarding the Monrovia Renewal project. While at the site, you can also sign-up for e-mail updates by clicking on the "Monrovia Renewal Project Updates and Work Notices" tab, and following the instructions to subscribe!

Monrovia Renewal is the largest public works project that the City has ever undertaken, and we appreciate your patience and support while we work to execute the identified infrastructure improvements throughout our community!



Infrastructure Repairs Begin August 2016!



The Southwest (SW) and Southeast (SE) are the first two segments of Monrovia Renewal scheduled for construction, starting this summer through mid-2017.

Find your street below to see what work will be done in your area. Pipeline and sidewalk repairs will begin in early August, and street-related work is expected to begin in October, starting in the Southwest section and moving east.



Treatment	Color on Map	What is it?*	What's the impact?*
Slurry Seal	Yellow	Thin, smooth top coat added - To prevent damage from worsening	Full working day to lay and allow to dry/cure - Road closed while drying
Cape Seal	Blue	Loose chip layer + slurry seal on top - For minor damage	Temporary, 7-10 days of rough chip layer, then slurry seal
Mill & Overlay	Green	Removes and replaces top 2 inches of asphalt - For major damage	Intermittent road closures for 2-3 weeks, can drive on rough bottom layer, restricted parking
Reconstruction	Red	Rehabilitation of base layer, then new top layer added - For replacement	Road surface returns to dirt, hot asphalt poured, intermittent road closures for 3 weeks, restricted parking
Water & Sewer Pipelines	Yellow / Red Dashes	Repairs to the water or sewer pipelines underneath the street	Varies depending on size on length of repair. Partial or full road closures during the day, reopening the street at night. Heavy equipment will be in use.

*Note that details are subject to change depending on in-field conditions and the contractors' assessment.

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Frequently Asked Questions

❖ What is Monrovia Renewal?

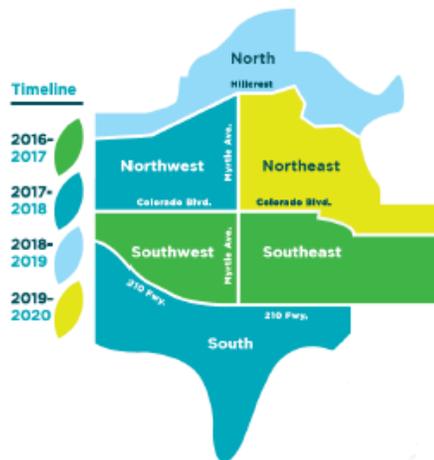
Monrovia Renewal is a multi-year initiative that is making large-scale repairs to aging infrastructure across the city, including water and sewer pipelines, water facilities, streets, sidewalks, curbs, and gutters.

❖ Why is the project divided into segments?

Because the repairs are extensive, construction will occur one segment at a time to help minimize disruption and the number of times the pavement is cut into. This also improves efficiency and lowers the overall cost of construction.

❖ When will construction begin?

Monrovia Renewal will be completed within 4-5 years. Construction will occur by segment, starting with Southwest & Southeast in August 2016, Northwest & South in 2017, North in 2018, and Northeast in 2019.



❖ How much will this cost and how is it funded?

Monrovia Renewal is estimated to cost \$51.7 million, making it the largest public works project in the City's history! In November 2015, water and sewer rates were adjusted to pay for repairs to these systems. Street repairs are funded by L.A. County sales tax that must be used on transportation projects.

❖ What can I expect during construction?

Repairs vary by street and may include repairs to water and sewer lines, the street and/or sidewalk. There will be short periods when a lane or entire road is closed and a route detour is required. Sometimes you will not be allowed to park on a particular street. At these times, signs will be posted on the street in advance. Noise, dust, untidy conditions, and large equipment may be present.

❖ How much notice will I be given?

Residents will have at least 72 hours' notice prior to construction on their street. Construction is inconvenient, and work schedules often change with little or no notice. We will work to mitigate these impacts as much as possible, but we thank you in advance for your patience and flexibility!

❖ Why aren't there repairs on my street?

The City conducted a study to rate the pavement condition of each street on a scale of 0 to 100. Any street that scored less than 70 has a less than satisfactory condition and is in need of repairs. Streets that scored 70 or above will be repaired in the future as part of the City's ongoing maintenance.

❖ Who is overseeing this project?

The City Council approves all engineering and construction contracts in advance and gets quarterly updates on the project. The Council also established an Oversight Committee to monitor progress and spending that meets on a quarterly basis.

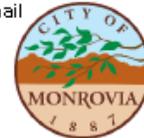
❖ What's going to happen to trees causing sidewalk damage?

Every effort will be made to keep trees in place. Only trees that are diseased or dying will be removed, and new trees will be planted elsewhere to replace them.

❖ How can I stay up to date on what's happening?

Visit www.cityofmonrovia.org/monroviarenewal and subscribe to receive e-mail updates! If you have questions, call Public Works at (626) 932-5575 or e-mail monroviarenewal@ci.monrovia.ca.us.

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BMW SET TO OFFICIALLY OPEN THEIR REMODELED DEALERSHIP ON THURSDAY, AUGUST 18, 2016, AT 4:30 P.M.

During the past year, you may have watched as Monrovia's BMW Dealership worked to construct a brand new two-story facility, complete with a four-level parking structure! The 208,601 square foot expansion is nearing completion, and a ribbon cutting to dedicate the new facility is set to take place on Thursday, August 18, 2016, at 4:30 p.m. We hope to see you there as we welcome in the new store where you can now own... *the ultimate driving machine!*

MONROVIA'S MUSICAL SUMMER CONTINUES – 4 FREE CONCERTS REMAINING, INCLUDING 1 ADDITIONAL LEVITT PAVILION CONCERT AT STATION SQUARE!

There's music in the air this summer as the City is pleased to be able to share that there are 4 free concert events that are remaining as part of our summer concert series program! All concerts will take place at Library Park and at Station Square, and an overview / schedule of each concert series event includes the following:

▪ **Summer Concerts in Library Park**

- The Summer Concert Series in Library Park is offered every Sunday from 7:00 p.m. – 8:30 p.m. beginning on July 10, 2016 and lasting through August 28, 2016. The 8 week series offers a variety of music genres, including Top 40, Mariachi, Classic Rock, Motown, and more! Bring a chair and come on out to Library Park every Sunday this summer to enjoy the tunes – you can even try out the new dance floor we've developed for those that want to dance! Please see the attached flyer outlining the summer concert lineup, which includes the following:
 - August 21 – The Smokin' Cobras – Rockin' Oldies
 - August 28 – Boyz and the Beez – Country Swing

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The flyer is for 'SUMMER CONCERTS in Library Park' in Monrovia. It features a central image of a red acoustic guitar. The text is arranged around the guitar, with the title 'SUMMER CONCERTS' in large, bold, blue letters and 'in Library Park' in a cursive font below it. The event is held on 'SUNDAY EVENINGS 7:00-8:30PM' at 'LIBRARY PARK ROTARY CLUB BANDSHELL, 321 S. MYRTLE AVENUE, MONROVIA, CA 91016'. The concerts are 'FREE TO THE PUBLIC'. A red banner on the right side identifies the 'VIP SPONSOR' as 'MONROVIA MEMORIAL HOSPITAL'. The concert lineup includes:

- JULY 10** **RADIOACTIVE** TOP 40
SPONSORED BY **ATHENS SERVICES**
- JULY 17** **THE SOUTH PASADENA TRANSIT AUTHORITY**
SOUNDS OF CHICAGO, 70'S & 80'S, R&B
SPONSORED BY **KEVIN SHAW PLUMBING**
- JULY 24** **MARIACHI DIVAS** MARIACHI
SPONSORED BY **BOWDEN DEVELOPMENT, INC. CENTURY 21, ADAMS & BARNES**
- JULY 31** **THE ANSWER** CLASSIC ROCK
SPONSORED BY **DOREEN EMENIKE, IMMIGRATION ATTORNEY MONARC REALTY**
- AUGUST 7** **TIMEBOMB** ROCKING HITS OF 1975-1985
SPONSORED BY **GINA AMMON OF PODLEY PROPERTIES TROY WILSON OF PODLEY PROPERTIES**
- AUGUST 14** **STONE SOUL** MOTOWN
SPONSORED BY **ASSEMBLYMEMBER CHRIS HOLDEN**
- AUGUST 21** **THE SMOKIN' COBRAS** ROCKIN' OLDIES
SPONSORED BY **WENDY'S HAMBURGERS**
- AUGUST 28** **BOYZ AND THE BEEZ** COUNTRY SWING
SPONSORED BY **MONROVIA HISTORIC PRESERVATION GROUP**

▪ Levitt Pavilion Concerts at Station Square Monrovia

- The City of Monrovia and the acclaimed Levitt Pavilion have partnered to offer a special concert series at Station Square Park this summer! We hope that you'll make plans to come on out to Station Square Park by the new Gold Line Station every Wednesday evening from 7:00 p.m. – 8:15 p.m., beginning on July 13, 2016 and lasting through August 17, 2016. The 6 week concert series will feature a variety of Jazz, Latin, Americana, and Children's music performances. The attached flyer provides additional concert lineup details, which includes the following:
 - August 17 – Upstream – World Music

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▪ Summer at Station Square Concerts – Tribute Band Performances

- In addition to the Levitt Pavilion Concert series, the City is also offering an additional summer concert series at Station Square Park in light of this being the inaugural summer of activity at Monrovia's newest park! To that end, we hope that you'll stop by Station Square Park by the new Gold Line Station on select Thursday evenings from 6:30 p.m. – 8:00 p.m. for a series of four concerts beginning on July 14, 2016. The musical features will include a tribute band collective playing songs from The Who, Journey, Fleetwood Mac, and the Doobie Brothers. The concerts are being sponsored by the Monrovia•Arcadia•Duarte (MAD) Town Council, and the attached flyer provides additional details, which include:
 - August 18 – Doobies, Inc. – Doobie Brothers Tribute Band

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Come out and enjoy a variety of fun and exciting programs at Monrovia's newest park! All activities take place on Thursday evenings and will include the following:

FAMILY DANCE PARTY
Jump, hop, and sing with us in this fun and active program for younger children and their families. Enjoy stories, songs, rhymes, and movement activities. Wiggleworms welcome!
June 23 - July 28, 6:00 - 6:30 p.m.



A TRIBUTE BAND COLLECTIVE
Sponsored by M.A.D. Town Council
Rock out and reminisce to these Tribute bands popular with boomers, X, Y and Z generations!
All Concerts are scheduled from 6:30 - 8:00 p.m.
July 14 - **The Who Show** - The Who Tribute Band
July 21 - **Escape** - The Journey Tribute
August 4 - **Mirage** - Visions of Fleetwood Mac
August 18 - **Doobies, Inc.** - The Doobie Brothers Tribute Band



NIGHT HIKE AT CANYON PARK
Explore and learn about Canyon Park's creatures of the night by participating in a guided hike through Canyon Park! All hikes are scheduled from 6:30 - 9:00p.m. Participants will meet at Station Square and be transported by bus to Canyon Park. Registration is required, with a maximum of 15 participants for each hike. Please wear hiking attire and bring a flashlight. To Register, call Canyon Park at 626.256.8281.
June 30 • July 28 • August 11



BREWS & BOOKS
Sample amazing lagers and ales from Pacific Plate Brewing, while discovering books written by brew masters! 7:00 - 8:00 p.m.
June 23



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We hope that you'll make plans this summer to take advantage of the fantastic musical acts that we have planned! If you should have questions, please feel free to call the Monrovia Community Services Division at (626) 256-8246.

MAKE SURE YOU JOIN IN ON THE COMMUNITY FUN ON 9-10-16... MONROVIA'S ZIP CODE (91016) DAY!

Mark your calendar and join us in Library Park on Monrovia's Zip Code Day, Saturday 9*10*16! The Monrovia Chamber of Commerce will host this unique celebration of Monrovia! Mayor Tom Adams will kick off Zip Code Day festivities at 11:00 am in Library Park, and local nonprofits will be there with many fun activities for the kids (and the kid's at heart) with games, art activities, and fun hand-outs, and delicious hot dogs will be provided by Athens Services! Additional Zip Code Day fun includes unique Monrovia Postcards available to the first 300 folks that visit the Monrovia Chamber booth! You'll be able to take your postcard (or your own letter) over to the Post Master to have it stamped with a commemorative Monrovia Zip Code Day postmark good for thirty days from September 10, 2016! Shane Nichols will also take a Community Photo (via drone) at 1:30pm in front of the fountain in Library Park, and everyone is welcome to gather at the fountain to be in the photo celebrating this special day!

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Additionally, to celebrate Monrovia's Zip Code Day on 9*10*16 (91016), the Monrovia Public Library is having a Postcard Contest! All ages are welcome to create a Monrovia Postcard. Just pick up blank postcards at the Library, and turn in your decorated postcard masterpieces to the Library by Saturday, September 3, 2016. Judges will choose 1st, 2nd and 3rd place winners, and the winners will be announced at the Zip Code Day event on Saturday, September 10, 2016. Library staff will have all postcards postmarked by our Post Master with this very special commemorative stamp and sent back to each participant's residence.

Commemorative Zip Code Day items are available to purchase online at <http://fspdesigns.com/zipcodeday> - tee shirts in all sizes, mug, water bottle, hats and more.

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11 AM-MAYOR TOM ADAMS KICK OFF MONROVIA ZIP CODE DAY 11 AM-3 PM GAME & ACTIVITIES BOOTHS
12-2:30 PM POST MASTER-STAMPING CARD & ENVELOPES 12-2 PM HOT DOGS-ATHENS SERVICES

1:30 PM COMMUNITY DRONE PHOTO AT WATER FOUNTAIN-TAKEN BY SHANE NICHOLS

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HDL HEADLINES NEWSLETTER

The most recent edition of HdLs Headlines Newsletter, which highlights economic trends happening in California, has been included to this email as an attachment for your review and reference.

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Macy's Web Sales Grow But Overall Decline Prompts 100 Store Closures

For the second straight quarter, Macy's generated double-digit growth in online sales. However, overall sales dropped 3.9 percent year over year during the quarter and 5.7 percent through the first six months of 2016. Transactions, including online, declined 5 percent year over year during Q2. With sales sliding, Macy's says it will close 100 stores within the next year, or 13.7 percent of its current store base, in an effort to cut costs.

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Office Depot to Close More Stores After Failed Merger

A sizeable payout following a failed merger with its rival, Staples, pushed Office Depot to a second-quarter profit but the office supply retailer still fell short of most expectations and revenue slid 6 percent. Office Depot plans to close an additional 300 stores over the next

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three years. It's already closed 400 as the office supply industry reels from changing technology in the workplace, and online competition. [Read More](#)

What Shrinking Target and Wal-Mart Stores Mean

The footprints might be smaller, but some of the latest stores by Target, Wal-Mart and others are covering a lot of ground. They are, at least, in terms of sales opportunities. The operators of the nation's best-recognized megastores have been finding success in smaller formats as they maneuver their way into densely populated, physically limited urban areas. The revelation, however, is that these smaller formats do not require an urban setting to succeed. [Read More](#)

Outlet Center Expansion Slows

Factory outlets that have been a boon to retailers in recent years are starting to slow down, and it's hurting chains that had become overly dependent on them. As brick-and-mortar traffic slowed and online sales rose, outlets were a salve for many chains, giving them access to cheaper real estate and a stream of customers looking for bargains on Kate Spade handbags and the like. But the dollar has strengthened lately, hurting tourist traffic. And outlets have had to fight harder to lure shoppers. [Read More](#)

Why Amazon is Suddenly Swimming in Profits

In the fourth quarter of 2015, Amazon.com Inc. posted a profit of \$482 million, more than double its previous highest-earning quarter. In the two quarters since, profits continued to rise, to \$513 million in the first quarter and \$857 million in the second quarter. In the first six months of 2016, the company's combined profit was \$1.37 billion—no other half in Amazon's history is in the same universe. So after years of reporting little to no profit, Amazon is now posting record gains quarter upon quarter. [Read More](#)

Wal-Mart CEO on What He Saw in Jet.com

Wal-Mart's acquisition of Jet.com was in some ways a return to basics for the world's largest retailer. "If Wal-Mart were starting today and we were building an e-commerce business, some of the things that Jet designed into their approach would have been things we would have thought of and we would have wanted to do, and they've just done it from scratch," Wal-Mart CEO Doug McMillon stated. [Read More](#)

Economists Mixed on US Auto Sales Hitting Peak

The automotive industry's red-hot sales market cooled in July, but economists are mixed on if it's headed toward another record year or teetering on the brink of a downturn. There's still pent-up demand, especially for trucks and SUVs. And the economic trends that drove the industry's record growth in recent years — easy credit, high consumer confidence and a stable job market — are still in place. But some say that growth is

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reaching a natural end after a six-year stretch. [Read More](#)

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Percent of change from one year ago.

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Ports (June):

Containers

Imported ↑ 0.92%

Exported ↓ -2.46%

Airport Traffic (June)

Passengers

Domestic ↑ 7.76%

International ↑ 9.73%

Unemployment Rate:

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POLICE DEPARTMENT SEMI-WEEKLY NEIGHBORHOOD WATCH REPORT

The most recent Police Department semi-weekly neighborhood watch report for the period August 8 – 10, 2016 has been uploaded to the City's website for your review and reference. During the past seven-day period, the Monrovia Police Department handled 393 service events, resulting in 65 total investigations. The report can be accessed by clicking on the following link:

http://www.cityofmonrovia.org/sites/default/files/fileattachments/police/page/947/8_neighborhood_watch_report_august_11-14_2016.pdf

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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