

# City Manager's Update

Tuesday, August 30, 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](mailto:ochi@ci.monrovia.ca.us)!

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

Best regards,

Oliver

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## **QUOTE OF THE WEEK**

*The only place success comes before work is in the dictionary.*

– Vince Lombardi

## **BRAD DOVER SET TO BE NAMED AS PERMANENT FIRE CHIEF**

I wanted to let everyone know about my intention to name Brad Dover as our permanent Fire Chief. If you recall, Brad was named as the City's Interim Fire Chief a little more than six-months ago on February 12, 2016. Since that time, I have been beyond impressed with how he has approached the job, as he has served as a testament to our organizational mission and our values. Brad has demonstrated a deep commitment to Monrovia, and his approach to people, his management style, his knowledge & abilities, and his dedication to our entire community have been evident in the decisions that he has made and the manner in which he has commanded our Fire Department. I have no doubt and absolute confidence that Brad will serve Monrovia with great distinction as our Fire Chief, and I hope that you will all join me in congratulating him on his new and permanent assignment!

## **WHERE CAN YOU RIDE A CAMEL AND WATCH A VIRTUAL FIREWORKS SHOW? WHY... AT MONROVIA'S ALL NEW FRIDAY NIGHT FAMILY STREET FAIR EVENT ON SEPTEMBER 2, 2016, OR COURSE!**

This coming Friday, September 2, 2016, will mark the official launch of the City's reformatted Friday Night Family Street Fair Event produced by Raw Inspiration (RI). During the past two weeks, the team at RI has been transitioning the management of the event, and we have been working through a list of adjustments and improvements that need to be made. Given the current status of the event, we are feeling tremendously optimistic that the newly reoriented Street Fair that will kick off this coming Friday will serve as an improved community event!

Among the new features that event participants can expect to see this coming Friday (September 2, 2016) including:

- Camel ride, anyone? We have a camel coming to Monrovia every Friday as part of the Street Fair event!
- To celebrate the kick-off of the new Street Fair event, the RI Team has coordinated to present a **virtual fireworks show that will kick-off at 8:00 p.m. at the intersection of Walnut Avenue and Myrtle Avenue!**

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- Kids Night will begin at the Street Fair on September 2, 2016, as every first Friday of each month will feature special events / activities for kids!
  - This coming Friday, the RI Team has coordinated to have a Children's Stage Area and will have a number of events that feature Samson the Hot Tub Bear! In fact, the City's Library team will be on hand at 5:30 p.m. to lead the crowd in stories and songs about Monrovia's most famous bear!
  - Come on out and show your support for your school this Friday as well... because Raw Inspiration will be asking the community which school they should win a \$2,000 garden grant to establish a garden on their school campus!
  - A changing booth for parents will be integrated into the Street Fair, where parents will be able to change diapers for their kids in a more coordinated and relaxed environment!
- An expanded farmers' market section has been established at the Street Fair... so come on out and do some grocery shopping on Myrtle Avenue! There are so many terrific new farmer's market vendors selling a variety of fresh-cut flowers, unique fruits & vegetables, and fresh eggs too!
- There have been a number of new vendors added to the Street Fair, and you now have the chance to browse purveyors selling unique foods, custom artisan crafts... and even a new fish monger selling top-quality seafood, all at the Monrovia Street Fair!

We are excited to welcome the entire community out to visit the new Street Fair, and as the attached flyer outlines... we're looking forward to seeing everyone out there on Friday, September 2, 2016 to "enjoy the charm of Old Town Monrovia!"



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## **WATER SERVICE LINE REPLACEMENTS THROUGHOUT THE SOUTHEAST AND SOUTHWEST SEGMENTS OF MONROVIA RENEWAL SET TO BEGIN ON AUGUST 29, 2016**

Our infrastructure improvement initiative known as *Monrovia Renewal* continues to unfold, and we wanted to let everyone know that water service line replacement portion of the project is set to begin this coming week! Our contractor, T.A. Rivard, Inc., will begin replacing water service lines throughout the Southwest and Southeast project areas on Monday, August 29, 2016. Work will take place in the street and our contractor may need to cut into the curb, based on the local condition at each water service line. During construction, parking will be restricted in the locations where work is taking place, and partial street closures will occur during working hours.

Based on the construction phasing plan that has been developed, T.A. Rivard, Inc., will have crews working on a rolling basis throughout the Southwest and Southeast project areas, hitting between 2 – 5 locations per day. A backhoe loader truck and up to 5 crew members will be present to complete the work, and the construction will be taking place between the hours of 7:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m., Monday through Friday.

It is also important to note that water service to residences and / or businesses may need to be shut off temporarily while work is being completed. Please know, however, that notice will be given 48 hours in advance of any temporary water service interruption. Furthermore, if you receive a notice that your water service will be impacted, and if you have a safety or health-related concern regarding the brief water shut-off process, please contact the Public Works Division immediately.

The City's Public Works Division can be reached at (626) 932-5575, or via email at [monroviarenewal@ci.monrovia.ca.us](mailto:monroviarenewal@ci.monrovia.ca.us). Please feel free to contact us if you should have any questions or concerns!

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## **WORK NOTICE**

In partnership with the City of Monrovia, **T.A. Rivard, Inc.** will be replacing old and damaged water service lines throughout the area between Colorado Blvd. and the 210 freeway, spanning from the western to eastern city limits.

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 29<sup>th</sup>

**Where:** Multiple locations per day

### **What to Expect:**

- Work Hours: 7 AM – 4 PM, Monday through Friday
- Temporary parking restrictions in the work zone
- Up to 5 crew members
- Heavy equipment on site and associated construction noise
- Street and curb will be cut into to reach the water service line
- "No Parking" signs in the impacted area 48 hours in advance
- Partial street closures during the day, re-opening at night.
- Please use caution when driving in the area and plan to take alternate routes. Always adhere to signs and instructions from crew members for safety.

### **Important Note:**

Water to your residence or business may need to be shut off temporarily to complete this work. Notice will be given 48 hours in advance. If you receive notice that this will occur and there is a safety or health-related concern with this brief shut-off, please contact Public Works immediately.

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

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T.A. RIVARD  
8884 Jurupa Road  
Riverside, CA 92509  
(951)360-8596

## **CONSTRUCTION NOTICE TO RESIDENTS & BUSINESS OWNERS**

The City of Monrovia is partnering with T.A. Rivard, Inc. to replace water service lines throughout the areas between Colorado Blvd. and the 210 freeway, stretching from the western to eastern boundaries of the city.

Work will be conducted on a rolling basis in these areas from August 29, 2016 through September 22, 2016. Construction hours will be from 7:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m., Monday through Friday. Street parking will be restricted between the hours of 7:00 a.m. and 4:00 p.m. in the specific areas where construction is being performed. "No Parking" signs will be posted 48 hours in advance of when the parking restrictions take effect. The lane or street will re-open for traffic at the end of each work day.

For your safety, please observe and comply with all posted construction and traffic signs. T.A. RIVARD will do its best to maintain access for all residents and businesses at the time of construction.

There may be times when the water to your residence or business will need to be temporarily shut off. When this is necessary, we will notify you 48 hours prior to turn off. T.A. Rivard will work to minimize this impact to the fullest possible extent.

T.A. RIVARD appreciates your cooperation and patience in the construction process. TA RIVARD, Inc. looks forward to working with both residences and businesses in the City of Monrovia to ensure a smooth project.

**If you have any questions, please contact the City of Monrovia's Public Works Division at (626) 932-5575.**

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## **SIDEWALK REPAIRS AND SEWER ENHANCEMENTS CONTINUE AS PART OF MONROVIA RENEWAL**

As water service line work gets underway, we just wanted to remind everyone that sidewalk repairs and sewer enhancements are ongoing as part of our overall Monrovia Renewal Project!

With regard to sidewalk repairs, 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. 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.

In addition, on Monday, August 22, 2016, infrastructure improvement work began on the sewer segment located on Monterey Avenue just south of Huntington Drive (across from the Toys 'R' Us and Panda Express parking lot). The sewer improvement work is expected to be completed by the end of the week, 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.

For more information on these and Monrovia Renewal, please visit: [www.cityofmonrovia.org/monrovia](http://www.cityofmonrovia.org/monrovia) renewal

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## **BOB BARTLETT MEMORIAL MOSAIC PROGRAM COMMITTEE SET TO INTERVIEW ARTISTS ON WEDNESDAY, SEPTEMBER 21, 2016**

During the past several months, the City has been working with the Bob Bartlett Memorial Committee (Committee) to identify the proper tribute for our late former Mayor, Bob Bartlett. We have identified that a fitting tribute would be to commission a mosaic mural at Station Square, and during the past few months, the Committee has been working to identify an artist to develop the work.

Based on the assessment that has been completed to date, the City will be considering submittals from the four identified artist finalists, which include:

- Cha-Rie Tang & Gerda Govine
- Katherine England
- Dawn Mendelson
- Carole Choucair Queijan

Rough preliminary draft concept plans were submitted by each of the four finalists, which have been included as an attachment to this email for your review and reference. The Committee will be meeting with the artists on September 21, 2016, to assess the final mosaic art concepts that the four finalist have developed. Based on that assessment, the Committee will then identify and recommend the final artist that should be awarded the project of creating the memorial mosaic for Mayor Bob Bartlett.

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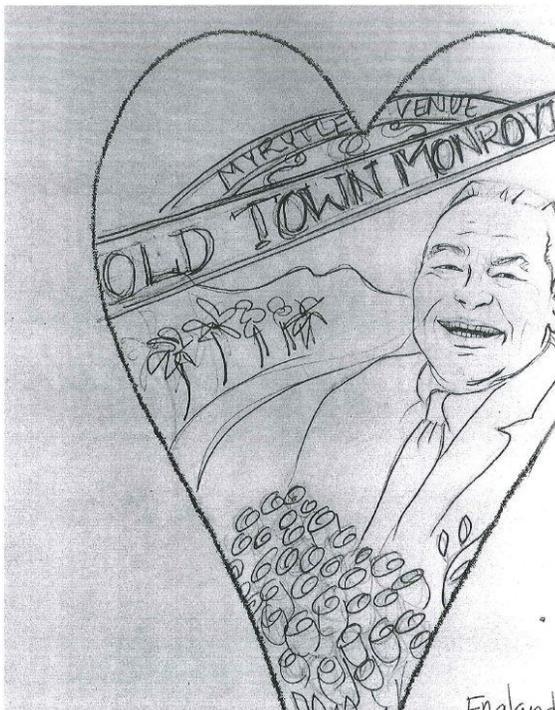
## Cha-Rie Tang & Gerda Govine

Mr. Statement Mayor, Bob Bartlett, was bigger than life whose *smile* lit up the community. With the help and support of City staff, community and business his *leadership* enabled the City to refurbish and build new housing for its citizens and revitalize the heart of the business district. He advanced the City from the past into a sustainable present that ensured an improved shining future. He started his career in transportation as a truck driver and evolved into a transportation icon that placed the City on the map as a prime *champion* and *fighter* for the Gold line to increase and enhance travel through the San Gabriel Valley working with *commitment* and *purpose* with city, state and federal officials.

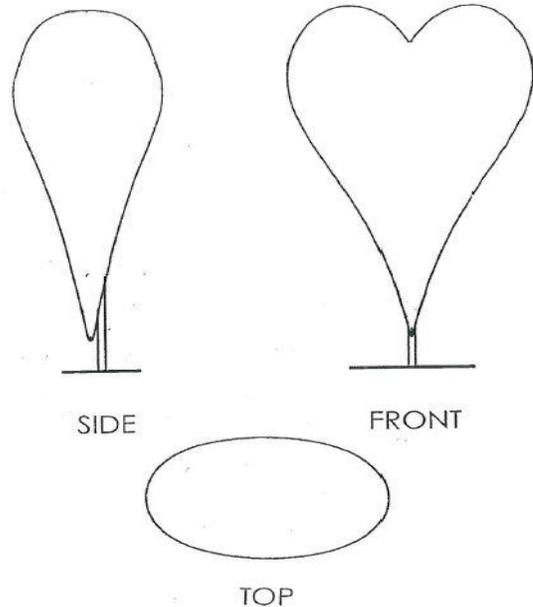
His *humanity* brought comfort coupled with his accessibility, willingness to tackle tough issues to *listen* and see beyond the moment. Mayor Bob was *intentional*, asked questions, cherished *clarity* and did the hard work to ensure progress. He knew how, to get out in front of challenges and demonstrated his *faith* and *belief* that each one can make a positive difference. He was a boy child playing in his hometown who grew up to be a *proud man* whose fingerprints are imbedded in the soul and heart of Monrovia. Mr. Mayor was able to feel and understand his community like no other and took the higher ground. He was a colorful tapestry embellished with threads of *experience, kindness, humility, will and strength*. Mr. Mayor was the *light that flowed* throughout the City.



## Katherine England



Particulars:  
The heart shape will be 5' tall and about 3 feet wide. Made of industrial fiberglass with interior support structure. It will be installed using a treated solid steel 1" male in a female receptacle inside heart and attached to welded 1" square base, or inserted into concrete set in ground depending on where you would like it installed (garden or plaza). The heart can be lifted off rod if needs be.



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## Dawn Mendelson

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### Proposal Concept for Mayor Bartlett Memorial Mosaic

#### 3D storytelling sculptures

Each tall sculpture would feature a theme, depicting the history and strengths of Monrovia, as realized through the leadership of Mayor Bartlett. (This concept could also be fabricated as a two dimensional mural.)



Example of free standing pillar sculptures, not of actual design.



Possible location for free standing storytelling pillars.

#### Concept

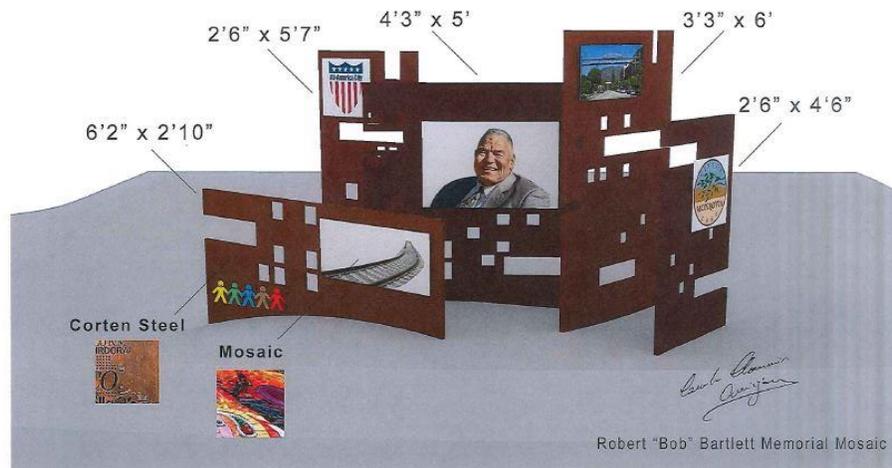
The artwork highlights the life and career of Mayor Bartlett, including both historical and anecdotal elements. I was inspired by an interview with Bartlett where he said he had fond memories of riding his bicycle through the orange and pomegranate orchards. A recurring image of a young boy riding his bicycle throughout history would inspire kids and adults alike to imagine themselves through their own histories. Also depicted would be Bartlett working with members of the community; aspects of African American history as relevant to Monrovia; and the arrival of the light rail and modern transportation.

In the spirit of Mayor Bartlett's legacy of fostering community and inclusion, this project could have a collaborative component where members of the community could participate in a portion of the fabrication.



Inspirational photos, not actual images for design.

## Carole Choucair Queijan



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## **HAVE YOU EVER WANTED TO TEXT THE LIBRARY TO RENEW A BOOK YOU HAVE CHECKED OUT? WELL... NOW YOU CAN!**

We are happy to be able to share with the community a new service at the Library that should make it easier for you to check the status of your account or renew a book that you have checked out... because now... you can text us!

Once you have registered your cell phone with the Library, you will be able to quickly renew your books or check your account status by texting commands such as:

- Renew all
- Renew due
- Status
- Summary

Please note... you need to register your cell phone number with the Library before you can take advantage of this new service! But once you do register, simply text your commands to:

- **(626) 531-1446**

Keep in mind that standard text messaging fees apply based on your contract with your wireless carrier. Contact the Library today at 626-256-8274 for additional information!

## **MEETING HELD WITH STREET RODS FOREVER GROUP REGARDING SEPTEMBER 10, 2016 CAR SHOW EVENT**

This past week, staff met with the Street Rods Forever group regarding their pending car show event on September 10, 2016, and we wanted to share a few details with everyone regarding the pending event.

- Street Rods Forever will be paying for two Monrovia Police Officers to be at the Car Show on a bicycle patrol
- Street Rods Forever will have a member with a yellow vest at each intersection who will be present for the entire show, providing direction and safety
- A large truck will be placed at both the north and south ends of Myrtle Avenue for added safety
- Street Rods Forever has clearly notified all participants that there is no alcohol permitted and no early departure allowed
  - If a participant needs to leave in an emergency , vehicle will be walked out of the show by a Street Rods Forever representative wearing a safety vests

We are looking forward to the car show event that Street Rods Forever has coordinated, and we hope that everyone in the community will come out to Old Town on September 10, 2016, to enjoy the festivities!

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## **1 CENT TRANSPORTATION SALES TAX INCREASE MEASURE IN LOS ANGELES COUNTY TO BE CALLED MEASURE M**

This past week, we learned that the proposed transportation sales tax increase measure that Los Angeles County voters will be asked to consider on November 8, 2016, will be called, Measure M. As written, Measure M would, if approved, add a full ½ cent sales tax increase to all purchases made in Los Angeles County, while extending another ½ cent sales tax that was set to expire in 2039. The combined 1 cent sales tax increase in Los Angeles County would be in place in perpetuity if approved by the voters, and is expected to generate around \$860 million / year.

For complete information on Measure M and all documents related to the expenditure plan, please feel free to visit Metro's website at [www.metro.net/theplan](http://www.metro.net/theplan).

## **SOCALGAS CLOSING MONROVIA BRANCH OFFICE EFFECTIVE TUESDAY, NOVEMBER 1, 2016**

As you may recall, SoCalGas previously shared with the City that they plan on closing their Monrovia branch office towards the end of this calendar year. This past week, we received notice from SoCalGas representatives informing us that they plan on finalizing the closure of the branch office on November 1, 2016. In addition, the representatives from SoCalGas shared that they are implementing the following customer notification plan:

- On August 31, 2016, ads will be published in various newspaper outlets in English, Spanish, Chinese, Tagalog and Farsi
- Direct mail letters will be sent to all customers that visited our office in the last six (6) months with a scheduled postal delivery no later than 8/31/16
- Posters will be hung at each location on 8/31/16
- Flyers will be distributed at the office beginning 8/31/16

A copy of the newspaper ad that SoCalGas will be running has been included as an attachment to this email for your reference.

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## SOCALGAS® MONROVIA BRANCH OFFICE WILL BE PERMANENTLY CLOSING

Effective Tuesday, November 1, 2016

Your bills can be paid at the following SoCalGas® branch:

**Pasadena Branch Office**  
1214 E. Green St.  
Pasadena, CA 91106  
Cross street: Michigan Ave.  
9:00 a.m. – 5:00 p.m. Monday - Friday

### AUTHORIZED PAYMENT LOCATIONS:

**Monrovia Financial Center**  
412 W. Foothill Blvd.  
Monrovia, CA 91016  
Cross street: N. Alta Vista Ave.  
9:00 a.m. – 7:00 p.m. Monday - Wednesday  
9:00 a.m. – 8:00 p.m. Thursday  
8:30 a.m. – 8:00 p.m. Friday  
9:00 a.m. – 6:00 p.m. Saturday

**Walmart**  
1600 Mountain Ave.  
Duarte, CA 91010  
Cross street: Duarte Rd.  
7:00 a.m. – 8:00 p.m. daily  
Only cash and PIN-based  
debit cards accepted

### OTHER PAYMENT OPTIONS AND INFORMATION:

- Conveniently pay your bill online by visiting [socialgas.com](http://socialgas.com) on your computer or mobile device.
- To learn about other ways to pay your bill, including nearby in-person payment locations and phone payment options, please visit our website at [socialgas.com](http://socialgas.com) (search WAYS TO PAY), download our mobile app or call us at (800) 427-2200.
- For hearing impaired customers: (800) 252-0259.
- To obtain the full content of this notice in alternative formats, please contact us at (800) 427-2200.

If you need assistance on how to make a payment, place a service order, request payment arrangements or extensions or learn about other SoCalGas programs and service offerings, we have partnered with the following agencies to assist you:

**Foothill Unity Center**  
415 W. Chestnut Ave.  
Monrovia, CA 91016  
(626) 358-3486

**Santa Anita Family Services**  
605 S. Myrtle Ave.  
Monrovia, CA 91016  
(626) 359-9358

For your convenience, we have compiled public transportation information to assist you with travel to the nearest SoCalGas branch payment office and authorized payment locations. To avoid delays and get the most up-to-date bus route schedules and stops, please contact Foothill Transit at (800) 743-3463, Metro Transit at (323) 466-3876 or online at [metro.net](http://metro.net).

**Pasadena Branch Office**, convenient to Metro bus routes 181, 256 & 686 and Foothill Transit 187

**Walmart**, convenient to Metro 264, Duarte Green Route and Duarte Blue Route.

**Monrovia Financial Center**, convenient to Foothill Transit 270.

Monrovia residents have the option of using Access Paratransit or the Monrovia Transit Service. Access Paratransit is available for disabled residents. Please call (800) 883-1295 to acquire service. Monrovia Transit Service is also known as Dial-a-Ride. To obtain this service, please call (626) 358-3538.



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## **FALL 2016 RECREATION CLASS REGISTRATION HAS BEGUN, NEW CLASSES BEING OFFERED, INCLUDING POETRY FOR YOUTH, LANDSCAPE PAINTING, AND MINDFULNESS MEDITATION FOR RELAXATION!**

The City of Monrovia is pleased to offer variety of recreation classes in the Fall 2016! We have a variety of new classes that we will be offering, including Poetry for Youth, Landscape Painting, and Mindfulness Meditation for Relaxation!

What are you waiting for? Be sure to register online today at: <https://cityofmonroviarecreation.org/>

In addition you can also register in person at the Monrovia Community Center (119 West Palm Avenue), feel free to call (626) 256-8246 if you should have any questions!

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## **FALL YOUTH SPORTS PROGRAM REGISTRATION BEGINS, FLAG FOOTBALL AND CHEERLEADING OFFERED TO 4<sup>TH</sup> AND 5<sup>TH</sup> GRADE STUDENTS IN MONROVIA!**

The Monrovia Youth Sports program is currently accepting registration in person at the Community Center or on-line at <https://cityofmonroviarecreation.org/>. For the Fall, the City will be coordinating flag football and cheerleading activities to youth in the 4<sup>th</sup> and 5<sup>th</sup> grade who attend Bradoaks, Mayflower, Monroe, Plymouth, and Wild Rose elementary schools. The Youth Sports program is designed to teach youth fundamental sports skills, teamwork, sportsmanship, and character development. The program fee is \$35 per participant with a maximum of 25 participants per team. Please feel free to contact the Monrovia Community Center (119 West Palm Avenue) at (626) 256-8246 if you should have any questions!

## **COMMUNITY CENTER ANNUAL FACILITY MAINTENANCE WEEK**

The Community Center will be conducting its annual facility maintenance week from August 29, 2016 – September 2, 2016. Recreation staff, along with Trinity Maintenance, will be performing equipment inventory, storage organization, and maintenance of all rooms, while also performing a deep cleaning of all areas throughout the Community Center. Given this facility maintenance activity, there will not be any rentals, classes, or programs held at the Community Center during the week. For any questions please contact Santino Lopez at (626)256-8238, or via email at [slopez@ci.monrovia.ca.us](mailto:slopez@ci.monrovia.ca.us).

## **FOOTHILL GOLD LINE SET TO DELIVER A STATE OF THE PROJECT ADDRESS ON FRIDAY, OCTOBER 14, 2016, AT POMONA COLLEGE IN CLAREMONT**

Just a quick note to let everyone know that the Foothill Gold Line Construction Authority is set to deliver a State of the Project address on October 14, 2016, at Pomona College in Claremont. The event will last from 9:30 a.m. – 2:00 p.m., and will feature a keynote address by LA Mayor Eric Garcetti. In addition, US Representatives Grace Napolitano, Judy Chu, and Norma Torres will be speaking, along with LA Metro Board Chair John Fasana. The event will be located at Pomona College, Smith Campus Center 170 East 6<sup>th</sup> Street, Claremont, and construction authority, elected officials, local leaders, and key community stakeholders will gather in a half-day conference to learn about the latest about funding / timing for the Gold Line from Glendora to Montclair, as well as discuss how the light rail line is influencing change along the 38-mile corridor. For additional information, please call (626) 471-9050.

## **JOB PLACEMENT ASSISTANCE NOW AVAILABLE AT THE LIBRARY!**

Love your job? Well that's great!

But if you don't, you might want to try a new program at the Library called, "Brainfuse JobNow" to find your dream job. Simply visit [www.monrovia.biblionix.com/catalog/](http://www.monrovia.biblionix.com/catalog/) and click on the "Brainfuse JobNow" link. You will find expert resume help, live interview coaching, and much more. And what's more... all you need to access the service is a Monrovia Library Card! This is just one of the many services offered at the Monrovia Public Library. Want to learn more? Drop by the Library or give us a call at (626) 256-8274.

## **LEGO MY LIBRARY BEING OFFERED AT THE LIBRARY EVERY SATURDAY IN SEPTEMBER!**

Looking for something to do on Saturday with your family during the month of September 2016? You might want to consider hanging out at the Library for our new *Lego My Library* program! Drop in to build and create using LEGO bricks provided by the Library! The program will be offered every Saturday in September 2016, between September 3 -24, 2016, from 12:00 p.m. – 2:00 p.m. in the Library Story Room! Give us a call at (626) 256-8274 if you have any questions!

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## **MONROVIA HOSTED CALIFORNIA PARKS AND RECREATION DISTRICT 13 LUNCH AND LEARN EVENT**

On Thursday, August 25, 2016, Monrovia was honored to host the California Parks and Recreation Society's (District 13) end of the year *Lunch and Learn Event* at Canyon Park. Recreation Professionals from all over the San Gabriel Valley enjoyed an afternoon exploring Canyon Park, which included a guided tour by our Park Rangers and visiting the new Native American Exhibit at the Nature Center.

Lunch was provided by Monrovia's very own Market Grill, and our very own Eugene Suk and Marlene Jimenez presented on why Canyon Park is so special. The guests were impressed with the variety of programs and services offered by Monrovia, as well as the way that volunteers were celebrated and appreciated. It was a great opportunity to showcase our beautiful park and our City!

## **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**

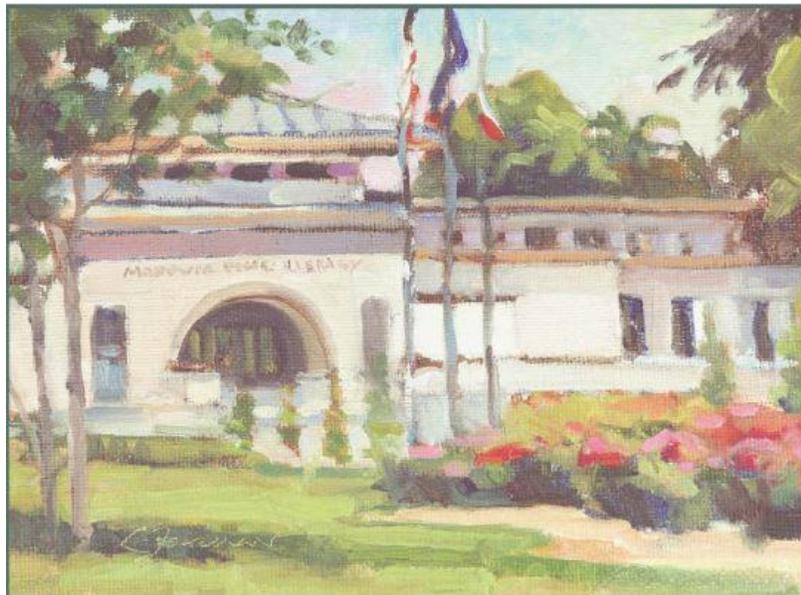
Just a quick note to let everyone know that the Friends of the Monrovia Public Library will hold their annual Fall Book Sale on September 9 & 10, 2016, from 10:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m. each day at the Monrovia Public Library. Make sure to mark your calendars because prices for the book sale remain at bargain 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. A flyer for the book sale has been included as an attachment to this email, and if you should have any questions regarding this event, please feel free to let me know!

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JOEY MONROE, Oil on Canvas - May 2011 - 12x16 inches

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

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## **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!

# City Manager's Update

## SGV MOSQUITO & VECTOR CONTROL DISTRICT SET TO CONDUCT TRUCK-MOUNTED FOGGING TO CONTROL Aedes MOSQUITO POPULATION

This past week, the City was notified by the SGV Mosquito & Vector Control District (District) that they plan on engaging in a truck-mounted fogging program this week in an ongoing effort to control *Aedes albopictus* (aka, Asian tiger mosquitoes) in the San Gabriel Valley. The District will conduct truck-mounted fogging in the early morning on Wednesday, August 31, 2016 in a small area of El Monte. The focus of the treatments is to reduce increasing larval and adult populations of *Aedes albopictus*. This mosquito is an aggressive day biter capable of transmitting several serious viral diseases including Zika, chikungunya, and dengue.

The District will begin treatments on the morning of Wednesday, August 31, 2016 at approximately 3:00 a.m. and conclude by 6:00 a.m. This time window was chosen to avoid traffic and outdoor pedestrian activity as well as maximize favorable weather conditions. An alternate date of Thursday, September 1, 2016 may be used in case of conditions that are not favorable for an effective treatment.

Attached to this email is a press release issued by the District with additional information regarding the matter. If you have any questions or concerns, please feel free to contact the District at (626) 814-9466, or visit them online at [www.SGVmosquito.org](http://www.SGVmosquito.org).

### San Gabriel Valley Mosquito and Vector Control District

For Immediate Release  
Friday, August 26, 2016



Contact:  
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#### Neighborhood Treatments Scheduled in San Gabriel Valley to Control Invasive *Aedes* Mosquitoes

San Gabriel Valley, August 26, 2016

In an ongoing effort to control *Aedes albopictus* (Asian tiger mosquitoes) the San Gabriel Valley Mosquito and Vector Control District will conduct truck-mounted fogging in the early morning on Wednesday, August 31, 2016 in a small area of El Monte. The focus of the treatments is to reduce increasing larval and adult populations of *Aedes albopictus*. This mosquito is an aggressive day biter capable of transmitting several serious viral diseases including Zika, chikungunya, and dengue.

The treatments will cover an area of El Monte west of (and including) Parkway Dr., north of (and including) Klingerman St., east of (and including) Cogswell Rd., and south of (and including) Valley Blvd. The treatment area is based on recent surveillance data and the likelihood of reducing the population of mosquitoes. The actual streets and properties that will be treated within this zone may be adjusted as data are received between now and the treatment day. These adjustments will be posted within the treatment zone 24-48 hours prior to treatments.

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Two different products shall be applied which target immature (larvicide) and adult (adulticide) *Aedes albopictus*. The larvicide, VectoBac®WDG will be applied by a truck-mounted fogger as a low volume mist. The active ingredient in VectoBac®WDG is *Bacillus thuringiensis israelensis* (Bti). This product is specific for mosquitoes, with no known risk to humans and wildlife when applied according to the label. Additional information about this product can be found at: <http://publichealth.valentbiosciences.com/docs/resources/vectobac-wdg-specimen-label.pdf>

The adulticide AquaDUEETM will be applied by a truck-mounted fogger as an ultra-low volume mist. The active ingredients are Prallethrin, Sumithrin®, and piperonyl butoxide. Additional information about this product can be found at: <https://www.clarke.com/filebin/productpdf/aquaduet.pdf>

#### PRECAUTIONS:

The signal word on the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency (EPA)-approved label for AquaDUEETM is CAUTION, which indicates that it is slightly toxic with minimal potential risk to people. Residents are not required to take any special precautions; however are advised to remain indoors with doors and windows shut during the treatment period.

AquaDUEETM may be toxic to fish and aquatic insects. The District recommends that residents cover fish ponds during the application to prevent possible deposition of droplets. Outdoor pet food and water bowls should be moved indoors or covered during the treatment. The product breaks down rapidly in sunlight and will not leave a residue.

The San Gabriel Valley Mosquito and Vector Control District is committed to managing *Aedes albopictus*, which is an invasive species capable of transmitting several diseases that endanger public health. Applying pesticides by truck is one more tool vector control districts can use to target this mosquito.

#### What can residents do about invasive *Aedes* mosquitoes?

Mosquitoes lay their eggs and grow in standing water. Invasive *Aedes* are "container breeders" and lay eggs along the waterline of water-filled containers or on the stems of aquatic plants. Any item on your property that holds water, no matter how small will grow mosquitoes. Common sources include flower vases, plant saucers, buckets, used tires, and plants that hold water like "lucky bamboo" and bromeliads. Residents should inspect their property regularly, looking for and eliminating standing water. The eggs of invasive *Aedes* are extremely durable and can stay dormant in dry containers for months waiting for the right conditions to hatch. For this reason containers that have been left outside for a while should be scrubbed down with a brush and warm soapy water before being thrown away or stored in a dry place.

Throughout the summer, basic protective measures should be followed:

- Wear mosquito repellent and protective clothing when outdoors while mosquitoes are active.
- 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](http://www.SGVmosquito.org).

Residents living in the City of El Monte are encouraged to call the San Gabriel Valley Mosquito and Vector Control District at (626) 814-9466 with any questions or to report mosquito activity. For more information, also visit [www.SGVmosquito.org](http://www.SGVmosquito.org)

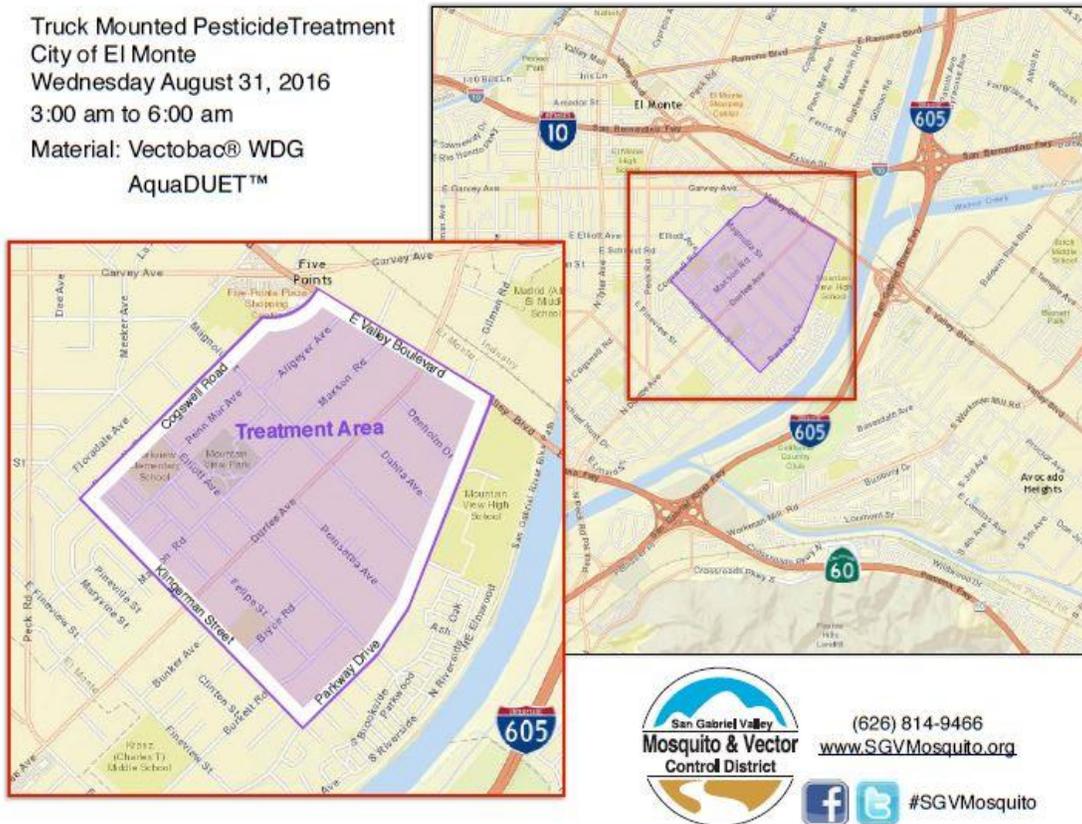
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@SGVMosquito Follow us for treatment alerts, schedule, and maps

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Truck Mounted Pesticide Treatment  
City of El Monte  
Wednesday August 31, 2016  
3:00 am to 6:00 am  
Material: Vectobac® WDG  
AquaDUET™



## **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/>

# City Manager's Update

## **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](http://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!



## **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.

# City Manager's Update



## Sign Up for E-mail Updates!

Step 1: Visit [www.cityofmonrovia.org/monroviarenewal](http://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.



Subscribe

Step 3: Enter your name and email address.



Step 4: You will receive a confirmation email.

Click the link and you're all set!



## 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](http://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](mailto:monroviarenewal@ci.monrovia.ca.us).

Updated: 7/14/2016



# City Manager's Update

## **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 with the numbers 9, 1, 0, 1, 6. Below them is the text 'ZIP CODE DAY' and 'Celebrate Monrovia!'. The event is on Saturday, 9-10-16, from 11:00 AM to 3:00 PM. It includes images of a t-shirt, a mug, and a hat. The location is Library Park, 321 S. Myrtle Ave., Monrovia, CA 91016. A schedule of activities is provided, including Mayor Tom Adams' kick-off, game booths, postmaster stamping, hot dogs, and a drone photo. The poster also lists sponsors and a website for ordering memorabilia.

**9 1 0 1 6**  
**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)**  
*Sponsored By:*  
Athens Services, Quota, chaccare, and others.

# City Manager's Update

## LATEST EDITION OF THE SGVCOG VALLEY VOICE NEWSLETTER

Below, please find the August 2016 edition of the SGV Council of Government's Valley Voice newsletter, which highlights regional initiatives and projects being coordinated by the SGV Council of Governments.

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San Gabriel Valley Mountains

August 2016

### Los Angeles County Parks Measure Update

The Los Angeles County Board of Supervisors voted to place a parks funding measure on the November 8 ballot. The Safe, Clean Neighborhood Parks, Open Space, Beaches, Rivers Protection and Water Conservation Measure would replace funding under Proposition A, which is set to expire in 2019. The measure would add a parcel tax of 1.5 cents per square foot of developed property. An average homeowner with a 1,500 square foot home would pay approximately \$22.50 a year. If approved by two-thirds of the voters, the measure would raise just over \$92.7 million annually. The funds would then be used by the County, cities and local communities to protect, enhance and maintain our neighborhood parks, open space, trails, beaches, natural habitat and rivers, creeks and streams.

In March 2015, Los Angeles County initiated the Countywide Comprehensive Parks and Recreation Needs Assessment. This effort was completed over the course of 14 months, and consisted of several distinct, yet overlapping phases

that followed the following format:

#### Project Initiation

- 40-member Steering Committee Formed
- 9-member Technical Advisory Committee Formed

#### Inventory

- Demographic, Health, Safety and environment data gathered for community profiles.
- 90 park agencies participated in park inventory
- Over 3,000 parks inventoried
- Over 9,000 amenities documented
- 750 potential park opportunity sites verified by park agencies

#### Analysis

- Park metrics analyzed 186 study areas

#### Community Engagement

- 300 facilitators attended engagement workshops

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Dalton Park, Azusa

# City Manager's Update

## The SCAG to Host a Housing Summit

On October 11th, 2016 the Southern California Association of Governments (SCAG) will be hosting a Housing Summit. This event will address the concerns of affordable housing. There is a chronic shortage of housing throughout California. Major institutions, employers, and startups cite lack of housing options as a serious impediment to recruiting and retaining talent. The impact of housing affordability is a critical challenge to local, regional, and Statewide economies, particularly as people from all income groups are increasingly frustrated with the lack of affordable options to rent or buy and instead opt to develop their careers in more affordable areas. The California Housing Summit will focus on resources and opportunities created by State legislation and local policies to build more housing, including affordable housing, and will provide innovative tools to get to YES for housing development in

local communities. The program will also include speakers on funding infrastructure to support housing and how to convey the health, economic, and accessibility benefits to communities.

To learn more information please visit : [www.scag.ca.gov/housingsummit](http://www.scag.ca.gov/housingsummit)

**Date:** Tuesday, October 11, 2016  
**Time:** 8:00 a.m. - 3:00 p.m.  
**Place:** LA Hotel  
333 S. Figueroa St,  
Los Angeles , CA  
**Register:** Contact Ma'Ayn Johnson  
(213) 236-1975  
Or at [Johnson@scag.ca.gov](mailto:Johnson@scag.ca.gov)



## SGVCOG Governing Board July Committee Meeting Recap

The regular meeting of the SGVCOG Governing Board was held on July 21st. Major actions taken by the Board in July were:

- Resolution 16-21 was passed by the Governing Board supporting provisions within the Water Resources Development Act of 2016. This federal legislation provides funding for the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers and allocate funding for specific projects. Specifically, the SGVCOG supports the establishment of the office of Ombudsman and defining "community affordability" within the EPA's Financial Capability Assessment process.
- Resolution 16-22 was passed by the Board supporting California Assembly Joint Resolution 44, urging the federal government to provide greater financial support for local agencies implementing a federal mandate to improve stormwater quality.

- Staff will was directed to submit a letter of support for the Waters of the United States (WOTUS) Challenge Amicus Brief in the 6th District Court of appeals. The amicus alleges that a 2015 regulatory interpretation by the Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) and U.S. Army Corps of Engineers (USACE) was overly broad. This rule disrupts the careful balance Congress set forth in the Clean Water Act, which gives the EPA and the USACE authority to regulate interstate navigable waters but specifically preserves the primary role of the States in planning the development and use of local land and water resources.

- The Board passed a motion to support Metro's Potential Ballot Measure. Under the direction of the Metro Board, Metro staff has been working on a potential 2016 LA County transportation ballot measure. Senate Bill 767 was passed allowing LA County to place a ½ cent sales tax on the November 2016 ballot. If the measure were to pass

the San Gabriel Valley subregion would have up to \$3.325 billion in current dollars available for transportation capital projects. Notable projects that would be funded by this tax measure include the Gold Line Foothill Extension (\$1.02B), Gold Line Eastside Extension (\$1.02B), Bicycle and pedestrian improvements (\$429), and many highway projects (\$543M). The total funding share for these projects is estimated at \$3.3 billion.



# City Manager's Update

## Los Angeles County Parks Measure (continued)

This County report represents an unprecedented effort to document existing parks and recreation facilities in cities and unincorporated communities and to use the data to determine the scope, scale, and location of park need in Los Angeles County. The Parks Needs Assessment helped local officials, park agencies, and residents understand the future steps that need to be taken to ensure all communities have adequate access to thriving parks. The report identified a total of \$21 billion in Los Angeles County park needs, with high need areas throughout every region of LA County.

Based on the report, a funding measure was developed. A draft proposal was released and presented to the COGs, cities and other stakeholders in May. Since that time, there have been some modifications;

**Local Return:** There was an increase of the first funding category of money that will be allocate back to local governments from 27% to 35% of overall funding. Combining Category 1 and Maintenance and Service, approximately 50% of the funds will directly be returned to local cities.

**Exemptions:** County Counsel has advised staff that the Senior Exemption is not legal for this type of measure, therefore, the measure will apply to all private property owners

**Taxation Level:** This measure originally

had a recommended funding level of \$0.03 per square foot of developed space which has since been lowered to \$0.015 per square foot of developed space. If approved the measure would generate \$92.7 million annually.

**Evergreen:** Originally the measure was proposed to expire after 35 years, it was amended to have no sunset , with the

provision that it could be repealed by a vote of the public

Please refer to the table for a summary of the major funding categories and anticipated annual revenues.

The Governing Board will consider taking a position on this at the September 15 Board meeting.

Funding Category			\$ 0.015/sq foot dev	
			Annually	35 Years * No Sunset
Grant Category 1	<b>Community Based Park Investment Program:</b> Funds Returned to Study Areas/Cities through direct grant programs with delegated authority to the Director	35.00%	\$ 22,478,814	\$ 1,136,758,498
Grant Category 2	<b>Safe Parks, Healthy Communities, Urban Greening Program:</b> Funds to projects in High and Very High Need Study Areas through grant programs	13.00%	\$ 12,063,560	\$ 422,224,585
M&S	<b>Local Agency Maintenance and Servicing Funds:</b> Funds directly to Cities, County Dept., local Agencies & Non-profits, through an administrative	15.00%	\$ 13,919,492	\$ 487,182,213
Grant Category 3	<b>Protecting Open Spaces, Benches, Watersheds Program:</b> Funds to all eligible entities through competitive grant programs	13.00%	\$ 12,063,560	\$ 422,224,585
Grant Category 4	<b>Regional Recreational Facilities, Trail &amp; Accessibility Program:</b> Funds to all eligible entities through competitive	13.00%	\$ 12,063,560	\$ 422,224,585
Grant Category 5	<b>Youth and Veteran Job Training &amp; Placement Opportunities Program:</b> Funds to all eligible entities through competitive grant programs	3.80%	\$ 3,526,271	\$ 125,419,494
Program Innovation and Oversight	Strategic Planning, Technical Assistance, Needs Assessment Updates, Innovative Electronic Technologies, Operations of the District: Funds distributed with delegated authority to the Director.	7.20%	\$ 6,681,356	\$ 233,847,462
		<b>100.00%</b>	<b>\$ 92,796,612</b>	<b>\$ 3,247,881,423</b>

## Save the Date for the SGVCOG General Assembly

the San Gabriel Valley Council of Governments is hosting its first ever General Assembly on October 26, 2016. We anticipate this event will bring together nearly 200 elected officials, city managers, and other regional leaders, to focus on critical transportation issues in the SGV. We expect the speakers to include county supervisors, state and federal officials, leaders of Los Angeles County Metropolitan Transportation Authority (MTA), and many more prominent leaders from the San Gabriel Valley. This year's event will focus on MTA's proposed ballot measure for transportation projects which has the

potential to generate over \$120 billion for our region and vastly expand and improve our transportation network. This year Phil Washington, CEO of Metro, will be one of the featured speakers.

Also, the SGVCOG Annual Leadership Awards will be presented at the General Assembly Luncheon.



**Date:** Wednesday, October 26, 2016  
**Time:** 9:00—1:00 p.m.  
**Place:** Pacific Palms  
 One Industry Hill Parkway  
 City of Industry, CA  
**Register:** <http://sgvcogga.eventbrite.com>

# City Manager's Update

## Transportation Update

### Board Member John Fasana Elected Chair of Metro

Starting July 1, 2016 COG Board Member, and City of Duarte Councilmember, John Fasana was elected Chair of the Metropolitan Transportation Authority (Metro) Board of Directors. Please see, below, his priorities for Metro in the coming year.

**As the LA Metro Board Chair what are your goals for the coming fiscal year?**

I am looking to constantly improve services to Metro's customers and grow the Metro system so it is an attractive alternative to meeting the region's mobility needs.

**What do you perceive as Metro's biggest challenges and opportunities for the future?**

Los Angeles County is largely developed with minimal space for new transportation corridors. We need to focus on making these corridors more productive so we can move people and goods to enable this region to realize its economic potential.

**What are you most looking forward to as Chair of the Board?**

First, I am looking forward to seeing how the voters of Los Angeles County respond in November to the Los Angeles County Traffic Improvement Plan. This plan allows capital improvements on our roads and transit network to be accelerated to meet the needs of our growing population and also includes new projects that were developed by stakeholders throughout Los Angeles

County. I want to plan for technology that can enable improvements to the transportation experience for Metro's customers and users of the municipal bus systems in our county. Re-focusing on roads and highways also will help identify opportunities for productivity improvements and facilitating development of first-last mile strategies, active transportation, and bike-share and bicycle networks.

**You have been on the Board since its formation, what are the biggest changes you have seen?**

The Metro Blue Line and Metrolink had only been operating for a few years, and the initial Red-Line subway segment had opened only a few months prior to the merger that led to the creation of Metro. There is much greater recognition today of the benefits that a rail network can provide to the region. Also, we are learning to use new technologies to make it easier for customers to use transit once a week, once a month, or whenever it may be convenient for them. We have made progress but still have more to do for customers to see the entire road and highway and transit networks as part of a



comprehensive solution for better mobility.

**Over your tenure on the Board, what do you consider your biggest accomplishment?**

Three things come to mind. The construction of the Gold Line through Azusa, creation of the Alameda Corridor East Construction Authority to address freight rail grade separations in the San Gabriel Valley, and development of the Metro Express Lanes to improve efficiency on the I-10 carpool lane with the added benefit of the rebuilt and modernized El Monte Station.

## SGVCOG to Host A City and College Bike Share Information Session

The San Gabriel Valley Council of Governments and Los Angeles County Metropolitan Transportation Authority (Metro) are hosting a city and college bike share information session about Metro's Regional Bike Share program on Wednesday, September 28, 2016.

This session will provide information on the following:

- How cities and colleges can partner to expand the regional bike share network;
- Detailed implementation costs;
- Station siting opportunities and requirements; and

- Bicycle and station technology.

Bike share is a program designed for point-to-point local trips or trips to transit using a shared use fleet of bicycles located at docking stations throughout a city or region within easy access to each other. Bike share programs around the country and world have proven to be a strong first and last-mile short-trip transportation option. Currently, there are over 53 bike share programs operating in cities in the United States. When coordinated with transit, such programs can facilitate reductions in vehicle miles traveled, reduced travel times, improved access, and growth in

bicycling as a viable mode of travel.



**Date:** Wednesday, September 28, 2016  
**Time:** 9:00—11:00 AM  
**Place:** Glendora Public Library  
140 S. Glendora Ave  
Glendora, CA 91741  
**Register:** <https://goo.gl/forms/1jlm3i3X1RYKMtsu2>

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## ACE Construction Authority Kicks off Fullerton Grade Separation Project

The Fullerton Road Grade Separation Project will lower Fullerton Road under the existing Union Pacific railroad tracks in the City of Industry and unincorporated area of Los Angeles County, between Rowland Street and State Route 60. Plans call for constructing a six-lane roadway underpass on Fullerton Road, four-track railroad bridge and bridge for Railroad Street spanning Fullerton Road. Gale Avenue would be lowered at the intersection with Fullerton Road.

**Date:** Friday, September 16, 2016  
**Time:** 10:30 a.m.  
**Place:** 18311 Railroad Street  
City of Industry, CA  
**RSVP:** By September 2nd to  
Ricky Choi  
rchoi@thaceproject.org  
Or at (626)373-2686

The road grade separation construction contract was awarded in March 2016 and underground utility relocation work has begun, it is expected that the project will be completed by the winter of 2019. The project cost is estimated at \$145.2 million.

The project is projected to reduce an estimated 50.4 vehicle hours of delay each day at the crossing which is traversed by 49 trains per day, projected to increase to 91 trains by 2025. Fullerton Road carries 23,716 vehicles per day which is projected to increase to 25,315 vehicles by 2025. The project is projected to eliminate delays for emergency responders and crossing collisions. The project will also reduce emissions and eliminate locomotive horn and crossing bell noise. The Federal Railroad Administration has recorded 2 train-vehicle collisions at the crossing in a recent 10 year period.

This project marks the sixth railroad

underpass along the freight-heavy 60 Freeway corridor between the 605 and the 57 freeways.



## El Monte Unveils Seven New CNG Transit City Buses

The City of El Monte demonstrated its commitment to community access with the debut of its seven new transit buses during a ceremony Saturday, July 23 at the El Monte Metrolink Station. The clean-burning compressed natural gas buses will begin service August 1st and will provide local transit service Monday through Saturday.

"In 2015, over half a million passengers were transported via El Monte's local transit system," said Elaine Jeng, El Monte's Director of Public Works and Utilities. "El Monte is growing and it is our

job to ensure that residents have reliable and efficient options to navigate our beautiful city." Transportation Deputy Javier Hernandez, for 1st District Supervisor Solis, represented the Los Angeles County Metropolitan Transportation Authority and spoke at the event.

"These new buses are an example of how El Monte continues to invest in the needs of its community," Hernandez said. "El Monte is a leader in L.A. County when it comes to transportation, making surrounding communities in the San

Gabriel Valley stronger."



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## Environment & Water Update

### Update on LA Countywide Community Choice Aggregation Program

Community Choice Aggregation (CCA) leverages the market power of group purchasing and local control by allowing communities to pool their electricity demand in order to purchase and develop power on behalf of local residents, businesses, and municipal facilities.

The Board of Supervisors (BOS) directed staff, on March 17, 2015, to develop a technical analysis on the feasibility of establishing a CCA program for electrical power procurement for County unincorporated areas. This analysis resulted in a Business Plan.

Key findings of the Business Plan are as follows:

**Rates:** A rate comparison indicates that the residential rate is 0.9¢/kWh lower. Across all rates the, average is 5.4% lower than what Southern California Edison (SCE) currently offers with an equal amount of renewable power (28%). The CCA residential rate with 50% renewable power (compared to SCE's 28%) is 0.7¢/kWh lower. Across all rates the, average is 4.1% lower for roughly twice the amount of green renewable power. The CCA residential rate with 100% green power (compared to SCE's 28%) is 1.1¢/kWh higher. Across all rates the, average

increase is 6.3% higher, but this additional amount comes with almost four times more renewable power than the comparable SCE rate. (Table 1).

**Phasing:** the CCA Business Plan identified three phases in which to implement a county CCA

- At the April 2016 LA County CCA Task Force meeting, the Task Force presented a list of Phase 1 milestones the LA County CCA Task Force hopes to achieve through 2016-2017 (Table 2). Phase 1 would commence as early as January 2017, and would provide service only to County municipal facilities located in County unincorporated areas. Other cities' municipal facilities could be eligible for Phase 1 services if

they were to timely join CCA.

- Phase 2 would commence as early as July of 2017, and expand service to include all County unincorporated area electric ratepayers. Other cities' electric ratepayers could be eligible for Phase 2 service if they were to timely join CCA.

- Phase 3 would commence at a date yet-to-be-determined, and would expand service to include all cities' electric ratepayers, depending on if and when the cities choose to join LACCE. With the exception of cities that have municipal electric power.

Table 1

Indicative Rate Comparison in ¢/kWh					
Rate Class	Customer Type	SCE Bundled Rate*	LACCE RPS Bundled Rate	LACCE 50% Green Bundled Rate	LACCE 100% Green Bundled Rate
Residential	Domestic	17.1	16.2	16.4	18.2
GS-1	Commercial	16.6	15.7	15.9	17.7
GS-2	Commercial	15.8	15.0	15.2	16.9
GS-3	Industrial	14.5	13.8	13.9	15.5
PA-2	Public Authority	12.6	12.0	12.1	13.4
PA-3	Public Authority	10.4	9.9	10.0	11.1
TOU-8 Secondary	Domestic	13.1	12.4	12.6	14.0
TOU-8 Primary	Commercial	11.7	11.1	11.2	12.5
TOU-8 Substation	Industrial	7.5	7.1	7.2	8.0
Total LACCE Rate Savings			5.4%	4.1%	(6.3%)

Table 2



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## Urban Rivers Grant Program is Now Open For Solicitation

The California Natural Resources Agency (Agency) has released the final guidelines for the California Urban Rivers Grant program and is now accepting grant applications.

This will be a competitive grant program for projects that meet at least two of the following five statutory conditions:

- Promote Groundwater Recharge and Water Reuse.
- Reduce Energy Consumption.
- Use Soils, Plants, and Natural Processes to Treat Runoff.
- Create, or Restore Native Habitat.
- Increase Regional and Local Resiliency and Adaptability to Climate Change.

Also, eligible projects must be multi-benefit watershed and urban rivers enhancement projects in urban watersheds that increase regional and local water self-sufficiency.

Grant funds will be awarded to public agencies, California nonprofit organizations, public utilities, federally recognized Indian tribes, state Indian tribes listed on the Native American Heritage Commission's California Tribal Consultation list and mutual water companies. All nonprofits must be a 501 (c)(3) as verified by the Internal Revenue Service.

Projects must be multi-benefit watershed and urban rivers enhancement projects in urban watersheds that increase regional and local water self-sufficiency. All projects must be located in an urban area. For purposes of this program, an urban area is a geographic area designated or defined as urban by an applicable plan covering the project area, including, but not limited to general plans, specific plans, or community plans. The Agency anticipates two funding cycles with approximately \$9.3 million available to award in each cycle for the California Urban Rivers Grant Program. There are

no minimum or maximum grant amounts for this grant program.

### Key Facts

**Application Deadline:** October 3, 2016

**Eligible Agencies:** Public agencies, California nonprofit organizations, public utilities, federally recognized Indian tribes, state Indian tribes and mutual water companies.

**Total Funding available:** \$9.4 Million

**Website:** [http://resources.ca.gov/bonds\\_and\\_grants/grant\\_programs/](http://resources.ca.gov/bonds_and_grants/grant_programs/)



## SGV Energy Wise Partnership to Host Benchmarking Workshop

The SGV Energy Wise Partnership will be hosting a Benchmarking 101 Workshop on September 14, for interested city staff. Benchmarking measures a building's energy use and then compares it to the average for similar buildings. It allows cities to understand their building's relative energy performance, and helps identify opportunities to cut energy waste. Benchmarking allows each city to track and measure the energy usage of facilities and, therefore, better invest resources into energy efficiency improvements. In a recent study, EPA found that buildings that were benchmarked consistently reduced energy use by an average of 2.4 percent per year, for a total savings of 7 percent.

The San Gabriel Valley Energy Wise Partnership Benchmarking 101 Workshop will provide an overview of ENERGY STAR Portfolio Manager, tips for developing a benchmarking policies, and strategies to

develop and maintain your benchmarking portfolio.



**Date:** Wednesday, September 14

**Time:** 8:30 a.m.

**Location:** Upper San Gabriel Valley Municipal Water District  
602 E. Huntington Drive  
Monrovia, CA

**RSVP:** at [sgvcog.org](http://sgvcog.org) or call 626-457-1800.



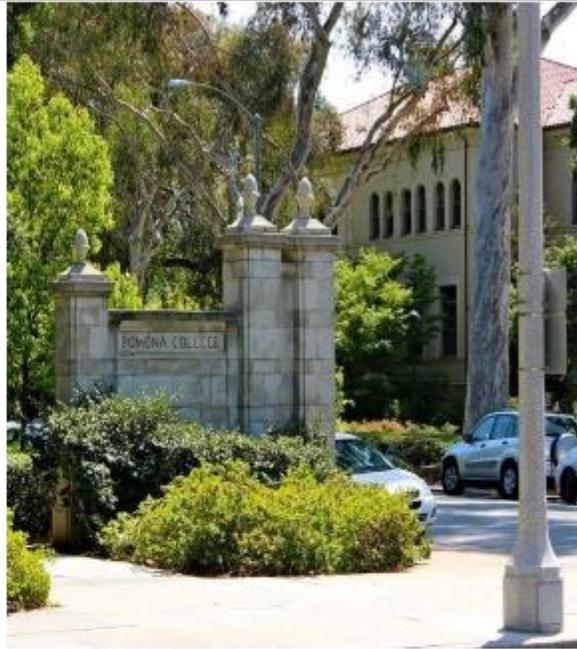
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## Upcoming Meetings

**Monday, August 29, 4:00 p.m.**  
Executive Committee - Special Meeting  
1000 Fremont Ave., Alhambra

**Wednesday, August 31, 12:00 p.m.**  
City Managers Steering Committee  
100 S. Vincent Ave., West Covina

**Thursday, September 15, 6:00 p.m.**  
SGVCOG Governing Board  
602 E. Huntington Drive, Monrovia



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## 2016 General Assembly

Wednesday, October 26, 2016  
9:00am-1:00pm

Pacific Palms Resort  
One Industry Hills Parkway  
City of Industry, CA 91744

**\$25 Per Person**

To register please visit:  
<http://sgvcogga.eventbrite.com>

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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.

Trends Affecting California's Economy  
Vol. 6 Issue 16 - August 26, 2016

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### **Sears Holdings Reports Second Quarter 2016 Results**

Sears Holdings Corporation announced financial results for its second quarter 2016. Same store sales at Kmart declined 3.3 percent, while Sears Domestic comparable stores sales declined by 7.0 percent. [Read More](#)

### **How WalMart Won Back Shoppers From Dollar General**

Dollar General has been cutting prices by about 10 percent on hundreds of staples like milk and eggs as it looks to keep customers who are drifting back to Walmart. It recently reported comparable sales increased 0.7 percent, well below the 2.6 percent growth analysts were expecting, according to Consensus Metrix. In contrast, Walmart said

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shopper traffic rose at its U.S. stores for the eighth straight quarter, helped by aggressive pricing that boosted its grocery business. Walmart gets some 55 percent of its revenue from food. [Read More](#)

## **Retail Landlords Find Ways to Cope with Leaner Brick-and-Mortar Footprints**

One year from now Macy's expects to have closed 100 stores, leaving it with about 628 brick-and-mortar locations. The intent, gleaned from the company's August 11 statement, is clear: to shed weaker stores, shore up the retailer in competitive markets and become as strong in omni-channel operations as it once was in traditional retailing. Retailers continue to adapt to a business environment in which they have to battle for dominance on two fronts: competition from peers and the steady growth of e-commerce's share of overall retail sales. [Read More](#)

## **Target Grows Its Buy Online, Pick Up In-Store Business 50 Percent**

Online shoppers are increasingly picking up their orders in Target Corp.'s stores. The number of orders picked up in store has increased 50% year over year through the first half of 2016, chief operating officer John Mulligan told analysts on the retail chain's second quarter earnings call. To accommodate that growth, Target is making strides to ensure its stores are ready for the holiday rush. [Read More](#)

## **Growing Revenue, Strong Backlogs Keep Contractors Buzzing**

The construction boom in California continues to widen to a scale hard to imagine just a few years ago. The 90 contractors responding to ENR California's annual survey collectively reported \$32.8 billion in 2015 revenue. That represents a 19.6 percent increase over the previous year. In just three years, contractor revenue has jumped more than 46 percent. Many firms, including No. 1-ranked Swinerton Inc., cite unprecedented foreign investment and a growing slate of megaprojects as key factors for the revenue boost. [Read More](#)

## **2016 Could Signal a Cyclical Peak in Commercial Construction**

Commercial developers have been busy in 2016. Construction starts saw a hearty boost this year, fueled by multifamily, office and lodging sectors. But analysts expect rates of new construction to taper off through 2020. Private non-residential construction increased 7.0 percent year-over-year, according to research and ratings firm Moody's Investor Service. Construction data firm ConstructConnect meanwhile tabulated year-over-year growth of 8.1 percent across all commercial property types. [Read More](#)

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## Labor Groups Cry Foul at Airbnb's Agreement to Pay Hotel Taxes

A wide-ranging coalition representing hotels, labor, affordable housing activists and others in the City of Los Angeles urged city leaders to back off from an agreement in which Airbnb has agreed to pay hotel taxes on behalf of its short-term rental hosts. The groups say collecting taxes from an industry not regulated by the city sends a mixed message, and urged Mayor Eric Garcetti to delay the tax collection agreement, which was reached in July and officially began Aug. 1, until after an ordinance has been adopted. [Read More](#)

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## By The Numbers

*Percent of change from one year ago.*

### CALIFORNIA DATA

#### Ports (July):

##### Containers

Imported ↑ 0.08%

Exported ↑ 0.01%

#### Airport Traffic (June)

##### Passengers

Domestic ↑ 7.76%

International ↑ 9.73%

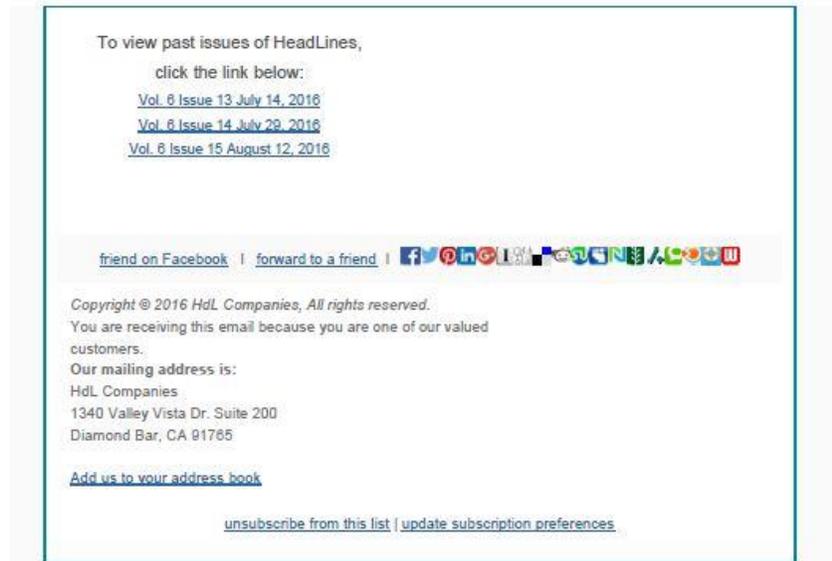
#### Unemployment Rate:

July 2016 5.5%

July 2015 6.1%

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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 22 – 24, 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 417 service events, resulting in 82 total investigations. The report can be accessed by clicking on the following link:

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

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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,  
Oliver

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