

City Manager's Update

Tuesday, February 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

Successful and unsuccessful people do not vary greatly in their abilities. They vary in their desires to reach their potential.

– John Maxwell

STORMWATER ISSUES, MS4 PERMIT QUESTIONS, AND EWMP CONCERNS

During the past several weeks, the City has addressed an increasing number of inquiries related to stormwater issues, MS4 Permit questions, and concerns regarding the costs associated with implementation of our Enhanced Watershed Management Program (EWMP). In an effort to better articulate the issues at hand, staff recently developed an MS4 Permit / EWMP overview fact sheet, which is included below for your review and reference. In addition, we plan on providing a presentation regarding this matter at one of our upcoming City Council meetings in March 2016. Also, if you would like more information please go to

<http://www.cityofmonrovia.org/publicworks/page/stormwater-management>.

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CITY OF MONROVIA MS4 PERMIT / EWMP OVERVIEW

- Stormwater regulations are managed by the State Water Resources Control Board.
- Regulations are adopted by each county in California through a municipal stormwater permit called the MS4 Permit.
 - The MS4 Permit both prohibits and requires the following:
 1. Elimination of non-stormwater discharges.
 2. Implementation of best management practices (BMPs) to prevent / minimize stormwater pollution.
 3. Enforcement of pollutant limits through the establishment of Total Maximum Daily Loads (TMDLs) for 33 specific pollutants. A TMDL establishes the maximum amount of a pollutant that a waterbody can receive and still meet water quality standards.
- The MS4 Permit for Los Angeles County (established by Order No. R4-2012-0175) is the regulatory mechanism that mandates the development and adoption of either a Watershed Management Program (WMP) or an Enhanced Watershed Management Program (EWMP).
 - WMPs and EWMPs outline specific projects / initiatives that need to be implemented in order to ensure that stormwater discharges do not exceed the TMDLs established in the MS4 Permit.
- The MS4 Permit for Los Angeles County has been in effect since December 28, 2012.
- Monrovia is part of the Rio Hondo / San Gabriel River Watershed, which decided to pursue compliance with the MS4 Permit through development of an EWMP.
 - Member agencies include the cities of Arcadia, Azusa, Bradbury, Duarte, Monrovia, and Sierra Madre, along with the County of Los Angeles and the Los Angeles County Flood Control District.
- Monrovia's EWMP Group has put together an overall plan to comply with the provisions of the MS4 Permit.
- The total estimated compliance cost for our EWMP Group is \$1.4 billion.
 - Monrovia's share of that cost is \$231.1 million.
 - Throughout all of Los Angeles County, MS4 Compliance costs are estimated at \$20 billion.

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MS4 Permit / EWMP Overview Document
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- Based on our EWMP, the projects Monrovia would be responsible for include the following:
 - **Completing construction of 68 lane miles of Green Streets by 2028**
 - Estimated Capital Cost: \$174.385 million
 - Estimated Ongoing Annual O&M Cost: \$1,743,856 / year
 - **Completing construction of the Recreation Park Project by 2020**
 - Estimated Capital Cost: \$10.251 million
 - Estimated Ongoing Annual O&M Cost: \$125,205 / year
 - **Completing construction of the Royal Oaks Trail Project by 2023**
 - Monrovia's Share of Estimated Capital Cost: \$16.278 million
 - Monrovia's Share of Estimated Ongoing Annual O&M Cost: \$153,251 / year
 - **Completing construction of the Eisenhower Park Project by 2024**
 - Monrovia's Share of Estimated Capital Cost: \$6.813 million
 - Monrovia's Share of Estimated Ongoing Annual O&M Cost: \$83,372 / year
 - **Completing construction of the Lucinda Garcia Park Project 2024**
 - Estimated Capital Cost: \$23.323 million
 - Estimated Ongoing Annual O&M Cost: \$285,270 / year
- **The total financial obligation for Monrovia to implement the proposed EWMP is \$231.1 million.**
 - **The estimated annual ongoing maintenance costs associated with Monrovia's EWMP projects are estimated at \$3.1 million / year.**
- Based on the current mandated implementation schedule, we are required to have our first project completed in four years by 2020, and all of the identified projects would need to be implemented by 2028.
- At this point in time, we have no identified funding source for either the capital costs or the ongoing maintenance costs associated with these projects.

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S&P PROVIDES CITY WITH AN ENHANCED "AA-" BOND RATING!

Last week, staff met with Standard & Poor (S&P) on a bond rating conference call to discuss our bond issuances for the Monrovia Renewal project. There are two separate transactions that we are coordinating, including Lease Revenue Bonds secured with our Measure R / Proposition C funds, and Revenue Bonds secured with our water and sewer funds.

For every refinance or bond deal conducted, the financial rating agencies, like S&P, will review the overall fiscal health of the City, along with explicit details related to the proposed transaction, to provide an overall bond rating for each deal. The better the bond rating received by the City, the better the interest rates that we will receive from the financial markets. And the better the interest rates we receive, the more money that we ultimately save.

In a bit of outstanding news, after conducting their most recent financial review with City staff and our underwriters, S&P this past week determined that the City's bond rating for our most recent financing has increased to AA-! For comparative purposes, the prior S&P review of our tax allocation bond (TAB) refinancing in November 2015 resulted in an A stable rating (which is a upper medium grade investment security). Our new S&P rating of AA- for our current Monrovia Renewal bond issuance is a double-level ratings upgrade that enhanced our creditworthiness to a high grade investment!

This is a terrific accomplishment for the City, and our entire community should be proud of this achievement! It wasn't that long ago that securities from the City were considered lower medium grade investments in the BBB- to BBB+ range... kudos to all those involved – **especially the staff in our Administrative Services Department** – for managing Monrovia's finances in such a superb manner!

Also, for further insight and clarification, an overview ratings chart which explains the different credit rating as determined by S&P has been developed by staff for your review and consideration below:

S&P Ratings Guide		
Rating	Rating Description	
AAA	Prime	
AA+	High Grade	Investment Grade
AA		
AA-		
A+	Upper Medium Grade	
A		
A-		
BBB+	Lower Medium Grade	
BBB		
BBB-		
BB+	Non-Investment Speculative Grade	Non-Investment Grade (aka, High Yield Bonds or Junk Bonds)
BB		
BB-		

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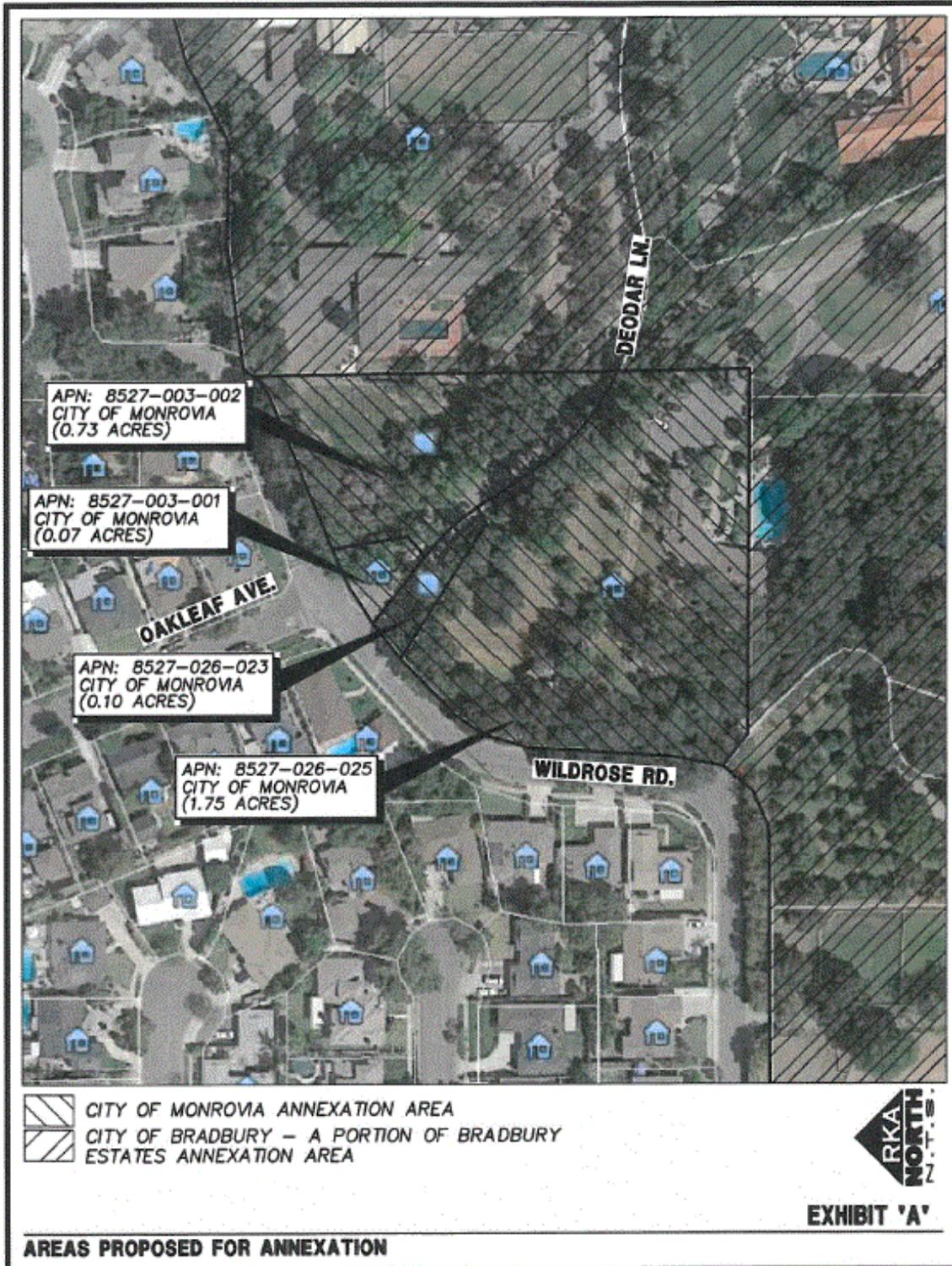
B+		
B	Highly Speculative	
B-		
CCC+	Substantial Risks	
CCC	Extremely Speculative	
CCC-		
CC	Default Imminent with Little Prospect for Recovery	
C		
D	In Default	

DISCUSSIONS WITH BRADBURY REGARDING ANNEXATION OF FOUR PARCELS

Last week, staff had discussions with representatives from the City of Bradbury regarding a potential project. It appears that there are four parcels of property that total 2.65 acres of land located within the City of Monrovia that are also under the jurisdiction of the Bradbury Estates Community Services District (BECSD). The parcels in question are located on the eastern edge of the City off of Wildrose Avenue near Deodar Lane (see attached map below), and include the following:

- A vacant 0.73 acre residentially zoned parcel (APN 8527-003-002)
- A 0.07 acre parcel (APN 8527-003-001) owned by the Bradbury Estates Association that houses the guard house entrance to Bradbury Estates
- A 0.10 acre vacant sliver parcel (APN 8527-026-023) owned by the Bradbury Estates Association
- A 1.75 acre parcel (APN 8527-026-025) that houses a developed residential estate

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Representatives from the City of Bradbury have asked that staff work with them in determining if those four parcels could be annexed out of Monrovia and into Bradbury. We are assessing the issues at hand involved with such an annexation, including any financial impacts to Monrovia, and will be certain to keep everyone apprised of our progress.

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COUNCIL MEMBER CRUDGINGTON REQUESTS OPPORTUNITY TO SERVE AS SGVCOG ALTERNATE, COUNCIL MEMBER BLACKBURN CONSENTS

Last week, Council Member Crudginton was asked to join a working committee made up of elected officials from several different San Gabriel Valley cities to address water quality related matters. Given that request, and given the responsibilities she would have as a member of that committee, it made sense for Council Member Crudginton to consider serving as the City's alternate to the San Gabriel Valley Council of Governments (SGVCOG). Council Member Shevlin is our current delegate to the SGVCOG.

Currently, the City's alternate to the SGVCOG has been designated as Council Member Blackburn, who indicated that he would be glad to vacate the assignment to allow Council Member Crudginton an opportunity to get more involved in regional water affairs. We plan on bringing this item to the City Council at our next meeting to formalize the transition, pending concurrence from the rest of the City Council. Also, on a related note, all current City Council assignments will be expiring effective May 31, 2016. Given that pending transition, we plan on coordinating a review of assignments at one of our City Council meetings in May 2016.

SGV COG STRATEGIC PLAN MEETING UPDATE

Last Thursday, February 18, 2016, the San Gabriel Valley Council of Governments (SGVCOG) coordinated a meeting to discuss work priorities for the regional body, which is made up of members from 31 cities, two LA County Supervisorial Districts, and three water districts. Monrovia was represented by Council Member Shevlin and Council Member Crudginton, who attended the meeting along with City staff. The discussion was important, as some in the SGVCOG have argued for that the organization should play an expanded regional role by expending resources and energy to start undertaking the construction of regional projects and to serve a legislative lobbying group. However, based on feedback that the membership provided to the Governing Board of the SGVCOG, the general membership did not support the idea of having the organization expand its operation, unless a compelling project and argument can be made regarding specific initiatives. Based on the feedback provided at the meeting, the membership of the SGVCOG identified the following key priorities for the organization moving forward:

- A continued focus on identifying funding for regional transportation initiatives
- Coordinating public education efforts regarding stormwater (WMP / EWMP) issues
- Developing ways to connect LA County funding for homeless initiatives to service providers in the San Gabriel Valley

Staff will continue monitoring the efforts of the SGVCOG, and we will be certain to provide updates and additional information as those details become available.

GOLD LINE SET TO OPEN ON MARCH 5, 2016 – FULL SLATE OF ACTIVITIES PLANNED TO CELEBRATE THE OCCASION!

It's almost here – the official opening of the Gold Line Foothill Extension! Make sure you mark your calendars for March 5, 2016, for what will be a full day of fun and celebration as the Gold Line opens in Monrovia!

We are encouraging everyone in the community to come on out and help us celebrate the opening of Monrovia's very own Gold Line Station! The City, in coordination with Metro, has developed a Monrovia Station Square Community event (located at 1651 South Primrose Avenue) to commemorate the arrival of the Gold Line on March 5, 2016, from 11:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m.!

The festivities will begin with the City Council officially opening our very own Monrovia Gold Line Station with a ribbon cutting ceremony set to take place at 11:30 a.m. located adjacent to the Gold Line train platform. After that ceremony, the Gold Line will be officially open to the public – and will run free of charge all day long – beginning at 12:00 p.m.

To help connect the rest of the community to the event, the City will also be providing free shuttle rides all day between Old Town Monrovia and Station Square!

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Other activities will be planned at Station Square throughout the day to celebrate the opening of the Monrovia Gold Line Station, including entertainment, crafts, vendor & food booths, and free trackless train rides for the kids! Make sure to come out and join us as we **Rediscover Gold** on March 5, 2016! An overview of the events that are planned at Station Square throughout the day include:

Station Square Event Activities On March 5, 2016 (11:00 a.m. – 4:00 p.m.)

- **11:00 a.m. – 4:00 p.m.** – Music, crafts, active games, vendor booths, giveaways, food, trackless train rides, and fun for the whole family! Also note... the City will be providing free shuttle service transportation between Old Town Monrovia and Station Square all day long!
- **11:00 a.m. – 11:30 a.m.** – Music, crafts, games, and entertainment.
- **11:30 a.m. – 12:00 p.m. (approximate)** – Ribbon Cutting Ceremony celebrating the opening of the Monrovia Gold Line Station.
- **12:00 p.m.** – Live entertainment begins by the band, **Person to Person**

Be sure to come on out and join the community as we celebrate the arrival of the Gold Line on March 5, 2016!

**Rediscover Gold on March 5
with the City of Monrovia.**

**CELEBRATE THE GRAND OPENING OF
METRO'S GOLD LINE FOOTHILL EXTENSION.**

Opening Ceremony March 5, 2016 at 10am Duarte/City of Hope Station 1777 E Duarte Rd Duarte, CA 91010	Monrovia Station Party March 5, 2016 from 11am – 4pm Monrovia Station 1651 S Primrose Ave Monrovia, CA 91016
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> Live music and entertainment
> Local businesses and food trucks

Sierra Madre Villa
Arcadia
Monrovia
Duarte/
City of Hope
Irwindale
Azusa
Downtown
APU/
Citrus College

M Metro 

This ride's on us – enjoy free rides on the Metro Gold Line on March 5 from 12pm to midnight only.

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THE BOOKMARK CONTEST IS BACK!!!

Back by popular demand! In conjunction with the City of Monrovia, the Friends of the Monrovia Public Library are proud to present the popular Bookmark Contest once again this year! Those interested in participating by designing their own bookmark can visit the Monrovia Library or call (626) 932-5555, ext. 3124, for additional information. All submittals are due by Saturday, April 16, 2016, and winners will be notified by April 29, 2016. Each selected bookmark design winner will receive copies of their design made into a bookmark, and in addition, the winning bookmarks will on display for the public to enjoy! A copy of the entry form is also included below!



City of Monrovia
Public Services Department

Monrovia Public Library





Read
for the
WIN

Sponsored by
Friends of the Monrovia Public Library
Children, Teen and Adult

2016 Bookmark Contest

Use your imagination and create a one-of-a-kind bookmark!

Use the blank box to the right and design a bookmark for the library. Choose one or more of the following mediums to create your bookmark: Pen, pencil, crayons, markers, paint, or paper. Contest participants are encouraged to create a bookmark with the upcoming 2016 Summer Reading sports theme "Read For the Win" or to promote books, reading and/or the Library.

- Bookmark Contest entries are to be submitted to the Monrovia Public Library by Saturday, April 16, 2016. You can mail or hand deliver your entry to the address below.
- Judging will be according to age categories.
- Winners will be notified by April 29, 2016.
- Winning entries will be reproduced as bookmarks by the Friends of the Monrovia Public Library and will be distributed to the community during the 2016 Summer Reading Program.
- All children and teen entries must have parent or guardian signature as approval for the bookmark artwork to be submitted into the Bookmark Contest, and to agree that the bookmark artwork will become the property of the Friends of the Monrovia Public Library.

Artist's Name: _____

Address: _____

City, Zip Code: _____

Phone: () _____

Email: _____

If under 18, age: _____

If under 18, Parent or Guardian's Name: _____

Parent or Guardian's Signature: _____

321 S. Myrtle Avenue, Monrovia, CA 91016
(626) 932-5555 ext. 3124
www.friendsofmonroviapubliclibrary.org
Purchase Donate Join Volunteer

Bookmark Title: _____

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FIRE DEPARTMENT PERSONNEL RESPOND TO A STRUCTURE FIRE AND "SAVE" THE DAY

On Saturday, February 20, 2016, at 5:05 a.m., the Monrovia Fire Department responded to a bathroom attic fire at 1020 South Mountain Avenue, Space 25. Our Fire Department personnel extinguished the flames quickly and engaged in expert salvage and overhaul processes. However, based on the damage caused by the fire, the bathroom was unusable and the residents living at the facility were left without power. Given the situation, our Fire Department personnel worked through the process of issuing a Supplying Aid to Victims of Emergency – or SAVE – gift card to help the resident during a time of need. Kudos to Division Chief Pelham, Captain Morton, and the entire Fire Department team for performing a terrific "save!"

HAMBY PARK SEWER UPGRADES PROGRESSING WELL

Just a quick note to let everyone know that this last week, the first phase of the Hamby Park sewer upgrade project – located at the southern end of the facility – was completed. The second phase of the project, located at the northern end of the complex, will begin within the next week or two. Weather permitting, we expect all of the work to be completed within the next month and are excited to be able to complete another infrastructure improvement project here in town!

LIBRARY MURAL CREATION SET TO BEGIN NEXT WEEK!

On Monday, February 22, 2016, artist Mike Stilkey began creating a mural in the youth section of the Library. If you have time to stop by, please visit the Library to see Mr. Stilkey creating a mural on a stack of approximately 3,000 books in the alcove of the hallway leading to the children's room. The work is expected to take two weeks to complete, and when the art is completed, patrons of the Library will be able to enjoy a whimsical mural of Monrovia-area animals painted on the spines of the stacked books. Everyone is welcome to watch the artist engage in the process of creation, and the City does hope that you will stop by to share in this unique and exciting experience!



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ATTICA LOCKE, AWARD WINNING ARTIST AND TELEVISION WRITER FOR THE TV SHOW *EMPIRE*, SET TO VISIT WITH THE PUBLIC ON SATURDAY, APRIL 16, 2016 AT THE MONROVIA PUBLIC LIBRARY

On Saturday, April 16, 2016, at 2:00 p.m., everyone is invited to meet with author Attica Locke, as she plans to spend time discussing with the public her third novel, *Pleasantville*. Ms. Locke's first novel, *Black Water Rising*, was nominated for a 2010 Edgar Award, an NAACP Image Award, as well as a Los Angeles Times Book Prize. It was also shortlisted for the prestigious Orange Prize in the United Kingdom, which is now known as the Baileys Women's Prize for Fiction.

A graduate of Northwestern University, Ms. Locke was a fellow at the Sundance Institute's Feature Filmmakers Lab, and she has also written scripts for Paramount, Warner Bros., Disney, Twentieth Century Fox, Jerry Bruckheimer Films, HBO, and DreamWorks. Of particular note, Ms. Locke has recently been known for her work on the television series *Empire*.

RAIN BARREL EVENT A SUCCESS!

On Saturday, February 13, 2016, the Upper San Gabriel Valley Water District hosted a Rain Barrel Give-Away Event at Monrovia High School. Volunteers that participated in the event (see the attached picture) included Monrovia High School cheerleaders and baseball players, and all who were on hand assisted local residents in obtaining rain barrels to help with our ongoing water conservation efforts. Also, of particular note, residents were required to listen to a short presentation from Vector Control on mosquito abatement and rain barrel maintenance before receiving the free water conservation tools. The event was well attended, as over 400 rain barrels were eventually distributed.



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ZIKA VIRUS PUBLIC HEALTH ANNOUNCEMENT

There has been a lot of news lately regarding the Zika Virus, which is a disease spread mostly by mosquito bites. In addition to causing fever, joint pain, rash, red eyes, and muscle pain, if a pregnant woman contracts Zika, her baby may be born with birth defects.

The virus has traditionally only been found primarily in Central / South America, the Caribbean, and Mexico, however, in January 2016, Zika was found for the first time in the United States in someone who had traveled to Central America. Currently, mosquitoes in Los Angeles County do not spread the disease, but awareness and information regarding Zika is important. Attached below is a document that provides additional information regarding Zika, as well as a travel information for those considering a trip to areas of the world where mosquitoes carry the Zika virus.

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Frequently Asked Questions (FAQ)

Zika Virus Disease

1. What Is Zika virus disease?

Zika is a disease caused by a virus (germ) that spreads to people mostly by mosquito bites. It causes illness mainly in people living in areas of Central and South America, the Caribbean, and Mexico. In January 2016, Zika was found for the first time in the United States in someone who traveled to Central America.

2. How does this disease spread?

Zika is spread by a mosquito that can live indoors and can bite anytime, including day or night. This mosquito can be found in LA County, but it does not spread Zika. If you go to an area where Zika is found, avoid mosquito bites while traveling and when you return to LA County. For the most current travel information visit <http://wwwnc.cdc.gov/travel>

3. What are the symptoms?

Symptoms of Zika are fever, joint pain, rash, red eyes and muscle pain. These begin 3–7 days after being bitten by an infected mosquito. For most people, illness is usually mild with symptoms lasting up to a week. Some people who are infected have no symptoms at all. People are rarely hospitalized or die from this disease. See your doctor if you think you or someone from your family has this disease.

4. What is known about Zika during pregnancy?

If a pregnant woman becomes infected with Zika virus, her baby may be born with birth defects. The CDC recommends that pregnant women avoid traveling to areas with Zika and avoid mosquito bites. If you are pregnant and traveled to an area with Zika, call your doctor and talk about your travel, even if you don't have signs of illness. If you are pregnant and your partner traveled to an area with Zika, see your doctor and talk about their travel.

5. How is this disease treated?

There are no medicines to treat this disease and there are no vaccines to prevent it. There are medicines to help with fever and pain.

6. How can you prevent getting this disease?

Avoid mosquito bites, especially when visiting places known to have this disease. Use Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) approved bug spray and wear long-sleeved shirts and long pants or clothing specially treated to avoid mosquito bites.



Key Points:

- Zika spreads to people mostly by mosquito bites. It's found mainly in Central and South America, the Caribbean, and Mexico.
- Avoid mosquito bites if visiting areas known to have this disease.
- Mosquitoes in LA County currently do not spread this disease.
- Pregnant women infected with Zika may be at risk of having a baby with birth defects.
- There is no medicine or vaccine to treat or prevent this disease.

For more information:

Los Angeles County,
Department of Public Health
www.publichealth.lacounty.gov/acd/vee/torZika.htm

Centers for Disease Control and
Prevention (CDC)

<http://www.cdc.gov/zika>

Pan American Health Organization
(PAHO)

http://www.paho.org/hq/index.php?option=com_topics&view=article&id=427&Itemid=41484&lang=en

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WARNING

Zika Virus Disease

Areas of Central and South America, the Caribbean, and Mexico have mosquitoes that can cause Zika virus disease. If you're pregnant, your baby may be born with birth defects if you get infected with Zika.



Traveling South of the United States

	Use Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) approved bug spray when outside.
	Wear long sleeve shirts and pants to avoid mosquito bites.
	Stay or sleep in screened-in or air conditioned rooms.

Returning to the United States

	Check for signs of illness 14 days after you travel.
	If you have fever, joint or muscle pain, rash or red eyes, call your doctor and talk about your travel.
	If you're pregnant, call your doctor and talk about you, or your partner's travel, even if you don't have symptoms.

For the most current travel information visit <http://wwwnc.cdc.gov/travel>

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UPCOMING BLACK HISTORY MONTH EVENTS

Just a reminder that the City has been working during the past several weeks with the Monrovia-Duarte Black Alumni Association to develop and promote programs and events celebrating Black History Month in February 2016. Based on that work, the theme of this year's recognition has been, *Hallowed Ground: Sites of African-American Memories*. An overview of all of the events planned are outlined in the calendar attached to this email, and of particular note, there will be activities celebrating Black History Month occurring nearly every single day in February 2016.

Key Black History Month activities include:

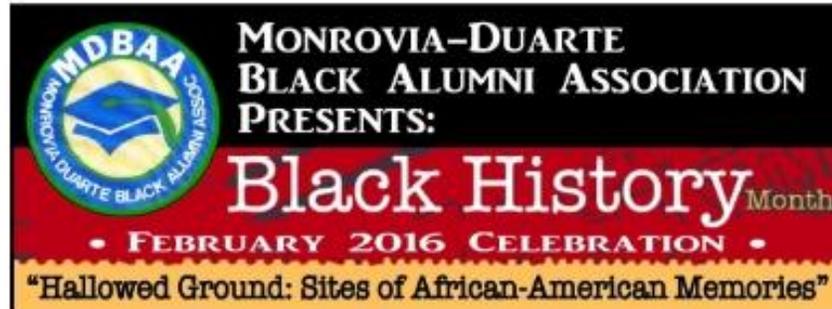
- The Canyon Park Nature Center will be executing a program to remind visitors that the Buffalo Soldiers were among the first National Park Rangers. The photo attached below was taken in 1899 and illustrates the Buffalo Soldiers of the 24th Infantry carrying out mounted park ranger patrols in Yosemite National Park.



- Canyon Park will be celebrating the memory of Carol Nelson, who in 1975 was named the first female African-American National Park Ranger.
- Storytelling activities coordinated in partnership with the Library and the School District will be occurring throughout February 2016 at schools in Monrovia.
- An art festival for elementary students focused on the theme, *Hallowed Ground: Sites of African-American Memories*. All of the art produced from the program will be displayed at the Monrovia Community Center.
- Youth sports participants will be participating in discussions about key African American figures such as President Barack Obama, Jackie Joyner Percy, Maya Angelou, Martin Luther King Jr., W.E.B Du Bois, and Harriet Tubman as part of the sports program during the month of February 2016.
- All throughout the month of February 2016, the Monrovia Public Library will be displaying books, music, and movies created by, inspired by, or taught by African-Americans.

We are looking forward to participating in all of the events planned throughout the month!

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February 2016						
Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
	1	2	3 FAMILY MOVIE NIGHT - 3:30-8PM "REMEMBER THE TITANS" Santa Fe Middle School Cafeteria	4	5	6
7	8 HOLIDAY	9 Black History Reads Wild Rose	10 Black History Reads Wild Rose	11 Black History Reads Bradoaks FAMILY MOVIE NIGHT: 6:30- 8PM "REMEMBER THE TITANS" Clifton Middle School Cafeteria	12 Black History Reads Bradoaks	13 Elementary School Arts Festival 3:30-5:30 PM Monroe Elementary School Cafeteria
14	15 HOLIDAY	16 Black History Reads Plymouth	17 Black History Reads Plymouth Tween and Teens Movie and Discussion The Underground Railroad, 2:00-4:00PM Monrovia Public Library	18 New Buffalo Soldiers 9:00-9:45AM Clifton Middle School Cafeteria New Buffalo Soldiers 11:30AM-12:15PM Santa Fe Middle School Cafeteria	19	20 "Race for your life Charlie Brown" - Movie 1:00-3:00pm Guest Speaker: Harriet Glickman, the inspiration for the African American character Franklin Armstrong Monrovia Public Library
21	22 Artist In Residence: Hope Demetriades Monrovia High School	23 Black History Reads Mayflower Artist In Residence: Hope Demetriades Monrovia High School	24 Black History Reads Mayflower Artist In Residence: Hope Demetriades Monrovia High School	25 Black History Reads Monroe Artist In Residence: Hope Demetriades Monrovia High School	26 Black History Reads Monroe Artist In Residence: Hope Demetriades Monrovia High School	27 Storytelling In the Library 2:00-3:00pm Monrovia Public Library, 321 S. Myrtle Ave, Monrovia
28 ANNUAL BLACK HISTORY LUNCHEON 2:00-5:30pm 119 W. Palm Ave, Monrovia; Soul Food Lunch \$15.00 Entertainment/Door Prizes/Raffle	29	Notes:				

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CITY FLAGS FLOWN AT HALF STAFF PURSUANT TO PRESIDENTIAL PROCLAMATION

Last week, by order of the President of the United States, all flags at City facilities were flown at half-staff honoring the passing of former Supreme Court Justice, Antonin Scalia. For more information on the Presidential Proclamation regarding the order, please click on the hyperlink listed below:

<https://www.whitehouse.gov/the-press-office/2016/02/13/presidential-proclamation-death-antonin-scalia>

FREE ENERGY ASSESSMENT SCREENING AVAILABLE FOR MONROVIA RESIDENTS

One of the programs offered through a regional partnership with the San Gabriel Valley Council of Governments to is the Energy Assessment Screening for Your Home, or EASY, program. EASY is a simple and free 30 minute home assessment for residents to learn about ways to save energy in their home. If you have high electricity bills, the EASY program provides a simple and free home assessment that will help identify opportunities to reduce energy usage and costs. With the home assessment, participants will receive customized solutions and project recommendations, as well as information on rebate and financing programs through local utility companies like Southern California Edison (SCE) and Southern California Gas Company (SCG).

The EASY home assessment is voluntary, and anyone interested in taking advantage of the program can do so by visiting the following website:

<http://easycivicspark.appointy.com/>

WASHINGTON, D.C. UPDATE FROM TURCH AND ASSOCIATES

The latest update from our federal lobbying firm of Turch and Associates has been uploaded to our website for your review and focuses on the FY 2017 Budget, the Supreme Court vacancy left by the passing of Justice Scalia, the disrepair of the nation's bridges, the Internet Tax Freedom Act, the plan to privatize air traffic control operations, and President Obama's final congressional budget request. To access the update, please click on the following hyperlink:

<http://www.cityofmonrovia.org/citymanagersoffice/page/washington-dc-legislative-updates>

ASSEMBLY MEMBER HOLDEN SEEKING NOMINATIONS FOR VETERAN OF THE YEAR, NOMINATIONS DUE MARCH 24, 2016

Assembly Member Holden is seeking nominations to honor the 41st Assembly District's 2016 Veteran of the Year. The program has been developed to honor a Veteran from the 41st District whose community service and work have made a positive impact. The 41st Assembly District includes Altadena, Claremont, La Verne, Monrovia, Pasadena, San Dimas, Sierra Madre, South Pasadena, Upland, and portions of Mt. Baldy and Rancho Cucamonga.

In order to qualify, the Veteran must reside or perform community service within the 41st Assembly District. The Veteran may be nominated by a resident or representative from a school, private and non-profit organization, municipality, chamber of commerce, and/or any other organization within the 41st Assembly District (no self-nominations please). One Veteran will be selected and recognized in Sacramento at a recognition ceremony in June 2016.

Please think about a Veteran who is positively contributing to the community. Then, please complete and submit the attached nomination form before March 24, 2016. For more information, please contact Matthew Lyons at Matthew.Lyons@asm.ca.gov / (909) 624-7876.

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ASSEMBLYMEMBER
Chris Holden
DISTRICT 41

Invites Nominations for

VETERAN OF THE YEAR 2016



Our military men and women have always been our country's strength, our backbone, and our honor. Assemblymember Chris Holden will be honoring a Veteran from the 41st Assembly District whose service & work have made a positive impact in the 41st Assembly District and our country.

NOMINATION DEADLINE: MARCH 24, 2016

- The recognition ceremony will be held in June 2016, in Sacramento.
- The Veteran must reside or perform community service within the 41st Assembly District, which includes: Altadena, Claremont, La Verne, Monrovia, Pasadena, San Dimas, Sierra Madre, South Pasadena, Upland, and portions of Mt. Baldy and Rancho Cucamonga.
- The Veteran may be nominated by a resident or representative from a school, private and non-profit organization, municipality, chamber of commerce, and/or any other organization within the 41st Assembly District.
- A completed Nomination Form must be submitted by the deadline. No self-nominations.
- For more info contact Matthew Lyons at Matthew.Lyons@asm.ca.gov or 909-624-7876.

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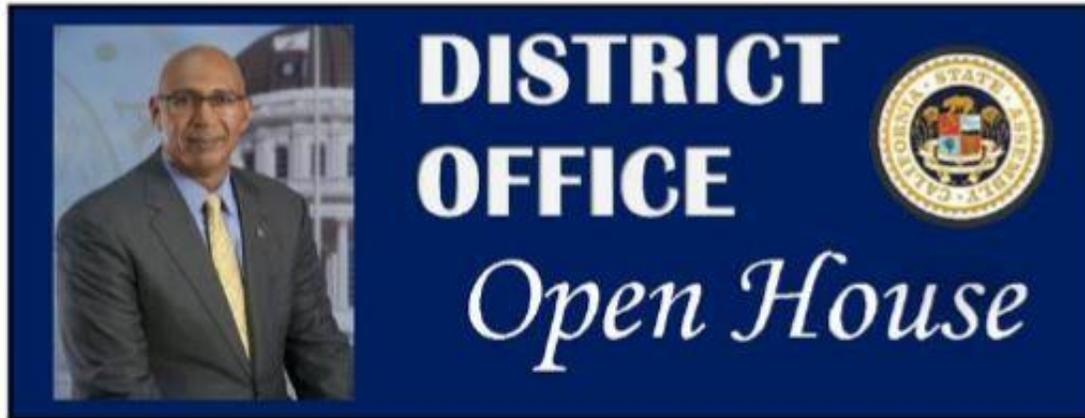
Assemblymember Chris Holden, 41st Assembly District 2016 Veteran of the Year Award Nomination Form

Nominee Information:					
Name:					
Military Branch					
Address:					
City:		State:	CA	Zip:	
Phone:		Email:			
Submitted by:					
Name:					
Organization:					
Phone:		Email:			
Describe your Nominee:					
What was your nominee's period of service (m/yr/-m/yr)					
What was the rank at time of discharge?					
Did your nominee receive any medals or honors while in the service?					
Where did your nominee serve while in the service?					
Was your nominee injured or wounded while in the service?					
What has your nominee been doing since being discharged from the service?					
Does your honoree belong to any veteran's organizations, such as the VFW, American Legion, AMVETS, etc?					
Please provide any further information you feel would make your nominee an excellent candidate for our Veteran of the Year award - i.e. contributions to the veteran community or volunteer work. (Please feel free to include separate sheets of paper if necessary).					
Criteria:					
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Must be a Veteran who resides or performs community service within the 41st Assembly District: http://findyourrep.legislature.ca.gov/ • May be nominated by a resident or representative from a school, private and non-profit organization, municipality, chamber of commerce, and/or any other organization within the 41st Assembly District. No self-nominations. • Any questions, contact Matthew Lyons at Matthew.Lyons@asm.ca.gov or 909-624-7876. 					
March 24, 2016 – Nomination Deadline					
Please submit completed nomination form to: Assemblymember Chris Holden, Attn: Veteran of the Year Award					
<u>Email</u>		<u>Fax</u>		<u>Mail</u>	
Matthew.Lyons@asm.ca.gov		626-351-6176		600 N Rosemead Blvd, #117 Pasadena, CA 91107	

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ASSEMBLY MEMBER CHRIS HOLDEN SET TO HOST AN OPEN HOUSE ON THURSDAY, MARCH 3, 2016 FROM 4:30 P.M. TO 6:30 P.M.

Assembly Member Holden's office will be hosting an open house event on Thursday, March 3, 2016, from 4:30 p.m. – 6:30 p.m. in their office located at 600 North Rosemead Boulevard, Suite 117, Pasadena. At the event, there will be a special announcement featuring Assembly Member Holden's woman of distinction. Please see the attached invitation for additional event details.



ASSEMBLYMEMBER CHRIS HOLDEN

*Invites you to the 41st Assembly District Open House
With a special announcement featuring the District's Women of Distinction*

Thursday, March 3, 2016

4:30-6:30 p.m.

Program at 5:30 p.m.

***600 N. Rosemead Blvd.,
Suite 117
Pasadena, CA 91107***

***Come discuss legislative and
community issues with
your neighbors!***

***RSVP by Friday, February 26th
(626) 351-1917 or
www.asmdc.org/holden***



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POLICE DEPARTMENT SEMI-WEEKLY NEIGHBORHOOD WATCH REPORT

The most recent Police Department semi-weekly neighborhood watch report for the period February 15 – 17, 2016 has been uploaded to our website at the link below for your review and reference. During the past seven-day period, the Monrovia Police Department handled 357 service events, resulting in 63 total investigations. To access the full report, please click on the following link:

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

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

Best regards,
Oliver

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City Manager

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