

NEIGHBORHOOD NEWS

A community based newsletter brought to you by the Monrovia Area Partnership team

YOUR MAP TEAM



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Introduction

In November's issue of the MAP Neighborhood News Newsletter, you will find a recap of the MAP Leadership Academies, in which we welcomed 34 new MAP leaders to the MAP family, the exciting launch of our newest initiative (MAPconnect), and more! We've had a strong year and we plan on continuing to stay strong by finding new ways to engage our neighborhoods through our events and programs.

MAPconnect launched on September 1, 2022, so MAP Leaders that have gone through our MAP Leadership Academies can begin logging their hours on our Volunteer Hour Tracking software, Track It Forward, to get started. Any volunteering events that MAP Leaders participated in after September 1, 2022 can be logged for points. The goal of MAPconnect is to incentivize volunteerism, provide resources, and encourage leaders to build networks. Learn more about the initiative and how to get started by continuing to read.

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TIP FOR FULL DIGITAL NEWSLETTER POTENTIAL: ANYTHING THAT IS **BLUE** & <u>UNDERLINED</u> IS A CLICKABLE LINK THAT IS CAPABLE OF TAKING YOU TO THE RELATED EXTERNAL PAGE WITH FURTHER INFORMATION & RESOURCES TO EXPLORE.

MAPconnect

ABOUT

MAPconnect is an initiative to retain, grow, and connect MAP Leaders. MAPconnect begins upon graduating from the MAP Leadership Academy. It is a multifaceted approach to incentivize volunteerism, provide resources, and encourage leaders to build networks.



POINT OPPORTUNITIES

Events	Volunteering	Bonus
Volunteer/Attend MAP Conference (6 pts)	City Volunteer (CERT/PD/Fire/Code) (1pt/1hr)	Become a Zone Coordinator (10 pts)
Make a Difference Day (4 pts)	Volunteer Center (1 pt/1 hr)	Refer Someone to the Academy (10 pts)
Volunteer/Attend MAP Block Party (3 pts)	Foothill Unity (1 pt/1 hr)	Become a Zone Asst. Coordinator (5 pts)
Attend a MAP-Edu (2 pts)	Attend a Block Party or Neighborhood Watch Meeting (1 pt/1 hr)	Host a Neighborhood/Park Clean Up (5 pts)
Attend Neighborhood Treasure (2 pts)	YMCA (1 pt/1 hr)	Host a Block Party (5 pts)
Speak at a Leadership Academy (2 pts)	Library Story Time (1 pt/1 hr)	Provide Gift to New Neighbor or Baby (5 pts)
Help with Holiday Float (1 pt/1 hr)	Boys & Girls Club (1 pt/1 hr)	Participate in City's Holiday Decorating Contest (5 pts)
MAPconnect Main States	KGEM Volunteer (1 pt/1 hr)	Bring a Neighbor to a MAP Event (1 pt)
	Community Services (1 pt/1 hr)	Wear Your MAP Shirt to an Event (1 pt)
	Community Garden (1 pt/1 hr)	Write a Newsletter Highlight (1 pt)
	Participate in Regional Activities (1 pt/1 hr)	Follow MAP on Social Media (1 pt)
		Like a Social Media Post (1 pt)
		Re-post a Social Media Post (1 pt)
		Confirm Your Status as Active (1 pt)

MAPconnect

THE STEPS Graduate the MAP Leadership Academy Become a MAP Leader Begin Volunteering, Attending Events, and Engaging on Social Media Climb the Tiers - Bronze, Silver, & Gold MAP Leaders Become a Zone Coordinator or Assistant Coordinator (optional)

LOG YOUR HOURS

Track it Forward is the program we use to track volunteer efforts. Volunteers can log hours via the web or mobile app, as well as sign up for events and track their progress for requirements.

Step 1: Go to

www.monroviaareapartnership.com/leg= hours and scroll down until you see the Track It Forward widget.

Step 2: Create an account by clicking on 'Click Here to Register'. Fill out the information.

Step 3: Log your hours by filling in the number of hours volunteered, date volunteered, activity, and bonus points (if any), and click 'Submit Time'.

GOALS

- Increase participation of MAP Leaders at events, social media, and in their neighborhoods.
- Provide toolkits to encourage networking amongst neighbors in the different zones.
- Honor those MAP Leaders who climb the tiers and dedicate their time to the community.
- Encourage MAP Leaders to recruit their neighbors and get involved.

COMMUNITY SERVICE HOURS

- In addition to earning points to climb the tiers, MAP Leaders will earn hours for the time they spend volunteering at activities.
- MAP will then award the Leader with the United States Presidential Volunteer Service Award (national award)
- Bronze (100 hrs), Silver (250 hrs), and Gold (500+ hours)
- Receive a pin, certificate, and letter from the President of the United States.

HONORING LEADERS

Once a year, MAP will make a presentation to City Council honoring all the MAP Leaders who moved up a Tier or were awarded a Presidential Volunteer Service Award. MAP Leaders will receive pins for each tier and can proudly display them on their lanyards or clothing.

Check out what MAP has been up to!

2022 MAP LEADERSHIP ACADEMIES

It's a wrap for our MAP Adult & Youth Leadership Academies for 2022! Congratulations to our new MAP Leaders on completing the 7 weeks of class and the Make a Difference Day volunteer requirement. The classes were held on once a week from the first week of September through mid-October. The classes for both the youth and adults have been revamped this year to accommodate trending topics in the community and in various areas of life. The Youth Leadership Academy was held once a week and included the following classes: Civic Duty to Voting, Economics of Cooking at Home, How to be a Leader, Police Etiquette, Financial Literacy, Public Speaking Do's and Don'ts, and Career Day. The Adult Leadership Academy was held once a

week also and included classes to jumpstart their involvement in their neighborhood & community, such as Get to Know MAP and Each Other, Assessing Strengths & Gaps, How to be a Leader, Community Organizing and Resident Engagement, Marketing to Your Block, Finding & Using Your Community's Assets, and Taking Action. We're so grateful to the amazing speakers we had at each class. With a combination of 34 new MAP Adult and Youth Leaders, we are looking forward to the endeavors they will accomplish. We always encourage MAP Leaders to stay connected with us to learn of the new resources we have to offer so they can be the gatekeeper of information to share with the rest of the community!



MAP ADULT LEADERSHIP ACADEMY CLASS 3: HOW TO BE A LEADER



MAP YOUTH LEADERSHIP ACADEMY CLASS 1: CIVIC DUTY TO VOTING

2022 MAP LEADERSHIP ACADEMY GRADUATION

To celebrate the accomplishment of completing the 7-week MAP Academies and the required Make a Difference Day project, the youth and adults were invited back to the City Hall Council Chambers on the evening of Tuesday, November 1 to graduate amongst each other, their friends and family, and in front of City Council. The graduation ceremony began at the regularly scheduled City Council meeting at 7:00pm and proceeded at the



RECEPTION



YOUTH AND ADULT LEADERS WITH CITY COUNCIL

EOC for pastries from Merengue Bakery and light refreshments. MAP leaders received their official certificate signed by City Council and a MAP pin. Moving forward, leaders are encouraged to climb the tiers and earn their bronze, silver, and gold pins through MAPconnect. To climb the tiers, leaders must sign up for our volunteer hour tracking program, Track It Forward, and begin logging their hours as they volunteer and attend events.



YOUTH LEADERS WITH CITY COUNCIL



ADULT LEADERS WITH CITY COUNCIL

JOSEPHINE ANDERSON NEIGHBORHOOD TREASURE CELEBRATION

Neighborhood Treasures celebrates historically significant Monrovians through the installation of public art pieces in various neighborhoods throughout the community. The goal of the program is to enrich the lives of those who view the art and improve neighborhoods by its presence.

Neighborhood Treasures was developed by Monrovia Area Partnership staff and leaders, vetted by the Art in Public Places Committee, and approved by the City Council in 2018. Neighborhood Treasures' public art includes specialized artwork that visually represents the life and contributions of the honorees. On the rainy mid-morning of Saturday, October 15, we honored our 7th Neighborhood Treasure honoree, Foothill Unity Center Founder, Josephine Anderson. The celebration included an art unveiling and a block party celebration to follow. Despite the light rain in the morning, staff was able to go on with the show by moving the speeches inside the Foothill Unity Center building, while the art unveiling and food truck remained outdoors for guests to enjoy as the rain cleared up towards the afternoon. Visit the Josephine Anderson Neighborhood Treasure art piece at the Foothill Unity Center (790 W. Chestnut Ave.). For a full list of Neighborhood Treasures, click here,



MAKE A DIFFERENCE DAY 2022

For the first time, MAP has taken on their own project at the 32nd Annual Make a Difference Day that took place on Saturday, October 22, 2022. Our Class of 2022 MAP Leaders were out in force and were joined by some veteran MAP Leaders to take on a landscaping project for a disabled veteran's home. The project consisted of pulling weeds, bush and tree trimming, gardening, and raking. With 40+ Leaders, we were able to transform the exterior of the home. We are truly grateful to see our Leaders working together to complete this project. Huge thank you to our youth and adult leaders who came out to help a Monrovia neighbor in need. We are proud of the volunteerism and teamwork that was exemplified out there that day. Volunteers at MADD are able to log their hours through our volunteer hour tracking program, Track it Forward for an easy 5 points towards the MAP Bronze Level (4 hours of volunteering, 1 point for wearing green MAP t-shirt). We encourage all Leaders to join our Volunteer Hour Tracking Program if you haven't already.



MAP Upcoming Events

THE MONROVIA AREA PARTNERSHIP TEAM IS ALWAYS BUSY LOOKING FOR NEW WAYS TO MAKE A POSITIVE IMPACT ON THE COMMUNITY. TAKE A SNEAK PEAK AT WHAT EXCITING EVENTS WE HAVE COMING UP DOWN BELOW!



MAP-EDU COMMUNITY MEETING

On **Saturday, November 19**, the Monrovia Area Partnership team is turning up the heat at our *virtual* MAP-edu Community Meeting on Fire Safety. The meeting will kick off with an introduction to the newly sworn Fire Chief, Jeremy Sanchez, and follow with a presentation on Fire Safety from Fire Inspector, Laura Bednar. There will also be an overview of the City's CERT and BERT program with CERT Volunteer Coordinator Suzanne Dobson. Our MAP-edu meetings are open and free to the entire community to discuss trending topics with experts.

MAP-EDU COMMUNITY MEETING

Starting with our MAP-edu meeting on January 12, 2023, we will be transitioning to in-person MAP-edu meetings. Since the start of COVID, all of our MAP-edu meetings became virtual. Stop by our first in-person MAP-edu meeting of the new year, as we discuss barking dogs, dog waste clean up, veterinary resources, wildlife encounters, and more with the Pasadena Humane Society. The last 30 minutes of the meeting will be a networking opportunity with neighbors. Registration will open soon.



HIGHLIGHTING DIFFERENT DEPARTMENTS AND DIVISIONS GIVES US THE OPPORTUNITY TO SHARE WHAT THEY HAVE BEEN WORKING ON AND HOW THEY ARE PLANNING FOR THE FUTURE. CATCH UP WITH PUBLIC WORKS AND SEE WHAT IS HAPPENING!

PUBLIC WORKS





SB1383

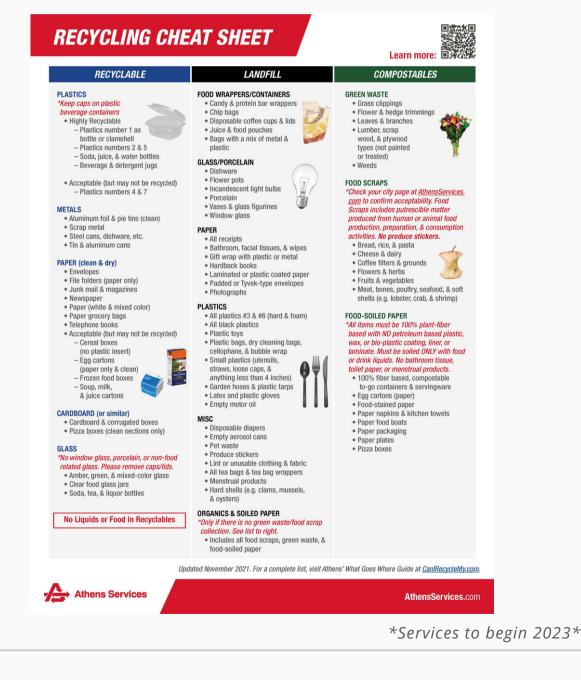
Introduction to SB1383

SB 1383, you may have heard it before, but what does it really mean? SB1383 standards for Senate Bill 1383 or the short-lived climate pollutant reduction strategy and was passed as a statewide effort to reduce emissions of climate pollutants such as organic waste. SB1383 requires statewide organic waste recycling and surplus food recovery. The state has set a goal to reduce the amount of organic waste disposed in landfills by 50% in 2020 and 75% by 2025. It also sets a goal to rescue at least 20% of currently disposed edible food by 2025 and redirect the food to people in need. These measure will help divert an estimated of 20 million tons of landfill and help reduce short-lived, harmful, super pollutants and in turn improve human health.

SB1383 (CONTINUED)

What is Organic Waste?

The state defines organic waste as food, landscape and pruning trimmings, lumber, wood, manure, cardboard, paper products, printing and writing paper, and other plant and animal-based products. Most of these foods are currently disposed of in your black trash bin but with the passing of SB1383 they will not be separated from your landfill and placed in your green bin.



SB1383 (CONT.)

Who does this effect?

In reality, this will affect everyone in the City of Monrovia including residents, multi-family complexes and businesses, but not just yet! The City of Monrovia is working with our exclusive franchise hauler, Athens Services, to provide Monrovians with the best plan for the future. We want to ensure that our next steps for the expectation and lifestyle of Monrovian residents and businesses before enacting change. When the legislation does go into effect, it will be in a tiered process with the larger edible food generators (grocery stores/food markets, wholesale food vendors, food distributors etc.) that are required to begin first.

What is the City doing?

The City of Monrovia has joined together with the San Gabriel Valley Council of Governments and SCS Engineers to stay up-to-date on food recovery and waste compliance. Since 2021, we have assessed commercial edible food waste generators, identified and fostered partnerships with local food recovery organizations, and have begun implementing outreach and education. We are currently in the educational and outreach phase of the Food Recovery Plan and continue to work with businesses and residents on organics food reduction education.

The City is also offering all residents and businesses FREE Countertop Compost Bins with compostable bin liners, a composting 101 brochure and what goes where sticker for their bin. <u>Visit the</u> <u>City's website for more information on</u> <u>our free resources and for updates on</u> <u>SB1383</u>!



WATER CONSERVATION



Water Conservation

Through our various conservation efforts, the City was able to save hundreds of thousands of gallons of water in comparison to year 2020. When comparing water use by agency the Upper San Gabriel Valley Municipal Water District, and in relation the City of Monrovia, are on target to achieving the Metropolitan Water District's goal of 20% water use reduction. We want to give a big thank you to the Monrovia community for working together to conserve water! The City greatly appreciates your community-wide effort to conserve and the City strives to continue to offer its resident's the necessary resources to help the community continue to reach our targets.



WATER CONSERVATION (CONT.)

Check out our Water Conservation page for available rebates! Check our City

webpage for more information and links to resources!

1. Water Conservation Kit



2. Turf Replacement Rebate Program (while funding is available)



3. Rebates on qualifying low-flow devices



4. Rebates on Outdoor Irrigation Efficiency Tools



MAKE A DIFFERENCE DAY

The San Gabriel Valley Volunteer Center organized a community wide bulky item drop off event to help reduce the amount of illegal dumping in our neighborhoods. 15 bins were placed along the community, 13 of which had to be emptied and placed back to accommodate the large number of items that were being dropped off! In a matter of four hours we accumulated the equivalent of 1,120 yards of waste including furniture, old toys, and broken appliances.



HHW TOO TOXIC TO TRASH EVENT

The City of Monrovia, in partnership with LA County hosted their annual Too Toxic To Trash event. The event provided residents with FREE drop off of Household Hazardous Waste (HHW) and E-Waste. Various materials were collected such as motor oil, paint, sharps and batteries. In total there was over 20,000 pounds of material collected at the event that would have otherwise been introduced into the environment and may have had the potential to contaminate water systems and landfills.



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#CleanMonrovia

CLEAN MONROVIA IS A MULTI-DEPARTMENT STRATEGY FOCUSED ON ENHANCING THE WELL-BEING OF OUR COMMUNITY AND LONGEVITY OF OUR PLANET. WHETHER IT'S ILLEGAL DUMPING OR WASTE REDUCTION, WE'RE DEDICATED TO PROVIDING A SOLUTION TO POLLUTION.



YELLOW TAGS

In an effort to reduce illegal dumping and encourage proper disposal of bulky items, the City of Monrovia launched the #CleanMonrovia campaign. This is a multidepartment strategy to provide educational resources to residents and to curb illegal dumping.

Code Enforcement Officers will be placing a yellow tag on dumped items and at the front door of the property if they are unable to make contact with the resident. These "yellow tags" have a step-by-step process to schedule a bulky item pickup with Athens Services so it does not become illegal dumping.

If you receive a yellow tag and did NOT schedule with Athens, please remove the item from public view and schedule a pickup with Athens. It will typically be the same day as your trash service. If you DID schedule a pickup you can disregard the yellow tag.



For more information, visit www.cityofmonrovia.org/cleanmonrovia

Community Activist Policing Tip

MONROVIA MUNICIPAL CODE 2.88

The City of Monrovia has recently implemented Monrovia Municipal Code 2.88, which allows the removal of Unclaimed Property and Storage of personal property in public areas. The public parks, public streets and alleys, public parking lots, public rights-ofway, parkways, public sidewalks, recreational areas and other publicly-owned or controlled property within the City should be readily accessible and available to residents, businesses and the public at large for their intended purposes.

The use of these Public Areas for the Storage of Personal Property interferes with the rights of others to use and enjoy these Public Areas as they are intended. The purpose of this Chapter is to maintain these Public Areas within the City in a clean, sanitary, safe and accessible condition, to adequately protect the health, safety, environment and general welfare of the community, and to ensure that these Public Areas are used for their intended purposes and remain accessible to all citizens, businesses and visitors in the City. This chapter does not cover unclaimed property on private property. It is the responsibility of the owner to dispose of the unclaimed property.



QUESTIONS? Contact the MPD Non-Emergency Line at 626-256-800

Code Enforcement Tip

THE GOAL OF THE CODE ENFORCEMENT PROGRAM IS TO WORK WITH RESIDENTS, BUSINESSES, AND PROPERTY OWNERS TO ACHIEVE COMPLIANCE AND ENHANCE OUR COMMUNITY!

HOLIDAY SAFETY TIPS

Happy Holiday Monrovians!

Just a few friendly reminders as we enter the holiday season! Our code enforcement team loves the holidays just as much as you do but we also care about your safety.

Here are a few friendly reminders as we enter the holiday season:

 As you prepare to have family and friends over for delicious food, it is a great reminder to replace the batteries in your smoke detectors and carbon monoxide alarms.





- As you prepare all of the amazing food especially that deep fried turkey, it would be best to have small fire extinguisher by your side just in case.
- Christmas lights or holiday decorative lighting shall not be left on your home for more than 90 days. So once the New Year has set in, it should be a reminder to take down all holiday decorative lighting.





 Christmas Tree Collection will begin on December 26, 2022 and end on January 13, 2023. Tree must be free of flocking and other decorations and must be set out for collection on trash service day. Please remove tree stand and do not place any bags over the tree.

Code Enforcement Tip

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"WE'VE GOT SOMETHING TO ADDRESS..."

While this subject may not be glamorous, it is an important topic and one that can be lifesaving. I'm talking about address numbers! Address numbers are included in Monrovia's Municipal Code (MCC), California building code, and the California Fire Code. Why are they important? Because it helps emergency and medical responders, as well as safety personnel to identify the correct address quickly. If you, your loved one, or your neighbor is having a medical emergency, or any other type of emergency wouldn't you want the responders to be able to identify your address quickly?

You may ask why can't we use the numbers on the curb? Well, trash cans and cars can block the numbers or the paint could be worn off. Monrovia code requires the height of the numbers to be 6 inches and that they are contrasting colors to the structure (See below for Monrovia's Municipal Code requirements for address numbers).

Remember, seconds count when responding to emergencies. Ensure you do your part and have the appropriate numbers on your house visible from the street, and share this information with your neighbors. Check to see if your house has been painted, that the numbers may have been painted over and not visible from the street. Check to ensure that there aren't obstructions, like trees or shrubs, blocking the address numbers. Last, for those that have an alleyway, consider adding address numbers to the rear of your property, it can also help in an emergency. Thank you, be safe and have a wonderful holiday season!

MONROVIA | 8.14.050 ADDITIONAL REGULATIONS AND PROVISIONS.

(A) Required building numbers. Existing residential buildings of any type in all areas of the city and those that are constructed after the effective date of this chapter, shall have approved address numbers affixed to the structure in a location that is clearly visible from the street. The numbers shall be of contrasting color to the structure and six inches in height.



Code Enforcement Highlight

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NEIGHBORHOOD & BUSINESS SERVICES DIVISION RECEIVES NATIONAL ACCREDITATION

The City of Monrovia became the first government agency in the State of California to receive national accreditation for Code Enforcement. The accreditation is awarded by the American Association of Code Enforcement (AACE) to agencies across the country that meet the strict and extensive requirements. Since 2018, there have only been seven other agencies in the country that have achieved this designation, none from California until now. AACE reviews policies, procedures, hiring, training, case management, legal processes, municipal code, and overall operations to ensure the agency exemplifies the highest of standards.

This accreditation highlights the great work our Code Enforcement Officers do in the community to enhance neighborhoods and provide resources. "These standards are intended to insure a uniform level of professionalism and level of service with all accredited code agencies, thereby increasing community confidence in the policies and practices of an agency and the overall code enforcement profession. Considered among the best code enforcement agencies across the nation," stated the American Association of Code Enforcement.

To learn more about our Code Enforcement team, please visit <u>Code Enforcement | City of Monrovia</u>

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EDISON - POWER LINES & TREES



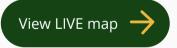
Trees, shrubs, and other vegetation can cause safety hazards and power outages if they grow into or near power lines. In support of safety, we regularly trim or remove trees that are dead, dying, or diseased, or growing near or under power lines.

WHAT IS VEGETATION MANAGEMENT?

Vegetation management is a broad term that describes work we do to minimize the impact trees and vegetation have on providing safe and reliable electric service. It includes hazard tree assessments, tree pruning and removal, brush removal, and weed abatement.

It is a matter of public safety and for the reliability of the power grid. California regulations require utilities to trim trees or vegetation so they don't grow into or fall into high-voltage power lines, which could not only cause a power outage but could spark a fire or be a danger to the public.





CONTACT EDISON ABOUT TREES AND VEGETATION NEAR POWER LINES

If you have any questions about vegetation located near SCE power lines, contact SCE Customer Support: **800-655-4555**

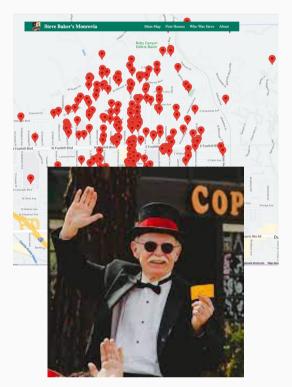
- Report an object caught in power lines: 1-800-611-1911
- Report an outage: 1-800-611-1911
- Before you dig: Call 811
- Electrical Emergency: Call 911

Hidden Gems in Monrovia

IF YOU HAVE ANY NOMINATIONS FOR A HIDDEN GEM IN MONROVIA, PLEASE EMAIL US AT <u>MAP@CI.MONROVIA.CA.US</u>

STEVE BAKER'S MONROVIA

Steve Baker's Monrovia Map is an interactive app that is the result of a collaboration of local organizations' efforts to honor Monrovia's long-time City Historian Steve Baker, who passed away in 2022. The group determined what was most fitting was to engage people in Monrovia's history, as was Steve's passion. This app enables users to take a virtual stroll through Monrovia and learn about its historic places. App users get to be in his company – listening to videos of him speaking, reading words he's written based on his research, and viewing old photos identified by him.



The content comes principally from the documents and photos that Steve collected and/or inherited from Myron Hotchkiss who preceded Steve as City Historian. Since 2015 these have been being digitized by the <u>Monrovia Historical Society's</u> Legacy Project. The app contains brief clips, but the full documents and more photos associated with them can be found at <u>www.monrovialegacyproject.org</u> and 85 of his <u>Monrovia Stories</u> on YouTube.

This app was developed by Brad Haugaard (publisher of <u>MonroviaNow.com</u> and board member of the Monrovia Historical Society) and is sponsored by the organizations with which Steve was active. To view the interactive map, visit <u>www.stevebakersmonrovia.com</u>.

Or add an icon to Steve Baker's Monrovia to your smart phone by taking a picture of the QR code and go to the Main Map page. **iPhone**: Click this icon 1 at the bottom center of your phone, then scroll down and tap "Add to Home Screen".

Android (non-Apple smartphone): Click on the three dots, then tap "Add to Home Screen".



Local Small Business Spotlight

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CELEBRATION SIGN NINJAZ

Celebration Sign Ninjas brings the PARTY to your YARD. Let them help you SURPRISE your friends and family with a fun and memorable PERSONALIZED yard greeting. Like ninjas in the night they deliver, set-up, AND pick-up your YARD greeting the next day. They do all the work, you just sit back and enjoy all the smiles!

Celebration Sign Ninjas main goal is to spread joy + happiness by helping you celebrate all those BIG moments in life with personalized yard messages. Between their two families, founders Sarah and Faith have five boys, and have always believed in CELEBRATING every event in a BIG way. When they had birthdays to celebrate during the pandemic - they wanted a way to make them extra special. Celebration Sign Ninjas lets them take those special life events and make them unique and memorable!

Sarah and Faith first met when their oldest boys started kindergarten, but became fast friends as they bonded over both their husbands being firefighters.



Local Small Business Spotlight

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BUSINESS GOALS

To help people in the community celebrate any event.

TARGET CUSTOMERS

Anyone looking to celebrate

COMPETITIVE ADVANTAGES

There aren't many local businesses like ours - in fact we started the business because we couldn't find anyone local to help us when we were looking for promotion signs for our local elementary school.

BUSINESS LOCATION

We come to you - wherever you want to celebrate.We are a locally owned and operated company, so you deal directly with us (and your money will remain local). Thank you for supporting our small businesses in our community. Help us share our passion and let us help you with a custom Yard Message! Forget the CARD, Say it from your YARD!

We offer 24 hour yard sign rental for any occasion.



CONTACT: INFO@CELEBRATIONSIGNNINJAS.COM









MAP Leader Highlight

AN HONORABLE MENTION FOR OUR MAP LEADERS WHO CONTINUE TO MAKE AN IMPACT ON THE COMMUNITY AFTER GRADUATING THE ACADEMIES



KATELYN DO | 2018 ADULT GRADUATE

Hello neighbors and community members! I have been a part of MAP since 2018 when I first moved here from the Bay Area. I joined the program to learn more about the community, connect with our local leaders, and find out how I can be of service as a resident. I always remember the first time I visited our charming Old Town because I thought to

myself "Wow...wouldn't it be nice to live here – with the view of the mountains right there!". To this day, I would gush over the magnificent mountains as our backdrop, fascinating wildlife, and the awe-inspiring canyons and views of the cities from the top! It is a very special place full of beauty, history and friendly faces.

I am thankful to be a part of making our town even better through programs like MAP! For example, I know how to find information and resources should a neighbor have questions or need support like sharing about our bulky items pickup service or learning about our projects or topics that concern our community so I can make informed decisions. I have also been very impressed with our local leaders – the folks I met through our many fun community events share the same enthusiasm about ensuring life here is world-class. We do receive some pretty impressive awards!

I have been working in the education tech industry for about five years now. Prior to that, I was a special ed teacher, and a volunteer coordinator for a facility, caring for human-trafficking survivors. I am fortunate that I get to make a living doing what I love: first serving disadvantaged communities,

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and now ensuring accessibility to quality education. In my spare time, I try to participate as much as I can with organizations fighting climate change and social justice globally. Right here in Monrovia, I served with the Community Garden – turning compost, and planting crops – and doing yard work at Make a Difference Day. I am trained in basic search and rescue (twice!) and just applied to be a CERT volunteer with the Fire Department. I also enjoy hiking, travel and, when I can afford it, adrenaline-inducing activities like bungee jumping, skydiving, rock climbing, and ocean kayaking.

My proudest moment recently is finishing the LA marathon because I didn't really like running or regular exercise for that matter. So, I wanted to practice mental toughness as well as pushing my body as hard as I can. My next marathon will be in June 2023 so I hope to finish at a respectable time © because this is what I strive to do in life: to continually grow, learn and do better. I am proud to be among you all, my neighbors, donning our green T-shirts and leaving a mark in our town as MAP leaders!



Get Involved in the Community

COMMUNITY SERVICES YOUTH COMMISSION 2022-2023

TIFFANY PETERSON PHONE # (626) 256 - 8233

YOUTH COMMISSION IS BACK THIS FALL!

Youth Commissioners serve the community through volunteerism and by advising the Community Services Commission on youth programming.

In order to serve as a Youth Commissioner, the following criteria must be met:

- 1. Must be a resident of Monrovia, or attend a school in the Monrovia Unified School District and currently enrolled in grade 6th 12th.
- 2. Must attend Youth Commission Meetings and activities contributing a minimum of five (5) hours per month.
- 3. Over the course of the school year, Youth Commissioners must volunteer a minimum of 40 hours at Monrovia events, including the eight specified mandatory events.

TO APPLY FOR YOUTH COMMISSION:

- 1. Please complete a <u>Youth Commission Application packet</u> and return it by email or mail.
 - Email : Tiffany Peterson <u>tpeterson@ci.monrovia.ca.us</u>
 - Mail: Monrovia Community Center, 119 W. Palm Ave. Monrovia, CA 91016

MEETINGS:

Youth Commission Meetings are held on the following Tuesdays for the 2022-2023 year. Meetings begin at 4:30 p.m.

- December 20, 2022
- January 17, 2023
- February 21, 2023
- March 21, 2023
- April 18, 2023
- May 16, 2023
- June 20, 2023
- July 18, 2023
- August 15, 2023
- September 19, 2023
- October 17, 2023
- November 21, 2023
- December 19, 2023



NOVEMBER 2022 EDITION

Upcoming Events

RSVP BY CLICKING ON THE FLYER BELOW:



Virtual MAP-Edu Community Meeting

FIRE SAFETY

Date: Saturday, November 19, 2022 Time: 11am-1pm Location: Virtual (Zoom)

Upcoming Events

REGISTRATION OPENS ON MONDAY, NOVEMBER 21, 2022

MONROVIA AREA PARTNERSHIP

MAP-edu Community Meeting

NEIGHBORHOOD ETIQUETTE



Introduction Introduction by MAP Team



Pasadena Humane Society

Barking Dogs Dog Waste Clean Up Wildlife Encounters (Coyotes, Bears)



Networking

30-minute networking event at the end of the presentation(s)

THURSDAY, 12 JANUARY 2023 • 6:30PM-8:00PM

LIBRARY COMMUNITY ROOM 321 S. MYRTLE AVE. MONROVIA, CA 91016

> **RSVP:** www.MonroviaAreaPartnership.com







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Save the Date!

FOR OUR ANNUAL NEIGHBORHOOD CONFERENCE IN 2023!

Monrovia Area Partnership's annual Neighborhood Conference date and theme have been chosen. We're proud to announce that theme for next year's conference is "Live Your Legacy: Drawing Your MAP to a Better Monrovia" and the date will land on **Saturday**, **April 29, 2023**. Mark your calendars and keep your eyes peeled for registration to open on Eventbrite. The conference is **FREE** and **OPEN** to the entire community!

The best way to get notified of our events is by <u>subscribing to our email blasts</u> and following us on <u>Instagram</u> and <u>Facebook</u>.

If you have any questions or concerns, email the MAP team at <u>map@ci.monrovia.ca.us</u> or call us at 626-932-5563.

