

City Manager's Update

Tuesday, March 8, 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

We look forward to the time when the Power of Love will replace the Love of Power. Then will our world know the blessings of peace.

– William Gladstone

CAR SHOW ISSUES NEARING RESOLUTION

Last week, issues related to car shows in Old Town seemed to generate quite a bit of discussion on social media, and staff has been working to resolve the issues surrounding the issue.

By way of background, special events that require the closure of Myrtle Avenue in Old Town currently involve the submittal of a Special Events Application, along with a street closure request, which is considered by the Monrovia Old Town Advisory Board (MOTAB).

During the past several months, we have had two car show events proposed to be held in Old Town. One of the car shows was being proposed by Green Leaf Events, Inc., on behalf of the Old Town Merchants, set to take place on September 24, 2016. The other car show event was proposed by the car club known as Street Rods Forever, with that event scheduled for September 10, 2016. It is important to note that Street Rods Forever has been hosting an annual car show in Old Town Monrovia for well over a decade.

It appears that the car show held in September 2015 by Street Rods Forever resulted in several complaints being received by the City from Old Town merchants regarding the management of the event. Those complaints related to the following issues:

- A lack of security to monitor the event
- Trash not being picked up or disposed of properly
- Trailers parked on Colorado Boulevard
- Vehicles driving on Myrtle Avenue during the event

Based on those issues, Green Leaf Events, Inc., was asked by the Old Town Merchants to coordinate a separate car show event in 2016. The MOTAB group considered a Special Event Application and street closure for the Green Leaf Events, Inc., car show at their December 8, 2015 meeting, and after considering the staff report, MOTAB approved that car show to take place on September 24, 2016.

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Subsequently, the City received a Special Events Application and street closure request from Street Rods Forever to host their traditional annual car show event in Old Town. The event application requested that the Street Rods Forever group be allowed to host a car show in Old Town on September 10, 2016. Staff reviewed the Street Rods Forever request and brought the item forward for MOTAB consideration at the February 9, 2016 meeting. While there were concerns regarding the 2015 event hosted by Street Rods Forever, staff did not feel that the issues identified warranted a denial of the event application request. Therefore, staff recommended that MOTAB approve the Street Rods Forever car show request. However, after considering the item, MOTAB voted to deny the Street Rods Forever Special Event Application and street closure request.

Given the ensuing dialogue that occurred during the past week regarding this matter, staff has been meeting with all of the parties engaged in this issue. Based on the discussions that have occurred to date, we do feel confident that we can reach an amicable solution for all involved. We have a few additional discussions that need to occur this week, and we will be certain to keep everyone informed as to any final resolution that is reached.

UPDATE REGARDING GOLD LINE TRAFFIC IMPACTS

This past Saturday, March 5, 2016, we all had a chance to experience the official opening of the Gold Line here in Monrovia. In the coming days, months, and years, the Gold Line will no doubt serve as a tremendous resource for our community, and for the entire San Gabriel Valley.

However, with the official opening of the Gold Line, we also experienced tremendous traffic impacts associated with new light rail service. Several north / south arterial streets in Monrovia were clogged with congestion due to the fact that the train stop arms were not functioning properly. In addition, better traffic signal light coordination with each train crossing would help improve the traffic impacts.

The most visible traffic problems occurred on Myrtle Avenue, however, additional unacceptable delays were experienced at Mayflower Avenue, Magnolia Avenue, California Avenue, and Mountain Avenue.

The City has been in constant contact with representatives from Metro, and we are working collaboratively to develop options to fix the issues at hand. The train stop arms need to function correctly, and we have identified that concern as the first priority to address. We also need to develop better traffic signal light coordination, which is a more complex issue that requires coordination between the City, Metro, LA County, and CalTrans. We have a number of individuals working on the issue, and we are committed to getting these issues resolved in as timely a manner as possible. In the meantime, should any member of the community experience or encounter any problems with traffic signals or rail crossings, please feel free to contact the City at (626) 932-5575, or Metro at (800) 396-2166.

CITY INVITED TO PARTICIPATE IN THE LOS ANGELES COUNTY REGIONAL SUMMIT REGARDING HOMELESS INITIATIVES ON MARCH 31, 2016

Last week, the City was invited by Los Angeles County to participate in a regional summit regarding homeless initiatives. The event has been dubbed the first Mayors' Regional Summit to Combat Homelessness.

The Regional Summit will be held on March 31, 2016, from 9:00 a.m. – 12:00 p.m. at the South Gate Municipal Auditorium, 4900 Southern Avenue, South Gate, CA 90280, and will feature a presentation and discussion of the coordinated set of LA County strategies to address homelessness, including a comprehensive plan which includes unprecedented opportunities for agencies to work in partnership with LA County.

Additional information on the County's Homeless Initiative can be viewed on the web at: <http://priorities.lacounty.gov/homeless>.

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COMMUNITY MEDIA OF THE FOOTHILLS (CMF) CONTRACT TO OPERATE THE CITY'S KGEM TELEVISION CHANNEL EXPIRES JUNE 30, 2016, STAFF PREPARING RFP TO SOLICIT OPERATOR OPTIONS FOR CONSIDERATION

Just a quick note to let our team know that our contract with Community Media of the Foothills (CMF) to serve as the operator of our cable television channel, KGEM, is set to expire on June 30, 2016. In anticipation of the expiration of that contract, staff is in the process of preparing a request for proposal (RFP) to solicit responses from qualified operators interested in managing our cable channel. On an annual basis, the City provides around \$120,000 in funding towards the operation of KGEM, and given the feedback and experiences that staff has had, it would be prudent to coordinate a review process to determine the options available for consideration.

INITIAL MONROVIA RENEWAL OVERSIGHT COMMITTEE MEETING SET FOR MARCH 30, 2016, INFORMATION REGARDING MONROVIA RENEWAL AVAILABLE ON THE CITY'S WEBSITE

At our City Council meeting last week, staff provided a quarterly update of the *Monrovia Renewal Project* for consideration. As you may recall, *Monrovia Renewal* is the coordinated infrastructure improvement project that will make needed repairs to our streets, sidewalks, water & sewer pipelines, and water facilities over the course of the next 4-5 years.

As part of the *Monrovia Renewal* project, the City Council formed a Monrovia Renewal Oversight Committee (Committee), which is tasked with monitoring elements of the overall initiative. The Committee is made up of the following individuals:

- Keshia Bowen
- John Foltz
- Daniel Pokrajac
- Bill Shieff
- Janet Wall

The first meeting of the Committee is scheduled for Wednesday, March 30, 2016, at 7:00 p.m. at the Monrovia Community Center (119 West Palm Avenue) in the Monroe Room. At this first meeting, the City Clerk will conduct a formal swearing-in ceremony, and the Committee will also be choosing a Chairperson, Vice-Chairperson, and Secretary from among its members. Many thanks to these dedicated individuals for being an important part of the largest capital improvement project in Monrovia's history!

To learn more about the *Monrovia Renewal* project, please visit the City's website at the following link: www.cityofmonrovia.org/monroviarenewal

LIBRARY BOARD STRATEGIC PLANNING MEETING SCHEDULED FOR SUNDAY, MARCH 13, 2016

Just a quick note to let everyone know that the Library Board is hosting a strategic planning meeting on Sunday, March 13, 2016, at 2:00 p.m. at the Community Center (119 West Palm Avenue). Among the items that will be discussed by the Library Board include the development of a strategic plan for the library, including ways to enhance the efficiency and effectiveness of the library services being provided by the City.

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BECKMAN RESEARCH INSTITUTE MOVING FORWARD WITH PLANS TO RELOCATE TO MONROVIA

Last week, staff met with representatives from the Beckman Research Institute to begin discussing their pending move to Monrovia. As you may recall, the Beckman Research Institute has leased around 140,000 square feet of office space at 1214 South 5th Avenue. In addition, the research group, which is affiliated with the City of Hope, will be bringing over 60 years of expertise in advanced scientific research here to Monrovia. The estimated staff of over 500 scientists and researchers who will be working at the Beckman Research Institute will continue their efforts to revolutionize the treatment of life-threatening diseases through advanced exploration in the fields of biology, biological chemistry, and pathology.

At our meeting this week, City staff met with representatives from the Beckman Research Institute to review plan check processes, interior demolitions, and other related tenant improvement issues. Based on the results of the meeting, we are anticipating that the Beckman Research Institute will be moving in to Monrovia later this calendar year.

PASSPORT PROGRAM AT THE COMMUNITY CENTER A HUGE HIT!

The City's Passport Program at the Community Center continues to gain in popularity among residents and visitors alike! **For the month of February 2016, our terrific Passport Agents processed a record 415 applications! That represents an 81% increase over the number of applications processed last year in February 2015!**

If you are in need of renewing your passport, or if you are getting a passport for the first time, make sure you take advantage of our wide range of passport services here at the City! Our Passport Office is open Monday through Thursday from 7:30 a.m. – 5:00 p.m., and on Friday from 1:00 p.m. – 5:00 p.m. Be sure you call (626) 932-5598 to schedule your appointment today!

MURAL UNVEILING AT THE LIBRARY SET FOR MARCH 11, 2016 AT 6:00 P.M.

The City would like to invite everyone to participate in the unveiling of our latest piece of public art! Last year, we commissioned the creation of a new mural that incorporates art, books, recycling, and whimsical fun, to be located at the Monrovia Public Library. The event is scheduled to take place on Friday, March 11, 2016, at 6:00 p.m. at the Monrovia Public Library. Light refreshments will be served, and we encourage anyone interested in participating to enter through the Library's Community Room door (just right of the main entrance to the library). We look forward to seeing you there!

City of Monrovia - Public Services Department
Monrovia Public Library

Sneak peek!

You are invited to join us for the unveiling of the Library's new mural.

Friday, March 11, 2016
6:00 p.m. to 7:00 p.m.
Light refreshments provided.

Celebrate art in Monrovia!
This project is in collaboration with:
Monrovia Public Library Foundation
City of Monrovia
CCA Woodworks
Friends of the Monrovia Public Library

"Sunday Drive" Mike Stilkey, Artist

321 South Myrtle Avenue, Monrovia, CA 91016 (626) 256-8274

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METRO RELEASES TRAIN SCHEDULE FOR NEW GOLD LINE STATIONS

Last week, Metro released the train schedule for the new Gold Line operation, including the schedule for the Monrovia operation. Please follow the link below to view the train schedule.

http://media.metro.net/riding_metro/bus_overview/images/804.pdf

2016 SPRING EGG HUNT AND HEALTHY KIDS DAY SET FOR MARCH 26, 2016

The City's annual Spring Egg Hunt and Healthy Kids Day Event will be held at Recreation Park on Saturday, March 26, 2016! As part of the event, the City will be coordinating our special egg hunt event, and to participate, make sure you show up at Recreation Park when registration begins at 9:45 a.m.! See the attached event flyer for additional information!



2016 SPRING EGG HUNT & HEALTHY KIDS DAY 

SATURDAY, MARCH 26
RECREATION PARK | **10AM - 1PM**
620 S. SHAMROCK AVENUE

Toddler Activities • Music • Teen Activities
Egg Hunts • Family Activities • Wellness Activities
Carnival Games • Petting Zoo • Spring Bunny
Face Painting • Arts & Crafts • Demonstrations
MONROVIA READS Book Distribution

Activities cancelled in the event of rain.

Registration begins at 9:45 a.m.

Egg Hunt Times:	4 Year Olds: 10:55 a.m.	8 Year Olds: 11:55 a.m.
0-1 Year Olds: 10:10 a.m.	5 Year Olds: 11:10 a.m.	9-10 Year Olds: 12:10 p.m.
2 Year Olds: 10:25 a.m.	6 Year Olds: 11:25 a.m.	11-13 Year Olds: 12:25 p.m.
3 Year Olds: 10:40 a.m.	7 Year Olds: 11:40 a.m.	14-16 Year Olds: 12:40 p.m.

VIP SPONSOR  **EVENT SPONSORS**

- Doreen Emenike, Immigration Attorney
- Elaine C. Price, Allstate Insurance • Nikki Felix, Wells Fargo
- Post Alarm Systems • Sierra Family of Dealerships
- Wendy's Hamburgers

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You won't want to miss this signature community event, which will feature a full day of fun and activities for the entire family! From arts & crafts to face painting... from carnival games to a petting zoo... from wellness activities to healthy lifestyle demonstrations... from toddler activities to teen activities... you won't want to miss this terrific day filled with music, fun, and a visit from the Spring Bunny!

Many thanks to our event sponsors that help make this event possible! The Spring Egg Hunt VIP Sponsor this year is **Monrovia Memorial Hospital**. Other key event partners are:

- Doreen Emenike, Immigration Attorney
- Elaine C. Price, Allstate Insurance
- Nikki Felix, Wells Fargo
- Post Alarm Systems
- The Sierra Family of Dealerships
- Wendy's Hamburgers.

For additional information, please contact the Department of Public Services at (626) 256-8246, and we look forward to seeing you all out there!

LABLAUNCH MONROVIA SET TO HOST MONROVIA BIOTECH DAY ON APRIL 22, 2016

Just a quick note to let everyone know that LabLaunch Monrovia is set to coordinate Monrovia Biotech Day on April 22, 2016, at the Mary Wilcox Youth Center, from 3:30 p.m. – 4:30 p.m. Additional details will be provided as we get closer to the event date, however, there will be STEM Activities, a discussion of biotech opportunities in Monrovia, and a display set up at the Monrovia Street Fair later that evening.

MONROVIA AREA PARTNERSHIP CARE FOR YOUR NEIGHBOR PROGRAM IMPROVES PROPERTY AT 222 EAST CYPRESS AVENUE

On Saturday, February 27, 2016, the Monrovia Area Partnership (MAP) *Care for Your Neighbor Program*, completed a successful improvement initiative for the property owner at 222 East Cypress Avenue. The home belongs to a senior citizen couple who have been dealing with health issues in recent years. These health issues have prevented them from being able to maintain their property, and through the Care for Your Neighbor Program, MAP Leaders and City staff worked together to help the elderly homeowners correct code enforcement issues, install new drought tolerant landscaping, and clean-up blighted portions of the property. As the attached before and after photos illustrate, the MAP program certainly did care for our neighbors at 222 East Cypress Avenue!

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LIBRARY HOSTING HEALTH TIPS WORKSHOPS ON MARCH 7, 2016 AND MARCH 9, 2016

The Monrovia Public Library is at it again in working to deliver great programming activities for the community! This week, there will be a few special events focusing on health tips. Event details include the following:

- Makeover Your Medicine Cabinet – Monday, March 7, 2016 at 10:00 a.m. in the Library Community Room
 - Are you looking for safe and natural solutions for common health conditions? Essential Oils were one of man's first medicines and offer powerful health solutions that can be used easily and in the comfort of your own home. Join host Kate Garland to discover simple solutions to empowered health for you and your family.
- Healthy Living Series – Wednesday, March 9, 2016, at 4:00 p.m. in the Library Community Room
 - Learn realistic tips on how to eat to be healthy and strong! Join us for our monthly health series hosted by ChapCare!

TEEN ADVISORY BOARD HOSTING MOVIE MANIA NIGHT ON FRIDAY, MARCH 11, 2016 FOR 6TH – 12TH GRADERS

This next week, the City's Teen Advisory Board (TAB) will be meeting on Monday, March 7, 2016, from 4:00 p.m. – 5:00 p.m. at the Library Community Room to discuss a variety of different volunteer opportunities and program development ideas. One of the key decisions that will be made is how to structure the Movie Mania Night Event, scheduled for Friday, March 11, 2016, from 7:00 p.m. – 9:00 p.m. Teens from 6th grade through 12th grade are invited to swing by the Library that evening to enjoy popcorn and themed snacks while watching the movie that will be selected by the TAB next week. Feel free to call the Monrovia Public Library at (626) 256-8274, to find out the movie that has been selected!

ENVIRONMENTAL AWARENESS WORKSHOP FOR KIDS SCHEDULED FOR MARCH 12, 2016

The Monrovia Public Library will be hosting an Environmental Awareness Workshop for kids on Saturday, March 12, 2016, from 2:00 p.m. – 3:00 p.m. in the Library Community Room. This education program will teach kids about a number of "green" activities through a variety of stories, activities, art projects, and a short film. The program is designed for kids in kindergarten – 5th grade, and is free and open to the public!

MONROVIA CERT PROGRAM CLASS HELD ON MARCH 5, 2016

On Saturday, March 5, 2016, the Monrovia Fire Department hosted the first day of a 21-hour Community Emergency Response Team (CERT) program training, which represents the reengagement of a tremendous community-based program. Monrovia initially began our CERT program in 2006, when we worked with the LA County Fire Department. Our team was provided with a "train-the-trainer" instructor program and all of the FEMA / CERT training materials, student manuals, and CERT volunteer response kits.

Utilizing these resources, our Monrovia Fire Department personnel taught 4 classes with approximately 80 participants. However, when the economic downturn occurred, we stopped providing new CERT classes, but did maintain close ties with the corps of CERT volunteers that had been developed. As things evolved, Monrovians interested in joining the CERT team were sent to other jurisdictions to be provided with basic training.

However, the last several months, we have been working to re-engage the CERT program and improve several key components. Our Fire Department personnel have standardized recurring training and we have set benchmarks that allow for recognition of our volunteers. We also recommitted to start teaching CERT classes again locally. The class that was held on Saturday, March 5, 2016, was the first day of the 21 hour CERT course, and two additional training days are scheduled.

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Overall, the CERT course covers the following disciplines: disaster preparedness, disaster medical operations, ICS, light search and rescue, disaster psychology, terrorism and fire safety. The course is a combination of classroom and hands on activities, and culminates with a final multi-casualty incident at our training tower. The final drill is quite simply awesome... it is very realistic and the participants get a chance to put the tools they have learned into practice in a real life simulation.

We are in the process of developing future CERT training programs, and for those interested in participating, please feel free to contact the Monrovia Fire Department at (626) 256-8181.

MONROVIA COMMUNITY ADULT SCHOOL INCREASING COURSE OFFERINGS TO HELP SGV RESIDENTS ACQUIRE NEEDED JOB SKILLS

Last week, the City learned that for its term beginning March 7, 2016, the locally based Monrovia Community Adult School (MCAS) is expanding its computer skills, high school diploma, basic academic skills and English as a Second Language (ESL) course offerings, as well as creating a new Business Applications course, to help San Gabriel Valley residents gain skills for postsecondary education and employment. A press release highlighting these new offerings is attached below for your review, and for a full listing of courses, please visit the school website at www.mcasweb.com, or call MCAS at (626) 471-3035.

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PRESS RELEASE

FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE
February 22, 2016

Contact: John Russell Calvin McKendrick
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Email: jrussell@monroviachools.net
Website: <http://www.mcasweb.com/>

MCAS Expands Programs to Bridge Gaps for Adult Learners

Monrovia Community Adult School increases course offerings to help San Gabriel Valley residents acquire skills for jobs, academics, and English learning.

Monrovia, California, February 22, 2016 – For its term beginning March 7, 2016, Monrovia Community Adult School (MCAS) is expanding its computer skills, high school diploma, basic academic skills and English as a Second Language (ESL) course offerings as well as creating a new Business Applications course to better help San Gabriel Valley residents gain skills for postsecondary education and employment.

“We are very excited to build upon our excellent existing career technical, academic and ESL programs, by providing additional evening classes in these areas and by offering a new Business Applications course addressing the skills needed in the modern office,” said Mr. Flint Fertig, the Director of Adult Education and Alternative Programs for Monrovia Unified School District.

The increased offerings are part of MCAS efforts to address the California state legislature’s directives from AB104 and the Adult Education Block Grant (AEBG), according to Mr. Fertig.

“AB104 and AEBG clearly call for adult education institutions to transition our students to two primary outcomes: employment or further postsecondary education. Increasing our course offerings in computers, high school diplomas, basic academic skills, English acquisition and Business Applications is one of our strategies to fulfill the legislature’s goals,” said Mr. Fertig.

Mr. Fertig noted that many adult students cannot take classes during the day because of job or familial commitments. Nighttime offerings provide students opportunities to take courses that place them on the pathway to postsecondary education or employment, he said.

Mr. Fertig is especially excited about the new Business Applications course. “The class is an introductory class that will prepare students for the modern office environment and will give them skills to work with Microsoft Office and cloud-based applications such as LinkedIn and Google Drive. This course will be part of a more comprehensive program MCAS will offer in 2016-2017 to better prepare students for office jobs,” he said.

According to Mr. Fertig, beginning March 7 MCAS will offer new classes in Computers, high school diploma, basic academic skills, and ESL every Tuesday, Wednesday and Thursday nights. Times vary depending on the class. Business Applications will meet Tuesday through Thursday at 1:00pm to 3:00pm.

Mr. Fertig also discussed MCAS’ “Get on the Bus,” an open house-type event where the public can travel to different MCAS campuses and see its career technical classes in actions. The event is scheduled for Tuesday, March 17 at 5:30 p.m. Further information about “Get on the Bus” or a full listing of courses, visit the school website, www.mcasweb.com, or call the school at 626-471-3035.

The Monrovia Community Adult School is committed to providing flexible, accessible and affordable lifelong learning opportunities for the changing academic, vocational and personal growth needs for adults in a changing society.

For more information contact John Russell by cell phone at (626) 840-9865 or by email at jrussell@monroviachools.net.

BOYS & GIRLS CLUB YOUTH OF THE YEAR EVENT SET FOR FRIDAY, MARCH 18, 2016 – MONROVIA'S PUBLIC SERVICES DEPARTMENT TO RECEIVE THE COMMUNITY PARTNER OF THE YEAR AWARD

The Boys & Girls Club will be holding their Youth of the Year event on Friday, March 18, 2016, at 5:30 p.m. at the Doubletree Hotel in Monrovia (924 West Huntington Drive). The attached event invitation provides additional details related to the event, and of particular note, the City's Public Services Department has been selected to receive the Community Partner of the Year award at the event banquet!

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*Celebrating outstanding area youth
and community supporters*

**FRIDAY, MARCH 18
5:30-7PM**

DOUBLETREE HOTEL
924 W. HUNTINGTON DRIVE MONROVIA

YOUTH OF THE YEAR

ALIZE NEAL

**COMMUNITY PARTNER
OF THE YEAR**

CITY OF MONROVIA
PUBLIC SERVICES DEPT

**LIFETIME GIVING &
SERVICE AWARDEES**

BLAINE & LYNDA FETTER

**CORPORATE PARTNER
OF THE YEAR**

INTERIOR SERVICES

EVENT CHAIR

DONNA BAKER

PRESENTED BY



FREE ADMISSION

RSVP: KBULLER@FOOTHILLSBCC.ORG

NOMINATIONS BEING SOUGHT FOR THE MONROVIA 2016 OLDER AMERICAN OF THE YEAR AWARD

The City is excited to announce that we are now accepting nominations for the Monrovia **2016 Older American of the Year Award**. The award is presented annually to a Monrovia resident that is 60 years of age or older, who is actively involved in volunteer services for our community. The purpose of the award is to honor and encourage older individuals to remain active volunteers.

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If you know of a special older Monrovia, please consider submitting a nomination prior to the deadline of Friday, March 18, 2016. Those interested nominating someone for the Older American of the Year Award should contact Rebecca Sandoval at (626) 256-8246, or via email at rsandoval@ci.monrovia.ca.us.

After the submittal deadline of March 18, 2016, a committee will review each individual nominated to determine the 2016 Older American of the Year Award winner. In addition, the winner will be announced and recognized by the City at the following events:

- Senior Recognition Luncheon
 - Date: Thursday, April 28, 2016
 - Time: 11:00 a.m. – 1:00 p.m.
 - Location: Monrovia Community Center, 119 West Palm Avenue

- The 51st Annual Older Americans Recognition Day Awards Program
 - Date: Thursday, May 12, 2016
 - Time: 11:00 a.m. – 1:00 p.m.
 - Location: Dorothy Chandler Pavilion Music Center Grand Hall, 135 North Grand Avenue, Los Angeles

MONROVIA CHAMBER OF COMMERCE PLANNING A STATION SQUARE CRAFT BEER & MUSIC FESTIVAL ON APRIL 16, 2016 FROM 2:00 P.M. – 6:00 P.M.

Craft Beer. Music. Station Square. The Gold Line. Right here in Monrovia.

Sound too good to be true? Well... thanks to the Monrovia Chamber of Commerce, a Craft Beer & Music Festival will actually be held on April 16, 2016 at Station Square! Event details and logistics are still being coordinated, but you won't want to miss this terrific event which will feature local craft beer brewers, terrific musical acts, and the ambience of Monrovia's Station Square! For additional information, please contact the Monrovia Chamber of Commerce at (626) 358-1159.

MONROVIA DAYS EVENTS SCHEDULED FOR MAY 13 – 15, 2016, WITH THE PARADE AND FESTIVAL SET FOR SATURDAY MAY 14, 2016

Monrovia Days promises to be very special this year, because in addition to the activities we have come to enjoy as a community these past few years, the City and the School District have agreed to partner to bring back the Monrovia Days Parade! The attached flyer outlines the events that will be taking place that weekend, including:

- Friday, May 13, 2016 – Special activities are planned to take place Old Town Monrovia!

- Saturday, May 14, 2016 – Centre Stage, the City, and the School District will be partnering to present the Monrovia Days Community Parade & Festival in Old Town Monrovia!

- Sunday, May 15, 2016 – the Monrovia Days Music Festival will take place in Library Park!

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Stay tuned for additional Monrovia Days information, and mark your calendars for May 13 -15, 2016, to celebrate Monrovia's 130th Birthday in style!

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 see the attached flyer or 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					
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City Manager's Update

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 at the link below for your review and focuses on the short-term FAA extension, the GOP intraparty negotiations over the FY 2017 Budget, the Supreme Court decision regarding the EPA Carbon Dioxide Rule, and a note on the congressional calendar.

<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 February 29 – March 2, 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 427 service events, resulting in 60 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,
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