

City Manager's Update

May 19, 2015

Happy Tuesday, I hope that this email finds you doing great!

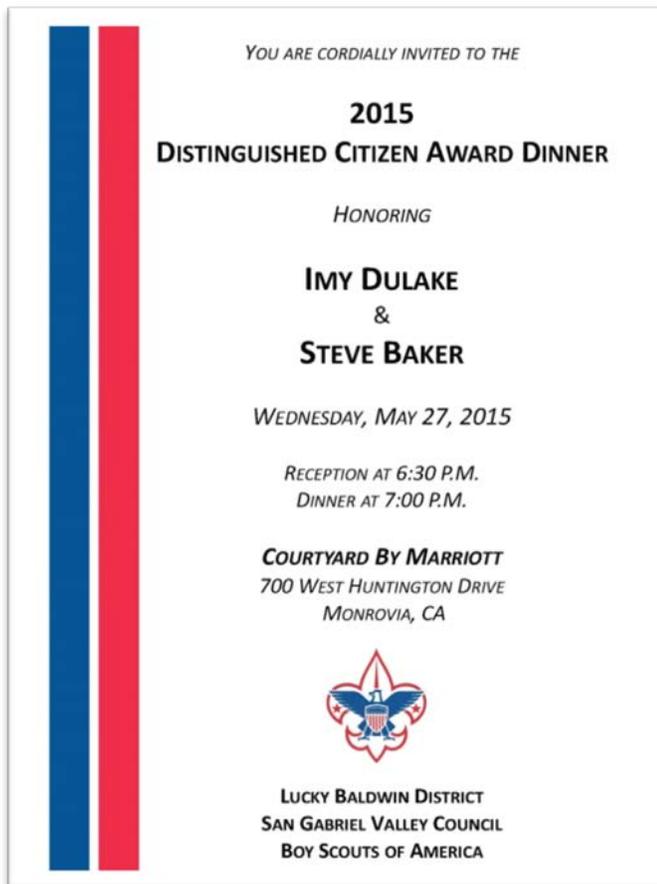
For your reference, please enjoy the following collection of City news and notes from the past week. And also, please feel free to let me know if you have any questions regarding the update items – I can be reached via email at ochi@ci.monrovia.ca.us.

Have an amazing rest of the week!

Best regards,
Oliver

STEVE BAKER SET TO BE HONORED BY THE BOY SCOUTS OF AMERICA ON MAY 27, 2015

On May 27, 2015, our very own City Treasurer and City Historian – Steve Baker – is set to be honored by the Boy Scouts of America, Lucky Baldwin District, as one of their 2015 Distinguished Citizens of the Year. The event is scheduled to be held at the Courtyard Marriot here in Monrovia, with the reception set to begin at 6:30 p.m. A copy of the event invitation has been included.



WATER SYSTEM CONSUMER CONFIDENCE REPORT BEING PREPARED

During the past few weeks, our utilities team has been working to prepare our annual water Consumer Confidence Report. The overall document, which focuses on articulating water quality information for our consumers, is scheduled to be mailed out to residents in June 2015. Based on the preliminary information that has been gathered, Monrovia's utility operation continues to deliver water to our customers that meets or exceeds every federal and state water quality requirement. We will be sure to make the report public once it is complete.

RESIDENTS CONTACTED THIS PAST WEEK REGARDING DENIAL OF THE PLACEMENT OF A CELLULAR TOWER AT THE RIDGESIDE WATER RESERVOIR

In an effort to keep residents informed as to the status of the Verizon Wireless request to locate a cellular tower on the City's Ridgeside Water Reservoir, a letter was sent to each individual that signed-up to receive updates regarding the overall project. In the letter, staff explicitly articulated that the City would not be leasing City-owned property to Verizon

Wireless for the placement of a cellular tower in the Ridgeside neighborhood.

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PEACE OFFICERS MEMORIAL DAY RECOGNIZED ON MAY 15, 2015

Just a quick note to let everyone know that this past Friday, May 15, 2015, was Peace Officers Memorial Day. In accordance with our policy, Police Department staff wore black mourning bands on their badges that day in remembrance of those law enforcement professionals that made the ultimate sacrifice. In addition, City flags were all flown at half-staff.

Peace Officers Memorial Day was also an opportunity for us to remember the two Monrovia Police Officers who lost their lives in the line of duty. Officer Massie "Tiny" Morris died 1928 while serving our community, and Officer Scott Vernon Smith was killed 1938. Information about both officers is located on our website in the history section under the Police Department's webpage.

STATION SQUARE TRAFFIC DETOURS WILL OCCUR THESE NEXT FEW WEEKS

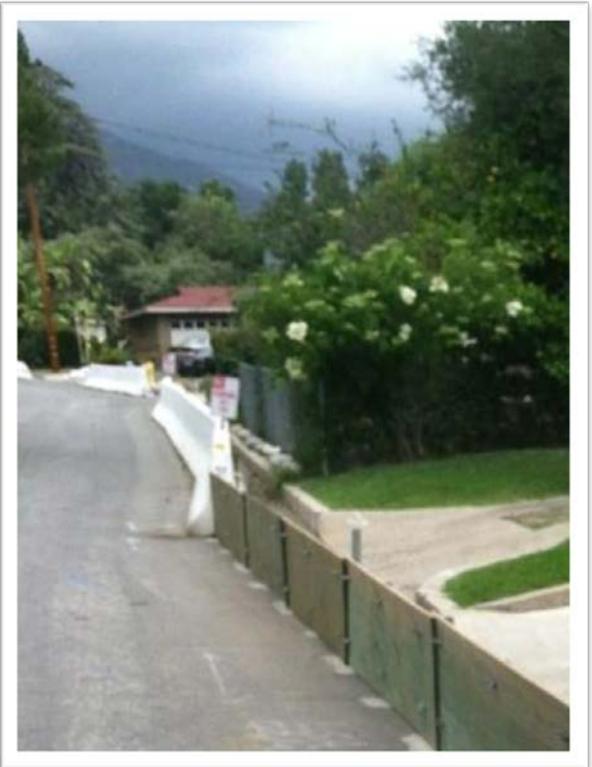
Over the next several weeks, all of the streets surrounding the Station Square project will be paved and re-stripped. This is a significant milestone for the project, however, paving activities will significantly impact traffic in the construction area. In order to facilitate the needed construction work, traffic will intermittently be closed to one lane each direction on all of the impacted streets, including Myrtle Avenue, Duarte Road, California Avenue, Evergreen Avenue, Primrose, and Magnolia Avenue. We are encouraging all drivers to allow for extra time to pass through the area, or to take an alternate route while we finish up our construction work.

TEMPORARY DRIVEWAY BARRICADES INSTALLED ON HIGHLAND PLACE PRIOR TO THE MOST RECENT RAIN EVENT

Last week, temporary driveway barricades were installed on Highland Place. The attached picture shows the final product, and the barriers proved to be helpful during our most recent rain event. Residents reported to the City that these well-built structures did the job during our most recent rains, and the barriers, along with the mud removal work that the City commissioned, resulted in no mud or debris flow onto private property during our most recent storm. Great job to our Public Services Department team for coordinating the process of getting the barricades project complete!

GOVERNOR RELEASES HIS MAY REVISE BUDGET THIS PAST WEEK

This week, the Governor released his May Revise Budget, which is an update to his initial budget presented in January. Per current State law, a final budget must be passed by the Legislature and signed by the Governor by June 15, 2015. As expected, the May Revise Budget contained a redevelopment dissolution proposal that may have potential adverse impacts for successor agencies moving forward. In a bit of good news, however, the overall proposed May Revise Budget does not contain provision that adversely impact Monrovia from a state-local financial perspective.



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GOLD LINE CONSTRUCTION AUTHORITY OPERATIONS CAMPUS GRAND OPENING CEREMONY SET FOR 9:30 AM TO 12:30 PM ON SATURDAY, MAY 23, 2015

Just a reminder... the Maintenance and Operations Yard Grand Opening Ceremony is set for Saturday, May 23, 2015, from 9:30 a.m. – 12:30 p.m. As part of the event, we will be closing Evergreen Avenue between California and Shamrock during the morning to facilitate access for the festivities. In addition, a portion of the event that day will include the dedication of the park plaza located at the south-east corner of Evergreen and California. That particular park property, which has been named Evergreen Plaza by the Gold Line Construction Authority, will at some point be deeded over to the City. Representatives from the Gold Line have been working with staff to coordinate the process of transferring the park to the City, and we will be certain to keep you informed as to the status of this project as we move forward. We look forward to seeing everyone on May 23rd!

CONGRESS WOMAN GRACE NAPOLITANO SET TO HONOR AGENT RICHARD SCHNEIDER AND FIREFIGHTER NICK BROAD AT A CONGRESSIONAL PRAYER BREAKFAST ON MAY 27, 2015

Just a reminder that Congress Woman Grace Napolitano will be honoring Agent Richard Schneider from the Monrovia Police Department, and Firefighter Nick Broad from the Monrovia Fire Department, at a Congressional Prayer Breakfast event that she is hosting at the Pacific Palms Resort on May 27, 2015. Congrats to these two very deserving members of our team for being recognized for this honor!

NEIGHBORHOOD COMPATIBILITY / HISTORIC PRESERVATION UPDATE

Just a quick note to let everyone know that we have confirmed a general public outreach meeting regarding neighborhood compatibility / historic preservation to take place on Wednesday, May 20, 2015, at 7 p.m. at the Knights of Columbus facility located at 130 West Pomona Avenue.

This particular meeting has been coordinated as the last of our public outreach efforts, and compliments the other activities we have engaged in to better ascertain details related to neighborhood compatibility / historic preservation concerns. As you may recall, to date, we have engaged in the following:

- Published a survey regarding neighborhood compatibility / historic preservation
- Directed focus group meetings with real estate / development representatives, MAP leaders, and with MOHPG
- Coordinated individual meetings with members of the Planning Commission and Historic Preservation Commission

Looking ahead, we are working on developing a study session with the City Council to present our findings in June / July 2015. Following that overview meeting, staff is planning to host a joint meeting between the City Council, Planning Commission, and Historic Preservation Commission in July / August 2015 to review our next steps in the process.

SGV GOLDEN STREETS MEETING HELD THIS PAST WEEK

This past week, staff participated in a meeting hosted by the City of South Pasadena regarding the San Gabriel Valley Golden Streets project. The group hopes to coordinate a day-long event throughout the San Gabriel Valley which would be highlighted by a bike access corridor through the cities being serviced by the Gold Line extension to Azusa. In general, the event would be focused on the following:

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- The proposed event would link the Meridian Gold Line Station in South Pasadena with new Gold Line stations in the Cities of Arcadia, Monrovia, Duarte, Irwindale and Azusa.
- Proposed date: TBD, a Sunday in Summer/Fall 2016, following the opening of Metro Gold Line Foothill Extension.
- Proposed timeline: 9:00 am - 2:00 pm (with certain activity hubs near/around Gold Line stations and business districts open until 3:00 pm or later to increase economic return and reduce strain on Gold Line trains)

The biggest challenge for the event is the desire to close arterial streets to vehicular traffic during the course of the event to facilitate bike and pedestrian access only through each of the new Gold Line stations. There are certainly numerous logistical challenges that need to be overcome to facilitate the overall initiative, and City staff will continue to interface with the group as the planning efforts continue.

SUMMER EXTRAVAGANZA REGISTRATION NOW OPEN!

Registration for City's Summer Extravaganza summer program is currently underway. This free eight-week summer program offers a variety of active and passive games, crafts, educational activities, excursions and much more. Summer Extravaganza is offered Monday through Friday from 12:00 p.m. – 5:00 p.m. and begins on June 22, 2015. We already have 125 registered participants, and have a maximum capacity of 200. Online registration is available on the City of Monrovia's website or at the Monrovia Community Center, 119 West Palm Avenue. For additional information, please contact the Monrovia Community Center at (626) 256-8246.

YOUTH SPORTS SOCCER PROGRAM UPDATE

The Youth Sports Program soccer playoff games have begun! The championship round is scheduled to be played on Wednesday, May 20, 2015 at Recreation Park. The Youth Sports Awards Ceremony will then be held on Thursday, May 28, 2015 at 6:30 p.m. at the Monrovia Community Center. The program will recognize league participants, runner-ups, league champions, sportsmanship winners, scholar athletes and rookie of the Year and Most Valuable Participants. The key note speaker that evening will be Head Soccer Coach of Monrovia High School, Mike Williams.

INTEREST GROWS AT NEW PLYMOUTH ELEMENTARY AFTER SCHOOL PROGRAM

The Plymouth Elementary afterschool program has been operational for two weeks, and staff and participants are pleased with program interest experienced to date. There are nine regular attendees, who are excited to be part of the program and can't wait for next year so they can start participating in league games. Staff regularly communicates with teachers and students to stimulate more interest in the program and is looking forward to the possibilities next year's program will bring!

That's it for the update this week, thanks again for all that you do to help make Monrovia great!

Best regards,
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