

# City Manager's Update

Wednesday, October 12, 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](mailto:ochi@ci.monrovia.ca.us)!

And of course... all the best to you and yours as we continue through this week!

Best regards,  
Oliver

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And now... on to this week's update!

## **QUOTE OF THE WEEK**

*We need not think alike to love alike.*

– Francis David

## **MEETING WITH WATERMASTER TO DISCUSS STORMWATER PARTNERSHIP AND WATER PRESENTATION TO CITY COUNCIL**

This past week, staff met with Tony Zampielo, Executive Officer of the Main San Gabriel Basin Watermaster (Watermaster), to discuss a variety of issues, including possible stormwater partnerships and an upcoming water presentation to the City Council.

The Watermaster was created in 1973 and is the agency responsible for managing the groundwater supply in the Main San Gabriel Basin (which Monrovia is a part of). We have been assessing a variety of different partnership projects with the Watermaster of late, and the discussion we had this last week was productive. In particular, we reviewed potential opportunities where we could possibly coordinate the update of our EWMP stormwater plan to assist the Watermaster with groundwater recharge efforts. Furthermore, we also discussed having Mr. Zampielo attend one of our future City Council meetings to provide an overview of the overall water health of the Main San Gabriel Basin (Basin).

With regard to the water challenge we are currently facing, Mr. Zampielo shared that the Basin water levels are now at historical lows. At the key well in Baldwin Park, water levels are now at 172.2 feet, which is the lowest level ever recorded since the Basin became adjudicated in 1973. For comparative purposes, the historic high for the key well location was 295.3 feet in July 1983.

The Watermaster has been working to developing a variety of plans to address the current water situation, and we plan on discussing the overall situation with the City Council at our meeting on November 1, 2016.

## **4<sup>TH</sup> DIMENSION BUILDING SOLD LAST WEEK AS ESCROW SUCCESSFULLY CLOSES**

As you may recall, since mid-April 2016, staff has been working with an entrepreneur regarding the potential purchase of the 4<sup>th</sup> Dimension building on Myrtle Avenue in Old Town. The individual we have been working with owns several businesses,

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including an acting school, a software R&D e-learning business, a life coaching business, and an automotive shop management consulting firm. During the past few months, the individual has been working diligently on a proposed plan to locate at the current 4<sup>th</sup> Dimension building an approximately 5,000 square foot restaurant on the ground floor facing Myrtle Avenue, and to utilize the remaining 22,000 square feet of the facility for creative office / administrative / professional space.

After several months of work, we are happy to share that this past week, escrow for the transaction selling the 4<sup>th</sup> Dimension building closed! This is terrific news that will hopefully upgrade the existing facility into a more productive piece of property on a key block in Old Town. Staff will continue to work closely with the new property owner on developing his plans and specifications for the property improvements, and we will be certain to share additional information regarding the 4<sup>th</sup> Dimension as new updates become available.

## **SOUTHERN CALIFORNIA NEWS GROUP ASKS TO RESCHEDULE TOWN HALL MEETINGS, EVENT NOW SET TO TAKE PLACE OCTOBER 27, 2016, AND WILL ADDRESS MARIJUANA LEGALIZATION (PROPOSITION 64), PUBLIC SAFETY ISSUES RELATED TO GUN CONTROL (PROPOSITION 63), AND EARLY PRISONER / CRIMINAL RELEASE (PROPOSITION 57)**

Just a quick note to let everyone know that this past week, staff connected with representatives from the Southern California News Group (SCNG) regarding their proposed town hall style meetings that will be centered on locally-based issues to be decided at the upcoming November 8, 2016, election. SCNG shared with staff that they would like to consolidate the Community Forum discussion to take place on October 27, 2016, at the Monrovia Community Center. The issues that will be addressed at the Community Forum include marijuana legalization (Proposition 64), along with public safety issues related to gun control / ammunition sales (Proposition 63) and early parole / early criminal release (Proposition 57). We have reserved the Community Center for the SCNG Community Forum, and we will be certain to share additional event details in the coming weeks as soon as they are made available to us.

## **FIRE PREVENTION WEEK KICKED OFF THIS WEEK, MONROVIA FIREFIGHTERS' ASSOCIATION AND ORCHARD SUPPLY HARDWARE DONATE FIRE ALARMS TO ASSIST WITH THE PROGRAM!**

We are excited to share that the Monrovia Fire Department is participating in Fire Prevention Week this week. The main theme associated with the event this year is related to smoke alarms, and the campaign has been dubbed, "Don't Wait – Check the Date! Replace Smoke Alarms Every 10 Years!"

Our efforts during Fire Prevention Week are aimed at raising public awareness about the basic, but essential elements of smoke alarm safety. As part of the campaign, Monrovia firefighters will be visiting Monrovia Unified School District (MUSD) 4<sup>th</sup> grade classrooms this week, and the main teaching point will be centered on the importance of checking to ensure smoke detectors are not expired.

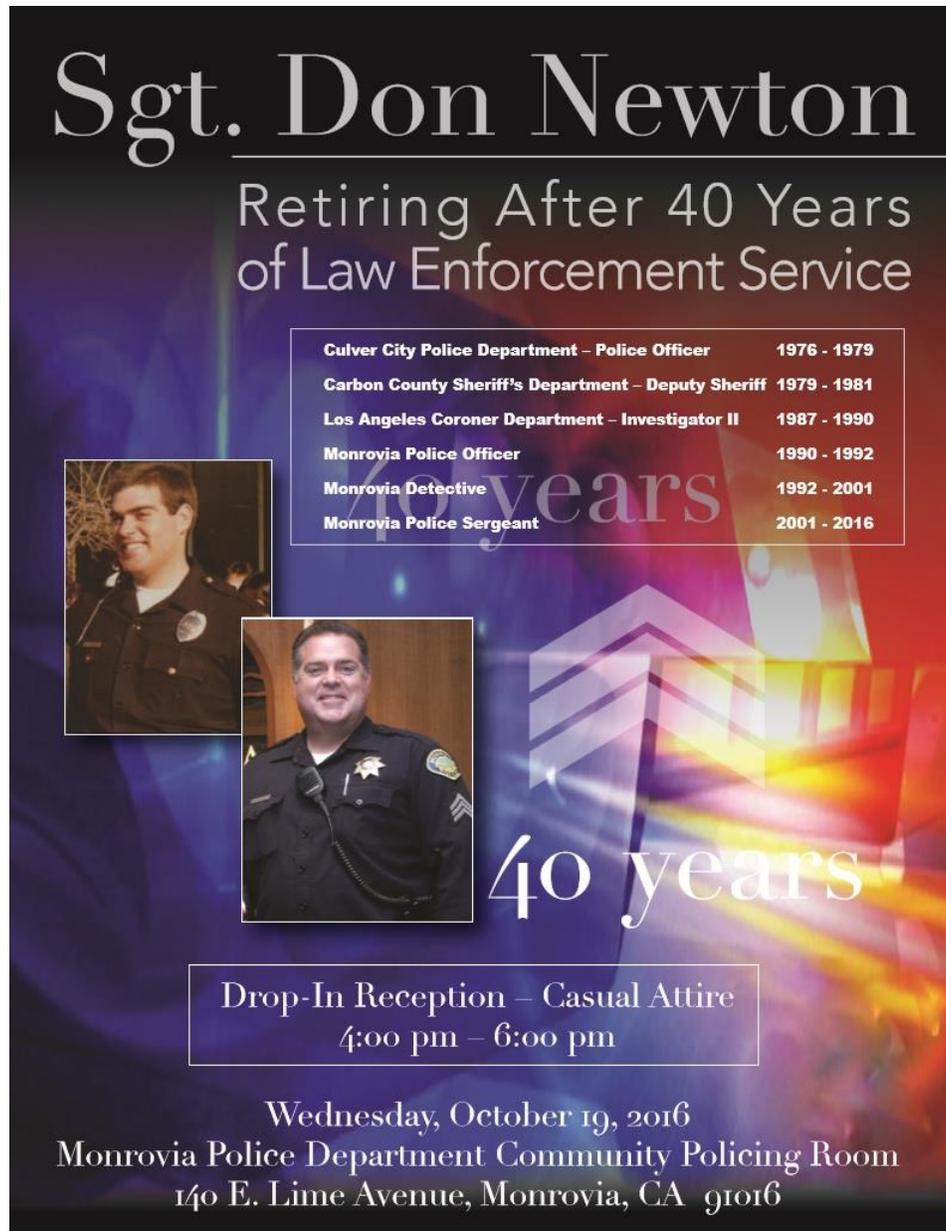
To conclude Fire Prevention Week, on October 15, 2016, the Monrovia Fire Department will be opening its doors at Station 101 (141 East Lemon Avenue) to the general public between the hours of 12:00 p.m. - 3:00 p.m. During that time, members of the public will be able to participate in the event by answering a simple quiz regarding smoke alarms. In addition, to help facilitate the activities taking place during Fire Prevention Week, the Monrovia Firefighters' Association teamed up with our new Orchard Supply Hardware to donate a number of fire alarms that will be distributed throughout the week.

For more information on Fire Prevention Week, and for links to the quiz on smoke alarms, please feel free to contact Jeremy Sanchez, Division Chief, at (626) 256-8111, or visit our website at <http://www.cityofmonrovia.org/fire/page/fire-department-press-releases>.

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## **SERGEANT DON NEWTON SET TO RETIRE AFTER 40 YEARS OF LAW ENFORCEMENT SERVICE, RECEPTION SET TO TAKE PLACE ON OCTOBER 19, 2016, FROM 4:00 P.M. TO 6:00 P.M. AT THE POLICE DEPARTMENT**

After forty years (40 YEARS!!!) of law enforcement service, with 26 of those years being with the Monrovia Police Department, Sergeant Don Newton is set to retire later this year. We hope that you will join us in congratulating Sergeant Newton on a tremendous career as we send him off to retirement in style! A retirement reception has been scheduled to take place on Wednesday, October 19, 2016, from 4:00 p.m. to 6:00 p.m. in the Police Department Community Policing Room. Additional details are included on the attached flyer, and we are looking forward to seeing you all there!



The flyer features a dark background with a colorful, abstract graphic on the right side. At the top, the name 'Sgt. Don Newton' is written in a large, white, serif font. Below it, the text 'Retiring After 40 Years of Law Enforcement Service' is displayed in a smaller, white, sans-serif font. A central table lists his career history. Two photographs of Sgt. Newton in uniform are included: one on the left and one in the center. The text '40 years' is written in a large, white, serif font twice, once behind the table and once below the photographs. At the bottom, the event details are provided in a white box, followed by the date and location.

Culver City Police Department – Police Officer	1976 - 1979
Carbon County Sheriff's Department – Deputy Sheriff	1979 - 1981
Los Angeles Coroner Department – Investigator II	1987 - 1990
Monrovia Police Officer	1990 - 1992
Monrovia Detective	1992 - 2001
Monrovia Police Sergeant	2001 - 2016

Drop-In Reception – Casual Attire  
4:00 pm – 6:00 pm

Wednesday, October 19, 2016  
Monrovia Police Department Community Policing Room  
140 E. Lime Avenue, Monrovia, CA 91016

**MONROVIA RENEWAL STREET IMPROVEMENTS SET TO BEGIN IN MID-OCTOBER 2016, COMMUNITY MEETING REGARDING THE PLANNED WORK SET TO TAKE PLACE ON OCTOBER 19, 2016, AT MONROE ELEMENTARY SCHOOL AT 6:30 P.M.**

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During the past several weeks, staff has been working with our contractors on developing the next set of improvements associated with the overall Monrovia Renewal infrastructure enhancement initiative. Based on our current schedule, street related construction work in the Southwest and Southeast portions of town (between Colorado Boulevard and the 210 Freeway and east and west to our City limits) will be starting in late October 2016.

The work will start initially in the Southwest area of Monrovia renewal, beginning at the western edge of the City and working their way east towards Myrtle Avenue between Colorado Boulevard and the I-210 Freeway (see the attached guide to street repairs document included with this email). Based on the phasing of the work, City contractors will initially begin their improvement efforts by making a variety of concrete repairs, including curbs, gutters, driveway approaches, and sidewalks. This work will occur in waves, focusing on one task at a time, similar to an assembly line that follows the process outlined below:

- A crew will make cuts in the damaged concrete areas.
- The next crew removes the broken concrete pieces.
- Then, a crew sets up the wooden forms that will hold the concrete in place while it dries.
- A crew pours the new concrete.
- After the concrete dries, the final crew comes through and removes the wooden forms and performs finishing touches.

All residents will receive one week's advance notice ahead of when work is scheduled to begin on their street, and no parking signs will be posted at least 48 hours in advance. In addition, from start to finish, the initial concrete work will take approximately three weeks on each street. Given this timeframe, the concrete work is expected to last through the end of November in the Southwest area, excluding November 24 – 25, 2016, in observance of Thanksgiving.

Once all the concrete work has been completed, the repairs to the road itself can begin. Based on our current timeline, road work will begin in early December 2016, and will last through the beginning of the New Year, excluding December 23 – 26, 2016, and December 31, 2016, in observance of Christmas and New Year's.

Please note that during the construction work, residents will not be able to park on the street while construction crews are working, which will usually be from 7:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m., Monday through Friday. However, residents will be able to access their driveways and park on the street overnight during the construction.

Construction crews will be working on multiple streets at once, so remain alert when driving through the area and adhere to all crew member instructions and signage. If you should have any questions regarding this matter, please know that we're here to help at the City!

**Additionally, we have coordinated a Monrovia Renewal Community Outreach Meeting, which is scheduled to take place on Wednesday, October 19, 2016, at 6:30 p.m. at Monroe Elementary School (402 West Colorado Boulevard, Monrovia). Please see the event flyer attached to this email for additional information!**

For all the latest information related to the Monrovia Renewal Project, please visit us online at [www.cityofmonrovia.org/monroviarenewal](http://www.cityofmonrovia.org/monroviarenewal). If you have any questions, please feel free to email us at [monroviarenewal@ci.monrovia.ca.us](mailto:monroviarenewal@ci.monrovia.ca.us), or give us a call at (626) 932-5575!

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MAJOR STREET WORK BEGINS OCTOBER 2016  
LEARN WHAT TO EXPECT DURING CONSTRUCTION

## COMMUNITY MEETING

MONROE ELEMENTARY SCHOOL  
402 W. COLORADO BLVD

WEDNESDAY,  
OCTOBER 19TH @ 6:30 PM

Monrovia Renewal is making repairs to aging infrastructure across the city. Widespread street work is beginning in the area between Colorado Blvd and the I-210, starting on the western edge of the city and moving east.

Hear how your tax dollars are at work and learn about street closures, parking restrictions, and more.

[WWW.CITYOFMONROVIA.ORG/MONROVIARENEWAL](http://WWW.CITYOFMONROVIA.ORG/MONROVIARENEWAL)

(626) 932-5575  [monroviarenewal@ci.monrovia.ca.us](mailto:monroviarenewal@ci.monrovia.ca.us)



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## **A Guide to Street Repairs Taking Place in Your Neighborhood**

Starting on or around October 10th, construction crews will begin working on street-related improvements in the Southwest area of Monrovia Renewal, starting at the western edge of the city and working their way east towards Myrtle Avenue. The Southwest street work is expected to last through the end of the year, at which time street work will begin in the Southeast area lasting through the end of March.

Residents in the impacted area will receive one week's notice ahead of when work is scheduled to begin on their street, and no parking signs will be posted 48 hours in advance. Next, crews will arrive to work on a variety of concrete repairs, including curbs, gutters, driveway approaches, and sidewalks. This work will occur in waves, focusing on one task at a time, similar to an assembly line:

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From start to finish, this work will take approximately three weeks on each street. Given the amount of repairs that will be taking place, this work is expected to last through the end of November in the Southwest area, excluding November 24<sup>th</sup> and 25<sup>th</sup> in observance of Thanksgiving.

Once all the concrete work has been completed, the repairs to the road itself can begin. Based on our current timeline, road work will begin in early December through the beginning of the new year, excluding December 23<sup>rd</sup> – 26<sup>th</sup> and 31<sup>st</sup> in observance of Christmas and New Year's.

The amount of time that construction crews will be on your street will vary widely depending on the condition of your street and the type of work being done. The streets in need of major repairs will be done first, followed by those with more minor repairs, as outlined below:

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## General Order of Street Work\*

- Red streets (reconstruction) will be under construction first for approximately 3 weeks.
- Green streets (mill & overlay) will be under construction next for approximately 1-2 weeks.
- Once red and green streets have been completed, work will begin on blue and yellow streets. This is to allow drivers to take detours and park on these streets while the red and green streets are under construction.
- Blue streets (cape seal) will take approximately 10 days from when they lay the gravel, allow the gravel to be compacted by vehicles driving through, and then a new top-coat (slurry) is laid.
- Yellow streets (slurry seal) will be minimally impacted with 1-2 days of work to lay down the slurry seal and allow it to dry.
- Please see the Monrovia Renewal SW/SE construction handout to learn more about which streets will receive which type of repairs and the impacts of each.

\*This is a general guideline; conditions in the field may lead to changed schedules and length of time on your street.

Note that residents will not be able to park on their street during the crew's working hours from approximately 7 a.m. to 5 p.m., Monday through Friday, but will be able to access their driveways and park on the street overnight.

Crews will be working on multiple streets at once, so remain alert when driving through the area and adhere to all crew member instructions and signage.

Questions? We're here to help.

- Visit [www.cityofmonrovia.org/monroviarenewal](http://www.cityofmonrovia.org/monroviarenewal)
- Email [monroviarenewal@ci.monrovia.ca.us](mailto:monroviarenewal@ci.monrovia.ca.us)
- Call Monrovia Public Works at (626) 932-5575

## **COMMUNITY MEETING REGARDING THE PROPOSED MARRIOTT TOWNEPLACE SUITES HOTEL PROJECT SET TO TAKE PLACE ON OCTOBER 13, 2016, AT 6:00 P.M., AT THE MONROVIA PUBLIC LIBRARY**

During the past few weeks, staff has been engaged in discussions with Tharaldson Hospitality Group (THG) regarding the proposed Marriott Towneplace Suites Hotel project planned for the southwest corner of Myrtle Avenue and Huntington Drive. The THG development team has made good progress of late in developing the details needed to submit a formal application for the proposed project, which will be subject to Development Review Committee, Planning Commission, and City Council consideration.

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At this point in time, the plans that have been developed for the hotel are still very conceptual in nature, however, they are needed to begin the evaluation of potential environmental impacts pursuant to CEQA. Furthermore, an important element associated with the environmental review for the project is to hold a scoping meeting where members of the community can provide feedback regarding the proposed development initiative. The feedback received at the scoping meeting can then be addressed through the environmental and design review processes.

This past week, we finalized plans for the community scoping meeting regarding the hotel project, which will take place on October 13, 2016, from 6:00 p.m. to 8:00 p.m., at the Monrovia Public Library. Representatives from the project team and City staff will be on hand at the meeting, and a flyer publicizing the event has been developed and included as an attachment.



## COMMUNITY OPEN HOUSE

*Come Learn About the TownePlace  
Suites Project!*

**What:** The City of Monrovia is hosting a Community Open House for the TownePlace Suites Project. Representatives from the project team and City staff will be available to provide information on the proposed Project and talk one-on-one with attendees. Your input on the project is needed.

**When:** **Thursday, October 13, 2016** from 6:00 p.m. to 8:00 p.m.

**Where:** Monrovia Public Library, Community Room, 321 South Myrtle Avenue, Monrovia, CA 91016

**Parking:** Free parking is available along South Myrtle Avenue, East Palm Avenue, South Primrose Avenue, and West Lime Avenue

### **About the TownePlace Suites Project:**

- **1.77 acre site**
- **Located at the southwest corner of Myrtle Avenue and Huntington Drive**
- **5-story, 113-room hotel**
- **113 parking spaces**



**For Further Information Contact:** Sheri Bermejo, City of Monrovia Planning Division Manager  
at (626) 932-5539 or [sbermejo@ci.monrovia.ca.us](mailto:sbermejo@ci.monrovia.ca.us)

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## **POLICE DEPARTMENT SWEARING-IN CEREMONY SET TO TAKE PLACE ON OCTOBER 12, 2016, AT 5:00 P.M. IN THE CITY COUNCIL CHAMBERS**

We hope that you will join us for a special swearing-in ceremony for our newly hired police department personnel! The swearing-in ceremony will be held on October 12, 2016, at 5:00 p.m. at Monrovia City Hall in the City Council Chambers.

The following Monrovia Police Department staff members will be sworn in at the ceremony:

- Police Officer William Wilkins
- Police Officer Patrick Leon
- Police Officer Travis Ortega
- Police Services Representative Vanessa Rodriguez
- Administrative Assistant Joselyne Hernandez
- Administrative Assistant Susan Tischler

We hope to see you at the event!

## **WATER FEST EVENT SET TO TAKE PLACE ON OCTOBER 15, 2016, FROM 10:00 A.M. TO 2:00 P.M. AT ARCADIA COUNTY PARK**

We wanted to let everyone know that the Upper San Gabriel Valley Municipal Water District (Upper District) has coordinated their annual Water Fest event to take place on October 15, 2016, from 10:00 a.m. to 2:00 p.m., at Arcadia County Park (405 S. Santa Anita Ave., Arcadia). At the event, the Upper District and Los Angeles County will honor residents, businesses, and local officials for their conservation efforts and contributions to the water industry. An awards ceremony will take place on the main stage from 12:00 p.m. to 12:30 p.m., and a lunch reception will take place from 11:30 a.m. to 1:30 p.m.

## **SPECIAL UPCOMING EVENTS AT THE MONROVIA PUBLIC LIBRARY – YOU DON'T WANT TO MISS OUT ON ALL THAT OUR LIBRARY HAS TO OFFER!**

The Monrovia Public Library has way more to offer than just books! As a central hub of activity to help connect those in our community, the City Library operation provides a rich offering of special events and activities that we hope you will come check out! Upcoming events at the Library include:

- **Percy Jackson – Heroes & Olympians Party – October 13, 2016, From 3:30 p.m. to 4:30 p.m.**
  - Come on by the Library to celebrate your favorite Percy Jackson & The Olympians book series by Rick Riordan as we host games, book discussions, and snacks worthy of a Greek god! Come dressed as your favorite Greek mythological creature too in order to enter the costume contest!
- **Friday Mystery Bags – October 21, 2016 / November 4 & 18, 2016**
  - Visit the Big Red Desk in Youth Services for a family friendly weekend activity! You never know what you'll find inside so don't miss out! Parental supervision suggested. Available the first and third Fridays of each month from 12:00 p.m. to 5:00 p.m. while supplies last.
- **Teen Horror Series: Camp vs. Classic – October 21, 2016**

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- A two part series of double features to get you in a spooky mood! Join us as we celebrate campy and classic horror films that will give you the jitters! Check out the website at [www.cityofmonrovia.org/library](http://www.cityofmonrovia.org/library) to find out the titles of the movies! Event runs from 5:00 p.m. to 9:00 p.m.

Experience all that the Library has to offer! If you have any questions, please contact us at (626) 256-8274!

## **26<sup>TH</sup> ANNUAL "MAKE A DIFFERENCE DAY" SCHEDULED FOR OCTOBER 22, 2016**

The 26<sup>th</sup> annual "Make a Difference Day" event has been scheduled to take place on Saturday, October 22, 2016, from 8:00 a.m. to 12:00 p.m. Coordinated by the Volunteer Center of San Gabriel Valley, the event will kick off at Library Park right here in Monrovia. The event this year is dedicated to the Veterans in our community who so bravely served our nation, and through the "Make a Difference Day" event this year, we want to acknowledge their sacrifice while expressing our most sincere appreciation for their service.

The event this year will include over 25 projects, including:

- Keep It Clean (KIC) Old Town Monrovia – Cleanup alleyway in Old Town Monrovia
- Tree plantings at local Monrovia parks
- "No Butts" park clean-up – picking up cigarette butts in City parks
- Food sorting & youth activity project hosted by Foothill Unity Center
- Church clean-up project hosted by Bethel AME Methodist Church
- Monrovia High School baseball field improvements

If you are interested in participating in this fantastic event, you can sign-up to volunteer or sponsor a project! For more information, please visit the Volunteer Center of the San Gabriel Valley online at [www.vcsgv.org](http://www.vcsgv.org).

## **53<sup>RD</sup> ANNUAL CELEBRATE THE ARTS SHOW & CHALKFEST SET TO TAKE PLACE OCTOBER 29-30, 2016**

The Monrovia Association of Fine Arts (MAFA) has been hard at work during the past few months in coordinating the 53<sup>rd</sup> annual *Celebrate the Arts Show & Chalkfest*, which is scheduled to take place on October 29-30, 2016, at Library Park in Old Town Monrovia. This year's event theme is "Art in Motion," and the featured artists' will be Steve & Marianne McCarthy. On Saturday, October 29, 2016, activities will take place from 10:00 a.m. to 6:00 p.m., while Sunday's events on October 30, 2016, will occur from 10:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m.

Make sure you plan on participating in what will certainly be an incredible weekend filled with art demonstrations, amazing chalk art displays, live music, and a beer garden & food court!

For more information, be sure to check out MAFAs website at <http://www.monroviafinearts.org/>, or call (626) 483-0560.

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## **OLD TOWN TRICK-OR-TREAT & HALLOWEEN BASH SET TO TAKE PLACE ON MONDAY, OCTOBER 31, 2016, FROM 3:00 P.M. TO 6:00 P.M. IN OLD TOWN MONROVIA!**

The City and the Monrovia Old Town Merchants are teaming up once again to host the annual *Old Town Trick-or-Treat & Halloween Bash!* This year's event will take place on Monday, October 31, 2016, from 3:00 p.m. to 6:00 p.m., in Old Town Monrovia and at Library Park.

The entire afternoon will be filled with ghoulish fun for the entire family! Planned activities include:

- Trick-or-Treating in Old Town
- Youth, Adult and Group Costume Contests with registration beginning at 3:00 p.m.
- Don't forget to also register your pooch in the Dog Costume Contest!

This great community event is made possible through the generous donations of our VIP sponsors. Many thanks to:

- Sierra Family of Dealerships
- Wendy's Hamburgers
- BMW Mini of Monrovia
- C.R. Stelling Insurance
- BMW of Monrovia

Be sure and bring your "little goblins" to what promises to be an exciting Halloween Event! And keep in mind that the Trick-or-Treat event will be held rain or shine, with the Costume Contest set to be held in the Community Center in the event of rain. For additional information, please contact the Public Services Department at (626) 256-8246.

## **LOOKING FOR A DIFFERENT KIND OF TRICK-OR-TREATING? THEN YOU MIGHT WANT TO CHECK OUT THE CITY'S TRICK-OR-TREAT EVENT SET TO BE HELD IN THE CANYON PARK ON OCTOBER 31, 2016, FROM 6:00 P.M. TO 8:00 P.M.!**

Looking for a different kind of trick-or-treating this year? Have you ever thought about combining a search for candy with a hike towards a waterfall? If that sounds interesting to you, then you'll want to try out the City's new Trick-or-Treating in Canyon Park event, which is set to take place on October 31, 2016, from 6:00 p.m. to 8:00 p.m. in Canyon Park!

Our very own Park Rangers will be hosting the trick-or-treat event, and event participants will be able to hike on a portion of our Canyon Park Waterfall Trail. Along the way, you'll be met by Park Rangers who will be dressed in costume and ready to offer treats to all... to all who dare to participate, that is! For additional information, please contact the Public Services Department at (626) 256-8246.

## **MONROVIA HISTORICAL SOCIETY CELEBRATION SET TO TAKE PLACE ON NOVEMBER 6, 2016, FROM 3:00 P.M. TO 5:00 P.M.**

Just a quick note to let everyone know that the Monrovia Historical Society will be hosting a celebration to recognize the "rebirth" of their organization! The event will be held on Sunday, November 6, 2016, from 3:00 p.m. to 5:00 p.m. Initially, the

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event will begin at 3:00 p.m. at the Monrovia Public Library, and at 4:00 p.m., the celebration will move to the Anderson House (215 East Lime Avenue). A flyer advertising the event has been included as an attachment to this email, and we hope that you can make it to this celebration event!



**Monrovia Historical Society**

**Celebrate Our Rebirth**



Celebrate accomplishments of the Anderson House restoration & Legacy Project, then help us plan & explore where you fit.

Members & friends are welcome.  
Please bring a friend or two to spread the word!

**Sunday, November 6, 2016 3-5 pm**  
3 pm Monrovia Public Library Community Room (show & refreshments)  
& 4 pm Anderson House visit (215 E. Lime)

## **NATIONAL LIBRARY CARD SIGN-UP MONTH A HUGE SUCCESS AS THE MONROVIA LIBRARY ISSUED 423 NEW LIBRARY MEMBERSHIP CARDS IN SEPTEMBER!**

For the month of September, the Library promoted National Library Card Sign-Up Month by giving a small gift to every new library card holder. In addition, patrons who lost or misplaced their existing cards were eligible to receive a free replacement card. We are pleased to announce that we had a total of 423 new member cards issued in September 2016 (compared to 268 new member cards issued in the month of August 2016), and we also replaced 196 library cards for existing members.

If you missed out during September, don't worry! You can always drop by the library and sign up! Your library card gives you access to books, music, movies, digital magazines, e-books, homework help, and so much more! So what are you waiting for? Head over to the library and sign up for a new card today, and if you have any questions, please feel free to call us at (626) 256-8274!

## **TAYLOR PERFORMING ARTS CENTER SET TO PRESENT "SIDE BY SIDE BY SONDEHEIM," DECEMBER 2-4, 2016!**

You may have heard... the Taylor Performing Arts Center has announced that their December 2016 musical production will be, *Side by Side by Sondheim!* Stephen Sondheim is considered by many to be musical theatre royalty and *Side by Side by Sondheim* is a sparkling retrospective of musical numbers from shows as diverse as *Follies*, *Company*, *A Little Night Music*,

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Pacific Overtures, and Sweeney Todd. The show will be presented December 2-4, 2016, and tickets can be purchased online at [www.BrownPaperTickets.com](http://www.BrownPaperTickets.com).



## **SIGN UP TODAY FOR MONROVIA RENEWAL INFRASTRUCTURE IMPROVEMENT PROJECT UPDATES**

Monrovia Renewal has started construction! As you may recall, Monrovia Renewal is a multi-year initiative that will make priority repairs to all of the City's water & sewer pipelines, water facilities, streets, sidewalks, curbs, and gutters. The initial work related to Monrovia Renewal has begun in the Southwest and Southeast portions of town, which includes the areas located to the eastern and western City limits located between Colorado Boulevard to the north and the 210 Freeway to the south (see attached project map).

Stay connected to everything related to Monrovia Renewal and visit us online at [www.cityofmonrovia.org/monroviarenewal](http://www.cityofmonrovia.org/monroviarenewal). While at the site, you can sign-up for e-mail updates by clicking on the "[Monrovia Renewal Project Updates and Work Notices](#)" tab, and following the instructions to subscribe! An email sign-up instruction guide has been included as an attachment for your reference. We have also included a FAQ guide regarding the overall project for your information.

Monrovia Renewal is the largest public works project that the City has ever undertaken, and we appreciate your patience and support while we work to execute the identified infrastructure improvements throughout our community!

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## Sign Up for E-mail Updates!

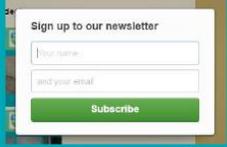
Step 1: Visit [www.cityofmonrovia.org/monroviarenewal](http://www.cityofmonrovia.org/monroviarenewal) and click on the Project Updates and Work Notices tab.



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## Infrastructure Repairs Begin August 2016!



The Southwest (SW) and Southeast (SE) are the first two segments of Monrovia Renewal scheduled for construction, starting this summer through mid-2017.

Find your street below to see what work will be done in your area. Pipeline and sidewalk repairs will begin in early August, and street-related work is expected to begin in October, starting in the Southwest section and moving east.



Treatment	Color on Map	What is it?*	What's the impact?*
Slurry Seal	Yellow	Thin, smooth top coat added - To prevent damage from worsening	Full working day to lay and allow to dry/cure - Road closed while drying
Cape Seal	Blue	Loose chip layer + slurry seal on top - For minor damage	Temporary, 7-10 days of rough chip layer, then slurry seal
Mill & Overlay	Green	Removes and replaces top 2 inches of asphalt - For major damage	Intermittent road closures for 2-3 weeks, can drive on rough bottom layer, restricted parking
Reconstruction	Red	Rehabilitation of base layer, then new top layer added - For replacement	Road surface returns to dirt, hot asphalt poured, intermittent road closures for 3 weeks, restricted parking
Water & Sewer Pipelines	Yellow / Red Dashes	Repairs to the water or sewer pipelines underneath the street	Varies depending on size on length of repair. Partial or full road closures during the day, reopening the street at night. Heavy equipment will be in use.

\*Note that details are subject to change depending on in-field conditions and the contractors' assessment.

# City Manager's Update



## MONROVIA RENEWAL

## Frequently Asked Questions

### ❖ What is Monrovia Renewal?

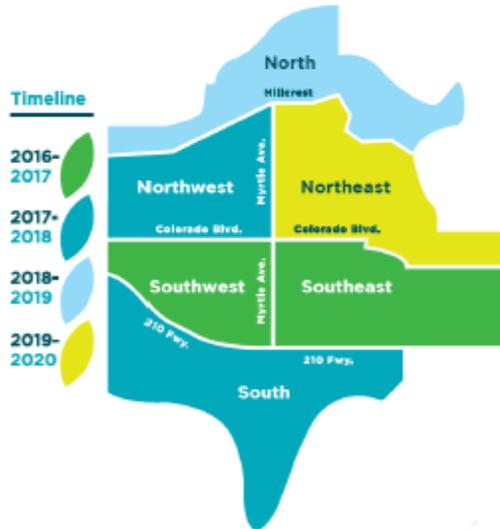
Monrovia Renewal is a multi-year initiative that is making large-scale repairs to aging infrastructure across the city, including water and sewer pipelines, water facilities, streets, sidewalks, curbs, and gutters.

### ❖ Why is the project divided into segments?

Because the repairs are extensive, construction will occur one segment at a time to help minimize disruption and the number of times the pavement is cut into. This also improves efficiency and lowers the overall cost of construction.

### ❖ When will construction begin?

Monrovia Renewal will be completed within 4-5 years. Construction will occur by segment, starting with Southwest & Southeast in August 2016, Northwest & South in 2017, North in 2018, and Northeast in 2019.



### ❖ How much will this cost and how is it funded?

Monrovia Renewal is estimated to cost \$51.7 million, making it the largest public works project in the City's history! In November 2015, water and sewer rates were adjusted to pay for repairs to these systems. Street repairs are funded by L.A. County sales tax that must be used on transportation projects.

### ❖ What can I expect during construction?

Repairs vary by street and may include repairs to water and sewer lines, the street and/or sidewalk. There will be short periods when a lane or entire road is closed and a route detour is required. Sometimes you will not be allowed to park on a particular street. At these times, signs will be posted on the street in advance. Noise, dust, untidy conditions, and large equipment may be present.

### ❖ How much notice will I be given?

Residents will have at least 72 hours' notice prior to construction on their street. Construction is inconvenient, and work schedules often change with little or no notice. We will work to mitigate these impacts as much as possible, but we thank you in advance for your patience and flexibility!

### ❖ Why aren't there repairs on my street?

The City conducted a study to rate the pavement condition of each street on a scale of 0 to 100. Any street that scored less than 70 has a less than satisfactory condition and is in need of repairs. Streets that scored 70 or above will be repaired in the future as part of the City's ongoing maintenance.

### ❖ Who is overseeing this project?

The City Council approves all engineering and construction contracts in advance and gets quarterly updates on the project. The Council also established an Oversight Committee to monitor progress and spending that meets on a quarterly basis.

### ❖ What's going to happen to trees causing sidewalk damage?

Every effort will be made to keep trees in place. Only trees that are diseased or dying will be removed, and new trees will be planted elsewhere to replace them.

### ❖ How can I stay up to date on what's happening?

Visit [www.cityofmonrovia.org/monroviarenewal](http://www.cityofmonrovia.org/monroviarenewal) and subscribe to receive e-mail updates! If you have questions, call Public Works at (626) 932-5575 or e-mail [monroviarenewal@ci.monrovia.ca.us](mailto:monroviarenewal@ci.monrovia.ca.us).

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

The most recent Police Department semi-weekly neighborhood watch report for the period October 3 – 5, 2016 has been included for your review and reference. During the past seven-day period, the Monrovia Police Department handled 413 service events, resulting in 76 total investigations, and a copy of the report can be accessed online by clicking on the link below:

[http://www.cityofmonrovia.org/sites/default/files/fileattachments/police/page/947/10\\_neighborhood\\_watch\\_report\\_october\\_3-5\\_2016.pdf](http://www.cityofmonrovia.org/sites/default/files/fileattachments/police/page/947/10_neighborhood_watch_report_october_3-5_2016.pdf)

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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