

City Manager's Update

Tuesday, May 26, 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

CELEBRATING THE LIFE OF SENATOR DICK MOUNTJOY

Last week, we learned that longtime Monrovia resident and former California State Senator Dick Mountjoy, who also served as a City Council Member and Mayor for the City, passed away. Funeral services were held today, May 26, 2015, at 11:00 a.m. at Sierra Madre Congregational Church. Given Senator Mountjoy's strong connections to Monrovia, and in an effort to celebrate his life and commitment to public service, all City flags have been flown at half-staff today.

STATION SQUARE STREET PAVING

Due to unanticipated and unforeseen construction delays, street paving for the Station Square project has been postponed to June 4, 2015. Until then, the contractor will be working to finish construction of the new medians and will also spend time installing new pavers throughout the project. Beginning June 4, 2015, all two lane streets within the project area, including Myrtle Avenue and Duarte Road, will be restricted to one lane in each direction. The impacted streets include the following:

- Myrtle Avenue will be restricted to one lane in each direction
- Duarte Road will be restricted to one lane in each direction
- Magnolia and Pomona will be restricted to one-way traffic
- Primrose between Evergreen and Pomona will be closed

Per the current paving schedule, the outside lanes will be closed on all streets initially to facilitate paving activities. Once the paving of the outside lanes has been completed, the traffic will be flipped, vehicular access will be allowed on the newly paved street, and then the inside lanes will be closed to facilitate paving work. Upon completion of the inside lanes, the entire road segments will then re-opened to traffic. Based on our current work schedule, it is anticipated that all traffic lanes will be repaved by June 12, 2015, and access to all business and residences will be maintained throughout the re-pavement process.

Please keep in mind that there may be periodic lane closures the week following the completion of paving, as the contractor may need to perform localized construction work during the week of June 15-19, 2015. Additional lane closures will be necessary for street striping activities, which is tentatively scheduled to occur during the week of June 22, 2015.

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While it is certainly possible that our current paving schedule may change, staff has been working hard to ensure that all work is completed on-time. We appreciate everyone's patience with us during the process, and we will continue to work hard to manage this process until the overall Station Square project is completed.

HIDDEN VALLEY NEIGHBORHOOD COMMITTEE ESTABLISHED

Last week, Mayor Adams and Council Member Crudginton, along with staff, met with neighbors in the Hidden Valley community to discuss the Cloverleaf Access Point. Based on that meeting and subsequent discussions with neighborhood representatives, we have worked to develop a working committee to address the issues that have been raised by residents regarding access to the Hillside Wilderness Preserve through Cloverleaf Drive.

Staff has corresponded with the working committee members already, who have committed to participating and addressing the issues at hand with a common sense attitude. We are currently coordinating with all of the members of the working committee to hold an initial meeting within the next week or two, and we will be certain to keep everyone informed as to our progress moving forward.

UPDATE REGARDING WATER USE IN MONROVIA

Given the recent State mandated water use reductions, there are several sets of data that have been used to describe our current per capita water use here in Monrovia. To help provide a better illustration of our current situation, perhaps the best illustration of Monrovia's water use reduction efforts can be found in comparing the per capita water use between the period of time before we implemented our Phase 1 water conservation plans (pre-September 2014) and a similar period of time after we implemented our Phase 1 water conservation plans.

For the period of October 2013 – March 2014 (pre-Phase 1 water conservation plan implementation), Monrovia on a per capita basis used 159.5 gallons of water per day. For the period of October 2014 – March 2015 (post-Phase 1 water conservation plan implementation), Monrovia on a per capita basis used 139.4 gallons of water per day. The following chart outlines this detail:

	October 2013-March 2014 (Pre Conservation Measures)	October 2014-March 2015 (Post Conservation Measure)
Daily Gallons Per Capita Use	159.5	139.4

This comparison means that Monrovia has seen a 12.6% reduction in daily per capita water use since we implemented our Phase 1 water conservation plans in September 2014. While there is obviously still a lot of work that we have to do to meet the State's mandated 28% water use reduction levels, Monrovia is, as usual, stepping up to the plate!

FAMILY FESTIVAL PRODUCTIONS, INC., MAY BE MOVING TO ARCADIA / FRIDAY NIGHT FAMILY STREET FAIR TRANSITION TO LA PARTYWORKS GOING WELL

Just a quick note to let everyone know that Family Festival Productions, Inc. (FFPI), has informed the merchants that are part of Monrovia's Friday Night Family Street Fair that they have been selected to operate a festival on Friday evenings in Arcadia, and distributed a flyer this past week notifying vendors. It is important to note several items:

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- The transition of the management of the Friday Night Family Street Fair to LA Partyworks, Inc., has been moving forward smoothly
- LA Partyworks, Inc., is in the process of finalizing their overall vendor list for the Friday Night Family Street Fair, and staff has been monitoring their progress closely during these past few weeks
- The first meeting that LA Partyworks, Inc., will have with the Oversight Committee is tentatively scheduled to take place at some point within the next two weeks

Please feel free to let me know if you have any questions regarding this particular matter.

MONROVIA TODAY & ACTIVITY GUIDE

The Summer Issue of the *Monrovia Today & Activity Guide* is available now online at <http://www.cityofmonrovia.org>. This most recent edition of our quarterly newsletter provides updates on local water conservation efforts, Goldline construction activities, and Monrovia Area Partnership (MAP) programs, among other news and notes. In addition, the activity guide provides information on the City's summer community events, including the 4th of July Concert & Fireworks Show, Summer Concerts & Movie Series, as well as leisure classes, senior programs, trips and youth programs including the Summer Reading Club. The Summer Issue of *Monrovia Today* will be mailed out to residents here in the next few weeks.

NEW BENCHES IN CITY PARKS

If you are looking for a place to sit and relax in one of our park facilities, look no longer! The Public Works Department is currently working on installing several new benches for all to enjoy. Recent bench installations include the following:

- Three new ADA picnic table were placed at Lucinda Garcia Park
- A round picnic table will soon be installed at Rotary Park, pending the installation of a memorial donation plaque that is being provided by the Monrovia Rotary Club
- A replacement park bench for Canyon Park is on order and should be delivered in the next two to three weeks



All of the new tables and the bench were purchased using an Environmental Services fund from the Beverage Container Recycling City/County Payment Program.

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NEW FOUNTAIN INSTALLED AT THE HISTORIC MUSEUM

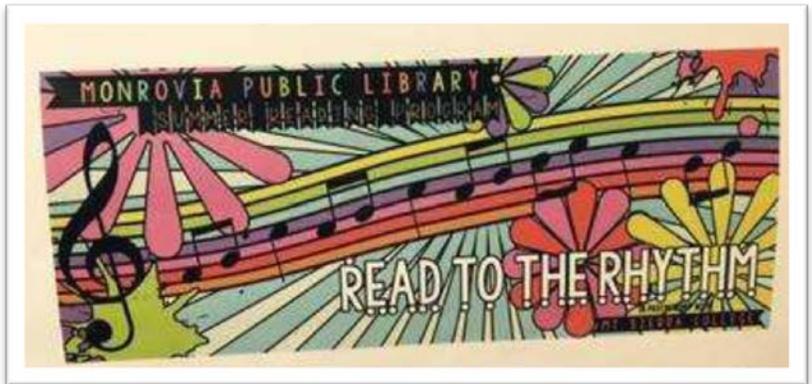
Earlier this year, the fountain in the back courtyard area of the Historic Museum was damaged. During the past several weeks, our facilities team at the Public Works Department has worked to address the situation, and we are happy to be able to report that a new fountain, complete with a recirculating water system to stay in compliance with our current Phase 1 water conservation regulations, has been installed!

MORTON BAY FIG TREE TRIMMING

Due to ongoing concerns related to the weight of the limbs on the Morton Bay Fig at Library Park, a trimming has been scheduled for Friday, May 29, 2015. Crews will be on site at 7:00 a.m. and will be thinning the tree canopy. This activity should help the health tree live many more years.

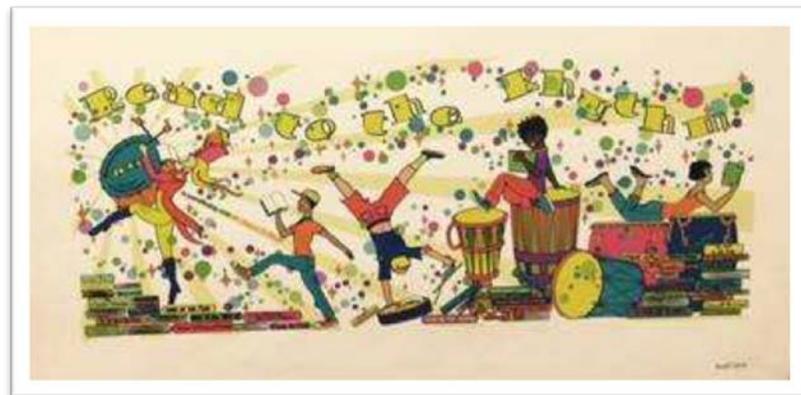
LIBRARY'S COMMUNITY ART PROJECT A SUCCESS

Creating something out of nothing is not an easy task, however, Librarian Gail Gebbia worked her magic! She started with an idea for a community paint-by-numbers mural project and called Mt. Sierra College to see if they were interested in partnering on the initiative. Not only was Mt. Sierra College interested, but President William Kakish, Ph.D., Associate Dean Tim Botegan, Global Marketing Director Vicky Panossian, and Lead Instructor for Visual Design Mike Pace thought the project would make a great contest opportunity for their students. The Mural Project Committee was formed, which included staff from



Mt. Sierra College, Library personnel, and Mr. Jimi Hendrix, a talented carpenter and member of our Historic Preservation Commission. Mr. Hendrix's role in the project was to create a mobile display for staging the murals either inside or outside the Library.

Mural judges included Mary Ann Lutz, Library Board President Barbara Radford, and Librarian Gail Gebbia. The mural entries were so inspiring, the judges chose two winners. At the award ceremony on May 11, 2015, Mt. Sierra College



announced the winners and celebrated the partnership with the library. In fact, winners Scott Lane and Lara De Costa each received a full semester's tuition from Mt. Sierra College!

Moving forward, the murals will be unveiled at the Summer Reading Club Kick-Off event, which is scheduled to take place on Saturday, June 20, 2015 from 12:00 p.m. to 4:30 p.m. Throughout the summer, the community is invited to be active participants in the creation of the public art murals.

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MAYFLOWER ELEMENTARY SCHOOL STUDENTS WILL BE VISITING THE CITY COUNCIL CHAMBERS ON FRIDAY, MAY 29TH

Next Friday, May 29, 2015, students from Mayflower Elementary School will be stopping by City Hall to explore the Monrovia City Council Chambers. The students have been learning about government and wanted a chance to see City Hall as part of their learning assignment. Representatives from the City Manager's Office will be greeting the kids and showing them around and to explain all of the amazing things that happen in our Council Chambers!

VENDING MACHINES BEING EXPLORED FOR INSTALLATION AT COMMUNITY CENTER

During this past week, staff has been analyzing the possibility of having vending machines installed at the Community Center. Currently, we do have vending machines located in the employee lounge at City Hall, but nowhere else in any City facility. Given that there is no cost associated with having the vending machines installed, it does seem to be a viable idea that would provide both staff and the public with an opportunity to purchase snacks throughout the day. We will continue working on developing this idea further and will be sure to keep everyone informed as to our progress moving forward.

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.

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. 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.

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

Best regards,
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