

City Manager's Update

Tuesday, June 21, 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

You've gotta' Dance like there's nobody watching, Love like you'll never be hurt, Sing like there's nobody listening, and Live like it's heaven on earth.

– William Watson Purkey

FIRE UPDATE – IMPACTS ON MONROVIA

As you are likely aware, there are two fires currently burning in the San Gabriel Valley, with the Reservoir Fire in Azusa having burned around 2,400 acres, and the Fish Fire in Duarte having burned around 3,000 acres.

Of particular concern for Monrovia is the Fish Fire, which is located a few miles east of Monrovia. We have been taking all necessary precautions and preventative measures possible here locally in responding to the Fish Fire, including the following:

- We have closed Canyon Park, Trask Boy Scout Camp, and the Hillside Wilderness Preserve.
- At the Fire Department, we have called back an extra engine company to allow for advance firefighting preparatory work while also maintaining our normal service delivery levels.
- We have made preparations at the Community Center in the event that we need to order evacuations in Monrovia.

In addition, as we have monitored the overall fire situation, the City last night (June 20, 2016) initiated a reverse 911 call that was issued to all residents living east of Myrtle Avenue and north of Greystone Avenue encouraging those residents to make preparations in the event that an evacuation became necessary.

Fortunately for us here in Monrovia, the wind patterns did not change significantly as the evening progressed, and while we do not currently have containment of the Fish Fire, firefighting crews have made progress towards containing the blaze away from residential locations. It is also worth mentioning that all through last night, firefighting personnel were working hard to further box in the Fish Fire in Duarte. Those efforts were supported by two special firefighting airship helicopters equipped with night vision capabilities.

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Given this information, at this point in time, it is unlikely that Monrovia will need to engage in any evacuation procedures for any locations in the City. Furthermore, it is important to note that while evacuations are occurring in Duarte, there have not been any evacuations ordered in our neighboring community of Bradbury.

To supplement those efforts, Monrovia Fire Department and Police Department personnel have been monitoring our highest fire danger zones. These monitoring efforts have been in the form of sweeps conducted by City personnel in the north-eastern quadrant of the City, with a special focus on Norumbega Drive, Ridgeside Drive, Oakglade Drive, and Canyon Park, where we are currently at the highest risk of fire danger.

Even with this relatively good news for Monrovia, residents are encouraged to remain vigilant and on alert. Fire conditions can change in an instant, and if the wind patterns alter from their current course, the intensity of our situation here locally could increase quickly. To stay up to date on the status of the overall situation here in Monrovia, we encourage everyone to check the City's website (<http://www.cityofmonrovia.org/fire/page/city-monrovia-fire-update>), or subscribe to Nixle Alerts by texting 91016 to 888777. We will continue to post updates as the overall fire event unfolds and as local conditions change.

MONROVIA WINS A \$193K BOARD OF STATE AND COMMUNITY CORRECTIONS (BSCC) GRANT TO FUND OUR ACHIEVING COMMUNITY TRUST (ACT) LAW ENFORCEMENT OUTREACH PROGRAM

In a bit of terrific news, last week, we learned that the Monrovia Police Department was awarded a Strengthening Law Enforcement and Community Relations Grant from the Board of State and Community Corrections (BSCC) for \$193,171. The Monrovia Police Department was one of only ten agencies awarded this competitive grant funding in the state, and we received this grant to fund the police department's Achieving Community Trust (ACT) program.

ACT is a program developed in 2014-2015. It is a three-part strategy aimed at strengthening law enforcement and community relations and building trust. Police Department staff recognized that the many incidents of police use of force across our country were eroding the relationships between law enforcement and the communities they serve. It did not matter if the incident happened somewhere else. Violence is not confined to one jurisdiction, and we realize this is a national problem that affects all communities. It creates tension and distrust between law enforcement and the communities they serve.

The shooting of Michael Brown in Ferguson, Missouri on August 9, 2014, sparked nationwide unrest. This shooting triggered the "hands up" account, and contributed to strong protests and outrage about the killing of an unarmed man. There were peaceful and violent protests, along with vandalism and looting in Ferguson. Thousands of people also rallied in the streets of Los Angeles as a result of Ferguson.

Another incident that drew national attention and occurred very close to the City of Monrovia was the shooting of Kendrec McDade in Pasadena on March 24, 2012. Incidents like these have a profound impact on the relationship between law enforcement and their communities.

City staff recognized this growing national distrust for law enforcement, and recognized the importance of reaching out to our community. In September 2014, Police Chief Hunt reached out to a diverse group in our community. He asked community members to find formal and informal leaders who do not trust the police and ask them if they would be willing to meet with Monrovia Police Department leadership to discuss strategies to build trust between community members who don't trust the police and our police staff. A group of eight individuals of diverse race, socioeconomic, and religious backgrounds agreed to meet with the Police Chief and other city staff. Each of these individuals had varying levels of trust for the police, with several of them not trusting the police. The Police Chief asked these individuals to enter into a discussion with us about how we can build trust between our community and law enforcement. These community members stated that the fact that we were even

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interested in gaining their input was a first step toward building trust. This group met several times over a period of three months.

Based on continuing discussions with the advisory group, the City's Police Department created the ACT program. While we were creating the ACT program, on December 18, 2014, President Obama created the Task Force on 21st Century Policing to develop recommendations to improve law enforcement and their relationships with the communities they serve. The President's Task Force came out with a report which captures key themes under six "Pillars." We were pleased to see that Monrovia's ACT program coincided with the recommendations of the President's Task Force.

In 2016, the BSCC announced the Strengthening Law Enforcement and Community Relations Grant where applicants needed to present programs based on the President's Task Force report and the six pillars. We needed funding to complete our third strategy for the ACT program, which is aimed at creating an innovative training tool for law enforcement to reduce uses of force and help officers resolve conflicts with subjects in the field including those with mental illnesses. Los Angeles County District Attorney Jackie Lacey heard about our program and felt it would be an outstanding training tool to compliment their newly created California Police Officers Standardized Training (POST) approved course on Mental Health Awareness: Crisis Intervention Tactics for First Responders. The course is required training for law enforcement in the state and every officer in Los Angeles County will be attending the training over the next five years.

The Monrovia Police Department applied for this competitive grant and we received letters of support from District Attorney Jackie Lacey and from MUSD Superintendent Dr. Katherine Thorossian. We were pleased to find out that we were one of only ten agencies in the state to be awarded grant funds. With this grant we will be able to expand our ACT program and create a training tool that will be used throughout the State.

We are so excited about the grant award, and about the overall program that we have developed. Kudos to the entire team at the Monrovia Police Department for their dedicated efforts in developing the overall ACT program!

ADDITIONAL INFORMATION RECEIVED FROM SCE REGARDING POSSIBLE ROTATING POWER OUTAGES THIS SUMMER

Last week, we received additional information from Southern California Edison (SCE) regarding the possibility of rotating blackouts this summer. As you may recall, both SCE and State officials have indicated that there is an increased possibility of rotating outage events due to the recent restricted operations of Southern California Gas Company's Aliso Canyon natural gas storage facility that services Southern California.

In the event the California Independent System Operator (CAISO) declares a Stage 3 alert creating a rotating blackout, SCE will use their ONC and the SCE Alert programs to communicate with customers. Information regarding those systems can be found online at the following email address:

<http://insideedison.com/stories/sce-encourages-energy-conservation-this-summer>

In addition, SCE is advising customers to visit www.sce.com/outage, and to see their Frequently Asked Questions section, if you should have any questions.

PASADENA STAR NEWS RUNS AN EDITORIAL REGARDING METRO'S PROPOSED MEASURE R2 – "A ROCKY ROAD LOOMS IN DEBATE ON TRANSIT TAX"

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Just a quick note to make sure everyone saw the Pasadena Star News editorial that ran this past week regarding the proposed transportation sales tax measure, entitled, "A rocky road looms in debate on transit tax." A copy of the editorial has been included as an attachment below.

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Editorial

A rocky road looms in debate on transit tax

Los Angeles County transportation officials are betting that voters dislike traffic so much they are willing to approve a permanent 1 percent sales tax to fund the biggest expansion of mass transit in the nation.

Last week, Metropolitan Transit Authority CEO Phil Washington released a revised plan to build out the region's maturing yet woefully incomplete subway, bus and rail system.

"If we don't fix it, we'll be eaten alive by congestion," Washington said. It was an early indication that Metro will sell this plan as one aimed at congestion relief, even though traffic is unlikely to ease anytime soon.

Already, some are unhappy with it.

State Sen. Tony Mendoza, D-Cerritos, who is pushing a bill to expand the Metro board to include more representation from suburban cities, thinks the plan falls short. Mendoza thinks it even backpedals on promises made to voters in 2008, when a half-cent sales tax was approved under Measure R — the half-cent tax that would be permanently extended under the current plan for a November 2016 ballot measure.

A plan this broad is always unlikely to make everyone happy. The question is whether it would be worth the price.

Dubbed the Los Angeles County Traffic Improvement Plan, the ambitious strategy adds more than a dozen rail lines and extensions crisscrossing the county from Artesia to Torrance to Santa Fe Springs.

The most audacious project would be a rail tunnel through the Sepulveda Pass — estimated to cost at least \$8 billion — that would connect the San Fernando Valley to the Westside, bypassing the freeways.

Other rail lines would push all the way into Claremont and cut through to Whittier. Large

swaths of the county previously reachable only by road would be linked by rail.

In Los Angeles, a car-culture capital, that is revolutionary — dozens of miles of transit.

But the projects proposed for some areas of the county, like the region Mendoza represents, have completion dates long after what was promised by Measure R, most notably a rail project from Artesia to the Union Station in downtown Los Angeles. And some cities see the Sepulveda Pass project gobbling up all the funds.

Whether you like the plan may depend on where you live and work. It will also depend on whether these new connections can take you where you want to go faster than your car. And maybe even on how old you are. Some of us won't live to see the ribbon-cutting on some new transit lines.

The recent, Measure R-funded extensions to Azusa and Santa Monica offer previews of what a better-linked system looks like and might sell voters on the new initiative colloquially known as Measure R2.

But if you are a driver spending time behind a sea of red lights, this plan would not alleviate your traffic woes anytime soon. In fact, in the interim it could make them worse as construction for new lines shuts down main arteries.

This plan is not a short-term fix but a long-term, ambitious effort to set in motion one of the country's biggest transit expansions in decades.

On June 23, the Metro board of directors will be asked to approve the plan for the ballot. If they do, then on Nov. 8 voters will get their say.

There is a lot of room for debate.

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UPDATE ON CITY WEBSITE REDESIGN PROCESS

As you may recall, the City has been working on an overall redesign of our website, and our Request for Qualifications process closed on June 8, 2016. We received 18 bids, which an internal review committee has narrowed down to five finalists. Those finalists firms include:

1. Ready Artwork (a Monrovia-based firm)
2. CivicLive
3. CivicPlus
4. Granicus (acquired Civica last year)
5. Vision Internet

Staff will be interviewing each of the five finalists during the next two weeks, and we will be sure to keep everyone informed as to the progress we make moving forward

FOOD ESTABLISHMENT INSPECTIONS FOR FATS, OILS, & GREASE BEGINNING THIS JULY

Recently, the City has contracted with John L. Hunter & Associates (Hunter & Associates), an environmental consulting firm, to conduct inspections of all food service establishments throughout our community. These inspections are mandated by state regulations and govern how food service establishments dispose of excess fats, oils, and grease (FOGs). When disposed of improperly, FOGs solidifies in sewer pipes, causing damage to the sewer system and possible sewage overflows into businesses and onto city streets – and sometimes even into local waterways.

The City will be sending a letter to each business in advance of an inspection by Hunter & Associates staff. Note that the goal of these inspections is to educate businesses on the proper ways to dispose of fats, oils, and grease, and not to impose harsh penalties. Together, we can achieve compliance and protect our residents, waterways, and beaches! See the attached letter, FAQ, and FOG brochure for more information on this program.

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SUBJECT: FATS, OIL AND GREASE CONTROL PROGRAM

Dear Food Service Establishment Owner/Operator:

The number of sanitary sewer overflows occurring statewide has prompted state regulations mandating the control of Fats, Oils, and Grease (FOG) entering the sanitary sewer system. FOG is a by-product of food preparation, and typically enters the sanitary sewer system after ware washing, floor cleaning, and kitchen equipment sanitation. FOG solidifies in the sanitary sewer pipes as it cools, thus restricting the flow of wastewater. Eventually the wastewater flow becomes so impeded that it can no longer pass. Consequently, sewage overflows onto business premises and city streets, flowing to our local waterways. This poses significant health threats and environmental hazards.

In order to comply with state regulations on FOG Control, and to verify compliance with the City's existing Sewage Discharges Ordinance (Monrovia Municipal Code Section 13.12), the City of Monrovia is implementing an inspection program at food service establishments. The purpose of the inspection is to verify that those food service establishments that generate FOG implement Good Cleaning Practices to mitigate the amount entering the sanitary sewer system. This program will be administered by the City of Monrovia's Public Services Department. The City is currently reviewing fees associated with this program for future assessment.

The City has contracted with John L. Hunter and Associates, Inc. to conduct FOG inspections during your normal business hours. The inspector will educate staff and answer any questions regarding the City's FOG Control Program. If a deficiency is noted, you will be given a specific timeline to achieve compliance. Note that the City aims to achieve compliance through education, rather than by imposing penalties, and will work with your business to achieve compliance. However, continued noncompliance or violations are enforceable via MMC § 13.12.

The City looks forward to working with you and your business to achieve full compliance and ensure the best water quality for the residents of our city, our waterways and beaches. For your convenience, a list of Frequently Asked Questions and a sewer brochure are enclosed. If you have any questions or would like more information, please contact John L. Hunter & Associates at (562) 802-7880, or Brittany Mello, Management Analyst, at (626) 932-5571.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Tina Cherry".

Tina Cherry, Public Services Director

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Frequently Asked Questions

1. Why aren't Fats, Oils, and Grease allowed to enter the Sanitary Sewer System?

Fats, Oils, and Grease (FOG) are liquids when in warm or hot water. However, once these liquids cool, they solidify and separate from the water. The sticky solids then attach to the sewage pipes and restrict the flow of wastewater. This causes the wastewater to back up into the street, or possibly into your business, causing a sanitary sewer overflow. This overflowing wastewater is full of bacteria, viruses, and other pathogens that can be harmful to human health. These pollutants can also get into our waterways and are expensive to clean up.

2. Is there a law against sanitary sewer overflows?

Yes. The Federal Clean Water Act and the State of California Waste Discharge Requirements prohibit wastewater from entering the Pacific Ocean, to which Monrovia eventually drains.

3. Why is John L. Hunter & Associates conducting these inspections instead of the City?

The City has a contract in place with John L. Hunter & Associates to conduct these inspections on the City's behalf, because it is an environmental consulting firm that specializes in providing these services. If you would like to speak with someone at the City, please contact Brittany Mello, Management Analyst, at (626) 932-5571.

4. What are some things that my establishment can do to keep FOG out of the Sanitary Sewer?

You can follow the Good Cleaning Practices listed on the following page. These practices will control the amount of FOG entering the sewage system through your facility.

5. Will I have to install a grease control device in my establishment?

Most food service establishments that don't already have a grease control device can control FOG through Good Cleaning Practices. However, if the City determines that your establishment is causing grease-related sanitary sewer overflows or blockages, or if you fail to implement Good Cleaning Practices, you may be asked to install a grease interceptor or a grease trap. *All costs associated with the installation would be the responsibility of the establishment.* In addition, all newly-constructed food service establishments may be required to install grease control devices (some variances may be available; contact the City for more information).

6. How often will my establishment be inspected by the City?

Once annually, unless the inspector determines the need to conduct a follow-up inspection.

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GOOD CLEANING PRACTICES Managing FATS, OILS, and GREASE

the RIGHT WAY



Wipe pots, pans, and work areas prior to washing.



Dispose of food waste directly into the trash.



Collect waste oil and store for recycling.



Clean mats inside over a utility sink. Use dry clean-up for spills.

the WRONG WAY



Do not pour cooking residue directly into the drain.



Avoid using the garbage disposal. Place greasy food in the trash.



Do not pour waste oil directly into the drain, parking lot or street.



Do not wash floor mats or spills where water will run off into the street or storm drain.

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626 GOLDEN STREETS EVENT SCHEDULED FOR SUNDAY, JUNE 26, 2016

The 626 Golden Streets Event is scheduled to take place on Sunday, June 26, 2016 (6/26). This is a FREE event that will temporarily open stretches of roadway from South Pasadena to Azusa for people to walk, jog, skate, bike and more!

In Monrovia, the route encompasses the following path:

- Start at the intersection of Fifth Avenue at Chestnut
- Participants will head east on Chestnut to Magnolia Avenue, where the route will then head south
- The route will head south on Magnolia Avenue to Pomona Avenue, where the event will veer east to run by the City's Station Square Park
- Participants will continue along Pomona Avenue to California Avenue, where the route will turn south
- From California Avenue, it will be a short trip to Duarte Road, where the route will then proceed east into the City of Duarte

For additional information regarding the route, please click on the following interactive link developed by the 626 Golden Streets event organizers:

<http://www.626goldenstreets.com/uploads/1/0/3/4/10345694/routemap.png>

In addition, for additional information on the overall event, please visit:

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

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: Fridays 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

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When: Wednesdays, June 22, June 29, July 6, July 13, 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: Thursdays, June 23 - July 21, 2:30-3:30 p.m.

Family Dance Party

Ages: 2+

Come to Station Square to jump, hop, and sing with us in this fun and active program for younger children and their families. Enjoy stories, songs, rhymes, and movement activities. Wiggleworms welcome!

Where: Station Square Park

When: Thursdays, June 16 – July 28, 6:00-6:30 p.m.

Readers Theatre Workshop & Performance

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: Tuesdays, June 21, June 28, July 12, July 19, 3:00 – 4:30 p.m.

Performance Day: Saturday, July 30, 12:00 p.m. – 3:30 p.m.

Movie Mania

Bring your friends to eat popcorn and themed snacks while watching a great movie. Movie titles are chosen by the Teen Advisory Board. Call the Library for the movie title.

Where: Library Community Room

When: Wednesday, June 22, 7:00 – 9:00 p.m. – Movie Sing-Along Night

Teen Zine Workshop

Calling all Teens! Have you ever dreamed of creating your own magazine or book? Now is your chance to showcase your unique talent and vision by creating a 'Zine with recycled materials. Share with family, friends and other Zine makers.

Where: Library Storytime Room

When: Saturday, June 25, 12:00 - 2:00 p.m.

BEER AND LITERATURE PROVE TO BE A WINNING COMBINATION WITH THE LIBRARY'S "BREWS AND BOOKS" EVENT, SET TO TAKE PLACE ON JUNE 23, 2016 AT STATION SQUARE!

Who knew that you could mix beer with literature to come up with an amazing event?!?!? Well, here in Monrovia, our team at the Library have developed a unique *Brews and Books* concept, and everyone is invited to participate! Make plans to join us on June 23, 2016, from 7:00 p.m. – 8:00 p.m. at the Station Square Promenade by the Metro Parking Structure. The event is open to adults 21 years and older only, and a valid ID is required for participation.

As the attached event flyer outlines, event participants will have the chance to come on out and sample amazing lagers and ales from our local brewer, Pacific Plate Brewing! While tasting the refreshing brews, individuals will also have the chance to discover unique books written by the brew masters! Here in Monrovia... haven't you heard that libraries aren't just about books anymore? We'll see you on June 23, 2016!

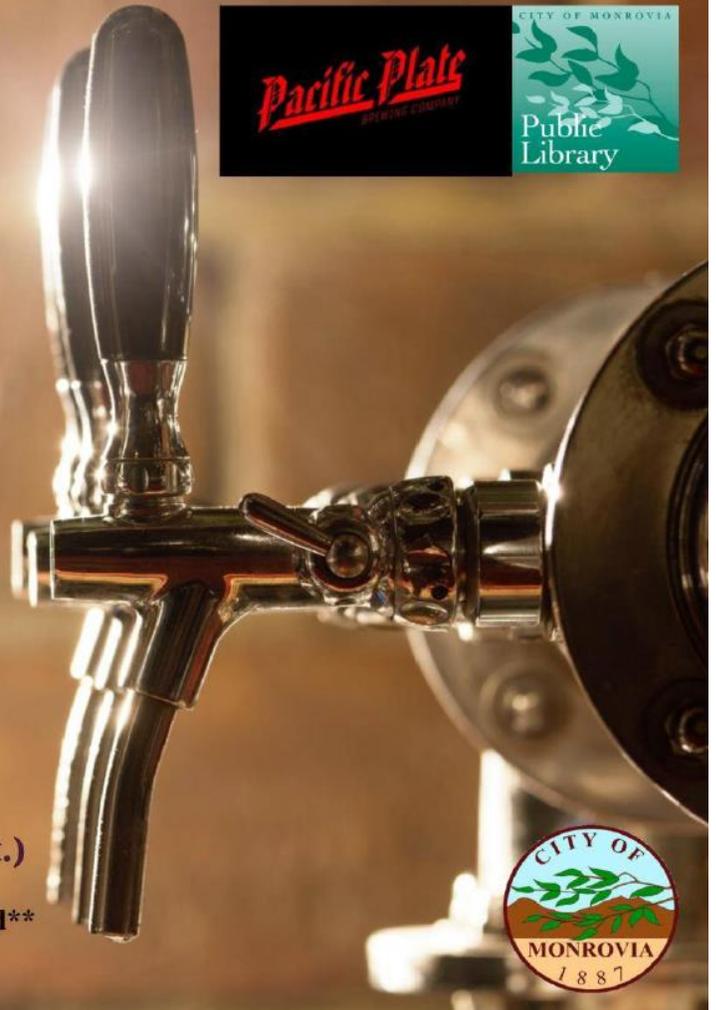
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BREWS AND BOOKS

Sample amazing lagers and ales*
from local **Pacific Plate Brewing**,
while discovering books written by
the brewmasters.

Thursday June 23, 7:00-8:00pm
Station Square Promenade
1629 S Myrtle Ave
Monrovia, CA 91016
(by Metro Parking Structure/Primrose St.)

****For adults ages 21 and over only. Valid ID required****
Sponsored by Friends of the Monrovia Public Library



4TH OF JULY CONCERT AND FIREWORKS SHOW

The City's renowned 4th of July Concert and Fireworks Show is scheduled to take place on Monday, July 4, 2016, in Library Park (321 South Myrtle Avenue). Live Entertainment for the evening will begin at 7:00 p.m. with a performance by **Person to Person**. Following the concert, a FREE 20 minute Fireworks Show will begin at 9:00 p.m.

Spectators may reserve a park space no larger than 10 x 10 feet which must be supervised at all times. This event was made possible by sponsorships from Samuelson & Fetter, Monrovia Old Town Merchants, Wendy's Hamburgers, Diane Balsamo of Prime Lending, Larry Davis of Prime Lending, and the Sierra Family of Dealerships. While at the event this year, the City will be once again encouraging all spectators to participate in the Patriotic Canopy Decorating Contest, where the most festive canopies will win prizes! We look forward to celebrating our Independence Day in the Star Spangled City of Monrovia with you!

For additional information, please contact the Monrovia Department of Public Services at (626) 256-8246.

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EAGLE SCOUT PROJECT COORDINATED IN CANYON PARK

Dylan Che from Boy Scout Troop 349 earned the rank of Eagle Scout by completing his Eagle Scout project in Canyon Park. Through Dylan's efforts, we were able to rehabilitate a picnic area in Canyon Park. The Malcom Packer Mesa picnic area was in need of restoration from decomposing picnic benches and fallen dead pine trees. As the photos below illustrate, Dylan showed great leadership by coordinating his scout troop in planting native Elderberry trees to replace the fallen pine trees, along with acquiring and building recycled plastic picnic benches. Congratulations Dylan on earning the rank of Eagle Scout, and many thanks for giving our patrons a picnic area to enjoy for years to come.



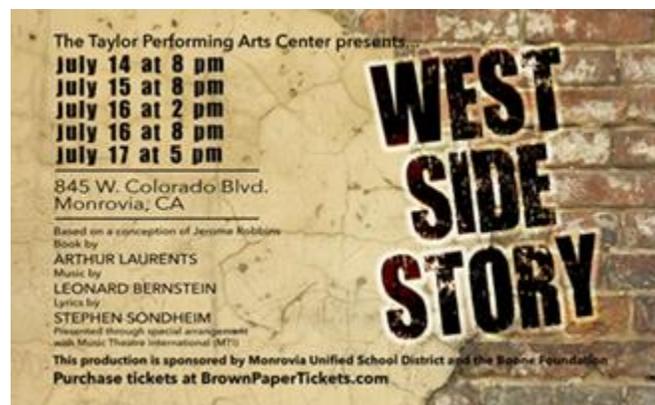
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WEST SIDE STORY PRODUCTION OPENING JULY 14

Just a quick note... 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.



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

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

www.cityofmonrovia.org/monroviarenewal

MONROVIA RENEWAL

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!

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 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,

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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>

FAMILY HIKE & CAMPOUT PROGRAM A TREMENDOUS SUCCESS!

Recently, the Public Services Department developed updates to the very popular *Canyon Park Family Hike & Campout* program! Our first campout event took place on June 11-12, 2016, and our Canyon Park staff created a weekend to remember for the 14 families who participated. Most of the participants were first time campers, and all those who attended were treated to a BBQ hosted by City staff, participated in a campfire to make s'mores, and enjoyed a story-time presentation given by Elizabeth Schneider, Youth Services Library Supervisor. The group also took a night hike on the waterfall trail lead by the Canyon Park Rangers. Hikers were fortunate to see glow worms on the waterfall trail, a site seldom seen in Canyon Park! And to top off the entire experience, in the morning, families awoke to breakfast prepared by the Fire Department that included pancakes and sausage!

Our next campout is planned to take place on August 13-14, 2016, but the event is sold out! However, rumor has it that additional campout events are being planned for the fall, so keep your eyes peeled for this terrific opportunity to experience the great outdoors... right in Monrovia's very own backyard!

If you are interested in obtaining more information about this program, please contact Eugene Suk, Hillside Wilderness Preserve Supervisor, at (626) 256-8281, or via email at esuk@ci.monrovia.ca.us!

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5TH ANNUAL VETERANS FORUM SCHEDULED TO TAKE PLACE ON SATURDAY, JUNE 25, 2016 IN AZUSA

Congresswoman Judy Chu and Congresswoman Grace Napolitano will be hosting a Veteran's Forum on Saturday, June 25, 2016 at the National Guard Armory in Azusa. The event is open to ALL Veterans and we are seeking your support in spreading the word so that we can get as many of our Veterans in the San Gabriel Valley to take advantage of the resources provided at the event.

At this year's forum, Veterans will be able to:

- Meet with representatives from the Department of Veteran Affairs in order to get assistance with any new or pending claims for benefits.
- Learn from Panel Presentations on topics that include:
 - Information about VA Benefits
 - Attending College as a Veteran
 - Handling Post-Traumatic Stress Disorder
 - Overcoming Homelessness
 - And More!
- Meet with various agencies and non-profit organizations to learn about the Veteran services they provide

So please make plans to join us on Saturday June 25, 2016! The event registration begins at 8:00 a.m., and the program will start at 8:30 a.m., at:

National Guard Armory
1351 W. Sierra Madre Ave.
Azusa, CA 91702

Please see the event flyer below, and please note that attendees are encouraged to register at www.vetforum.eventbrite.com.

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*U.S. Congresswomen
Grace F. Napolitano & Judy Chu
in Association with Veteran Service Organizations
Present*

FREE



**5TH ANNUAL VETERANS FORUM
SATURDAY JUNE 25, 2016**



NATIONAL GUARD ARMORY
1351 W. SIERRA MADRE AVE., AZUSA, CA 91702
REGISTRATION 8:00AM • PROGRAM 8:30AM



BREAKOUT SESSIONS FOR VETERANS & FAMILIES
Mental Health • Women Warriors • Education & Financial Planning • Homelessness

*Veterans are encouraged to obtain updates on individual claims directly from VA representatives.
Service providers welcome.*

For details and registration, please visit: www.vetforum.eventbrite.com



Office of Congresswoman Grace Napolitano
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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 and can be accessed at the link below for your review. This most recent report focuses on firearms, defense spending, FY 2017 spending bills, and Zika funding.

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

POLICE DEPARTMENT SEMI-WEEKLY NEIGHBORHOOD WATCH REPORT

The most recent Police Department semi-weekly neighborhood watch report for the period June 13-15, 2016 has been uploaded to our website and can be accessed at the link below for your review and reference. During the past seven-day period, the Monrovia Police Department handled 419 service events, resulting in 91 total investigations.

<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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