

City Manager's Update

Tuesday, July 5, 2016

Hello everyone, I do hope you all had a terrific 4th of July weekend!

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

May we think of freedom not as the right to do as we please, but as the opportunity to do what is right.
– Peter Marshall

BRADBURY LAW ENFORCEMENT SERVICES UPDATE

On June 28, 2016, Police Chief Hunt participated in a special meeting with the Bradbury City Council to address additional questions regarding the possibility of having Monrovia assume oversight for law enforcement services in Bradbury. As you may recall, earlier this year, Bradbury requested that Monrovia provide a proposal for providing police services for their community. Bradbury has been considering alternative ways of providing law enforcement services, which they currently handle through a contract with the Los Angeles County Sheriff's Department. Given their current review process, Bradbury is weighing competing options that have been put forth by the Sheriff's Department and by Monrovia.

Subsequent to the special meeting, staff received additional feedback from Bradbury representatives that Police Chief Hunt's presentation was very well received. However, the Bradbury City Council requested that their staff conduct some additional research to compare the costs associated with the proposals submitted by the Sheriff's Department and Monrovia, and moving forward, it appears that Bradbury will be re-agendizing this matter for review at the next meeting of their city council. We will of course be certain to keep everyone informed as to the status of this matter moving forward.

RAW INSPIRATION STARTING WORK ON STREET FAIR TRANSITION

Last week, we had several meetings with representatives from Raw Inspiration regarding the transition process for management of our Street Fair. Staff has been tremendously impressed with the diligence, professionalism, and capability of the staff from Raw Inspiration and we are feeling optimistic that significant improvements can be made moving forward.

To that end, Raw Inspiration is on track to take over management of the Street Fair on August 19, 2016. **However, in all of their marketing materials, they are planning on identifying September 2, 2016, as the date when all of the changes / upgrades to the event will actually be put in place.** They plan on utilizing August 19, 2016 and August 26, 2016, as a soft opening trial period, and based on the plans that have been developed, September 2, 2016 is when they are expecting to be ready with all of the improvements they have been coordinating.

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With regard to improvements to the Street Fair, some of the activities that Raw Inspiration has been engaged in since they were approved as the new operator include:

- Hired an electrical company to develop an overall electrical plan for the Street Fair
- Developed a revised, more focused layout for the Street Fair
- Identified new lighting mechanisms / requirements for vendors
- Identified several new vendors for the Street Fair, including new farmers, purveyors of other specialty food products (fresh meats / fish / eggs / etc.), flower vendors, and artisans
- Created plans to host a Kids Day focused special event every first Friday of every month
- Established mechanisms for the community to vote at the Street Fair for a Monrovia School to win a garden grant of up to \$2,000
- Started outreach in our current Street Fair, as a team of around a dozen employees from Raw Inspiration were out in a coordinated fashion meeting with vendors on Friday, July 1, 2016
- Created an initial draft marketing flyer (that is currently being revised) for the Street Fair, which has been included as an attachment below for your review and consideration

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**MONROVIA STREET FAIR
& MARKET**

FRIDAYS 5-10 PM MYRTLE AVE. & CHESTNUT

**"COME ENJOY THE
CHARM
OF OLD TOWN MONROVIA"**

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

**KIDS DAY EVERY FIRST FRIDAY!
SPECIAL EVENTS HAPPENING JUST FOR KIDDOS!**

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

BETTER LIGHTING. FOCUSED LAYOUT. FRIENDLY & ACCESSIBLE STAFF!

THE DIFFERENCE BEGINS: SEPTEMBER 2

#MONROVIAFAMILYFAIR

Leading up to August 19, 2016, representatives from Raw Inspiration will be in Monrovia every week and we are coordinating a variety of different meetings in an effort to ensure that the transition is handled in as smooth a manner as possible. We also plan on meeting with the Street Fair Oversight Committee here in the next few weeks to review all of these proposed adjustments. In the interim, please feel free to let me know if you have any questions regarding this matter.

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RECAP OF KEY TAKEAWAYS FROM JOINT MEETING WITH MONROVIA BOARD OF EDUCATION

Last week, the City Council met in a special joint meeting format with the Monrovia Unified School District Board of Education. It was a very productive and positive meeting, and direction that we received from that discussion includes the following items:

- Explore the feasibility of expanding our current School Resources Officer (SRO) Program to include two police officers
- Bring forward for City Council and Board of Education consideration a two-year extension of the existing SRO Program
- Examine mechanisms available to regulate parking at Santa Fe Middle School
- Provide for the City Council and Board of Education a more complete overview / background information regarding the traffic related issues at the intersection of Myrtle Avenue and Duarte Road
- Develop revised plans (including pictures) to address the bio-swale trash and safety concerns at Santa Fe Middle School in a manner that retains the bio-swale
- Develop mechanisms for the School District to participate in CEO Roundtable meetings
- Examine options available to expand the YES Program in partnership between the City and School District
- Begin examining ways in which we might move the 4th of July Fireworks Show to Monrovia High School
- Examine ways to further cement the history of Monrovia through the development of curriculum for Monrovia youth, including an examination of partnerships with the Changemakers Group
- Request that the School District furnish one dinner for the Friday Night Live program at Library Park this summer
- Begin planning efforts for Monrovia Days 2017

GAS COMPANY NOTIFIES THE CITY THAT THEIR LOCAL MONROVIA BRANCH OFFICE WILL BE CLOSING AT SOME POINT AFTER SEPTEMBER 1, 2016

Last week, we received notification that the Southern California Gas Company (SoCalGas) plans on shutting down their local Monrovia branch office at 141 South Myrtle Avenue. It appears that SoCalGas was recently authorized by the California Public Utilities Commission (CPUC) to close the branch payment office in Monrovia due to declining transactions and the high costs of services. In addition, SoCalGas reported that the closure was also due to the fact that customers are increasingly conducting service transactions online or by phone, instead of in-person.

Based on reports from SoCalGas, they plan closing their local Monrovia office at some point after September 1, 2016.

SoCalGas did commit to providing significant advance warning prior to the closure of the office, and that they would be sure to provide customers with information regarding other ways to make payments and service arrangements. To that end, attached to this email are two documents that SoCalGas provided to the City. The first document outlines their outreach plan, other nearby authorized payment locations, and a weblink and contact number for information about other convenient payment and service options. The second document is a sample branch office closure sign which has not yet been finalized, as

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SoCalGas does not yet have a firm closure date. However, the document does serve to illustrate what the signage to be posted in Monrovia will look like.



Advance Customer Outreach & Education Plan Regarding Monrovia Branch Office Closure

Prior to shuttering the SoCalGas branch office in your community, we will smooth the transition for impacted customers through advance outreach and education. A minimum of 60 days before closure, we will use multiple communications channels to notify customers that the office will be closing. These include:

- Notice/advertisement in local publications
- Direct Mail
- Flyers – including directions to nearby authorized payment locations
- Branch office signage/posters – including directions to nearby authorized payment locations
- Customer contact center
- Voice response unit
- Socalgas.com website

Notices will explain each of SoCalGas' payment and service options and will provide customers with website links and telephone numbers to assist them in learning about the alternative payment and service options at their disposal.

We will make this information available in English, Spanish, Chinese and Tagalog.

In addition, during the first six months after the branch office closure, we will utilize local community based organizations to communicate with affected customers to explain and assist with service alternatives.

As always, customers can visit socalgas.com or contact us at 1-800-427-2200, 24/7, for information about payment and service options.

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MONROVIA BRANCH OFFICE **WILL BE PERMANENTLY CLOSED** **EFFECTIVE Monday, XX/XX/16**

SoCalGas was recently authorized by the California Public Utility Commission (CPUC) to close the Monrovia Branch Office. For your convenience, your bills can be paid at the following locations:

SoCalGas Pasadena Branch Office

9:00 A.M.-5:00 P.M. Monday – Friday

1214 E. Green Street, Pasadena, CA 91106

(Cross St. – Michigan)

Driving direction from Monrovia Br to Pasadena Branch

Start out going south on S Myrtle Ave toward W Palm Ave.

Turn right onto W Huntington Dr.

Merge onto I-210 W/Foothill Fwy W to Pasadena

Take EXIT 27A toward Hill Ave.

Merge onto E Maple St.

Turn left onto N Wilson Ave.

Turn left onto E Green St.

PASADENA BRANCH is on the right.

Estimated Time: 15 minutes

Estimated Distance: 9 miles

AUTHORIZED PAYMENT LOCATIONS:

Monrovia Financial Center

412 W. Foothill Blvd. Monrovia, CA 91016

(Cross street – N. Alta Vista)

9:00 AM – 7:00 PM Monday – Wednesday

9:00 AM – 8:00 PM Thursday

8:30 AM – 8:00 PM Friday

9:00 AM – 6:00 PM Saturday

Driving direction from Monrovia Br to Monrovia Financial Center

Start out going south on S Myrtle Ave.

Turn left onto S Myrtle Ave.

Turn left onto W Foothill Blvd.

MONROVIA FINANCIAL CENTER is on the left

Estimated Time: 2 minutes

Estimated Distance: 0.44 miles

Walmart

1600 Mountain Avenue, Duarte, CA 91010

(Cross Street: Duarte Rd.)

7 a.m.-8 p.m. Daily

Only Cash and PIN-Based debit cards accepted

Driving direction from Monrovia Br to Walmart

Start out going south on S Myrtle Ave toward W Palm Ave.

Turn left onto E Huntington Dr.

Turn right onto S Mountain Ave.

WALMART is on the left

Estimated Time: 5 minutes

Estimated Distance: 2.09 miles



ADA Accessible

Other Payment Options

- To learn about other ways to pay your gas bill, including nearby in-person payment locations, as well as online and phone payment options, please visit our website at www.socalgas.com/pay-bill/ways-to-pay. Or, contact us at 1-800-427-2200.
- For hearing impaired customers, please call 1-800-252-0259.



If you have any questions regarding this matter, please feel free to contact SoCalGas at (800) 427-2200.

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MOTAB BOARD REACHES OUT TO OLD TOWN MERCHANTS

As part of the City Council directed review to assess the responsibilities / authorities of the Monrovia Old Town Advisory Board (MOTAB), staff has been working with the Board to better identify the types of activities that MOTAB should be engaged in. To that end, one of the workplan items that was developed was to have MOTAB Board conduct outreach meetings to all businesses located in the Business Improvement District in an effort to have meaningful discussions with merchants.

We kicked off the outreach meetings last week, and members of staff along with MOTAB Board Members and Council Member Spicer visited with a number of businesses. Topics that were discussed include:

- MOTAB Board Meetings
 - Informing merchants about date and time of the monthly MOTAB Board meetings (second Tuesday, 9:30 a.m. at City Hall), and the value in attending to share ideas, concerns, etc.
 - Find out if they've attended a meeting in the past – and if not, why?
 - Discuss events in Old Town (Street Fair, Music in Old Town, New Year's Eve, Taste of Monrovia, etc.)
 - Asked the merchants if they felt special events Old Town benefited their business

- Infrastructure
 - Asked merchants if there were any infrastructure issues impacting merchant businesses?

- Advertising (Monrovia Weekly, Old Town Kiosk, Social Media)
 - Gathered merchant opinions on newspaper advertising and individual merchant advertisement
 - Worked to determine if the current forms of advertisement were benefitting merchant businesses
 - Shared with merchants the idea of migrating to a social media platform for Old Town Advertisement to ascertain if such a transition would benefit merchants

- Communication
 - Asked merchants what they felt would be the most effective form of communicating and notifying individual businesses regarding road closures, events, infrastructure work, etc.

- Distribute Information
 - Provided each merchant with the new filming guideline publication and provided upcoming City event information

Moving forward, the MOTAB Board will continue outreach efforts until all businesses in the Business Improvement District have been contacted. Once we have completed the business outreach meetings, the results of those discussions will serve as valuable information in determining where the MOTAB should be focused as it relates to their responsibilities / authorities in order to serve the greatest number of merchants in Old Town. We will continue to provide information regarding these efforts as we move forward.

LA COUNTY BOARD OF SUPERVISORS CONSIDER PARK TAX TONIGHT, JULY 5, 2016

The LA County Board of Supervisors (Board), at their July 5, 2016 meeting, will consider the placement of a countywide park tax measure on the November 2016 ballot. Based on the information that was made available to the City, the Board will consider whether to ask voters to enact a \$0.03 / square foot parcel tax or a \$0.015 / square foot parcel tax that would be assessed against usable structures on each parcel (not including parking structures).

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Based on information shared with City staff, it appears that the LA County Department of Parks & Recreation will recommend that the Board place the measure before the voters with a \$0.015 / square foot levy. This recommendation seems to have been influenced by business owners and apartment owners during the past few weeks.

If enacted at the \$0.03 / square foot parcel tax level, an individual who owns a 2,000 square foot house would pay \$60 / year for the park measure. In addition, if enacted at the \$0.015 / square foot parcel tax level, that same individual who owns a 2,000 square foot house would pay \$30 / year for the park measure.

Outside of the debate regarding whether or not an additional park tax should be enacted, as it relates to the measure that has been drafted, staff continues to believe that there are significant problems and concerns how the tax measure is currently drafted. In particular, the proposed park tax measure does not seem to provide an equitable share of revenues raised, and has been structured in such a manner that suburban communities would be paying a disproportionate share of the costs without receiving a fair return for the amount paid.

In Monrovia specifically, we have an estimated 25.47 million square feet of usable structures. If the \$0.03 / square foot parcel tax were enacted, **Monrovia property owners would be paying around \$763,997 / year.** However, as the measure is currently written, **the only funding that would be guaranteed to come back to Monrovia would be \$302,888.**

Furthermore, **if enacted at the \$0.015 / square foot level, Monrovia property owners would be paying around \$381,999, and the only funding that would be guaranteed to come back to Monrovia would be \$151,444.**

This means that regardless of whether the park tax measure is enacted at the \$0.03 / square foot level or at the \$0.015 / square foot level, **Monrovia would only be getting back \$0.40 out of every \$1.00 paid in taxes for use towards Monrovia based parks and open space needs during the 35 years that the tax is in place.**

By comparison, the way the measure is drafted, **Los Angeles County would receive 187% of the funding that property owners in the county will be paying for the next 35 years!**

What this in effect means is that the parks tax measure has been designed to fund enhanced park / open space projects in Los Angeles County areas, which will be paid for by suburban communities like Monrovia.

We have voiced our concerns regarding the measure to the Board, and we will continue to monitor this matter moving forward. Should the Board place the item before the voters in November 2016, the tax measure will require ²/₃ voter approval in order to pass.

DANIEL STERN'S OLD TOWN ART PIECES NEARING COMPLETION, PUBLIC WORKS DEPARTMENT COORDINATING THE INSTALLATION PROCESS, UNVEILING ANTICIPATED TO BE READY IN AUGUST 2016

Just a quick note to let everyone know that the art pieces that were commissioned for installation on the east side of 400 block of Myrtle Avenue near the Krikorian Theatre is nearing completion! Based on the progress that has been made to date, we expect the artwork to be ready for unveiling in August 2016.

The life-sized sculpture is comprised of three life-sized pieces, including an old fashioned movie director, a free standing movie camera and a tall director's chair. The director's chair is designed to be interactive and you will actually be able to sit in it and have your picture taken. Furthermore, the art has movement, whimsy and ties into the history and present of the City, as the Art in Public Places Committee recommended that The Monrovia Feature Film Company and The Argonauts of

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FRIDAY NIGHT LIVE TEEN SCENE SUMMER PROGRAM SET TO LAUNCH ON JULY 8, 2016 AT 5:30 P.M.

This year's Friday Night Live Teen Scene program will kick off, this Friday, July 8, 2016, at Library Park, and will run for 8 weeks through August 26, 2016. And, as the attached flyer outlines, this free program is available to all youth in the community!

As part of the program, every Friday, the program will kick off at 5:30 p.m. starting with a Leadership Academy program element. Additional program elements include volunteer opportunities, free food, prizes, and fun activities for our teens. In addition, those youth who are dedicated participants in the Leadership Academy will have an opportunity to receive a \$100 stipend at the end of the 8 week series! Many thanks to the City of Duarte, our partner in the Friday Night Live Teen Scene program, for providing the stipend funds.

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Each week, the Friday Night Live Teen Scene Program will start at 5:30 p.m. with the Leadership Academy. At the conclusion of the one hour class, the Leadership Academy participants will then set up activities for the remainder of the evening. Friday Night Live Teen Scene activities will then begin again at 7:00 p.m., and each Friday evening, dinner will be provided through donations made by our generous community partners.

An addition program element that has been coordinated this year is to highlight youth bands in by providing live music opportunities from 7:00 p.m. – 8:00 p.m. Then, while the bands play, our youth can participate in foosball, billiards, ping pong, basketball, air hockey, arts & crafts hosted by MAFA, or play a board game. The evening will conclude with a DJ playing today's hits, while we host a dance competition with prizes being given out for the best dancer!

We hope to see you out there at this year's Friday Night Live Teen Scene Summer Program!

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A vibrant poster for a summer event for teens. The background is a gradient of purple and blue, overlaid with stylized, colorful geometric shapes like circles and lines in shades of orange, yellow, and grey. The text is in a bold, blocky, pixelated font. The main title 'TEENS' is the largest and most prominent. Below it, the activities listed are 'FOOD, COMMUNITY, CONNECTION, ART, LEADERSHIP, DJ, GAMES'. The dates and times are enclosed in a white-bordered box. At the bottom, it says 'OFFERED IN PARTNERSHIP WITH COMMUNITY MEMBERS,'.

SUMMER SCENE FOR
TEENS
6th - 12th Grade

FOOD, COMMUNITY, CONNECTION,
ART, LEADERSHIP, DJ, GAMES

FRIDAY NIGHTS, JULY 8 - AUGUST 26
7:00 - 9:30 P.M.
LIBRARY PARK, MONROVIA

OFFERED IN PARTNERSHIP WITH COMMUNITY MEMBERS,

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CANYON PARK NIGHT HIKE EVENT ORIGINALLY SCHEDULED FOR JUNE 30, 2016 WAS CANCELED DUE TO FIRE DANGER CONCERNS, ADDITIONAL HIKE OPPORTUNITIES COMING UP ON JULY 28, 2016, AND AUGUST 11, 2016

In light of the recent fires, the Canyon Park Night Hike Event that was originally scheduled for June 30, 2016 was canceled. However, we do still have two more Night Hike Event opportunities, which are currently scheduled to take place on July 28, 2016, and August 11, 2016. Hikes on both nights will last from 6:00 p.m. – 9:00 p.m., and for more information please contact Canyon Park at (626) 256-8281.

LIBRARY FAMILY DANCE PARTY AT STATION SQUARE EVERY THURSDAY EVENING FROM NOW THROUGH JULY 28, 2016, AT 6:00 P.M.

Every Thursday evening from now through July 28, 2016, the Library will be hosting a family dance party at 6:00 p.m.! As the attached pictures illustrate, families are encouraged to jump, hop, and sing their way throughout Station Square Park to enjoy stories, songs, and movement! This weekly event is FREE and open to all wiggleworms! We hope to see you down at Station Square on Thursday evenings!



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REPAIRS TO LOCAL BRIDGE RAILING COMPLETE... THANK YOU SOCIAL MEDIA!

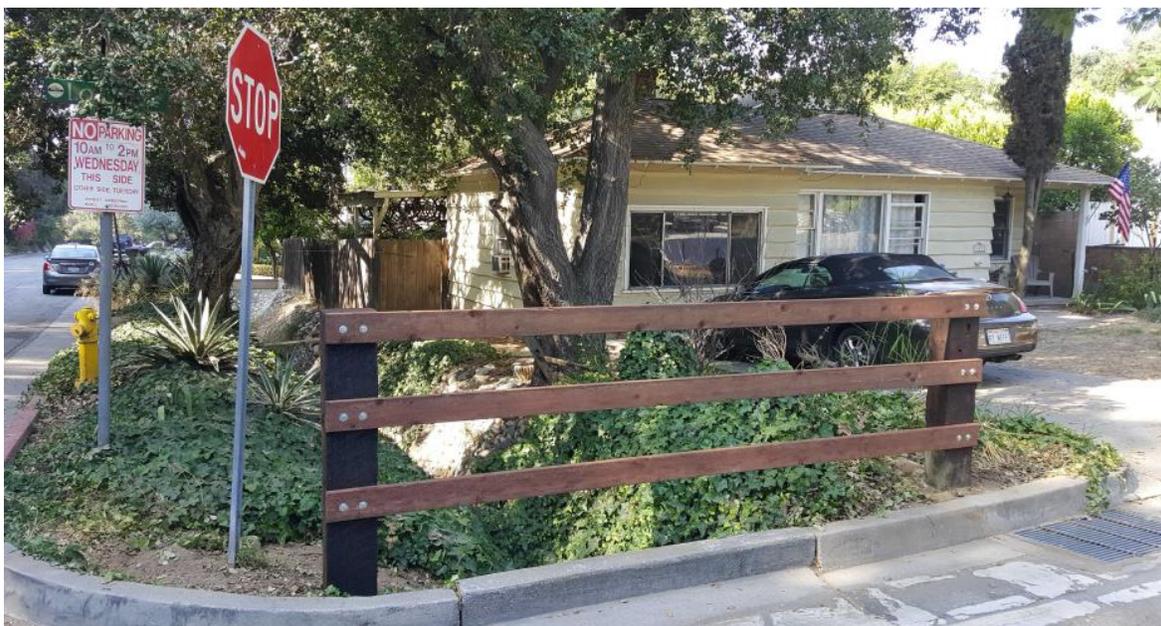
Last month, an active member of our social media community informed the City that a bridge railing located at the intersection of Cloverleaf Drive / Lotone Street was damaged. Based on the report that was received, City personnel scheduled the job for repair, and as the photos attached to this email illustrate... our crews did a terrific job of repairing the railing at the location! Many thanks to our staff and to our social media community for the part they played in making sure this important repair work was completed!

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This is rotten, wobbly, dangerous and very unsightly! How do we get the city to do something about it?



Before



After

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SOUTHERN CALIFORNIA GAS COMPANY ISSUES LETTER REGARDING THEIR EFFORTS DURING THE HEAT WAVE

Last week, the Southern California Gas Company (SoCalGas) Public Affairs Department forwarded the attached letter to us for consideration. In the correspondence, Bret Lane, COO of SoCalGas, outlined that their company worked in cooperation with the California Independent System Operator (CAISO), the Los Angeles Department of Water and Power (LADWP), and others in an effort to provide safe and reliable natural gas and electric service during the two recent heat waves in Southern California and the Southwest.

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June 29, 2016

Dear Community Leader,

I am writing to share the actions SoCalGas took in cooperation with the California Independent System Operator (CAISO), the Los Angeles Department of Water and Power (LADWP), and others to provide safe and reliable natural gas and electric service during the two recent heat waves in Southern California and the Southwest.

As I shared previously, whenever heat waves cause dramatic increases in demand for electricity, SoCalGas must carefully coordinate with CAISO, LADWP, and electric generators in our region. This is even more important now due to the limited availability of our Aliso Canyon storage facility. 61 percent of the electricity used in California comes from power plants that run on natural gas. During severe heat, electric Balancing Authorities such as CASIO must call upon local generation plants to meet the higher electric demand levels. Historically, natural gas from Aliso Canyon has been one of the important tools used to support this critical peaking generation needs. When the Aliso Canyon facility is not in service, the region is at particular risk of power outages.

While DOGGR has authorized SoCalGas to withdraw gas from Aliso Canyon wells that have passed Phase 1 mechanical integrity testing¹, withdrawals were not necessary to meet demand during these past two heat waves. In addition, no electric outages occurred due to supply constraints, despite high demand peaks. We believe this was due in part to the preventive actions SoCalGas took. These included:

- Leading up to the heat waves, SoCalGas worked in very close coordination with CAISO, LADWP, and our electric generation customers to monitor demand forecasts and incoming gas supplies, and prepare our operations to support electric reliability needs.
- We asked customers who buy their own gas from out-of-state to closely match their purchased supplies deliveries with their usage, and to carefully monitor our Envoy Electronic Bulletin Board (<https://envoy.sempra.com/>), where system and other information is posted for public dissemination.
- SoCalGas issued a Gas Curtailment Watch for customers from Sunday, June 19 to Monday, June 20 at 8:30 a.m. This allowed our customers to prepare for potential curtailment during the period of high demand.
- We worked with a new coalition of twelve utilities, the Energy Providers of Southern California, to launch an energy conservation campaign that encourages customers to reduce energy use at peak times. The campaign features paid advertising as well as a new www.ConserveEnergySoCal.com website and social media accounts to promote conservation. The effort has been effective thus far,

¹ DOGGR's June 15, 2016 authorization letter is attached for convenience.

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especially with communicating CAISO's June 20th Flex Alert, and it will continue to engage additional consumers as we move through summer and the remainder of the year.

Our region's natural gas and electric delivery systems are complex, and their interdependence will continue to become even more marked under heat wave conditions. Demand increases caused by severe weather also underscore the importance of large, well-located storage reservoirs like Aliso Canyon. SoCalGas is continuing its work to safely bring the facility back online in compliance with the DOGGR established requirements, and we are working toward resuming injections and operations by late summer.

I will continue to keep you informed throughout the summer about the status of the Aliso Canyon and our efforts to support energy reliability this year.

Sincerely,



Bret Lane
Chief Operating Officer
SoCalGas

SUMMERTIME FUN AT THE LIBRARY – MAKE SURE YOU PARTICIPATE!

Summer is here, and the Monrovia Public Library is ready to provide you and yours with premier programming opportunities! An overview of the programs that we have developed include the following:

Steam: Create & Explore!

Ages 5+

Get ready to make some cool stuff as well as learn a thing or two about animation, building, stars, and cars.

Where: Library Community Room

When: Every Friday, 3:00 – 4:00 p.m.

Note: Library closed Friday, July 1

Come One, Come All, To The Library Carnival!

For 1st through 5th grade

Step right up and play carnival-style games while learning about books and the Library. Art projects, prizes and fun are guaranteed. Children entering 1st through 5th grade are welcome to join this five week book club. Attend three out of five classes and receive a free book!

Where: Library Story Room

When: Every Wednesday through July 20, 3:30 – 4:30 p.m.

Toddler Olympics

Get energized for the Rio 2016 Olympic Games with art projects and movement! This weekly event will engage your little athlete with toddler appropriate games such as balloon volleyball, ring toss, balance beam, pool tube javelin throw and more.

Where: Library Storytime Room

When: Every Thursday through July 21, 2:30-3:30 p.m.

Readers Theatre Workshop & Performance

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Calling to the stage tweens and teens, grades 5 – 12, who are interested in participating in a four week acting workshop. Combine reading and acting as we create mini sketches for a public performance at the Library. Everyone will have a chance to shine. Participants must be able to attend all four workshops and the performance. No experience necessary.

Where: Library Community Room
Workshops: Every Tuesday through July 19, 3:00 – 4:30 p.m.
Performance Day: Saturday, July 30, 12:00 p.m. – 3:30 p.m.

SIGN UP FOR MONROVIA RENEWAL CITYWIDE INFRASTRUCTURE PROJECT NEWS AND UPDATES

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

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

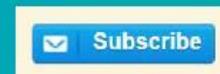


Sign Up for E-mail Updates!

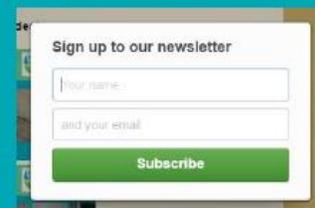
Step 1: Visit www.cityofmonrovia.org/monroviarenewal and click on the Project Updates and Work Notices tab.



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



Step 3: Enter your name and email address.



Step 4: You will receive a confirmation email.

Click the link and you're all set!

www.cityofmonrovia.org/monroviarenewal

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MAP PROGRAM 10TH ANNIVERSARY PARTY SCHEDULED FOR JULY 9, 2016, AT JULIAN FISHER PARK AT 6:00 P.M.

The Monrovia Area Partnership (MAP) Program was initiated in 2006... which means that 2016 marks the 10th Anniversary of one of our signature programs! It was a decade ago that City staff began partnering with our residents, businesses, and local service organizations to build up our community by decreasing crime, blight, and resident apathy by encouraging civic engagement.

The “kick-off” of the MAP program was focused in one of our neighborhoods – MAP Area #1 where (at the time) there was a significant increase in crime, blight, and resident apathy. In an effort to assess resident needs and gain trust, block parties were held in this neighborhood. The block parties were affectionately titled “Hot Dogs, Hot Links and Hot Topics,” and they allowed for residents to safely and comfortably meet with and get to know City staff and to interact with their neighbors again. Feedback from those initial block parties helped to form the MAP Program into the Citywide initiative, and started the philosophy that we have today of ***Partnering Together for a Better Monrovia***.

In honor of MAP's 10th Anniversary, we were thinking... what better way to celebrate than to go back to where it all began, and to throw a block party in MAP Area #1. To that end, we will be hosting a special event at Julian Fisher Park on Saturday, July 9, 2016, at 6 p.m. This block party will be a celebration for all of our departments, partners, MAP Leaders, family, friends and residents of the city. The Celebration will include the following:

- Free (Beef) Hot Dogs, (Pork) Hot Links
- Free Popcorn
- City booths available to advertise upcoming programming
- Community Partners who support MAP
- Activities for kids and families
- Movie Night (Hotel Transylvania 2)

We hope that you can join us for what will truly be a terrific celebration! For additional information, please visit us online at:

<http://www.cityofmonrovia.org/communitydevelopment/page/neighborhood-services>

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Monrovia Area Partnership

Ten Year



Anniversary

Block Party & Movie Night

Join us for this fun-filled and free event!



Saturday July 9, 2016

6:00 pm - 10:00 pm @ Julian Fisher Park
901 S. California Ave

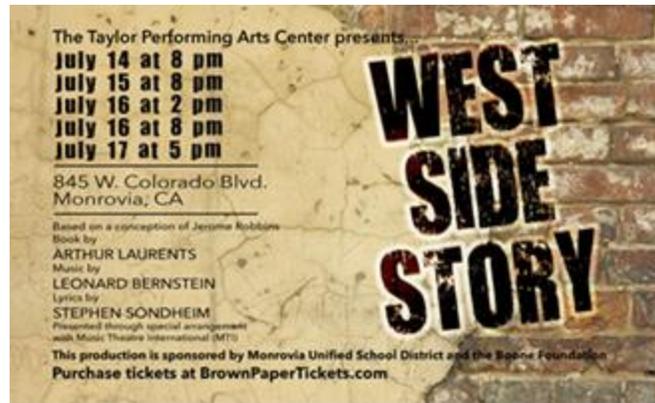
Free Popcorn | Free Hot Dogs & Hot Links | Meet the City
Departments | Activities for Kids and Families |
Summer Night Movie—Hotel Transylvania 2

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WEST SIDE STORY PRODUCTION OPENING JULY 14, 2016

Don't forget, the Taylor Performing Arts Center will be presenting West Side Story, opening on July 14, 2016, for 5 performances ONLY!

West Side Story is the 7th professional production for the community produced by the Taylor Performing Arts Center and sponsored by the Monrovia Unified School District and the Boone Foundation. Come and experience the magic of this iconic American Musical inspired by Shakespeare's Romeo and Juliet.



POLICE DEPARTMENT SEMI-WEEKLY NEIGHBORHOOD WATCH REPORT

The most recent Police Department semi-weekly neighborhood watch report for the period June 23-26, 2016 has been uploaded to the link below for your review and reference.

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

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

Best regards,
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