

City Manager's Update

Tuesday, July 21, 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!

Please have a wonderful rest of the week!

Best,
Oliver

WATER CONSERVATION EFFORTS PLANNED FOR IMPLEMENTATION

At our City Council meeting tonight, staff will be presenting an item that will consider the adoption of more stringent water use restrictions to assist with the achievement of the 28% water use reduction that the State has directed that we achieve. Given that our primary modes of achieving the water use reduction will be a reliance on education and conservation, staff has developed an overall marketing plan and educational plan to begin articulating how we can all work to conserve water. As part of that effort, here is the logo we have developed to help brand all of our outreach efforts.



MOTAB BOARD APPOINTMENT AT THE CITY COUNCIL MEETING TONIGHT

Just a quick note to let everyone know that the City held interviews on Monday, July 20, 2015, to fill the MOTAB Board seat that was vacated when Brian Germany resigned. Based on the results of that interview process, we will be bringing forward for consideration a MOTAB Board appointment recommendation at our City Council meeting tonight, Tuesday, July 21, 2015 at 7:30 p.m. in Council Chambers at City Hall, 415 South Ivy Avenue, Monrovia.

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2015 SUMMER CONCERT SERIES

Last week, our Public Services Department coordinated the kickoff for Monrovia's 2015 Summer Concert Series as participants were able to enjoy the smooth sounds of *Big Papa & the TCB!* Throughout the summer, everyone is invited to come to the Rotary Club Bandshell at Library Park each Sunday from 7:00 p.m. to 8:30 p.m. for an evening of free musical entertainment.

The musical act this Sunday, July 26, 2015, will feature the classic rock sounds of *The Bulldogs Classic Rock Band*, and the schedule for the rest of the summer includes:

- July 26 - The Bulldogs Classic Rock Band - Classic Rock
- August 2 - Cold Duck - Old School 40's Music
- August 9 - Time Bomb - Hits from 1975 to 1985
- August 16 - Mariachi Divas - Mariachi Music
- August 23 - Pickleback Shine - Today's Country Music
- August 30 - Yari More Latin Band - Latin/Salsa Music

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

MEETING WITH MIANYANG GOVERNMENT OFFICIALS HELD AT CITY HALL THIS PAST THURSDAY

This past Thursday, July 16, 2015, Mr. Tom Adams and City staff met with representatives from the Mianyang City Government of China. The meeting was hosted in the City's Council Chambers, and we shared information regarding our respective government agencies. The individuals from Mianyang who participated in the meeting include the following:

1. Mr. Liu, Qing Chuan
 - a. Party Secretary, Mianyang City Development & Reform Commission
2. Mr. Deng, Hui
 - a. Director of Investment Promotion Bureau, Mianyang City
3. Mr. Zeng, Jian Jun
 - a. Deputy Chief of Pei Cheng District, Mianyang City
4. Mr. Shen, Nai Jie
 - a. Deputy Chief of Overseas Division of Investment Promotion Bureau, Mianyang City

During the information exchange, we learned that Mianyang was the second largest city in the Sichuan province in Southwest China, with a population of over 4.6 million people.

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FORMER FIRE DIVISION CHIEF DAVE DENNIS PASSED AWAY LAST WEEK

Last Tuesday, we learned that former Monrovia Fire Department Division Chief Dave Dennis passed away at his home in Rancho Cucamonga. Our thoughts and prayers are with his wife Jodie and the rest of his family during this difficult time.

SGVCOG COORDINATED ENTRY SYSTEM HOMELESSNESS WORKSHOP

On July 14, 2015, the San Gabriel Valley Council of Governments (COG) held the first of three workshops to provide an overview of the [Coordinated Entry System \(CES\)](#) and the [Homeless Family Solutions System \(HFSS\)](#). Both systems have been designed to coordinate the assessment of individuals and families experiencing homelessness within a network of agencies throughout the San Gabriel Valley to ensure that resources are allocated as efficiently as possible. One aim of these new systems is to ensure that those most in need are served first, and that clients are linked with a variety of services that will benefit them. In the San Gabriel Valley, [Union Station Homeless Services](#) is managing these efforts, and Monrovia's very own [Foothill Unity Center](#) (415 W. Chestnut Avenue) serves as the closest CES Intake Site.

Another innovative process that has been coordinated for those in need of homeless support services is that those in LA County will be able to dial "2-1-1" on the telephone to reach a referral line to schedule an appointment at a [Regional Family Solution Center](#) via the HFSS program. The nearest HFSS intake site is located in Duarte at 1755 E. Huntington Drive.

Moving forward, we will be working to integrate these overall support services into the City's existing efforts to address homelessness in Monrovia.

SUMMER EXTRAVAGANZA WEEK 4

The Summer Extravaganza Program just completed its fourth week of activities. All age groups visited the City of El Monte's Gibson Water Park on Wednesday, July 15 and the El Monte Aquatic Center on Thursday, July 16 for a day of swimming. The 8-10 year old age groups also visited Canyon Park on Tuesday, July 14 for an educational tour and hike. The eight week program offers active and passive games, arts and crafts, reading with the Monrovia Public Library, and educational excursions. Program hours are 12:00 p.m. to 5:00 p.m., Monday through Friday. Currently the program is at maximum capacity, however, those interested in participating can join a waiting list for entry in the program by contacting the Community Services Division of our Public Services Department at (626) 256-8246.

YOUTH COMMISSION RECOGNITION

On Tuesday, July 14, 2015, the Community Services Commission Board and City staff recognized the Youth Commissioners of the Year at the monthly Commission Meeting. The two youth commissioners presented with this prestigious honor were Jackie Villalvazo and Lilia Alvarez.

Youth Commissioners volunteer for City-wide special events and programs throughout the school year. Both Jackie and Lilia volunteered for every special event throughout the year, volunteered indoors at the Monrovia Community Center, and also assisted with the City of Monrovia's Youth Sports Program. Jackie performed 189.75 hours of volunteer service during the school year, while Lilia volunteered 201.25 hours. Both received a plaque of recognition for their achievement, and we could not be more proud or appreciative of their efforts.

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For more information on the Youth Commission program please contact the Monrovia Community Center at (626) 256-8246.

BEAR RESISTANT TRASH BARRELS

As we enter the summer months, the possibility of interfaces with bears increases. Our solid waste provider, Athens Services, does have bear resistant trash barrels available for residents who wish to prevent having their trash barrel broken into by bears. For an additional fee, residents who subscribe to this service will be provided one (1) black 90-gallon bear resistant barrel in lieu of a traditional trash barrel. Please feel free to contact Athens Services at (888) 336-3636 for more information on this program.

LIBRARY HOSTS KID'S DRIVE-IN MOVIE THEATER

On Saturday, July 11, 2015, the Monrovia Public Library hosted a Kid's Drive-In Movie Theater. Children came to the Body Shop (located in the Library Story Room) where they picked up supplies that included a child size box, paper, scissors, glue, a Monrovia Public Library license plate and additional creative supplies. Once their dream car was designed, the kids went to the tire center to have their tires and headlights glued on by Library Volunteers. When their automobiles were completed, participants zoomed over to the Drive-In Theater (Library Community Room) where they sat in their car to watch short films. Library Volunteers came and clipped a shoe box of snacks for each driver, on to the side of the cars, so the children could snack while enjoying the movies. The program had 227 individuals in attendance and we also used up the 100 boxes which were donated to the program by one of our Library families. It was a wonderful program that combined engineering and fun for school aged children, and many thanks go to our Library staff and Library volunteers for making the event happen!



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FREE SUMMER MOVIE SERIES SET TO WRAP-UP ON AUGUST 8, 2015

The City of Monrovia and Monrovia Area Partnership (MAP) is hosting a free Summer Movie Series for the community. Our final movie night event is scheduled to take place on August 8, 2015, starting at 8 p.m. at Grand Avenue Park! For more information regarding the Summer Movie Series, please contact the Monrovia Community Center at (626) 256-8246. The schedule for the remainder of the summer is as follows:

- **Big Hero 6** – Saturday, August 8 at Grand Avenue Park (movie begins at approximately 8 p.m.)

Don't forget to bring your chair, and we're looking forward to seeing everyone in the park on August 8, 2015!

LIBRARY SIGNS UP MORE THAN 2,000 INDIVIDUALS FOR THE 2015 SUMMER READING CLUB PROGRAM

Last week, the Library met its goal of signing up at least 2,000 individuals for our 2015 Summer Reading Club! Many thanks to all of the participants and volunteers who have worked so hard to ensure that our Summer Reading program is a success!

POLICE DEPARTMENT SEMI-WEEKLY NEIGHBORHOOD WATCH REPORT

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

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

Best regards,

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