



NEIGHBORHOOD NEWS

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

YOUR MAP TEAM



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Introduction

As we begin the transition out of the Spring months and into the Summer months, the Monrovia Area Partnership team has also been transitioning from one event to the next to provide a premiere quality of life to the residents in Monrovia.

Now that the 13th Annual Neighborhood Conference has come to an end, we are preparing for our big summer block party, the 17th Anniversary Block Party, taking place on **Saturday, June 24** at Julian Fisher Park.

In this edition of the Neighborhood News Newsletter, read all about how our Annual Neighborhood Conference went, and tune into all of the exciting activities we have planned for the upcoming Block Party and our next MAP-edu meeting. There are always so many exciting things going on in the City no matter the season, and we always enjoy highlighting as many as we can. If you have anything you would like to highlight in the next edition of our newsletter, please feel free to reach out anytime!

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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.

MAP Leader Levels



Bronze: 35 points




Silver: 100 points



Gold: 200 points

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)	Volunteer at MAP Block Party/Neighborhood Mtg. (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 Parade (1 pt/1 hr)	Boys & Girls Club (1 pt/1 hr)	Participate in City's Holiday Decorating Contest (5 pts)
Attend Neighborhood Watch Meeting (1 pt/1 hr)	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



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!

LUCINDA GARCIA PARK REOPENING, EASTER EGG HUNT AND HEALTHY KIDS DAY, AND EARTH DAY!

MAP has been representing at our local community events, including the Lucinda Garcia Park reopening on Saturday, March 25, Community Services' Easter Egg Hunt and Healthy Kids Day on Saturday, April 8, and the Earth Day event on Saturday, April 22. We advertised our Neighborhood Conference and other upcoming events and were able to provide goodies to the

event attendees that visited our booth. We were delighted of the turnout at each event and are grateful to our community partners for giving us the opportunity to host a booth at these events. We are always delighted to get the word out about our amazing program to the entire community so that everyone can have access to all the great resources we offer.



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13TH ANNUAL NEIGHBORHOOD CONFERENCE

The 13th Annual Neighborhood Conference was a huge success! We had a turnout of about 350 individuals, including attendees, volunteers, staff, and vendors. We couldn't be more happy with the amount of people who came out to learn more about the various trending topics offered through our workshops. Workshops topics included "True Confessions of a Master Gardener", "Welcome to Monrovia", "Landlord Tenant Rights", "The Arch Leadership", "Projects,

Programs, and People - Oh My!", "History of the Diversity in Monrovia", "Active Shooter Training", and "SB1383: What You Need to Know". In addition to the workshops, we had free breakfast and lunch, a keynote speaker, an information fair, a health fair, and raffles. There is a tremendous amount of effort that goes into planning the conference, and the outcome is always worth it when we see our community coming together to enjoy it. We already can't wait for the next one!



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 | SATURDAY, MAY 13, 2023

Please join us at our next quarterly MAP-edu meeting on **Saturday, May 13 from 11:00am-1:00pm** at the Community Center, Monroe Room. The Traffic Safety Committee will be discussing pedestrian safety tips, who to contact when there is a street light outage, traffic sign installation guidelines, and more. The second half of the meeting will be for everyone to network! Free lunch will be provided while supplies last. You won't want to miss out on the amazing opportunity to gain knowledge, network, and enjoy a free lunch on the Monrovia Area Partnership team!



17TH ANNIVERSARY BLOCK PARTY

Save the date for our 17th Anniversary Block Party - taking place on **Saturday, June 24, 2023 from 5:00pm-8:00pm** at Julian Fisher Park. This family-friendly event will include free BBQ, Carnival games, prizes, live music, food trucks, informational booths, and more! Stop by with your family, friends, pets, coworkers, and neighbors for some summer fun in the sun! This event is free and open to the entire community and is a great opportunity to network with City staff and community members. Registration is now open!

Department & Division Highlights

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 THE LIBRARY AND SEE WHAT IS HAPPENING!

COMMUNITY SERVICES - LIBRARY DIVISION

The Monrovia Public Library enriches lives by fostering life-long learning. This is achieved by ensuring every member of the community has access to a range of ideas and information, in a variety of formats, to meet the educational, informational, and recreational needs of the community. Staff provides a variety of programs and services to meet the needs of the community and patrons of all ages. The library includes several areas of service: Circulation, Youth, Adult, Literacy, Veterans, and the Monrovia Reads Mobile Literacy Program. Most importantly, the library is a place for the community to meet, discover, and learn.



CIRCULATION SERVICES

Circulation Services is the first point of contact for the public. Staff greets customers as they enter the building, answers directional and informational questions, supports patrons and directs incoming calls. Staff creates new library accounts for patrons, checks materials in and out of the library, processes new library materials, and manages overdue fines and payments.

Department & Division Highlights

YOUTH SERVICES

Youth Services presents programs and activities to support educational, recreational, and developmental needs of children through literacy and STEAM programs. Types of programming include story times, Innovation Lab workshops, class visits, and outreach events. Staff provides reference and reader's advisory services to youth of all ages, parents, caregivers, and people who work with children. The library team develops a collection of resources in both print and non-print formats to support 21st century job skills, literacy development, educational and recreational needs, and local school curriculum.



ADULT SERVICES

Adult Services provides reference and reader's advisory services to adults using the collection in a variety of formats including digital, print, and non-print resources. Educational and cultural programs and activities support life-long learning for adults of all ages, including music programs, outreach to senior facilities, and game nights. Preservation of local history resources supports the community's rich heritage.

Department & Division Highlights

LITERACY SERVICES

The Adult Literacy Program provides one-to-one or small group instruction by trained volunteer tutors. Resources include digital and print materials and instruction is based on each individual's goals and supports English speaking adults with basic reading and writing skills. As a result, adult learners can reach their potential as workers, parents, community members, and life-long learners.



Staff is responsible for managing the Adult Literacy Program, as well as recruiting, hiring, and training volunteer tutors. This is the only program dependent on donations and grants, and the staff is responsible for grant writing and reporting statistical information to the State Library in support of the California Library Literacy Services Grant. The Monrovia Public Library Foundation supports Literacy Services through annual contributions to provide materials, software, and technology for Adult Learners.

VETERANS SERVICES

The Veterans Resource Center provides assistance to local veterans and their families. An on-site Veterans Services Officer as well as a representative from local nonprofit, Veterans Peer Access Network, offer one-on-one appointments to discuss benefits and local service information for veterans and their family members.



Department & Division Highlights

MONROVIA READS MOBILE LITERACY PROGRAM

The new, literacy-focused version of the Monrovia Reads & Plays program, was re-launched as the Monrovia Reads Mobile Literacy Program (or Monrovia Reads Van) in March 2018. The Library oversees and staffs the van with funding from the City and the nonprofit Monrovia Reads as well as their corporate sponsors.



During the academic year, the van visits each of the schools in the district, from preschool to high school, providing: library books for check out, creating library cards for parents and families, as well as literacy rich activities. During the summer, the Monrovia Reads Van offers mobile library services for summer school programs and local community events.

YEAR IN REVIEW: 2022

- Community members borrowed 170,685 items from the library
- Staff answered 25,679 reference questions
- Patrons saved \$1,520,840 by using their library card to borrow items instead of purchasing them
- The Veterans Resource Center staff had 1,107 interactions with veterans and their family members, connecting them with benefits and services
- The Adult Literacy Program offered 67 programs for 616 Adult Learners
- Youth Services staff provided 152 programs for 7,936 children, families, caregivers, and teens
- The library catalog was searched 123,362 times
- Staff provided a total of 245 programs for 9,205 attendees of all ages
- The Monrovia Reads Van supported 8,785 students at local schools, who borrowed 4,698 books

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Department & Division Highlights

YEAR IN REVIEW: 2022 (CONT.)

- The online Legacy Project local history resource had 8,509 searches for photos, directories, articles, and oral histories documenting Monrovia's past
- Patrons borrowed 14,382 ebooks via the library's Overdrive Libby platform



UPCOMING EVENTS

Summer Reading Program 2023: June 1-July 29

The library's annual summer celebration is fun for all ages with prizes, programs, and contests.

Summer Reading Kickoff Party: Saturday, June 10 from 12-4pm in Library Park

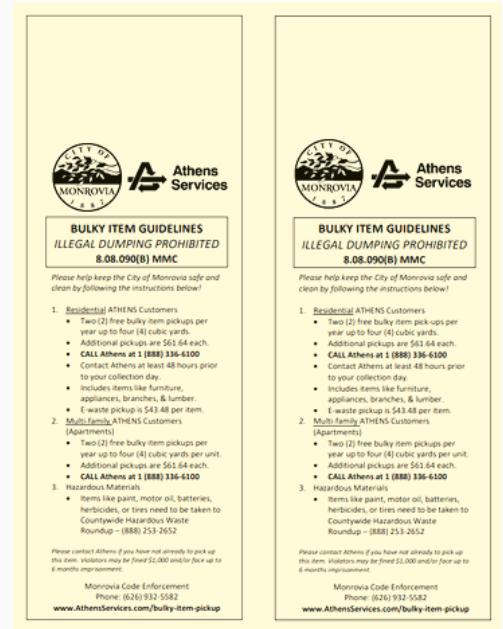
Start the summer off right with activities, games, crafts, and fun for all ages at the Summer Reading Kickoff Party!

Community Picnic to Celebrate Veterans: Saturday, June 24 from 11am-1pm in Library Park

Everyone is welcome to enjoy some good food, games, and music while showing their support for Monrovia's local veterans. Information and resources from local organizations for veterans and their families will be available.

#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 multi-department 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

STOP BULLYING

Strong people stand up for themselves but the strongest people stand up for others. If you see someone being bullied report it to a school official. Bullying is not going to stop, but we can at least be confident enough to stand up to it.



QUESTIONS? Contact the MPD Non-Emergency Line at **626-256-8000**

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!

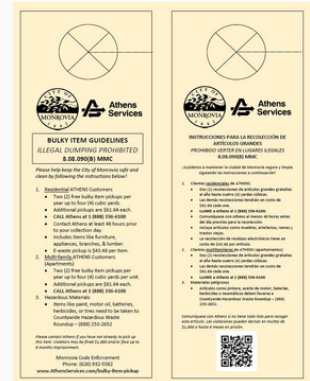
BULKY ITEM PROGRAM

As spring ends, all signs point to summer, which is looming right around the corner. With the warmer weather comes the desire to get rid of the old to make way for the new. The question then arises, how do I get rid of bulky items?

As part of the City's partnership with Athens Services, residential customers get two (2) free bulky item trash pick-ups per calendar year.

To schedule a bulky item pick-up, contact Athens Services at (888) 336-6100 or [complete the online form at Athens Services](#). Items should be placed next to your trash barrels the night before your normal trash collection day.

Have you seen the yellow tags on a bulky item? These are educational door hangers to help explain how to properly dispose of bulky items. They are translated into Spanish on the reverse side. If you receive one of these, do not worry, it is not a fine. Simply remove the item from public view and place out on trash day after calling Athens or going online to schedule the pick-up.



Acceptable bulky items

- Dryers & Washing Machines
- Furniture, Mattresses, & Rugs
- Refrigerators & Microwaves
- Oversized Toys

Not acceptable Items

- Automobile Parts or Vehicles
- Construction Debris
- Hazardous Waste
- Heavy Items (e.g. Pool Tables & Pianos)



Code Enforcement Highlight

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The Code Enforcement Division received a complaint regarding a recreational vehicle parked in the driveway for a long time, peeling paint on the home, trash and debris, and overgrown vegetation in the backyard.

Code Enforcement immediately got to work! The Officer opened a case and sent an education letter to the property owner. After not receiving a response, the Officer issued a warning notice. The Officer also went by the property to knock on the front door to speak with the person who lives there.

The owner eventually called the Officer and began making progress on the property. This started with cleaning up the debris, cutting the vegetation, and painting the house. The owner kept Code Enforcement updated along the way and reached full compliance! They were grateful for Code Enforcement working with them to achieve the end result. This is a great example of Monrovia Code Enforcement working with residents to abate violations and help make the community look great!



CDBG Grant

SAVE THE DATE FOR THE CDBG GRANT INTAKE FORM OPENING

SAVE THE DATE CDBG RESIDENTIAL REHABILITATION GRANT PROGRAM

The CDBG Residential Rehabilitation Program provides grants to qualified low to moderate-income homeowners of single-family detached homes to make needed home improvements; code deficiencies, eliminate blight, new roof replacement/repairs, and more eligible healthy and safety improvements.



OPENS: MONDAY, JULY 10 @ 10 AM

CLOSES: MONDAY, JULY 24 @ 10 AM

HOW TO DETERMINE IF YOU ARE ELIGIBLE FOR ASSISTANCE

- **Eligible Areas** Residents residing in a single-family dwelling located within the incorporated boundaries of the City of Monrovia. Residents living in unincorporated areas of Monrovia, please visit [211LA](#) for additional resources.
- **Eligible Income** Annual household income does not exceed the U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development (HUD) established "Low-Moderate Income" limits shown on the next page. Gross family income includes all income from all family members living in the household.
- **Step 1: Submit form via email during program opening timeframe**
 - Completed and signed [Eligibility Intake Form](#) submitted via email to amenasakanian@ci.monrovia.ca.us
 - Due to the amount of forms received and extensive time needed to review each form, reviews will be conducted as they come in on a first come, first serve basis.
- **Step 2: If notified by City staff to move forward, the following will be requested for submission and consideration:**
 - Fill and complete application packet
 - Copy of income tax forms for 2022
 - Copy of income verification documentation this includes the three (3) months of the most recent consecutive...
 - Payroll stubs
 - Social Security (SSI) checks
 - Aid to Families with Dependent Children (AFDC) checks
 - Pension and retirement checks
 - Alimony and child support payments
 - OR other income documentation from all other income sources, for all members of the household
 - Copy of asset verification documentation
 - Copy of photo identification for all members in the household



2023 HUD Household Income Limits

Number of Persons in Household	Low-Mod Income
1	\$66,750
2	\$76,250
3	\$85,800
4	\$95,300
5	\$102,950
6	\$110,550
7	\$118,200
8	\$125,800



FOR MORE INFORMATION VISIT

www.monroviaareapartnership.com/cdbg



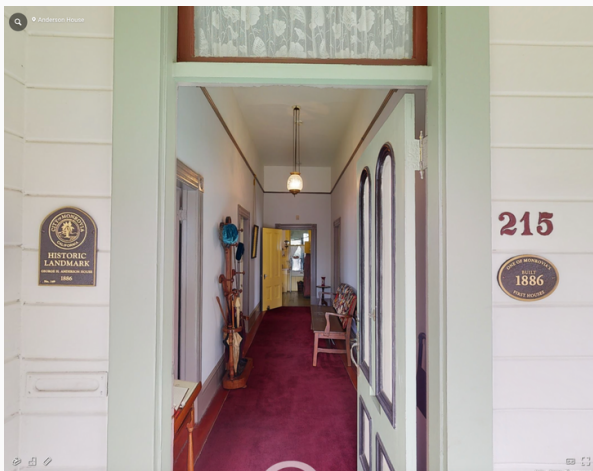
Hidden Gems in Monrovia

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ANDERSON HOUSE

The George H. Anderson House museum, at 215 E. Lime Avenue, is a charming and historic home that offers a glimpse into the early days of Monrovia. This beautiful house was built in the late 1800s by John Anderson, a Los Angeles contractor who was impressed by the promise of the new town. The house was designed as a family home for his wife Lizzie, son Lewis, and the baby on the way, George, who would later occupy the home for almost 88 years!

George went on to work at the First National Bank of Monrovia for his entire career, retiring as an assistant manager in 1934. The home stayed in the Anderson family until George's death in 1974, when it was inherited by the California Community Foundation, which he attempted to sell it. Fortunately, the Friends of the Monrovia Public Library stepped in and secured a grant to purchase and restore the house. The Monrovia Historical Society later took over responsibility for the house and oversaw its restoration.



Today, the Anderson House has undergone extensive repairs and is now furnished with authentic period pieces that show what it was like to live in the early days of Monrovia. It is a cherished piece of Monrovia's history, offering visitors a chance to step back in time and experience life in the early days of the town. The home is open for tours on the third Sunday of each month from 1 to 4 p.m. without an appointment.

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ANDERSON HOUSE (CONT.)

And now, visitors can also tour the museum virtually, thanks to a 3D walkthrough created by Monrovia High School game design and engineering classes led by Dionisio Tafoya of Dionysus Creative, and coordinated by the San Gabriel Valley Economic Partnership & K12 Foothill Consortium.

[Take the free tour here by clicking here.](#)

On a laptop or desktop computer, move by clicking where you want to go or by using the arrow buttons. Look up or down, left or right, by dragging while holding down the left mouse button.

On a cell phone, move by tapping where you want to go. Look around by swiping left or right, up or down.

The building is also one of [Monrovia's Historic Landmarks](#).

For more information visit monroviahistoricalsociety.org, call (626) 675-8323 or email monroviahistoricalsociety1896@gmail.com.



Local Small Business Spotlight

IF YOU HAVE ANY NOMINATIONS FOR A LOCAL SMALL BUSINESS SPOTLIGHT IN MONROVIA, PLEASE EMAIL US AT MAP@CI.MONROVIA.CA.US

DENTAL HYGIENE PRACTICE. CHIA LIN, RDHAP



Hello, my name is Chia “Francis” Lin. I am a Registered Dental Hygienist in Alternative Practice (RDHAP) who owns her mobile dental hygiene business. I have been a clinical hygienist for the past 10 years working in private offices, non-profits and community outreach.

While I have been lucky enough to experience the joy of seeing younger patients grow into wonderful adults, I have also felt the inevitable sadness of witnessing the decline in mental and physical health in elderly clients. Eventually these clients would stop coming to the office and I would not hear from them until I receive a phone call from their family about their passing.

During this time my own father started to decline until he became homebound and passed away. This spurred my desire to provide care for those who have trouble getting the care they need. I obtained my license to become a mobile dental hygienist through the state of California in 2022 because I love the idea of serving the dentally underserved.

My goal is to reach out to those who cannot go to a traditional dental office to get care and offer preventative dental services in the comfort of their own residence. My RDHAP license allows me to serve people with physical and mental disabilities, the physically frail, and school children.

My business is very special in that not many people are aware of the services provided by a mobile dental hygienist. I take pride in how I run my mobile dental hygiene practice. All patient records and communications are HIPAA compliant. I follow OSHA and infection control protocol and dental hygiene standards of care on all my clients.

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DENTAL HYGIENE PRACTICE. CHIA LIN, RDHAP

The appointment happens before I travel to the client, usually a residential care home or their own residence. Patient registration is made easy with an online portal. I reach out to obtain a physician's clearance if applicable. The actual appointment includes a blood pressure check, oral cancer screening, dental cleaning, brushing, flossing, fluoride application and daily home care education. Numbing agent and desensitizers are available to make the appointment more comfortable. I am an out-of-network provider and do not take any insurance; however, I provide a super-bill to submit to your insurance company for any reimbursement.

Ultimately, I love what I do, especially the human aspect of it. I enjoy listening to people's stories and learning about their lives. I enjoy talking to them about oral health and its impact on overall health. Sometimes just giving them a touch on the hand or a hug is enough because a simple act of "I care" can mean so much.

My upcoming events are ONEgeneration's 14th Annual Senior Symposium Health Fair on May 20th where I will be giving a presentation on oral-systemic health links. I will also be at the 17th Anniversary MAP Block Party on June 24th, so stay tuned!

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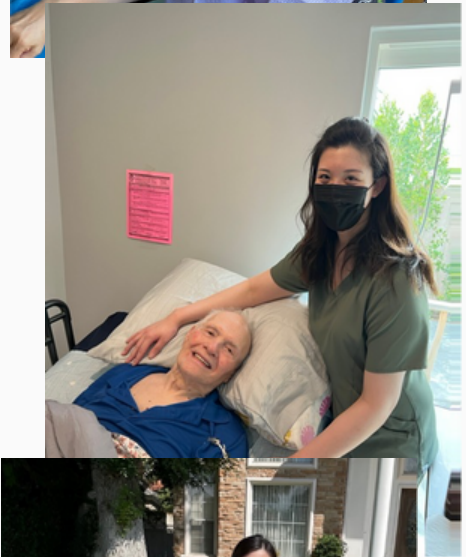
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MAP Leader Highlight

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



MICHELE BERNAL | 2021 ADULT LEADER

MAP is an amazing program, and I'd encourage anyone interested in learning more about Monrovia to join. Each week over two hours, you learn about a different aspect of the city - from government and administration, history, art & culture, police & fire. Everyone I met was so kind and helpful, and cares so much about making Monrovia a wonderful community. The more you learn about Monrovia, the more you love Monrovia!

I was born in Pasadena and lived in Sierra Madre until 1999, when I moved to New Jersey for work. After 21 years away from friends and family, I realized that being away for work was no longer worth the trade-off. My best friend for almost 35 years lives in Monrovia and she found the perfect house for my family, just 1/2 mile from hers, and my dad is just 15 minutes away in Pasadena. Several of my husband's siblings are also still in the area.

I continue to work for an insurance company based out of Munich, Germany that writes specialty insurance worldwide, and am grateful that my company allows me to work remotely. I continue to work east coast hours, so have time in the afternoons to volunteer and walk with my dad.

There are so many great organizations in Monrovia and so many people who are looking to make the community special. I'm particularly passionate about 4 local organizations that I support as much as I can.



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MICHELE BERNAL | 2021 ADULT LEADER

I volunteer to tutor 3 days a week at the Boys & Girls Club (www.foothillsbgc.org)

Many of my closest friends are teachers, and with all they are asked to do, some of the kids fall behind. This was particularly pronounced with the Covid closures. When young kids feel they “can’t” or “they’re not good enough”, it becomes self-fulfilling, having a negative impact on the rest of their lives. In CA, over 2/3 of 4th graders are reading below grade level and that increases to 80% for low-income kids. It takes a village to raise a child, and the Boys & Girls Club provides amazing programs that make a difference. More adults to show the kids that they’re worthy, and that they “can” succeed. Plus, they’re great kids!!

With my passion for inspiring the next generation, I love the work that Food Ed is doing (www.explorefooded.org). In addition to building school gardens, they teach every K-5 child in every Monrovia school about growing food, composting, and the importance of pollinators and other bugs. Learning to nurture and care for something as it grows is a valuable life skill, and in these days of inflation and food insecurity, it’s empowering to know that you can grow your own food.

For the same reason, I love the folks at the Monrovia Community Garden. We’re never too old to learn, and I learn so much from the MCG workshops and leadership. Their garden and compost workdays are great opportunities to ask questions and learn from masters!



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I also recently joined the board of the Monrovia Parks, Wilderness & Recreation Foundation (MPWR) as their treasurer. Every person has been gifted with talents that we can bring together for the greater good, and I'm grateful that the other board members are terrific at fundraising, administration, social media, writing, web design, and marketing. MPWR raises money to support recreation and community programs, parks, facilities, and open spaces in Monrovia, and is helping to fund Youth Recreation scholarships, the shade structures in Library Park and interpretive signage at the Hillside Wilderness Preserve and Canyon Park.



In what little “spare time” I have, I enjoy visiting with friends, walking with my dad, veggie gardening, hiking, walking in town and reading. I also love learning new sustainable life hacks and have great recipes that I make in bulk and share with friends (staples include healthy porridge mix, banana bread, pesto, hot cocoa mix and hot fudge).

I have two sons. My oldest is a sophomore at Arizona State’s Barrett Honors College, studying Manufacturing Engineering. His first stop when he comes home is La Noria’s for carne asada fries.

My youngest is graduating next month from Monrovia High School and will attend PCC in the fall. He’s been taking Welding classes at PCC for the past year,

MAP Leader Highlight

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

MICHELE BERNAL | 2021 ADULT LEADER

and will pivot to studying History, with the plan to teach at the high school level. He loves Moo Moo Mia, Chris's cakes at the street fair, and sushi at Mikomi or Nakata.

My husband Paul and I recently celebrated our 25th wedding anniversary. He was a stay-at-home dad for our boys, after having been a high school teacher for 10 years. Now "retired" he spends his days woodworking, hiking, cycling, running and reading. We love spending Fridays at the street fair, often getting dinner at Bella Sera, London's or Rudy's, and picking up fresh veggies for the week.

I'm most proud of the amazing life I've built, and grateful to be back in Southern California, close to family and friends.

I think we've each been blessed so that we can be a blessing to others. Each of us has been given different skills and interests, and if you contribute what you've been given, we create a wonderful community together.

I love Monrovia's warmth and couldn't have asked for a better place to live!

Get Involved in the Community

MONROVIA HISTORICAL MUSEUM

PHONE # (626) 357-9537

VOLUNTEER WITH THE MONROVIA HISTORICAL MUSEUM!

Do you like to participate in history? Preserve Monrovia's history for future citizens? Give tours to the public? Solve historical riddles?

Then the Museum would love to talk to you! We are always looking for enthusiastic people to help us preserve and present Monrovia's history.

We are looking for people interested in:

- **Becoming a Tour Guide / Docent**
- **Cataloging the Collection**
- **Creating Educational Programs**
- **Preservation and Conservation of Artifacts**
- **Planning Special Events**
- **Preparing New Exhibits**
- **Writing, Researching, and more!**
- **Joining our Board**

Yes, I want to be a volunteer!



Please submit via email monroviahistoricalmuseum@gmx.com or mail to Monrovia Historical Museum P.O. Box 2359 Monrovia, CA 91017 or in person at the museum: 742 E. Lemon, Monrovia 91016.



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Upcoming Events

RSVP BY CLICKING ON THE FLYER BELOW:



MONROVIA AREA PARTNERSHIP

MAP-EDU COMMUNITY MEETING

"Traffic Safety Committee"

SATURDAY, MAY 13, 2023

11:00AM-1:00PM

COMMUNITY CENTER - MONROE ROOM

119 W PALM AVE, MONROVIA

RSVP: www.MonroviaAreaPartnership.com

Upcoming Events

RSVP BY CLICKING ON THE FLYER BELOW:

<p>Monrovia Area Partnership Presents</p> <p>17th Anniversary</p> <h1>Block Party</h1>	<p>FREE FOR THE ENTIRE COMMUNITY</p>
	<p>June 24, 2023</p> <p>5pm-8pm</p> <p>Julian Fisher Park, Monrovia CA</p> 
<p>GAMES – FREE BBQ – RAFFLE PRIZES – INFORMATIONAL BOOTHS – AND MORE!</p>	
<p>RSVP for FREE:</p> <p>www.MonroviaAreaPartnership.com/BlockParty</p>	

Upcoming Events

REGISTRATION OPENS SOON

ADULT LEADERSHIP ACADEMY

Now Open for Registration

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SEPTEMBER 7-OCTOBER 19
EVERY THURSDAY
7:00 PM - 9:00 PM

open & free to the entire community, must be 18+



Upcoming Events

REGISTRATION OPENS SOON

MAP YOUTH LEADERSHIP ACADEMY

Now Open for Registration

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september 6 -
october 18
every wednesday
3:30 pm - 5:00 pm

open & free to
the entire
community
grades 6-12