

City Manager's Update

Tuesday, October 4, 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!

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

Best regards,
Oliver

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

QUOTE OF THE WEEK

Believe you can... and you're halfway there.

– Theodore Roosevelt

CACIQUE MOVING THEIR CORPORATE HEADQUARTERS TO THE MONROVIA TECHNOLOGY CAMPUS LOCATED AT 800 ROYAL OAKS DRIVE ON OCTOBER 4, 2016

Last week, staff was able to confirm that Cacique is moving their headquarter office to the Monrovia Technology Campus (800 Royal Oaks Drive, Monrovia) on October 4, 2016. Cacique, which is one of the largest Hispanic-style dairy product manufacturers in the United States, has leased 28,000 square feet of office space at the site and will base their corporate operations out of Monrovia.

Cacique primarily makes and sells Mexican-style specialty cheeses and creams, along with traditional dairy products such as queso fresco, manchego, and Oaxaca. Cacique also produces Mexican-style sausages (beef and pork chorizos, longanizas, and bolitas), the traditional Hispanic rice-based drink called horchata, and Yonique brand banana- and yogurt-based beverages. This is a great new addition to our community, and we are excited to welcome Cacique to the growing number of successful corporate businesses located here in Monrovia!

APPLEBEE'S RESTAURANT AT THE HUNTINGTON OAKS SHOPPING CENTER IS SHUTTING DOWN, SEVERAL NEW OPERTORS IDENTIFIED AS POSSIBLE REPLACEMENTS

Last week, staff received word that our Applebee's Restaurant (located in the Huntington Oaks Shopping Center) has made the decision not to renew their lease, and the restaurant will be shutting down their operations in short order. The Applebee's Restaurant is a 5,400 square foot facility, and the Huntington Oaks Shopping Center is a vibrant and successful retail location. Given those factors, we believe that a new user for the site will be identified in short order. In addition, both our planning and our economic development teams are engaged in assessing what other restaurant / food options might be possible at the site, and City staff has already been engaged in discussions with representatives from the property owner about possible replacements for the location. We will be monitoring this matter closely!

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STORMWATER GROUP MET ON OCTOBER 4, 2016, TO DISCUSS EWMP IMPLEMENTATION PLANS

We wanted to let everyone know that on October 4, 2016, representatives from every agency that serve as part of our stormwater group (Arcadia, Sierra Madre, Monrovia, Bradbury, Duarte, Azusa, and Los Angeles County) met and discussed our current plans to comply with the provisions of our existing MS4 Permit and our associated EWMP implementation strategy. As you may recall, our current EWMP plan is impracticable, as it calls for the implementation of \$1.4 billion worth of stormwater improvement projects by 2028.

At the meeting, we discussed several items related to our current MS4 Permit compliance approach, including the following items:

- Review alternative project proposals that could help us achieve compliance with our EWMP plan in a more cost effective approach.
- Review the process through which we will form a Joint Powers Authority (JPA) for the coordination and management of stormwater related clean-up projects.

To date, we have been in close contact with Regional Board staff, and the overall process we have identified to achieve compliance with stormwater clean-up projects continues to seem feasible. Nonetheless, there remains much work that will have to be done in the coming months, and we will be certain to continue to thoughtfully manage our overall stormwater compliance approach.

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.

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.

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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!

In addition, 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 below!

We hope you will be able to join us for the Monrovia Renewal Community Outreach Meeting on the 19th. For all the latest information on the Monrovia Renewal initiative, please visit us online at www.cityofmonrovia.org/monroviarenewal. If you have any questions, please feel free to email us at 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.

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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:

- 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.

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 24th and 25th 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 23rd – 26th and 31st 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
- Email monroviarenewal@ci.monrovia.ca.us
- Call Monrovia Public Works at (626) 932-5575

PROACTIVE CODE ENFORCEMENT PARTNERSHIP OUTREACH SET TO OCCUR IN OLD TOWN, COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT STAFF SET TO PERFORM INVENTORY OF BUSINESS ACTIVITIES BEGINNING THE WEEK OF OCTOBER 10, 2016

During the past few weeks, staff has been working to develop strategies to better engage our Old Town business community in a joint effort to maintain and improve the unique appearance of our downtown core. To that end, beginning the week of October 10, 2016, our Neighborhood & Businesses Services Division staff will be working to perform an inventory of the all Old Town businesses with regard to the following matters:

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- Outdoor displays
- Outdoors signs / banners
- Outdoor dining locations
- Signage
- Construction activity

During this review period, City personnel will reach out to all Old Town businesses to assess their operations for the business related activities noted above. Our team will be working with businesses to ensure that all necessary City reviews and permits have been satisfied, and we will certainly be assisting any business owner who may require an update of their records.

In an effort to notify everyone about this upcoming work, we have prepared a letter that will be distributed to all Old Town business owners next week to advise everyone about this upcoming review. A copy of the letter has been included as an attachment for your review and reference!

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City of MONROVIA

1887



(Business Owner Name)
(Business Name)
(Business Address)
Monrovia, CA 91016

October 3, 2016

Dear Old Town Business Owners:

Monrovia's Old Town is the heart of the community. Its unique combination of shopping, dining and entertainment makes our Old Town stand out among the rest. The City is committed to preserving its unique character while maintaining a positive effect on the overall appearance and safety for all who live, work and play in Old Town. This goal cannot be accomplished without you.

In order to maintain the unique appearance and safety of Old Town certain business activities require additional approval beyond your business license as set forth by the Monrovia Municipal Code. These activities include:

- ✓ Outdoor displays
- ✓ Outdoor signs or banners
- ✓ Outdoor dining
- ✓ New signage (on the building, windows and awnings)
- ✓ Construction activities affecting the exterior and interior of buildings

Here's how you can help. If any of the above activities are occurring at your business and if you have not already done so, please contact our office to verify current approval, encroachment permit and/or insurance on file. If these are activities you would like to pursue in the future please contact our office to discuss the approval and/or permit process.

- ❖ Contact the **Planning Division** at (626) 932-5534 for information on the approval process and required permits for outdoor displays, signs and dining, and changes to the exterior of the building.
- ❖ Contact the **Building Division** at (626) 932-5581 for information on the permit process for tenant improvements and alterations to the interior of buildings.

In support of our efforts in continuing to keep Monrovia's Old Town a premier place to live, work and play, representatives from the Neighborhood Preservation and Planning Division will be performing an inventory of all noted business activities starting on **October 10, 2016**. After this date, Krystina Contreras, Code Enforcement Officer, will work individually with business owners who may need assistance through the approval and/or permit process or who may require an update of their records.

Thank you for your continued business in the City of Monrovia. Should you have any questions or wish to discuss this further, please contact Krystina Contreras at (626) 932-5533.

Respectfully,

Craig Jimenez, AICP
Director of Community Development

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HILLSIDE WILDERNESS PRESERVE TRAIL SYSTEM AND ACCESS POINT IMPROVEMENTS MOVING FORWARD WELL, ALL IDENTIFIED WORK EXPECTED TO BE COMPLETED BY THE END OF OCTOBER 2016

Just a quick note to let everyone know that we have made significant progress this past week in repairing segments of the Hillside Wilderness Preserve trail system and installing improvements at our access points. Attached are pictures illustrating the new asphalt that was placed at the Cloverleaf Access Point in advance of the pending gate installation next

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week, along with a photo of our staff posing in front of the bear-proof trash can and drinking fountain that was installed by Fire Station 103.

In addition, throughout this past week, staff has been on hand with our contractor who is performing the trail repair work, and we have been delighted with the results to date. Several segments of the trail system have been repaired, and based on the progress that was made last week, we are feeling confident that we will be able to finish the trail improvements in time to open up the Hillside Wilderness Preserve by the end of October 2016.

This next week, we will be engaged in additional construction activity, including further trail repairs, gate installations, and other associated work. We are excited about the progress being made!



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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.

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.

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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

MONROVIA POLICE DEPARTMENT PARTICIPATES AS A MEMBER OF THE WEST SAN GABRIEL VALLEY MENTAL HEALTH TEAM, MENTAL HEALTH CLINICIAN WILL BE WORKING WITH LAW ENFORCEMENT PERSONNEL IN MONROVIA SIX DAYS PER MONTH

As part of our continuing effort to help those in our community who suffer from mental illness, this month, the Monrovia Police Department will be deploying a new partnership program known as the West San Gabriel Valley Mental Health Team. Through this program, Monrovia will now have access to a Los Angeles County mental health clinician who will be

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assigned to our Police Department six (6) days every month to help provide a more thorough and effective response to address law enforcement contacts with those suffering from mental health crises.

Each week, our Community Activist Policing (CAP) program police officer will be paired up with a mental health clinician provided by the Los Angeles County Department of Mental Health. Through this program the City will be able to better assess and address the resistive homeless who suffer from mental health disorders, as well as provide those in need with access to resources such as case management, homeless outreach, crisis intervention, and additional resources and referrals. We are excited to be deploying this new service!

MULCH AND COMPOST GIVE-AWAY EVENT A HUGE SUCCESS, 50 TOTAL TONS OF COMPOST AND MULCH DISTRIBUTED TO RESIDENTS!

Last Saturday, September 24, 2016, the City coordinated with Athens Services to host our first mulch and compost give-away event, and it was certainly a successful program! Throughout the day, we had around 200 people show up to pick-up compost and mulch, and the final tally saw us give-away 30 tons of compost and 20 tons of mulch!

Many thanks to all that participated in the event, with special thanks to our very own Alex Tachiki for his work in coordinating the overall program! Moving ahead, please be on the lookout for our next mulch and compost giveaway event, which will be coming up in the next few months! In the meantime, if you should have any questions regarding this program, please feel free to contact us at (626) 932-5553.

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

Please 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!

L.A. IMPACT SET TO HOST LEGISLATIVE FORUM ON NOVEMBER 16, 2016, MONROVIA'S VERY OWN POLICE CHIEF HUNT SERVES AS EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE MEMBER FOR THE AGENCY

Inaugurated in July 1991, the Los Angeles Interagency Metropolitan Police Apprehension Crime Task Force (L.A. IMPACT) is the brainchild of the Los Angeles County Police Chiefs' Association. The task force is a compilation of numerous federal,

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state and local law enforcement agencies in Los Angeles County whose primary focus is to investigate major crimes, with an emphasis on dismantling mid to major level drug trafficking organizations.

Today, L.A. IMPACT's primary mission is to identify and target drug trafficking organizations (DTOs) and money laundering organizations (MLOs) operating in the Southern California area, with the ultimate goal of dismantling those criminal enterprises. Of particular note, L.A. IMPACT provides the only clandestine illicit drug laboratory response team in our entire region.

Monrovia has been well represented on L.A. IMPACT, and in fact, our very own Police Chief Jim Hunt currently serves as an executive committee member for the agency. Moving forward, on November 16, 2016, L.A. IMPACT will be hosting a legislative forum to provide local government legislators and administrators an educational and interactive opportunity to learn more about L.A. IMPACT, and to discuss emerging criminal justice issues and legislation.

STRUCTURE FIRE AT 327 EAST LIME OCCURRED LAST WEEK ON SEPTEMBER 26, 2016, TWO FIREFIGHTERS SUSTAIN RELATIVELY MINOR INJURIES

As you may be aware, at 3:56 a.m. on Monday, September 26, 2016, City fire crews were dispatched to a reported structure fire at the northwest corner of Lime and California. Upon arrival, the first-in engine company reported heavy fire issuing from the attic at 327 East Lime. The fire was also extending to the single family residence to the west located at 323 East Lime. Our firefighting crews checked all structures to the north and also found that the fire extended through a detached garage with an attached living space located at 323 South California.

Upon arrival on the scene, our team alerted all occupants in the residences, and everyone was able to exit their respective homes without injury. Ultimately, our crews deployed firefighting equipment and we were able to get the blaze extinguished. The cause of the fire is still under investigation, and preliminary estimates place the damage incurred at \$450,000 in structure loss and \$50,000 in content loss. In addition, all structures impacted by the fire have been red-tagged and boarded up, and in total, four families and 12 individuals were displaced because of the fire. City representatives contacted the Red Cross, which has been assisting the families that have been displaced with both financial and housing accommodation. Also, our staff issued SAVE (Supplying Aid to Victims of Emergencies) Cards to each of the families impacted by the fire.

Of note, two of our firefighter personnel sustained minor injuries during the fire. One member of our team twisted an ankle and the other individual fell and injured his knee. Both employees are, thankfully, recovering well and will be back at work within the next few days. Given the potential of the fire to do more damage than it actually caused, kudos are in order for our firefighting team!

BEER AND LITERATURE PROVE TO BE A WINNING COMBINATION WITH THE LIBRARY'S "BREWS AND BOOKS" EVENT, SET TO TAKE PLACE ON OCTOBER 6, 2016, FROM 7:00 P.M. TO 8:00 P.M. AT STATION SQUARE!

Who knew that you could mix beer with literature to come up with an amazing event?!?!?! Well, here in Monrovia, our team at the Library have developed a unique *Brews and Books* concept, and everyone is invited to participate! Make plans to join us on October 6, 2016, from 7:00 p.m. to 8:00 p.m. at the Station Square Promenade by the Metro Parking Structure. The event is open to adults 21 years and older only, and a valid ID is required for participation.

Event participants will have the chance to come on out and sample amazing lagers and ales from our local brewer, Pacific Plate Brewing! While tasting the refreshing brews, individuals will also have the chance to discover unique books written by the brew masters, and all participants will have a chance to win an awesome beer-tasting set! Here in Monrovia... haven't

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you heard that libraries aren't just about books anymore? If you have any questions, please call us at (626) 256-8274... and we'll see you on October 6, 2016!

FAMILY HIKE AND CAMPOUT EVENT A HUGE SUCCESS, ADDITIONAL SESSION PLANNED FOR OCTOBER 15-16, 2016

Last weekend, the Community Services Division hosted our hugely popular Family Hike & Campout Event at Fireman's Flat Campground in Canyon Park. Our talented Canyon Park staff created a weekend to remember for the event participants, with many who attended the event being first time campers! Everyone who participated was treated to a BBQ hosted by our Police Officers Alex Galindo and Patrick Leon (see the attached pictures), and in addition, participants had a chance to build a campfire to make s'mores and enjoy a story-time presentation given by Elizabeth Schneider, our enthusiastic Youth Services Library Supervisor! The group also took a night hike, and in the morning, families awoke to breakfast prepared by City staff that included pancakes and sausage!

Given the popularity of the Family Hike & Campout Event we have one additional event planned for the weekend of October 15-16, 2016. For more information, please feel free to contact our Community Services Division at (626) 256-8246!



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LIBRARY STRATEGIC PLAN COMMUNITY FORUM SET TO TAKE PLACE ON SATURDAY, OCTOBER 8, 2016, FROM 9:00 A.M. TO 1:00 P.M.

Just a reminder that on Saturday, October 8, 2016, the City will be hosting a community forum for all interested parties to provide input on the development of our Library Strategic Plan. The meeting will last from 9:00 a.m. to 1:00 p.m. at the Library, and we hope that you will take some time to come and help us determine how we can improve our library operations moving forward! If you have any questions, please contact us at (626) 256-8274!

CITY LIBRARIAN STAFF WILL BE HOSTING STORIES AND SONGS AT SAMSON'S KID STAGE AT THE STREET FAIR ON FRIDAY, OCTOBER 7, 2016, AT 6:30 P.M.

Just a quick reminder to encourage everyone to come on out to the City's new Street Fair on Friday, October 7, 2016! In addition to the new farmer's market offerings and unique artisan craft vendor items available every Friday evening, the first Friday of each month includes special activities at the Street Fair, with a particular emphasis on kid's events! And on Friday, October 7, 2016, our City Librarians will be hosting stories and songs for kids at the Samson's Kid Stage at around 6:30 p.m.! We're looking forward to seeing you there!

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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:

- **Board Game & Coffee Night (Feat. Dominion) – October 3, 2016, From 6:00 p.m. to 8:00 p.m.**
 - Mondays got you down? Start your week off right with Game & Coffee Night on Monday October 3, 2016, from 6:00 p.m. to 8:00pm in the Library Community Room! Bring your friends, grab some coffee and snacks, and check out our new board game collection! We'll have learn-to-play sessions for our featured games – our current feature is Dominion, the popular medieval deck-building game! For millennials ages 21 and up.

- **Friday Mystery Bags – October 7 & 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.

- **Hispanic Heritage Month Celebration – October 8, 2016, From 12:00 p.m. to 2:00 p.m.**
 - Join us as we celebrate the rich diversity of the Latino American population! Create vibrant Oaxacan inspired stick animals, design intricate molas from Peru, and craft Chilean rain sticks! All ages invited... and aguas frescas and pan dulce will be served!

- **Teen Horror Series: Camp vs. Classic – October 7 & 21, 2016**
 - 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 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!

THE TASTE OF OLD TOWN MONROVIA... ONE OF THE PREMIER CULINARY EVENTS IN THE SAN GABRIEL VALLEY... IS SET TO TAKE PLACE ON SUNDAY, OCTOBER 9, 2016, FROM 5:00 P.M. TO 8:00 P.M.

Fall is here, which means... it's time for one of the premier culinary events in the San Gabriel Valley! The *Taste of Old Town Monrovia* event, which is sponsored and coordinated by the Kiwanis Club of Monrovia, is set to take place on October 9, 2016, from 5:00 p.m. to 8:00 p.m. in Old Town. You don't want to miss this tremendous opportunity to partake in an evening that will be filled with incredible food, scintillating libations, and uplifting music... all of which will take place against the amazing backdrop of Old Town!

So what are you waiting for? Mark your calendars now and make sure you take part in this annual community event in support of the Kiwanis Club of Monrovia! Tickets are \$50 when purchased in advance, \$60 when purchased at the door. For additional event details, please visit <http://www.tastemonrovia.com/>.

26TH ANNUAL "MAKE A DIFFERENCE DAY" SCHEDULED FOR OCTOBER 22, 2016

The 26th 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

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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.

53RD 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 53rd 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.

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!

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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 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, and we hope that you can make it to this celebration event!

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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)

TAYLOR PERFORMING ARTS CENTER SET TO PRESENT "SIDE BY SIDE BY SONDEHEIM," DECEMBER 2-4, 2016, THOSE INTERESTED IN PERFORMING ARE ASKED TO ATTEND AUDITIONS SCHEDULED FOR OCTOBER 4, 2016 AND OCTOBER 6, 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*, *Pacific Overtures*, and *Sweeney Todd*. The show will be presented December 2-4, 2016, and tickets can be purchased online at www.BrownPaperTickets.com. In addition, if anyone is interested in audition to perform in *Side by Side by Sondheim*, auditions are scheduled to take place on October 4, 2016 and October 6, 2016. Please see the attached flyer for additional information!

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The Taylor Performing Arts Center presents...

845 W. Colorado Blvd.
Monrovia, CA

This production is sponsored by Monrovia Unified School District
Purchase tickets at BrownPaperTickets.com

**SIDE BY
SIDE BY
SONDHEIM**

DECEMBER 2-4, 2016

MUSIC & LYRICS BY STEPHEN SONDHEIM & MUSIC BY LEONARD BERNSTEIN,
MARY RODGERS, RICHARD RODGERS, JULE STYNE CONTINUITY BY NED SHERRIN
PRODUCED ON BROADWAY BY HAROLD PRINCE IN ASSOCIATION WITH RUTH MITCHELL
PRESENTED THROUGH SPECIAL ARRANGEMENT WITH MUSIC THEATRE INTERNATIONAL (MTI)

The poster features a red background with a stylized piano keyboard graphic. The keys are represented by black and white rectangles of varying heights, some of which are tilted or broken, creating a dynamic, abstract effect. The text is in white, providing high contrast against the red background.

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The Taylor Performing Arts Center and Monrovia Unified School District
are pleased to announce

AUDITIONS for



Audition Dates: **Tuesday, October 4, 2016**
Principals (Sign-in, 6:30 p.m.; Auditions, 7:00 to 10:30 p.m.)
Thursday, October 6, 2016
Callbacks by invitation only; 6:30 to 10:30 p.m.)

Location: **The Taylor Performing Arts Center**
(on the campus of Monrovia High School)
845 W. Colorado Boulevard
Monrovia, CA 91016

Audition Information:

Principal Audition: Please prepare 16-32 bars of a song **from a musical** (stage or film) that shows your range. Be sure to bring sheet music with you in the appropriate key. An accompanist will be provided (NO CDs, please).

Be prepared to dance. Please wear movement friendly clothing. **A dance combination will be taught at the audition.** You **DO NOT** need to prepare a dance routine of your own.

Please bring a resume and headshot with you.

Small stipends will be available for principal roles.

Rehearsals begin: **November 1, 2016**

Performance dates: **December 2, 3, & 4, 2016**

For additional information on the open auditions, please e-mail Julia Clegg at jclegg@monroviaschools.net

Thank you and we look forward to seeing you at the auditions!

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 the 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

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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 we encourage everyone to visit us online at 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!

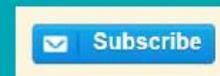


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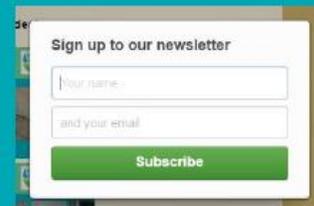
Step 1: Visit www.cityofmonrovia.org/monroviarenewal and click on the Project Updates and Work Notices tab.



Step 2: Scroll down the page and click the Subscribe button.



Step 3: Enter your name and email address.



Step 4: You will receive a confirmation email. Click the link and you're all set!

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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.

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Frequently Asked Questions

❖ What is Monrovia Renewal?

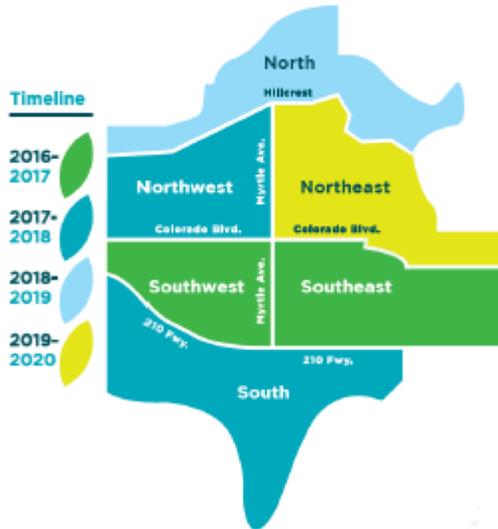
Monrovia Renewal is a multi-year initiative that is making large-scale repairs to aging infrastructure across the city, including water and sewer pipelines, water facilities, streets, sidewalks, curbs, and gutters.

❖ 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 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.

Updated: 7/14/2016



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CONGRESS MEMBER GRACE NAPOLITANO AND CONGRESS MEMBER JUDY CHU KICK OFF 2016 DOMESTIC VIOLENCE DRIVE, MONROVIA COMMUNITY CENTER SET SERVES AS A DONATION CENTER FROM OCTOBER 1, 2016, TO NOVEMBER 1, 2016

The City of Monrovia is partnering with Congress Member Judy Chu and her 2016 Domestic Violence Drive. There are many ways you can help domestic violence survivors through your donation of toiletries, household cleaning products, children's clothing, gently used business attire, and children's school supplies. The Monrovia Community Center is one of many drop-off sites that have been identified throughout the San Gabriel Valley, and donations will be accepted from October 1, 2016, to November 1, 2016. Attached is a press release and flyer regarding the program with additional information regarding the program.

FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE
September 16, 2016
CONTACT: Benjamin Suarato
202-225-5464

Congresswomen Judy Chu & Grace Napolitano Kick Off Annual Domestic Violence Collection Drive Hosted by Kaiser Permanente Baldwin Park

Monrovia, CA - Today, Congresswomen Judy Chu (D-Monterey Park) and Grace F. Napolitano (D-El Monte) joined Kaiser Permanente Baldwin Park and other local partnering organizations at a press conference at the Monrovia Community Center to kick off the 13th Annual Domestic Violence Collection Drive.

"I am so happy to be launching our 13th Annual Domestic Violence Collection Drive," said **Rep. Chu**. "A shocking 1 in 3 US women will experience rape, violence, and/or stalking from an intimate partner in their lifetimes. Beyond the inexcusable violence, abusers also use intimidation to keep women in the house or make it impossible to have any sort of financial independence. That means that when a victim finally makes the decision to leave her abuser, she often has nothing but the clothes on her back. That is what this Drive is meant to help. I'm so proud of the incredible amount of growth and involvement we've seen over the years, and I am hopeful we can exceed even last year's record amount of donations."

"We are here to embrace all the brave survivors of domestic violence and extend our love and support to them," said **Rep. Napolitano**. "Too often fear and shame prevent more survivors from seeking help, so that is why our annual collection drive is so important. Items donated are reminders of the support from our community and are critical for the healing of those who have been wounded both physically and emotionally. We are so proud to partner with Congresswoman Chu, Kaiser Permanente, and the many volunteers throughout the San Gabriel Valley participating in Domestic Violence Awareness Month. We need all of your help to end domestic violence, and we thank you for your compassion and generosity."

Reps. Chu and Napolitano were joined by a survivor of domestic violence and representatives from partnering organizations, including Maggie Pierce, Executive Director—Kaiser Permanente Baldwin Park; Dr. Victor Cheng, Physician In-Charge—Kaiser Permanente Diamond Bar; Ken Muche, Public Relations Manager—Verizon Wireless; Mavis Hansen, Domestic Violence Awareness and Prevention Chair—California Federation of Women's Clubs – San Gabriel Valley District; and Ana Interiano, Director—YWCA San Gabriel Valley – WINGS (Women in Need Growing Strong).

The month-long drive, part of Domestic Violence Awareness Month in October, will collect gently used women's and children's clothing, household cleaning products, toiletry items—no BREAKABLE items, please—and other donations that will be distributed to victims at shelters throughout the San Gabriel Valley. Donations can be dropped off at Kaiser Permanente facilities in Baldwin Park, Diamond Bar, Montebello, San Dimas, and West Covina.

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Congresswoman Judy Chu, CA-27 & Women's Groups/Organizations in Greater San Gabriel Valley

Supporting Victims of Domestic Violence from:

Elizabeth House
Foothill Family Service
Pacific Lifeline
Project Sister Family Services
Shepherd's Door

October 1 - November 1

Items Collected

* Clothing for women and children * Toiletries * Household cleaning products

* Children's school supplies

(No BREAKABLE items please)

Collection Locations

Rep. Judy Chu Pasadena Office	527 South Lake Avenue, Suite 106, Pasadena
Rep. Judy Chu Claremont Office	415 W. Foothill Boulevard, Suite 122, Claremont
Alexander Hughes Community Center	1700 Danbury Road, Claremont
Alhambra City Hall	111 S. Fist Street, Alhambra
Altadena Community Center	730 E. Altadena Drive, Altadena
Altadena Senior Center	560 E. Mariposa Street, Altadena
Arcadia Community Center	375 Campus Drive, Arcadia
Arcadia Woman's Club (Wed./ Thurs. Only)	324 S. 1 st Avenue, Arcadia
Bradbury City Hall	600 Winston Avenue, Bradbury
Garvey Community Center	9108 Garvey Avenue, Rosemead
Fiorina Clothing Store	124 N. Glendora Avenue, Glendora
Joslyn Adult Recreation Center	210 N. Chapel Avenue, Alhambra
Monrovia Community Center	119 W. Palm Avenue, Monrovia
Monterey Park City Hall	320 W. Newmark Avenue, Monterey Park
San Gabriel City Hall	425 S. Mission Drive, San Gabriel
San Marino Police Department	2200 Huntington Drive, San Marino
Sierra Madre Woman's Club	550 W. Sierra Madre Boulevard, Sierra Madre
South Pasadena City Hall	1414 Mission Street, South Pasadena
South Pasadena Woman's Club	1424 Freemont Avenue, South Pasadena
Upland City Hall	460 N. Euclid Avenue, Upland

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HDL HEADLINES NEWSLETTER

The most recent edition of HdLs Headlines Newsletter, which highlights economic trends happening in California, has been included for your review and reference.

Trends Affecting California's Economy
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North American Light-Vehicle Production Soars in August, Incentives are Rising

North American car and light-truck production hit an August record last month, despite cooling demand, leaving dealer inventory at a multiyear peak and setting the stage for potentially generous sales incentives this fall. General Motors Co. led the auto industry with a 21% increase in output to 372,678 vehicles produced in the region, according to data provider WardsAuto.com. Overall, Wards estimates 1.69 million vehicles were produced in the U.S., Mexico and Canada last month. [Read More](#)

How Many Stores Must Retailers Close to Beat Amazon?

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Are there enough stores for retailers to close to offset the impact of Amazon? Where some companies like Sears Holdings probably don't even have enough stores in its portfolio to close to offset the damage being done, others don't seem to fully appreciate the threat they face and aren't doing enough to sufficiently offset the Amazon effect. [Read More](#)

How Does a Mall Cope When a Big Tenant Like Macy's Closes?

Like many mall owners, Irvine Co. recently got troubling news: A big tenant at its Irvine Spectrum Center, a Macy's department store, would close. But instead of looking for a new tenant, Irvine Co. is looking for 20 of them. As part of a \$150-million overhaul of the open-air shopping mall, the two-story Macy's building has been demolished to make room for a collection of smaller merchants. Irvine Co. representatives didn't want to talk about the Macy's pullout, but in January called it "a unique opportunity to rebalance" the retail center. [Read More](#)

Sears Still Has Plenty of Levers to Pull to Avoid Bankruptcy

Every round of store closings sends the same whispers echoing through Wall Street — how much longer can Sears hang on? Yet despite the latest chatter about the chain's inevitable demise, analysts say the company has plenty of levers to pull to stay afloat this Christmas and beyond. They include a robust real estate portfolio estimated to be worth roughly \$4.5 billion; the prospect of additional cash infusions from CEO Eddie Lampert's hedge fund ESL Investments; and a potential sale of its Kenmore, Craftsman and DieHard brands. [Read More](#)

Aeropostle Cuts Rent Deal That Saves 75 More Stores

Things keep getting better for Aeropostale. The new owners of the ailing teen retailer will spare up to 475 stores in the US — an additional 75 stores — as more landlords agree to reduce rents. In an unusual deal, two mall operators — Simon Properties and General Growth Properties — joined licensor Authentic Brands Group in buying the bankrupt chain for \$243 million. [Read More](#)

Hanjin Bankruptcy is the Tip of the Iceberg for Flailing Shippers

For the last five years, top shipping companies pushed forward with fat investments in more and bigger vessels, even as signs of trouble piled up. The goal was to shore up profits by doing business on a larger scale as global trade bounced back after the recession. But the new business never came. Freight rates dropped and shippers' revenues plunged. China's economy has slowed and consumer goods flooding the U.S. have saturated the market to the point where there's no more room for growth, analysts

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say. [Read More](#)

Walgreens to Unload More Than 500 Stores Amid US Antitrust Concerns

Walgreens believes that it will probably have to unload more stores than expected to ease antitrust concerns over its pending, \$9.41 billion acquisition of Rite Aid, a deal that would make the nation's largest drugstore chain even larger. While it still expects to complete the acquisition this year, the Deerfield-based company said that it will probably have to divest more than 500 stores. The company previously said that it expected to divest 500 or fewer. [Read More](#)

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By The Numbers

Percent of change from one year ago.

CALIFORNIA DATA

Ports (August):

Containers

Imported ↓ **-4.74%**

Exported ↑ **9.37%**

Airport Traffic (July)

Passengers

Domestic ↑ **5.63%**

International ↑ **10.47%**

Unemployment Rate:

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August 2016 **5.5%**

August 2015 **6.0%**

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POLICE DEPARTMENT SEMI-WEEKLY NEIGHBORHOOD WATCH REPORT

The most recent Police Department semi-weekly neighborhood watch report for the period September 26 – 28, 2016 has been uploaded to our website and can be accessed by clicking on the link below. During the past seven-day period, the Monrovia Police Department handled 456 service events, resulting in 73 total investigations.

http://www.cityofmonrovia.org/sites/default/files/fileattachments/police/page/947/9_neighborhood_watch_report_september_26-28_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,
Oliver

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