

City Manager's Update

Tuesday, August 23, 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

Eleanor Roosevelt, Rosa Parks, Gandhi — all these people described themselves as quiet and soft-spoken, and even shy. And they all took the spotlight, even though every bone in their body was telling them not to.

– Susan Cain

MALDEF ISSUE UPDATE

As you may be aware, the City Council met in a Closed Session meeting this past week to discuss the demand letter that we received from the Mexican American Legal Defense and Education Fund (MALDEF) requesting that Monrovia changed to district-based city council elections. Given the nature of the request that was made, we are currently coordinating with the City Attorney's Office in preparing our initial response to MALDEF. With the discussions that have occurred to date, it would be appropriate to note that here at the City, we are certainly taking the issues raised by MALDEF very 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.

As this overall situation unfolds, please feel free to let me know if you have any questions regarding this particular issue.

4TH DIMENSION BUILDING COULD BE SOLD TO AN ENTREPRENEUR, RESTAURANT AND OFFICE SPACE PLANNED IN THE PROPOSED REUSE PROJECT

During the past several months, staff has been working with an individual entrepreneur regarding the potential purchase of the 4th Dimension building on Myrtle Avenue in Old Town. The project that has been proposed involves locating an approximate 5,000 square foot restaurant on the ground floor of the current 4th Dimension facility facing Myrtle Avenue, and to utilize the remaining 22,000 square feet of the building for creative office / administrative / professional space.

After several months of work, we heard recently that there is a strong possibility the proposed project concept may be advanced forward, and that the entrepreneur we have been speaking with will be finalizing the decision regarding whether or not to purchase the 4th Dimension building within the next few weeks. We will continue to closely work with all of the parties involved, and will be sure to keep everyone know of any progress on this matter

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626 GOLDEN STREETS CICLOVIA EVENT BEING RESCHEDULED, RUMOR HAS IT THAT THE OPEN STREETS BIKING EVENT MAY BE HELD ON SUNDAY, MARCH 5, 2017

If you recall, in coordination with Metro, the group BikeSGV had coordinated the 626 Golden Streets Event to take place on Sunday, June 26, 2016 (aka, 6-26). The event, which aimed to open a continuous 17+ mile stretch of roadway from South Pasadena to Azusa, was designed to provide a day for people to walk, jog, skate, and bike in an open street format through each of the new Gold Line Station cities.

Unfortunately, due to the Complex Fire that occurred in late June 2016, the 626 Golden Streets Event was postponed. Recently, a committee comprised of representatives from participating cities and Metro have been meeting to coordinate the event, and at this point in time, the San Gabriel Valley's ciclovía event will be held at some point in the Spring of 2017. As soon as we have more information, we will be sure to pass the word along... however, rumor has it that the event could be held on Sunday, March 5, 2017!

Be on the lookout in the coming weeks for more information about the 626 Golden Streets Event. In addition, additional information on the overall event can be found by visiting the following website:

<http://www.626GoldenStreets.com>

MONROVIA RENEWAL CONTINUES WITH PRECISION CONCRETE CUTTING SIDEWALK REPAIRS UNDERWAY

On August 16, 2016, Precision Concrete Cutting (PCC) began making sidewalk repairs as part of a comprehensive program developed by the City to repair all trip hazards, cracks, and other sidewalk damage throughout our community as part of the Monrovia Renewal infrastructure improvement initiative.

Earlier this year, the City engaged PCC to conduct a sidewalk inspection survey throughout the City. In the initial Southwest and Southeast segments of the overall Monrovia Renewal project (the area bordered to the north by Colorado Boulevard, the south by the I-210 Freeway, and east and west to the City limits), crews identified approximately 250,000 square feet of sidewalk in need of repair and / or replacement. The City is committed to repairing every square foot of sidewalk throughout the City as part of our Monrovia Renewal infrastructure initiative, and given the patented diamond-cutting technology used by PCC to salvage existing sidewalk panels when possible, we have found a way to lower the costs associated with our sidewalk repair efforts.

This first wave of repairs conducted by PCC will take approximately six months to complete. Crews have started at the western edge of the City limits on 5th Avenue and will steadily work their way east until they reach the eastern edge of the City limits (between Colorado Boulevard and the I-210 Freeway). Along the way, in the Southwest and Southeast project sections, PCC will be making over 7,000 repairs! PCC will generally be working Monday through Friday, from 7:00 a.m. – 5:00 p.m. Travelers should expect to see the sidewalks being repaired coned off as work is being conducted.

A copy of the work notice for these improvements is attached, as well as a before and after photo example of a sidewalk repair using PCC's patented diamond-cut technology! We are excited to have this work underway, and if you should have any questions, please feel free to contact the City's Public Works Division at (626) 932-5575.

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CONSTRUCTION NOTICE

August 15, 2016

Dear Resident or Business Operator:

The City of Monrovia has contracted with Precision Concrete Cutting to eliminate sidewalk tripping hazards by cutting them off at a gradual angle.

Where:

Sidewalk improvements are scheduled in the City of Monrovia along public walkways in commercial and residential areas in the Southwest and Southeast segments of the Monrovia Renewal project. This covers the area between Colorado Blvd and the 210 freeway within east-west City limits.



When (excluding holidays & weekends):

Work will start in the Southwest segment on August 16, 2016, and work its way eastward through the Southeast segment over the next 5-6 months. This is a mobile operation, and work will occur within a given area on a rolling basis over multiple days.

What to expect:

- Work Hours: 7:00 AM - 5:00 PM, Monday through Friday, unless otherwise posted
- "No Parking" signs and/or coned-off areas on the sidewalk, as needed
- 3-4 crew members
- Carts with a generator, vacuum, and saw
- Noise from operating the equipment
- Dust during the cutting operation. Efforts will be made to minimize and contain the dust as much as possible. *When crews are in front of your residence or business, please close your doors and/or windows. Park your vehicle in driveway, garage, or away from crews when work is underway to avoid dust on your vehicle and to allow crews greater access to the sidewalk.*

Why is the City of Monrovia doing this work at this time?

The City of Monrovia is conducting this work as part of Monrovia Renewal, a citywide public works project to repair and improve our water, sewer, and street infrastructure over the next 4-5 years. Precision Concrete Cutting is helping implement a sidewalk rehabilitation program to improve and maintain the quality of the city's infrastructure and to provide a safe area for residents, visitors, and customers to walk. We appreciate your cooperation during this process.

Should you have any questions, please contact:

- Precision Concrete Cutting representative, Omar Rodriguez at (909) 201-3093.
- City of Monrovia's Public Works Division at (626) 932-5575.

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PRECISION CONCRETE CUTTING REPAIRS



AS SIDEWALK REPAIR WORK BEGINS, DON'T FORGET THAT ADDITIONAL SEWER ENHANCEMENTS WILL BE INITIATED ON AUGUST 29, 2016, ON MONTEREY AVENUE JUST SOUTH OF HUNTINGTON DRIVE

Beginning on Monday, August 29, 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. If you have any questions regarding this matter, please feel free to City's Public Works Division at (626) 932-5575.

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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.

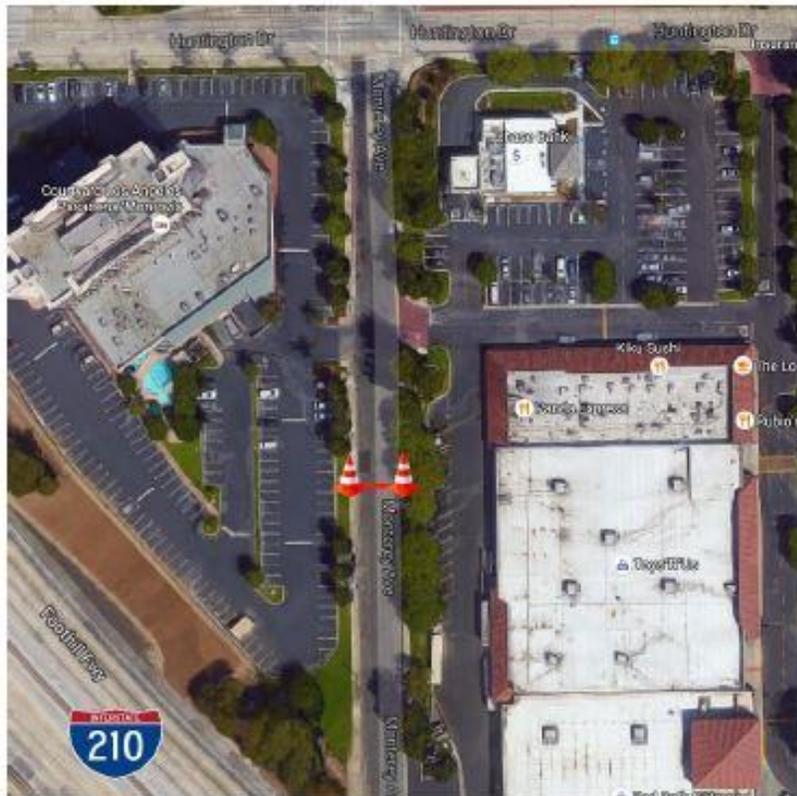
These improvements are being done as part of the Monrovia Renewal project, a multi-year initiative that is making priority repairs to the City's water and sewer pipelines, water facilities, streets, sidewalks, curbs, and gutters.

When: Beginning August 29th 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.

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DANIEL STERN'S BRONZE SCULPTURE INSTALLED IN OLD TOWN!

On Wednesday, August 17, 2017, Public Works Division staff assisted Daniel Stern with the installation of the bronze sculpture entitled, "Action!" This newest piece of public art being added to Monrovia's inventory is located in the 400 block of Myrtle Avenue on the east side of the street near the Krikorian Theatre.

As you may recall, the artwork is a life-sized sculpture comprised of three pieces, including an old fashioned movie director, a free standing movie camera and a tall director's chair. In addition, the director's chair is designed to be an interactive piece that individuals will be able to sit on to have their picture taken. Furthermore, the art has movement, whimsy and 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.

As the attached photos illustrate, our Public Works Division team did a terrific job installing the artwork (many thanks to our terrific team of talented Public Works professionals for their expert work!) under the direction of Daniel Stern, who directed the placement of the pieces on site. We are excited to be able to offer this additional cultural amenity to Old Town and hope you will take some time to swing by and enjoy the new bronze sculpture!



RAW INSPIRATION KICKS OFF MANAGEMENT OF THE FRIDAY NIGHT FAMILY STREET FAIR WITH A SOFT OPENING, NEW VENDORS AND LAYOUT WELL RECEIVED AND ADDITIONAL ADJUSTMENTS PLANNED IN THE COMING WEEKS

This past Friday, Raw Inspiration kicked off their management of our Friday Night Family Street Fair with a soft opening production of the event. While there were a few hiccups that we experienced (we have a growing list of adjustments that need to be made in the coming weeks, including street closure processes / signage, slight electrical supply modifications, and vendor mix), the initial feedback received was overwhelmingly positive! Raw Inspiration was able to implement a new event layout, attracted numerous new vendors, and integrated suggestions from a number of different individuals related to the overall Street Fair event.

Next week, the Raw Inspiration team will continue to address the management related issues that were identified with the event, and staff will interface with company representatives as we further develop several new elements that will be introduced in the coming weeks, including:

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- The establishment of a pet café area, which is being coordinated with representatives from The Dog Zone. The pet café is intended to serve as a place where individuals who bring their pets to the Street Fair can hang out with their four-legged family members, as well as drop-off their dogs while they peruse areas of the Street Fair where animals are not allowed.
- Refine and prepare for the First Friday event concept, whereby every first Friday of each month, Raw Inspiration will provide enhanced activities for kids / families. Activities planned for the first Friday of September (September 2, 2016) include the introduction of a children's stage area with special performances for kids, the introduction of a child changing booth, and establishing a special Passport Program to encourage interface with the storefront merchants.

And as a reminder, while Raw Inspiration presented a soft opening of their Street Fair management concepts this past Friday, the plan is to utilize next Friday (August 26, 2016) as an additional soft opening date as we plan to have everything in place and ready for the September 2, 2016 event.

**MONROVIA STREET FAIR
& MARKET**
FRIDAYS 5 P.M. ON MYRTLE AVENUE FROM CHESTNUT TO LEMON

“COME ENJOY THE
CHARM
OF OLD TOWN MONROVIA”

NEWLY IMPROVED STREET FAIR!
WITH EXPANDED FARMERS' MARKET, ARTISANS, & FRESH CUT FLOWERS!

KIDS NIGHT EVERY FIRST FRIDAY!
SPECIAL EVENTS HAPPENING JUST FOR KIDDOS!

VOTE AT THE MARKET FOR A MONROVIA SCHOOL TO WIN A
GARDEN GRANT UP TO \$2,000!

BETTER LIGHTING, FOCUSED LAYOUT, FRIENDLY & ACCESSIBLE STAFF!

THE DIFFERENCE BEGINS: SEPTEMBER 2

#MONROVIAFAMILYFAIR

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NEW DESIGN FOR BLUE STAR BANNERS DEVELOPED, INSTALLATION PLANNED TO TAKE PLACE WITHIN THE NEXT FEW WEEKS

Here in Monrovia, we are tremendously proud of and thankful for the brave military men and women who serve our country. We have historically recognized those individuals through our Blue Star Banner program, where we have honored service men and women with a banner hung on a City street that showcases each individual's name and military service branch.

Over the years, the initial banners that we designed to honor our military service personnel have become dated and worn. Given the status and condition of our Blue Star Banners, and given our appreciation for those that serve in the armed forces, the City Council this year authorized funding to replace all of the banners that are located in the City.

To that end, staff has been working to develop an updated design for the banners, and we are very happy to be able to share a rendering of the newly developed Blue Star Banner. Attached to this email is a picture of the new design, which we are excited to be able to implement here in the next few weeks. We will be replacing all of the existing Blue Star Banners with this updated look, which we feel will be a marked improvement that properly demonstrates our appreciation for those that serve.

If you or a member of your family living in Monrovia is serving in the armed forces, please let us know so that we can properly recognize the service being rendered to our country by enrolling the individual in our Blue Star Banner program. Please feel free to contact our Community Service Division at (626) 256-8246 for more information, or visit our website at: <http://www.cityofmonrovia.org/recreation/page/blue-star-banners>.



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REPAIRS COMPLETED ON THE LOWER CLAMSHELL TRUCK TRAIL

Just a quick note to let everyone know that we completed repairs to the Lower Clamshell Truck Trail this past week. As you may recall, earlier this spring, the trail located off of Ridgeside Drive suffered a breakaway failure on a portion of the road which created a significant public safety issue. Working with a professional grading contractor, in addition to fixing the road failure (as illustrated in the attached photos), the City was able to make significant improvements along the trail that will help prevent future erosion in the area. As we move ahead, the City is also looking to develop additional maintenance plans for the trail system located in the Hillside Wilderness Preserve, and we will be conducting additional maintenance efforts in the coming months. .



Before



After

NEW MONROVIA TRANSIT SIGNS IN OLD TOWN AND STATION SQUARE

Recently, the City developed new signage advertising our Monrovia Transit Dial-a-Ride program, as well as our Friday & Saturday night shuttle service between the Gold Line Station at Station Square and Old Town Monrovia. So the next time you are in Old Town or visiting Station Square, be sure to keep an eye out for the new signage! As the attached flyer illustrates, the new signs are on display at the shuttle stop near Library Park and are also located throughout Station Square. In addition, to learn more about public transportation services offered in Monrovia, please visit the Monrovia Transit website by clicking on the following link:

www.cityofmonrovia.org/planning/page/monrovia-transit

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Station Square:

Whether you are heading out or coming home, Monrovia's Station Square can help connect you to cities along the Metro Gold Line.

Be sure to look out for the signs providing more information about Monrovia Transit services!

Old Town Monrovia:

Conveniently located at Library Park on Myrtle Avenue, the Monrovia Transit signs mark the Old Town Shuttle pick-up and drop-off location.

The shuttle runs Friday and Saturday nights and connects riders from Station Square to Downtown Monrovia.



Station Square Shuttle Stop:

Pull up a seat as you wait for your Dial-A-Ride or shuttle driver!

These signs on Primrose Avenue at Station Square are situated near ample seating and help our drivers locate their passengers.



NOTICES SET TO BE ISSUED REGARDING THE DISPOSAL OF REAL ESTATE SIGNS THAT HAVE BEEN COLLECTED BY THE CITY'S CODE ENFORCEMENT OPERATION

As you may be aware, our code enforcement operation at times has picked-up real estate signs that were placed in the City's right-of-way in violation of our municipal code. Those real estate signs have been stored here at the City, and on an occasional basis, we do dispose of the signs that have been collected. However, prior to disposing of the signs, we issue a notice of disposal letter to the owner of every sign to let them know that we plan on disposing of the real estate signs unless we hear back from them.

To that end, we wanted to let everyone know that we plan on issuing the notice of disposal letters in the next week or so. If you have any questions, please feel free to contact Alfredo Enrique, Management Analyst in the Community Development Department at (626) 932-5504.

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SERVICES FOR FORMER FIRE CAPTAIN JOHN ROOKS SET TO TAKE PLACE ON AUGUST 26, 2016

Last week, we learned that retired Fire Captain John Rooks unexpectedly passed away. John retired in November 2015 after serving the Monrovia community with distinction for 29 years. He loved our City, the Monrovia Fire Department, and the fire service, and for those interested in celebrating his life, we learned recently that memorial services have been scheduled as follows:

- **Date:** August 26, 2016
- **Time:** 9:00 a.m. – Viewing
10:00 a.m. – Celebration of Life
- **Location:** Our Lady of Guadalupe Catholic Church
900 West La Habra Boulevard
La Habra, CA 90163

In lieu of flowers, John's family has asked that donations be made directly to the National Fallen Firefighter Memorial. You may donate by clicking on the following link: <https://www.firehero.org/donate/>

FRIENDS OF THE MONROVIA PUBLIC LIBRARY ANNUAL BOOK SALE SCHEDULED TO TAKE PLACE ON SEPTEMBER 9-10, 2016, FROM 10:00 A.M. – 5:00 P.M. EACH DAY

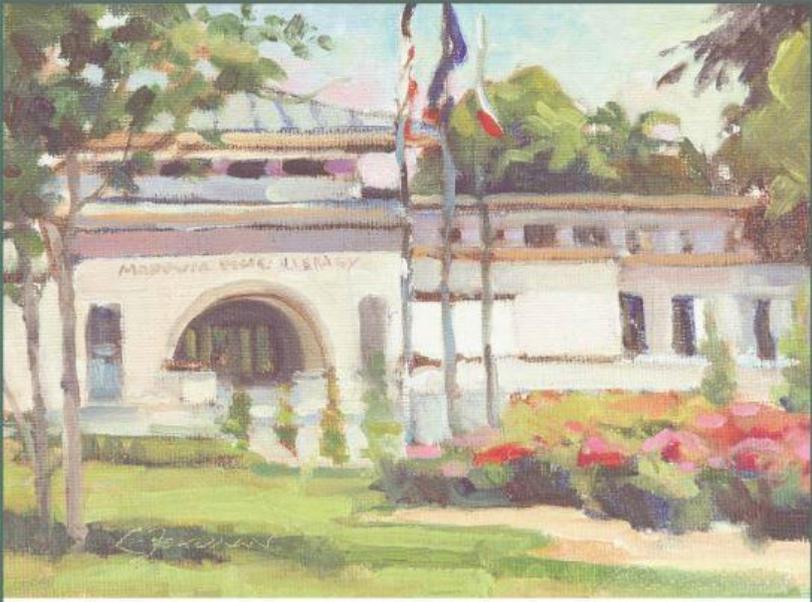
Just a quick note to let everyone know that the Friends of the Monrovia Public Library will hold their annual Fall Book Sale on September 9 & 10, 2016, from 10:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m. each day at the Monrovia Public Library. Make sure to mark your calendars because prices for the book sale remain at bargain levels!

- 50¢ for mass market paperback book
- \$2 for trade paperback and hardback books
- 25¢ for children's books
- \$2 for CDs and movies
- A few larger books are priced at \$5

In addition, the Friends of the Monrovia Public Library wanted to let everyone know that they will hold their always fun "Bag of Books" sale on Saturday, September 9, 2016, from 4:00 p.m. – 5:00 p.m. Shoppers can walk away with an entire grocery-sized bag full of books for just \$5.00!

All proceeds generated from the book sale will go towards supporting the work of the Library through financial contributions that are aimed at building the collections of materials available to the public while also enhancing literacy activities and supporting activities for youth, teens, and adults. Please see the flyer for the book sale, attached to this email for more information!

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Join us for the
**Friends of the Monrovia Public Library
Friends Fall Sale**
Special prices on gently used Books, CDs, DVDs, Books on Tape & Library Merchandise
September 9 & 10, 2016
Sale Hours:
Friday – 12:00 p.m. to 5:00 p.m. / Saturday – 10:00 a.m. to 3:45 p.m.
Saturday Only – 4:00 p.m. to 5:00 p.m. – The “\$5.00-a-Bag Sale”

Monrovia Public Library * 321 South Myrtle Avenue * Monrovia, CA 91016

100% of the proceeds benefit the Monrovia Public Library. The Friends of the Monrovia Public Library is a non-profit organization 501 (C)(3), dedicated to promoting the library through the funding of children's, teens' and adults' programs and services, in addition to providing funding for books, materials and equipment needed for the library.



Friends of the Monrovia Public Library
Join * Volunteer * Donate * Purchase

www.friendsofmonroviapubliclibrary.org * (626) 932-5555, Extension 3124

SGV MOSQUITO AND VECTOR CONTROL DISTRICT ANNOUNCES THAT A DEAD BIRD IN MONROVIA TESTED POSITIVE FOR WEST NILE VIRUS

This past week, the SGV Mosquito and Vector Control District (SGVMVCD) announced via a press release that West Nile Virus has been detected throughout the San Gabriel Valley. As part of the announcement, the SGVMVCD shared that the West Nile Virus is now endemic in California and will present a public health risk every single year.

In particular, the SGVMVCD shared that as part of their surveillance monitoring programs – which include the use of sentinel chickens and testing on dead birds – a total of 23 West Nile Virus positive mosquito samples were taken during the

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most recent assessment period, and five dead birds were found to be West Nile Virus carriers. In particular, a dead bird that tested positive for West Nile Virus was found in Monrovia.

The SGVMVCD also shared that since West Nile Virus was first found in California in 2003, more than 5,588 people have been infected with the West Nile Virus disease, and 229 deaths have occurred as a result of West Nile Virus infections. Those infected with West Nile Virus may develop a West Nile Fever. However, it is important to note that approximately 80% of West Nile Virus infections in humans have few or no symptoms. In the cases where symptoms do occur – termed West Nile Fever in cases without neurological disease – the time from infection to the appearance of symptoms is typically between 2 and 15 days. Symptoms may include fever, headaches, feeling tired, muscle pain or aches, nausea, loss of appetite, vomiting, and rash.

It is also important to note that less than 1% of the West Nile Fever cases are severe and result in neurological disease when the central nervous system is affected. People of advanced age, the very young, or those with immunosuppression, either medically induced, such as those taking immunosuppressive drugs, are most susceptible.

A copy of the press release issued by the SGVMVCD has been included as an attachment to this email for your review and reference. As part of the notice, it was noted that the best way to prevent the spread of West Nile Virus is to prevent mosquito bites. To that end, residents are urged to remove any and all standing water on their property to prevent mosquito production. Mosquitoes lay their eggs in stagnant water such as neglected pools, buckets, miscellaneous containers, puddles, and ponds. Eggs can hatch and develop into biting adults in four to seven days.

In addition throughout the summer, basic mosquito bite protective measures should be followed, which include:

- Wear mosquito repellent and protective clothing when outdoors while mosquitoes are active (especially around dawn and dusk)
- Regularly inspect property to identify and remove sources of standing water where mosquitoes lay their eggs and grow
- Ensure doors and windows are properly screened

If you see any increased mosquito activity, sources of standing water, or green pools, residents are urged to report those findings to the SGVMVCD at (626) 814-9466, or online at www.SGVmosquito.org.

In addition, if you see any dead birds, please report those findings to the West Nile Virus Hotline at (877) WNV-BIRD (aka, 877-968-2473) or online at www.westnile.ca.gov.

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San Gabriel Valley Mosquito and Vector Control District

For Immediate Release
Monday, August 15, 2016



Contact:
Jason Farned
Public Information Officer
Phone: (626) 814-9466
E-mail: jfarned@sgvmosquito.org

San Gabriel Valley Mosquito and Vector Control District - West Nile Virus Update

San Gabriel Valley, CA – August 15, 2016

The San Gabriel Valley Mosquito and Vector Control District has detected West Nile virus (WNV) throughout the San Gabriel Valley. The District's surveillance program monitors WNV in several host species as its early warning system to detect the presence of WNV in the community. The program monitors WNV in mosquitoes, sentinel chickens, and birds reported dead to the California Department of Public Health's WNV hotline. The following is a West Nile virus surveillance update as of August 12, 2016.

Twenty three WNV positive mosquito samples have been collected from the following cities.

- Arcadia
- Azusa
- Pomona
- San Gabriel
- West Covina

Five WNV positive dead birds have been reported from the following cities.

- Altadena
- Monrovia
- Temple City
- Glendora

Since its introduction in 2003, WNV has infected more than 5,500 people and caused 229 deaths statewide, according to the California Department of Public Health. West Nile virus is now endemic in California and presents a public health risk every year.

It is critical that residents remove all standing water on their property to prevent mosquito production. Mosquitoes lay their eggs in stagnant water such as neglected pools, buckets, miscellaneous containers, puddles, and ponds. Eggs can hatch and develop into biting adults in four to seven days.

The best precaution against WNV is to prevent mosquito bites. Throughout the summer, basic protective measures should be followed:

- Wear mosquito repellent and protective clothing when outdoors while mosquitoes are active (especially around dawn and dusk).
- Regularly inspect property to identify and remove sources of standing water where mosquitoes lay their eggs and grow.
- Ensure doors and windows are properly screened.
- Report increased mosquito activity, sources of standing water, and green pools to the District at (626) 814-9466 or online at www.SGVMosquito.org.
- Report dead birds to the WNV Hotline at (877) WNV-BIRD ((877) 968-2473) or online at www.westnile.ca.gov.



@SGVMosquito #WestNileVirus #DumpAndDrain

FAMILY HIKE AND CAMPOUT EVENT A HUGE SUCCESS, ADDITIONAL SESSIONS PLANNED FOR THE FALL

Last weekend, the Community Services Division hosted our second Summer Family Hike & Campout Event in Canyon Park! Our talented Canyon Park staff created a weekend to remember for the event participants, with many who attended the event being first time campers! Everyone who participated were treated to a BBQ hosted by City staff, participated in a campfire to make s'mores, and enjoyed a story-time presentation given by Elizabeth Schneider, our enthusiastic Youth Services Library Supervisor. The group also took a night hike on the waterfall trail lead by the Canyon Park Rangers. And

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to top off the entire experience, in the morning, families awoke to breakfast prepared by the Fire Department that included pancakes and sausage!

Given the popularity of the Family Hike & Campout Event (both of the summer session dates offered by the City were sold out!), we have organized two additional campout events that will be offered in the Fall! For dates / times and additional information, please feel free to contact our Community Services Division at (626) 256-8246. Alternatively, you can check out the most recent edition of the Monrovia Today, which has additional information related to the planned Fall campout events. You can access the most recent edition of Monrovia Today online by clicking on the following link:

<http://www.cityofmonrovia.org/recreation/page/browse-community-activity-guide>



LIBRARY HOSTING A POSTCARD DESIGN CONTEST IN HONOR OF ZIP CODE DAY HERE IN MONROVIA

To help celebrate our Zip Code Day (9-10-16, aka, our zip code of 91016) the Monrovia Public Library is hosting a postcard design contest! Those that wish to participate should head over to the Library, where you'll be provided with a blank postcard that you can design yourself! Once you have the postcard design complete, you'll be able to deposit your entry in the blue mailbox located at the Youth Reference Desk. All submittals are due by September 3, 2016, and the winners will be announced at the Zip Day Event in Library Park on September 10, 2016. Additionally, all entrants will receive a special commemorative postage stamp paid for by the Library! So what are you waiting for? Head over to the Library today, or call (626) 256-8274 for additional information!

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HOMEWORK HELP AT THE LIBRARY EVERY MONDAY AND TUESDAY FROM 4:00 P.M. – 5:00 P.M. BEGINNING ON SEPTEMBER 19, 2016, ONLINE HOMEWORK HELP ALSO AVAILABLE FOR FREE EVERY DAY

Having trouble with your homework? Pro-Active Tutoring provides pre-screened tutors at no cost to Library patrons! Tutors assist students from Kindergarten through 8th grade in subjects such as reading, language arts, and math. So if you need some help, stop by the Library every Monday & Tuesday from 4:00 p.m. – 5:00 p.m. beginning on September 19, 2016, and continuing through the end of the school year!

Also, don't forget that the Library is also offering online homework help through the HelpNow feature from Brainfuse... 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.bibliionix.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 the Pro-Active Tutoring assistance, the HelpNow online program, or any of the other amazing resources we have at the Library, please drop by or give us a call at (626) 256-8274.

MONROVIA'S MUSICAL SUMMER ALMOST OVER, ONLY 1 FREE CONCERT REMAINS!

The kids are back in school which means the end of summer! Fortunately, there is 1 last free concert to enjoy at Library Park:

▪ **SUMMER CONCERTS IN LIBRARY PARK**

- The Summer Concert Series in Library Park is offered Sunday's from 7:00 p.m. – 8:30 p.m.
 - August 28 – Boyz and the Beez – Country Swing

If you should have questions, please feel free to call the Monrovia Community Services Division at (626) 256-8246.

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MAKE SURE YOU KEEP A LOOK OUT FOR THE FALL EDITION OF MONROVIA TODAY

The most recent edition of the quarterly publication, Monrovia Today, will be in the mail very soon! Please keep your eyes open this week for the new publication as it has updates on many projects and happenings in the community!

And if you can't wait to get your hardcopy version of Monrovia Today, you can access the most recent edition online by clicking on the following link:

<http://www.cityofmonrovia.org/recreation/page/browse-community-activity-guide>

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PASADENA HUMANE SOCIETY (MONROVIA'S ANIMAL CONTROL SERVICE PROVIDER) ANNOUNCES JULIE BANK AS THEIR NEW PRESIDENT AND CEO

The Pasadena Humane Society & SPCA (PHS) announced this week that they have hired Julie Bank to serve as their new President and CEO. Ms. Bank is a nationally recognized animal welfare advocate and leader, having served in the animal welfare industry for nearly 30 years. She has worked at large animal control organizations in New York, California, Arizona and, most recently, Oklahoma, where she served as Superintendent of Oklahoma City Animal Welfare. A copy of the press release issued by PHS has been included as an attachment to this email for your review and reference.

Oliver Chi

From: Ricky Whitman <pr@pasadenahumane.org>
Sent: Thursday, August 18, 2016 10:31 AM
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Subject: Introducing Julie Bank

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Your Humane Society Around Town

Introducing Julie Bank



The Pasadena Humane Society & SPCA (PHS) is pleased to introduce its new President and CEO Julie Bank, a nationally recognized animal welfare advocate and leader. Julie has been serving in animal welfare for nearly 30 years, performing a variety of leadership roles, each with its own unique challenges. She has worked at large animal control organizations in New York, California, Arizona and, most recently, Oklahoma, where she served as Superintendent of Oklahoma City Animal Welfare.

Julie has a proven record of courageous decision-making and unwavering commitment to putting animals first, even in the midst of challenging circumstances. She has worked closely with under-served communities, showing a mission-focused approach to leadership.

"I'm very excited to join the team at PHS, a team dedicated to our partners and the community," says Julie Bank. "I look forward to building relationships and to strengthening the bond between pets and people by making our responsible pet ownership programs more accessible."

Julie looks forward to working with you. If you need to get in touch with her, you can reach her at jbank@pasadenahumane.org or 626.792.7151 ext. 278.

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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 on weekends and Labor Day!

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, 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! Please note, however, that Line 196 runs weekends and Labor Day only.

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/>

SIGN UP TODAY FOR MONROVIA RENEWAL INFRASTRUCTURE IMPROVEMENT PROJECT UPDATES

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, which includes the areas located to the eastern and western City limits located between Colorado Boulevard to the north and the 210 Freeway to the south (see attached project map).

In order to stay connected to everything related to Monrovia Renewal, we would encourage everyone to visit us online at www.cityofmonrovia.org/monroviarenewal. While at the site, you can sign-up for e-mail updates by clicking on the "[*Monrovia Renewal Project Updates and Work Notices*](#)" tab, and following the instructions to subscribe! An email sign-up instruction guide has been included as an attachment for your reference. We have also included a FAQ guide regarding the overall project for your information.

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!

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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.

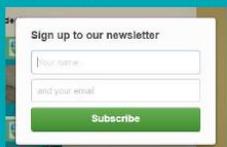
Sign Up for E-mail Updates!

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!

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MONROVIA RENEWAL

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.

Updated: 7/14/2016



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

Monrovia Chamber of Commerce hosts Zip Code Day 9*10*16 a Celebration Unique to Monrovia! Come out to Celebrate Monrovia's Zip Code Day 9*10*16 on Saturday, September 10, 2016.

Mayor Tom Adams will kick off Zip Code Day at 11:00 a.m. in Library Park, local nonprofits will be there with many fun activities for the kids (and the kid's at heart) games, kid's art activities, fun hand-outs and Hot Dogs provided by Athens Services.

To celebrate the City of Monrovia's Zip Code Day on 9*10*16 (91016), Monrovia Public Library is having a Postcard Contest. All ages are welcome to create a Monrovia Postcard! The Library will provide the blank postcards; the finished postcards are due back to the Monrovia Public Library by Saturday, September 3, 2016. Judges will choose a 1st, 2nd and 3rd place winners and the winners will be announced at the 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.

Shane Nichols will take a Community Photo (via drone) at 1:30 p.m. in front of the fountain in Library Park. Everyone is welcome to gather at the fountain to be in the photo celebrating this special day!

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

A Unique Monrovia Postcard will be available to the first 300 folks that visit the Monrovia Chamber booth, 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.

Mark your calendar and join us in Library Park on Monrovia's Zip Code Day, Saturday 9*10*16!



The poster features five balloons at the top, each with a digit of the zip code 91016. Below them is the text 'ZIP CODE DAY' and 'Celebrate Monrovia!'. The event is scheduled for Saturday, 9-10-16, from 11:00 AM to 3:00 PM. It lists various activities: Mayor Tom Adams' kick-off at 11 AM, game and activity booths from 11 AM to 3 PM, postmaster stamping from 12-2:30 PM, hot dogs from Athens Services from 12-2 PM, and a community drone photo at 1:30 PM. It also promotes commemorative memorabilia like t-shirts and hats available at <http://fspdesigns.com/zipcodeday>. The location is Library Park, 321 S. Myrtle Ave., Monrovia, CA 91016. A 'Sponsored By:' section at the bottom lists logos for Monrovia Chamber of Commerce, Quota, Athens Services, EverMed, and others.

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ZIP CODE DAY
Celebrate Monrovia!
SATURDAY, 9-10-16
11:00 AM - 3:00 PM
MONROVIA
LIBRARY PARK-321 S. MYRTLE AVE., MONROVIA CA 91016
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
ORDER YOUR COMMEMORATIVE MEMORABILIA AT: [HTTP://FSPDESIGNS.COM/ZIPCODEDAY](http://fspdesigns.com/zipcodeday)
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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 15 – 17, 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 392 service events, resulting in 81 total investigations. The report can be accessed by clicking on the following link:

<http://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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