

# City Manager's Update

Wednesday, August 19, 2015

Hello everyone!

I hope that this email finds you all doing well and enjoying a terrific week!

In an effort to provide an update of important news and notes from this past 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 report – I can be reached via email at [ochi@ci.monrovia.ca.us](mailto:ochi@ci.monrovia.ca.us)!

Please have a wonderful rest of the week!

Best,  
Oliver

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## **OVERVIEW OF MONROVIA RENEWAL PROJECT AND THE UPCOMING PROPOSITION 218 PUBLIC HEARING REGARDING WATER AND SEWER RATE ADJUSTMENTS SCHEDULED FOR OCTOBER 6, 2015**

One of the major initiatives that staff has been working on as of late is the development of a comprehensive citywide Capital Improvement Project (CIP) initiative known as Monrovia Renewal. The overall project is estimated to cost around \$51.7 million and involves the following:

- Repair / replace every street with a pavement condition index (PCI) rating of less than 70
- Repair / replace all necessary water transmission pipes and water production facilities
- Repair / replace all necessary sewer lines

Development of the overall Monrovia Renewal project has occurred systematically during the past several months. Initially, the City commissioned a Pavement Condition Index (PCI) study to determine the overall condition of Monrovia's street infrastructure. Subsequently, the City commissioned three master plan studies for street reconstruction, sewer system improvements, and water system improvements. Once the studies were completed, the plans were merged to develop the overall Monrovia Renewal proposal. The overall plan coordinates the identified infrastructure improvements throughout the City into six separate project areas (North, North East, North West, South East, South West, and South), and based on current timelines, construction is anticipated to begin in the first quarter of 2016, with the balance of the work identified for completion within next 3-5 years.

Pursuant to that plan, the estimated costs associated with the Monrovia Renewal CIP Plan include the following:

- Street Repairs: \$14.8 million
- Water System Repairs: \$23.3 million
- Sewer System Repairs: \$13.7 million

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In order to pay for the proposed project, staff has developed a three-tiered funding option that we are currently working to finalize.

- For the streets plan, the City will be utilizing our existing Proposition C and Measure R funds to raise the necessary capital to repair the streets that have a PCI rating of below 70.
- Regarding the water system repairs that have been identified, staff has recommended a water rate adjustment be implemented to raise the funds needed for the identified improvements. Based on the plan that has been proposed, the typical single-family residence would see a \$10 / month increase.
- Finally, with regard to sewer system repairs that have been identified, staff has recommended that a sewer rate adjustment be implemented to raise the funds needed for the identified improvements. Based on the plan that has been proposed, the typical single-family residence would see a \$4 / month increase.

This overall funding plan has identified that all of the projects outlined in the Monrovia Renewal CIP Initiative (\$51.7 million of projects) could be executed at a total cost of around \$14 / month for the typical single family residence.

More recently, on August 4, 2015, the City Council called for a Proposition 218 Hearing to be held on October 6, 2015. At that Proposition 218 Hearing, the City Council will be considering the implementation of a new water rate schedule and a new sewer rate schedule which if implemented, would combined cost the typical single-family residential ratepayer around \$14 / month.

Pursuant to Proposition 218, in order to implement the proposed water and sewer fee adjustments, the City will be following the majority protest proceedings identified by Proposition 218. By way of background, in November 1996, California voters approved Proposition 218 which requires specific procedures be followed with regard to "property-related" fee adjustments, including water and sewer related costs.

What this means is that all water rate customers and sewer rate customers will be receiving a notice in the mail this week which outlines additional details related to the proposed water rate and sewer rate adjustments. The notices will include details related to the Proposition 218 Public Hearing, the reasons for the rate adjustments, and information regarding how customers can participate in the process. In addition, the notices outline that the overall proposed sewer and water rates include a provision that provides for a senior rate discount and economic hardship rate discount.

The Monrovia Renewal CIP Initiative is an important project for our entire community, and the City has spent significant time and effort to thoughtfully craft a program which balances economic considerations with important infrastructure related priorities. If you should have any questions regarding this matter, please feel free to contact our Public Services Department at (626) 932-5575.

## **MONROVIA RENEWAL DESIGN WORK FOR THE SOUTHWEST AND SOUTHEAST PROJECT AREAS SET TO BEGIN THIS WEEK**

Based on the overall timing and phasing of the Monrovia Renewal project, the City initiated design related work for the identified street, water pipeline, and sewer pipeline projects located in the Southwest and Southeast project areas this week on August 18, 2015. The Southwest and Southeast project areas of the Monrovia Renewal project are bordered to the

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north by Colorado Boulevard, to the south by the 210 Freeway, and encompass the City's eastern and western boundaries. The initial work to be performed beginning this week includes surveying, pavement coring, and additional testing / sampling.

## **WATER CONSERVATION AROUND TOWN – AND COMING TO YOUR MAILBOX TOO!**



As the attached picture shows, our team has been hard at work to illustrate that Monrovia Conserves! This last week, the City's Public Services team continued their tour of Monrovia's community groups to share information about water conservation and the mandatory Phase IV regulations that are currently in effect. Our Public Services Director, Tina Cherry, met with members of our business community at the monthly MOTAB meeting, while our Management Analyst Brittany Mello spoke with our seniors at a Lunch & Learn event. Our team has also established a water conservation booth at the Friday Night Family Street Fair and at the weekly Sunday Concerts in the Park.

Additionally, our team has created a double-sided flyer summarizing the Phase IV regulations now in effect, which will be included as an insert in the next municipal services bill. The flyer was developed to provide residents with a handy reminder of water conservation tips and measures during this extended drought.

## **MONROVIA ONLINE CRIME MAPPING AVAILABLE NOW**

For those that are interested, the Monrovia Police Department has deployed a powerful new online crime mapping tool that provides up to date information regarding law enforcement incidents that have occurred here in town. The online portal provides residents with valuable information about recent crime activity that has occurred in their neighborhood, and can be accessed at the following website address:

<http://www.crimemapping.com/map/ca/monrovia>

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## **MONROVIA OLD TOWN ADVISORY BOARD MEMBER VANESSA DE LA RIVA RESIGNS**

Last week, the City received notification that Vanessa De La Riva will be resigning her seat on the Monrovia Old Town Advisory Board (MOTAB), as she is leaving Krikorian Theatres to pursue another promotional professional opportunity. The City very much appreciates the work that Board Member De La Riva has provided over the years, and we are currently making plans to conduct a recruitment to fill the pending vacancy on the MOTAB Board. Also of note, Krikorian Theatres notified the City that Mr. Ted Goldbeck will be assuming the role of General Manager upon Commissioner De La Riva's departure.

## **UPDATE REGARDING CABIN FIRE IN AZUSA**

Just a quick note to let everyone know that there is a fire currently burning in Azusa that has been dubbed the "Cabin Fire." Monrovia Fire Department personnel have been out to Azusa to check on the status of the fire and to assess any potential impacts for our community. Based on that assessment, it is important to note that the fire is continuing to burn away from Monrovia. In addition, based on a recent request from the Incident Commander for the fire, Monrovia has sent our water tender to assist with current firefighting activities. We will continue monitoring this situation carefully during the coming days and will provide additional updates should the situation change.

## **SUMMER CAMP SUCCESS**

This last week, the City received the following letter from the parent of a "happy camper" who participated in our summer day camp program.

*My name is Jack Kalanjian and my daughter Isabel Kalanjian who is 7 years old has been going to the summer day camp this summer on Mountain Ave in Monrovia by the YMCA.*

*I wanted to take this opportunity to write and say thank you so much for this program since it has been so much fun for her as it has made her summer amazing. She loves attending and looking forward to all the activities that are planned for the kids to enjoy and the leaders have been so wonderful from her group leader, to the main person in charge Michael Sommerville. Every day she gets excited to go and have more fun as she enjoys the activities and all the friends she has made, so thank you so much for putting this together for the community kids to enjoy during the summer and the amazing staff that come and serve there every day, thus making everything so wonderful.*

*Thank you,  
Jack Kalanjian*

## **MONROVIA LIBRARIANS LEND A HAND AT THE FOOTHILL UNITY CENTER'S DONATION EVENT**

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On Tuesday, August 11, 2015, Santa Anita Park hosted the annual Foothill Unity Center school supplies and services donation event to approximately 1,200 children who were in need. Around 55 community partners and over 400 volunteers equipped children with basic tools for success for the new school year. Monrovia was well represented by members of our library staff who assisted *Monrovia Reads* with their popular book giveaway program at the event. Our staff shared that the event was powerful and rewarding, as over a thousand kids were excitedly running around and showing our staff their new backpacks, school supplies, uniforms, and books.

## **2015 SUMMER CONCERT SERIES CONTINUES**

The City of Monrovia continues its free Summer Concert Series this coming Sunday, August 23, 2015, at 7:00 p.m. in Library Park, featuring today's Country Music from "Pickleback Shine." The concert is sponsored by Cathy Teegarden and Tricia Harding of Distinctive Properties.

Feel free to bring the entire family to the Rotary Club Bandshell in Library Park every Sunday evening this summer for free musical entertainment from 7:00 p.m. to 8:30 p.m. Don't forget your lawn chair or blanket, and then sit back, relax, and enjoy the variety of music each Sunday evening through September 6, 2015.

Looking forward, the schedule for the remainder of the summer includes the following:

- August 30 – Yari More Latin Band - Latin / Salsa Music
- September 6 – The Basix -Top 40 / Disco Music

All concerts begin at 7:00 p.m. at the Rotary Bandshell at Library Park – looking forward to seeing everyone there! If you have any questions, please contact the Public Services Department at (626) 256-8246.

## **GOLD LINE STATION DEDICATION EVENTS SCHEDULED**

During the next several weeks, the Foothill Gold Line Construction Authority will be holding dedication ceremonies for each station along the Phase II route, per the following schedule:

- Arcadia Station Dedication: Saturday, August 22, 2015 - 10:00 AM
- Irwindale Station Dedication: Friday, August 28, 2015 – 5:00 PM
- **Monrovia Station Dedication: Saturday, September 12, 2015 – 10:00 AM**
- Azusa Downtown & APU/Citrus College Station Dedication: Saturday, September 19, 2015 – 10:00 AM

Please note – **Monrovia's Station Dedication** event is scheduled for Saturday, September 12, 2015, at 10 a.m.

Also, as we move forward, the actual new Gold Line services are scheduled to begin operating in the Spring of 2016.

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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 at the link below for your review and focuses on homeless policy and drone policy.

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

## **POLICE DEPARTMENT SEMI-WEEKLY NEIGHBORHOOD WATCH REPORT**

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

That's it for this week's update, I do hope you have a wonderful rest of the week!

Best regards,  
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