



# NEIGHBORHOOD NEWS

A COMMUNITY BASED NEWSLETTER BROUGHT TO YOU BY THE  
MONROVIA AREA PARTNERSHIP TEAM

## YOUR MAP TEAM



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Can you believe we're already coming close to the end of another year? 2022 is approaching and the MAP team has been hard at work mapping out all of the events we will be organizing in the upcoming year! We are excited to announce these events as they become finalized! In the meantime, we want to share some exciting updates on all things community and MAP related.

First off, we have two new employees in our Community Development Department, which now makes our Neighborhood & Business Services Division complete! Read more about them and what they do on the following page.

We also wrapped up our MAP Youth and Adult Leadership Academies in the last week of October, and had a virtual graduation for them at the November 2nd City Council Meeting. As per usual, we had an amazing group of youths and adults and we are so proud of them for their commitment to MAP and the City of Monrovia!

As an effort to stay connected with our MAP leaders, we are in the process of implementing a new concept of "Zones". Our goal is to

coordinate activities and meetings in different areas of the City to address the area's specific needs.

To see more of what MAP and our community have been up to, tips for the community, holiday volunteering opportunities, and more, continue reading... We have a lot of insightful information to share with you all! Happy Holidays from the Monrovia Area Partnership Team, we wish you a safe and happy holiday season!

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# MEET OUR NEW NEIGHBORHOOD SERVICES DIVISION EMPLOYEES

## WELCOME JESSIE WOO!

WELCOME JESSIE WOO, OUR NEW NEIGHBORHOOD SERVICES DIVISION ADMINISTRATIVE ASSISTANT! SHE IS EXCITED TO BE A PART OF THE ENGAGING MAP TEAM AND TO SERVE THE COMMUNITY OF MONROVIA!

JESSIE GRADUATED FROM CAL STATE FULLERTON IN 2020 WITH A BACHELOR'S DEGREE IN COMMUNICATIONS AND PUBLIC RELATIONS. IN HER FREE TIME, SHE LOVES TO TRAVEL, EXPLORE DIFFERENT "FOODIE" SPOTS, AND BE OUTDOORS. HER FAVORITE TRAVEL DESTINATION SO FAR WAS TO OAHU, HAWAII. SHE HOPES TO TRAVEL TO HAWAII AGAIN TO EXPLORE THE OTHER ISLANDS IN THE NEAR FUTURE.

JESSIE ALSO ENJOYS GOING HIKING WITH HER SENIOR DOG, A 13-YEAR-OLD POMERANIAN WHO STILL ENJOYS BEING ACTIVE. WHEN IT BECOMES TOO COLD TO HANG OUT ON THE BEACH OR TO GO ON HIKES, YOU CAN FIND HER SHREDDING THE MOUNTAINS ON HER SNOWBOARD.

WE HAVE BEEN THRILLED TO HAVE JESSIE JOIN THE TEAM. WE APPRECIATE HER READINESS TO DIVE RIGHT INTO ALL THINGS MAP. IF YOU SEE HER AT ANY OF OUR UPCOMING EVENTS, DON'T BE SHY TO SAY HI!



## WELCOME JASMINE PHAN!

JASMINE, OUR NEW BUSINESS LICENSING ADMINISTRATIVE ASSISTANT, IS EXCITED TO JOIN THE COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT TEAM! SHE WAS PREVIOUSLY A RECREATION LEADER FOR THE COMMUNITY SERVICES DEPARTMENT.

SHE FEELS EXTREMELY GRATEFUL TO CONTRIBUTE TO OUR WONDERFUL CITY OF MONROVIA. WHEN SHE ISN'T WORKING, SHE ENJOYS LEISURE SPORTS WITH FRIENDS AND FAMILY, LIVE MUSIC, AND ANYTHING DISNEY! SHE ALSO ENJOYS READING AND CONSTANTLY LEARNING ABOUT VARIOUS THINGS.

WITH HER ADDITION, WE ARE NOW FULLY STAFFED IN OUR NEIGHBORHOOD & BUSINESS SERVICES DIVISION. WE ARE SO GLAD TO HAVE HER JOIN OUR TEAM! WE ARE ESPECIALLY APPRECIATIVE OF HER EAGERNESS TO LEARN AND HER POSITIVE ATTITUDE!

PLEASE DON'T HESITATE TO SAY HELLO IF YOU SEE HER AT OUR BUSINESS LICENSING COUNTER AT CITY HALL! WELCOME ABOARD!





# 2022 MAP EVENTS CALENDAR

January-July 2022

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## Events

- January 29, 2022 - MAP-edu Community Meeting
- February 26, 2022 - Neighborhood Treasure - TBD
- April 30, 2022 - 16th Annual MAP Neighborhood Conference
- May 14, 2022 - MAP-edu Community Meeting
- June 25, 2021 - Anniversary MAP Block Party
- July 30, 2021 - MAP-edu Community Meeting

*More information to follow!*

# *YOUTH & ADULT LEADERSHIP ACADEMIES*

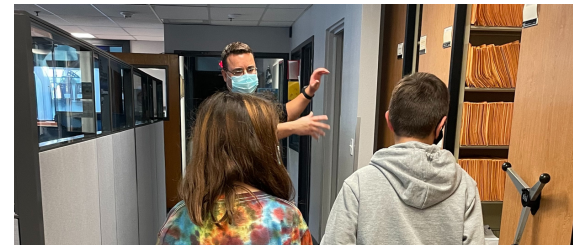
**OUR 2021 MAP YOUTH & ADULT LEADERSHIP ACADEMIES JUST WRAPPED UP FOR THE YEAR. CONGRATULATIONS TO OUR NEW MAP LEADERS! LET'S TAKE A LOOK AT SOME HIGHLIGHTS...**

## **YOUTH LEADERSHIP ACADEMY**

WE HAD A SMALLER CLASS FOR THE YOUTH THIS YEAR DUE TO OUR TRANSITION FROM BEING VIRTUAL TO IN-PERSON AGAIN, BUT THAT DIDN'T STOP US FROM HAVING JUST AS MUCH FUN! WE HAD TWO SIXTH GRADERS, FIONA AND GEORGE, WHO WE ENJOYED GETTING TO KNOW FOR THE 8 WEEKS OF ACADEMIES. THEY WERE BOTH AMAZING AND SOPHISTICATED YOUNG INDIVIDUALS AND WE ARE PROUD OF THEM FOR GRADUATING THE MAP ACADEMY. OUR INTERACTIVE CLASSES NOT ONLY PROVIDE THE YOUTH WITH GREAT INFORMATION, BUT WE ALSO PUSH THEM OUT OF THEIR COMFORT ZONE TO GET INVOLVED AND TO CONNECT WITH IMPACTFUL INDIVIDUALS THAT THEY CAN RELY ON BEYOND THE ACADEMIES.



YLA FIRE DEPT. TOUR



YLA MPD TOUR

## **ADULT LEADERSHIP ACADEMY**

WE ARE EXTREMELY PROUD OF THE 11 NEW GRADUATES OF OUR 2021 MAP ADULT LEADERSHIP ACADEMY. WE APPRECIATE THE DEDICATION AND HARD WORK THEY'VE EXERTED INTO THE 8 WEEKS OF OUR ACADEMY. OUR ADULT LEADERS WERE GIVEN THE NOTABLE OPPORTUNITY TO HEAR FROM OUR DEPARTMENT HEADS FROM FIRE, COMMUNITY SERVICES, PUBLIC WORKS, ADMINISTRATIVE SERVICES, COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT, POLICE, AND THE CITY MANAGER. OUR LEADERS WERE ABLE TO LEARN MORE ABOUT EACH DEPARTMENT AND WHAT THEY DO, AS WELL AS NETWORK AND ASK QUESTIONS. OUR ACADEMIES PROVIDE EXCELLENT NETWORKING OPPORTUNITIES WITH INFLUENTIAL INDIVIDUALS, NOT JUST IN LOCAL GOVERNMENT BUT WITH EACH OTHER. WE HOPE THAT OUR NETWORK OF LEADERS STAY ENGAGED WITH EACH OTHER AND WITHIN THE COMMUNITY. IF YOU OR SOMEONE YOU KNOW ARE INTERESTED IN ATTENDING THE YOUTH OR LEADERSHIP ACADEMY NEXT YEAR, EMAIL [MAP@CI.MONROVIA.CA.US](mailto:MAP@CI.MONROVIA.CA.US).



TINA CHERRY - ALA CLASS 4



ALICE ATKINS - ALA CLASS 7



ADULT LEADERS + MAP TEAM



# *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. SO, CATCH UP WITH THE COMMUNITY SERVICES DEPARTMENT AND SEE WHAT IS HAPPENING!**

## **COMMUNITY SERVICES OVERVIEW**

THE MONROVIA COMMUNITY SERVICES DEPARTMENT HAS THREE OPERATING DIVISIONS (ADMINISTRATION, LIBRARY SERVICES, AND RECREATION) WITH A TOTAL OF TWENTY-TWO (22) FULL TIME EMPLOYEES AND AN ESTIMATED SIXTY (60) PART TIME EMPLOYEES, DEPENDING ON THE SEASON.

THE COMMUNITY SERVICES DEPARTMENT AIMS TO BE THOUGHTFUL IN OUR PROGRAM AND SERVICE SELECTION AS WELL AS EXCEPTIONAL IN OUR EXECUTION OF THE PROGRAMS AND SERVICES. TO ACCOMPLISH THIS, WE LISTEN TO THE COMMUNITY TO UNDERSTAND THE NEEDS OF OUR RESIDENTS AND BUSINESSES AND THEN DETERMINE HOW BEST WE CAN FILL THAT NEED. WE RECOGNIZE THAT AT TIMES RESOURCES CAN BE LIMITED AND WE DO NOT WANT TO DUPLICATE THE EFFORT OF ANOTHER SERVICE PROVIDER IN TOWN. WE SEEK PARTNERSHIPS TO FURTHER LEVERAGE LIMITED RESOURCES AND LOOK FOR WAYS TO COLLABORATE WITH THE SUBJECT AREA EXPERTS IN TOWN TO ENSURE WE ARE DELIVERING THE VERY BEST. WE SEE OURSELVES AS THE COMMUNITY CONNECTORS; FINDING WAYS TO LINK RESIDENTS TO NEEDED SERVICES. WE FIND WAYS TO SUPPORT THOSE SERVICE PROVIDERS IN THE COMMUNITY RATHER THAN BEING EVERYTHING TO EVERYONE.

WE DO HOWEVER, BELIEVE THERE ARE A COUPLE SERVICE AREAS THAT ARE UNIQUE AND MAKE OUR ROLE IN THE COMMUNITY VERY SPECIAL - WE CREATE COMMUNITY AND WE PROVIDE ESSENTIAL SOCIAL SERVICES FOR MONROVIANS. WE BRING PEOPLE TOGETHER. WE CREATE THE SPACE FOR OUR RESIDENTS AND BUSINESSES TO BE PROUD OF OUR TOWN. WE CREATE LIFELONG MEMORIES FOR YOUTH AND THEIR FAMILIES. WE PROVIDE PROGRAMS FOR SENIORS TO CONNECT WITH OTHERS AND ENJOY MUCH NEEDED FELLOWSHIP. WE OFFER PROGRAMS FOR YOUTH STRUGGLING TO FIND THEIR PATH IN LIFE. WE OFFER SERVICE FOR VETERANS. WE HOST PROGRAM TO HELP ADULTS BETTER THEMSELVES FOR THE JOB MARKET. WE CREATE COMMUNITY THROUGH PEOPLE, PARKS, AND PROGRAM!

## **FACILITY IMPROVEMENTS COMING YOUR WAY!**

IN FEBRUARY, 2020 THE COMMUNITY SERVICES DEPARTMENT WAS SUCCESSFUL IN SECURING A \$675,000 GRANT THROUGH THE PROPOSITION 68 STATEWIDE PARK DEVELOPMENT AND COMMUNITY REVITALIZATION PROGRAM (SPP) TO MAKE NEEDED IMPROVEMENTS AT LUCINDA GARCIA PARK. IN ADDITION, IN JUNE AN ADDITIONAL \$300,000 WAS AWARDED THROUGH THE LOS ANGELES COUNTY REGIONAL PARK AND OPEN SPACE DISTRICT'S FIFTH SUPERVISORIAL EXCESS FUNDING PROGRAM.

COMMUNITY SERVICES CONDUCTED EIGHT OUTREACH MEETINGS TO GARNER COMMUNITY FEEDBACK ON THE NEEDED IMPROVEMENTS TO THE PARK. CITY STAFF HEARD FROM OVER 150 PEOPLE ACROSS ALL MEETINGS, INCLUDING THE CHANCE TO PARTICIPATE IN NOT ONLY LARGER-SCALE WORKSHOPS, BUT ALSO ONE-ON-ONE DISCUSSIONS AT POP-UP EVENTS AND THE DOOR-TO-DOOR INTERACTIONS. THROUGH THESE COMMUNITY-BASED PLANNING MEETINGS; YOUTH, SENIORS, AND FAMILIES SELECTED THE FEATURES FOR THE PARK IMPROVEMENTS.



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## FACILITY IMPROVEMENTS CONTINUED



THE PLANNED PARK IMPROVEMENTS INCLUDE A NEW PERMEABLE WALKING SURFACE WITH FITNESS EQUIPMENT STATIONS; REPLACEMENT OF PLAYGROUND EQUIPMENT AND PARK LIGHTING; EXPANSION OF OPEN SPACE TO ELIMINATE THE CURRENT AREA OF BLIGHT; AND INTERPRETIVE WALKING PATH AND UPDATED SIGNAGE.

CONSTRUCTION IS EXPECTED TO BEGIN EARLY 2022. CHECK OUT THE CONCEPT DESIGNS FOR THE PARK AND NEW PLAYGROUNDS AT: [LUCINDA GARCIA PARK IMPROVEMENT PROJECT](#)

## NEW RESTROOM PLANNED FOR LIBRARY PARK

IN 2017, IN ADDITION TO INSTALLING A STATE-OF-THE-ART RESTROOM FACILITY KNOWN AS THE PORTLAND LOO IN JULIAN FISHER PARK (PHOTO PROVIDED), THE CITY DESIGNATED THE PORTLAND LOO AS THE STANDARD RESTROOM FOR USE IN CITY PARKS WHERE THE NEED AND RESOURCES ARE AVAILABLE. THE PORTLAND LOO RESTROOM WAS DESIGNED AND PATENTED BY THE CITY OF PORTLAND, AND A PARTNERING CONTRACTOR, AS A DURABLE, 'BARE NECESSITIES' PUBLIC RESTROOM WITH THE INTENT OF MINIMIZING VANDALISM AND ILLICIT ACTIVITY. THE RESTROOM UNIT IS MADE FROM HEAVY GAUGE, GRAFFITI RESISTANT STEEL WITH LOUVERED SIDES AND ROOF. THE LOUVERED FEATURES ALLOW FOR FREE AIR FLOW, AND AN OPENNESS THAT PROVIDES SUFFICIENT PRIVACY FOR RESTROOM USAGE BUT PROHIBITS THE COMPLETE PRIVACY THAT MIGHT ALLOW FOR VANDALISM OR ILLICIT ACTIVITY TO OCCUR. INSIDE THE FACILITY, THERE IS A SINGLE TOILET WITH NO MIRROR OR SINK. BY LOCATING THE HAND WASHING STATION ON THE OUTSIDE OF THE FACILITY, ISSUES SUCH AS BATHING OR LAUNDERING CLOTHES IN THE SINK ARE PREVENTED AS THERE IS NO PRIVACY ASSOCIATED WITH THE LOCATION OF THE SINK. THE PORTLAND LOO LOCATED IN JULIAN FISHER PARK HAS MET WITH FAVORABLE REVIEWS.

IN JULY OF 2021, CITY REPRESENTATIVES CONTACTED THE OFFICE OF LOS ANGELES COUNTY SUPERVISOR KATHRYN BARGER TO SHARE A COMMUNITY-IDENTIFIED NEED FOR A NEW RESTROOM FACILITY IN LIBRARY PARK, AS PART OF THE OVERALL PARK IMPROVEMENT PLAN. SPECIFICALLY, STAFF PROVIDED BACKGROUND INFORMATION ON THE STATE-OF-THE-ART RESTROOM FACILITY KNOWN AS THE PORTLAND LOO, WHICH MONROVIA CURRENTLY HAS IN JULIAN FISHER PARK. AS A RESULT OF SUBMITTING THE INFORMATION AND REQUEST FOR FUNDING TO SUPPORT THE ADDITION OF A PORTLAND LOO IN LIBRARY PARK, SUPERVISOR BARGER AGREED TO UTILIZE EXCESS FUNDS FROM LOS ANGELES COUNTY'S REGIONAL PARK AND OPEN SPACE DISTRICT TO APPROPRIATE \$150,000 TOWARDS THE RESTROOM FACILITY.





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## NEW MONROVIA READS ELECTRIC MOBILE LITERACY VAN

IN 2020, THE MONROVIA PUBLIC LIBRARY RECEIVED A GRANT FROM THE CALIFORNIA STATE LIBRARY TO PURCHASE A BRAND NEW, CUSTOMIZED ELECTRIC VEHICLE FOR OUR MONROVIA READS MOBILE LITERACY PROGRAM. THE NEW VAN ARRIVED IN SEPTEMBER 2021 AND STAFF USE IT TO BRING DAILY LIBRARY SERVICES TO STUDENTS AT LOCAL SCHOOLS ACROSS MONROVIA, FROM PRE-K TO HIGH SCHOOL. THE VAN IS ENVIRONMENTALLY-FRIENDLY WITH A MAX SPEED OF 25 MPH, IT HOLDS APPROXIMATELY 200 BOOKS, AND PROVIDES EXPANDED ACCESS TO LIBRARY SERVICES FOR THE COMMUNITY. SINCE THE PROGRAM'S INITIAL LAUNCH IN MARCH 2018, NEARLY 15,000 PEOPLE HAVE BEEN SERVED BY LIBRARY STAFF ON THE VAN THANKS TO THE SUPPORT OF MONROVIA READS AND OUR COMMUNITY PARTNERS.



## UPCOMING COMMUNITY EVENTS

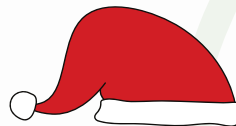


### THANKFUL & GRATEFUL HOLIDAY GATHERING AND TREE LIGHTING

JOIN YOUR NEIGHBORS AND FRIENDS AT MONROVIA LIBRARY PARK FOR A THANKFUL AND GRATEFUL HOLIDAY GATHERING! THIS FREE EVENT WILL INCLUDE: LIVE ENTERTAINMENT, TRUCK PETTING ZOO, COMMUNITY BOOTHS, ARTS & CRAFTS AND HAY RIDES. AT 7:30 P.M., DON'T MISS A SPECIAL GUEST WHO WILL ASSIST IN THE LIGHTING OF THE HOLIDAY TREE IN LIBRARY PARK! CONTACT THE COMMUNITY CENTER AT 626.256.8246 FOR ANY QUESTIONS.

### SANTA LETTERS - DECEMBER 1-18

FROM DECEMBER 1ST THROUGH THE 18TH, KIDS CAN STOP BY THE SANTA LETTER WRITING STATION AT THE LIBRARY TO PEN THEIR OWN NOTE TO THEIR PAL AT THE NORTH POLE!



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## 2021 HOLIDAY HOME DECORATING CONTEST - NOW-DECEMBER 6

CELEBRATE THE SPIRIT OF THE HOLIDAYS BY DECORATING YOUR HOME! MONROVIA RESIDENTS ARE INVITED TO ENTER THE HOLIDAY HOME DECORATING CONTEST. THIS CONTEST IS FREE AND OPEN TO MONROVIA RESIDENTS ONLY. RESIDENTS MUST REGISTER FOR THE CONTEST BY MONDAY, DECEMBER 6 AT 5 P.M. THE CONTEST JUDGING WILL TAKE PLACE FROM DECEMBER 10 TO DECEMBER 12, AND THE WINNERS WILL BE ANNOUNCED ON DECEMBER 14 AND BE RECOGNIZED AT OUR CITY COUNCIL MEETING ON DECEMBER 21. AFTER THE WINNERS ARE ANNOUNCED, A MAP WILL BE PUBLISHED WITH THE ADDRESSES OF ALL ENTERED HOMES FOR THE COMMUNITY TO TAKE A DRIVING TOUR AND SEE THE FESTIVE DISPLAYS. AWARDS WILL BE GIVEN OUT TO THE FOLLOWING CATEGORIES:

- BEST STILL DISPLAY
- BEST OUTDOOR DISPLAY
- MOST EFFECTIVE USE OF LIGHTING
- BEST NEIGHBORHOOD EFFORT
- SANTA'S WORKSHOP AWARD
- HOLIDAY SPIRIT AWARD
- JUDGE'S AWARD
- CHILDREN'S CHOICE AWARD

REGISTER ONLINE AT [CITYOFMONROVIA.ORG/RECREATION](http://CITYOFMONROVIA.ORG/RECREATION).



## HOLIDAY PARADE - THURSDAY, DECEMBER 2

THE CITY OF MONROVIA IS EXCITED TO ANNOUNCE THE RETURN OF OUR ANNUAL HOLIDAY PARADE IN OLD TOWN ON THURSDAY, DECEMBER 2! THE PARADE WILL BEGIN AT 7 P.M., TRAVELING NORTH ON MYRTLE AVENUE FROM CHESTNUT AVENUE TO PALM AVENUE. THE HOLIDAY PARADE IS SPONSORED BY THE MONROVIA OLD TOWN ADVISORY BOARD. CONTACT THE COMMUNITY CENTER TO BECOME AN ENTRY IN THE PARADE OR ANY OTHER QUESTIONS YOU MAY HAVE AT 626.256.8246.

## HOLIDAY CAROLERS & HOLIDAY MUSIC - BEGINNING SATURDAY, DECEMBER 4

WHAT BETTER WAY TO RING IN THE HOLIDAY SEASON THAN WITH HOLIDAY CAROLERS! WHILE YOU ARE SHOPPING AND DINING IN OLD TOWN THIS HOLIDAY SEASON, BE SURE TO LOOK FOR OUR HOLIDAY CAROLERS. THEY WILL BE THROUGHOUT OLD TOWN ON SATURDAYS DECEMBER 4, 11 AND 18 FROM 1:00 – 5:00 P.M.





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## **WINTER HORSE DRAWN CARRIAGE RIDES -**

### **BEGINNING SUNDAY, DECEMBER 5**

HORSE-DRAWN CARRIAGE RIDES WILL BE AVAILABLE IN OLD TOWN MONROVIA ON SUNDAY EVENINGS IN DECEMBER! THE HORSE-DRAWN CARRIAGE RIDES ARE \$5 PER PERSON. THE HORSE-DRAWN CARRIAGE RIDES WILL BE AVAILABLE ON DECEMBER 5, 12, AND 19, FROM 3 P.M. TO 6 P.M., AND ARE FIRST-COME, FIRST-SERVE. THOSE INTERESTED IN A CARRIAGE RIDE CAN REGISTER AT MONROVIA LIBRARY PARK THE DAY-OF. PLEASE CONTACT THE COMMUNITY CENTER AT 626.256.8246 FOR ANY OTHER INFORMATION OR QUESTIONS.



## **HOLIDAY SOUNDS - SATURDAY, DECEMBER 11**

JOIN US ON SATURDAY, DECEMBER 11 AT 2 PM AS WE GATHER TOGETHER VIRTUALLY TO ENJOY THE 12TH ANNUAL HOLIDAY SOUNDS CONCERT, FEATURING SPECIALLY RECORDED MUSIC BY LOCAL MUSICIANS. VISIT THE LIBRARY'S EVENT CALENDAR AT [MONROVIALIBRARY.ORG](https://monrovia.library.org) FOR THE MUSICAL LINEUP AND TO REGISTER TO RECEIVE THE ZOOM LINK.

## **SANTA STORYTIME - FRIDAY, DECEMBER 17 AND SATURDAY, DECEMBER 18**

MARK YOUR CALENDAR TO JOIN US FOR HOLIDAY STORIES, SONGS, WATCH A SHORT FILM, RECEIVE A TREAT, AND CREATE AN ART PROJECT ALL ABOUT OUR FAVORITE JOLLY FRIEND. FRIDAY, DECEMBER 17 AT 6 PM & SATURDAY, DECEMBER 18 AT 10 AM AT THE LIBRARY.

## **NOON YEAR'S EVE IN LIBRARY PARK FOR THE ENTIRE FAMILY FRIDAY - DECEMBER 31**

THE CITY OF MONROVIA HAS PUT TOGETHER A PROGRAM THAT WILL GIVE EVERYONE THE CHANCE TO CELEBRATE NEW YEAR'S EVE WITH THE ENTIRE FAMILY AT OUR FREE DAYTIME EVENT, NOON YEAR'S EVE! IF MIDNIGHT IS TOO LATE FOR YOUR LITTLE ONES, WHY NOT CONSIDER RINGING IN THE NEW YEAR AT NOON INSTEAD WITH US? WE HOPE THAT YOU WILL JOIN US AT LIBRARY PARK ON FRIDAY, DECEMBER 31 FROM 10 A.M. TO 1 P.M. FOR FUN ACTIVITIES FOR ALL AGES, WITH A SPECIAL "NOON" YEAR'S CELEBRATION SET TO TAKE PLACE AT 12:00 P.M.! FOR MORE INFORMATION, PLEASE CONTACT THE MONROVIA COMMUNITY CENTER AT (626) 256-8246!



## **NEW YEAR'S EVE ON MYRTLE AVE - FRIDAY, DECEMBER 31**

FOR EVERYONE ELSE WHO DOESN'T MIND STAYING UP UNTIL MIDNIGHT TO WELCOME IN 2022, MAKE PLANS NOW TO RING IN THE NEW YEAR ON MYRTLE AVENUE! THE CITY OF MONROVIA, ALONG WITH THE MONROVIA OLD TOWN ADVISORY BOARD AND THE OLD TOWN MERCHANTS, ARE SET TO PRESENT OUR ANNUAL NEW YEAR'S EVE ON MYRTLE AVENUE STARTING AT 7:00 P.M. ON FRIDAY, DECEMBER 31! THE FESTIVITIES WILL BEGIN AT 7:00 P.M. WITH A LIVE BAND, AND CONCLUDE WITH OUR TOP 40 BAND, NIGHT OWL FROM 9:00 P.M. TO 12:30 A.M. DON'T MISS OUR BALL RAISE AT MIDNIGHT, IT'S SOMETHING NOT TO BE MISSED! CHILD CARE SERVICES WILL ALSO BE AVAILABLE FROM 7:00 P.M. TO 1:00 A.M. FOR A FEE OF \$20 AT THE MONROVIA COMMUNITY CENTER; HOWEVER, RESERVATIONS BY DECEMBER 30 ARE REQUIRED. CHILDREN WILL HAVE FUN INDOORS WITH THEMED ARTS AND CRAFTS, MOVIES AND SNACKS! FOR MORE INFORMATION, PLEASE CALL THE COMMUNITY CENTER AT (626) 256-8225

# COMMUNITY POLICING TIP

## Community Activist Policing Tips

MAKING YOUR ONLINE HOLIDAY SHOPPING SAFE!

**The holidays are here again and many of us are already ordering gifts online for our loved ones. The season usually brings with it an uptick in so called “porch pirates.”**

**Monrovia PD has some advice for online shoppers looking to protect themselves against thieves trying to snatch up those packages once they’re delivered.**

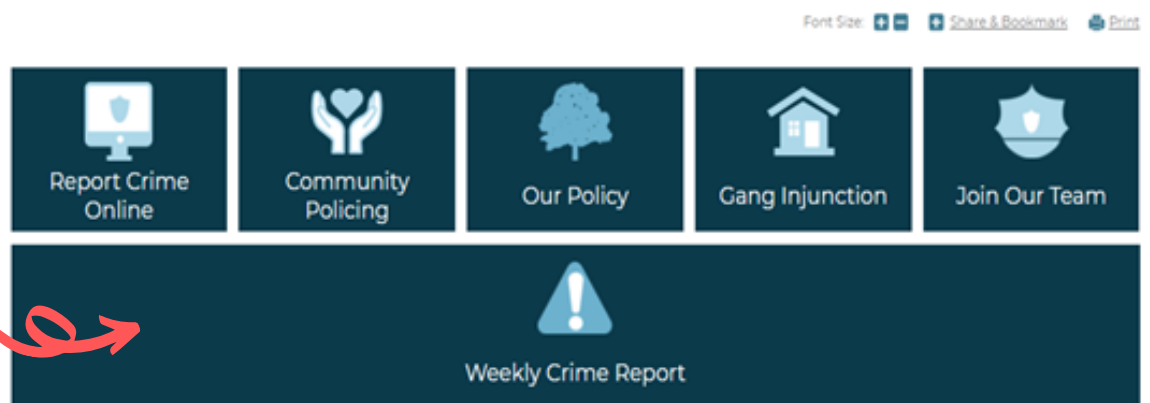
- Install cameras around the outside area of your home since it is now getting dark earlier in the day and make sure there is adequate lighting near the area packages are being left
- Direct any package deliveries to an area that is not in plain sight
- Track your package and bring it inside as soon as you see it has been delivered
- Require signatures for expensive items so that the package cannot be delivered if no one is home

**And of course, if you see something suspicious or if you see a package theft in progress, call the Monrovia Police Department at (626) 256-8000.**

## CITY WEBSITE | MONROVIA POLICE DEPARTMENT WEBPAGE

ARE YOU CURIOUS ABOUT WHAT CRIMES MAY BE OCCURRING THROUGHOUT MONROVIA? IF YOU ARE AND WOULD LIKE TO FIND OUT, YOU CAN ACCESS THAT INFORMATION BY CLICKING THE "WEEKLY CRIME REPORT" WIDGET FOR MORE INFORMATION. YOU CAN ALSO REPORT A CRIME ONLINE AND VIEW OUR POLICIES AND SEE WHAT OUR COMMUNITY POLICING TEAM IS UP TO. DON'T FORGET TO SHARE THIS INFORMATION WITH ANYONE THAT WOULD BE INTERESTED.

### POLICE DEPARTMENT



**TO VISIT THE MPD WEBPAGE [CLICK HERE](#) TO BE REDIRECTED**



# CODE ENFORCEMENT TIP!

## HOLIDAY SAFETY TIPS FOR YOUR HOME

SIMPLE TIPS THAT WILL HELP KEEP YOU AND YOUR LOVED ONES SAFER AT HOME

### DID YOU KNOW?

- SMOKE DETECTORS - REQUIRED IN ALL BEDROOMS
- COMBINATION DETECTOR (SMOKE AND CARBON MONOXIDE) - REQUIRED IN THE HALLWAY OUTSIDE OF ROOMS AND ON EACH FLOOR
- WATER HEATERS - NEED TO BE DOUBLE STRAPPED FOR EARTHQUAKE SAFETY
- HOLIDAY LIGHTING - CALIFORNIA ELECTRICAL CODE 590.3B STATES THAT TEMPORARY ELECTRIC POWER AND LIGHTING INSTALLATIONS SHALL BE PERMITTED FOR A PERIOD NOT TO EXCEED 90 DAYS



### DO A HOME SAFETY CHECK

- CHECK EACH OF YOUR SMOKE AND COMBINATION DETECTORS - IF THEY ARE BATTERY OPERATED, REPLACE THE BATTERIES NOW. THEN DO SO EVERY 6 MONTHS. IF IT IS HARDWIRED, STILL REPLACE THE BACKUP BATTERY.
- BEDROOM WINDOWS - MAKE SURE THEY CAN OPEN IN CASE OF AN EMERGENCY.
- DO NOT HAVE HOT PLATES OR COOKING DEVICES IN THE BEDROOMS
- NO OPEN FLAME OR CANDLES NEAR THE CHRISTMAS TREE
- DO NOT OVERLOAD THE OUTLETS WITH NUMEROUS EXTENSION CORDS AND LIGHTS
- MONITOR YOUR SPACE HEATERS - DO NOT LEAVE UNATTENDED OR ON FOR EXTENDED PERIODS
- DO NOT USE YOUR OVEN OR STOVE FOR HEAT. THIS INCREASES THE POTENTIAL FOR FIRE AND CARBON MONOXIDE POISONING
- CREATE OR UPDATE YOUR EMERGENCY KIT TO INCLUDE:
  - FLASHLIGHTS (CHECK BATTERIES)
  - FIRST AID KIT
  - WATER
- DISCUSS AN EMERGENCY PLAN WITH YOUR FAMILY
  - WHAT WILL YOU DO WHEN THERE IS A POWER OUTAGE OR EARTHQUAKE?
  - WHO WILL GET THE EMERGENCY KIT/BACKPACK?
  - MAKING SURE ALL YOUR PHONES HAVE POWER AND CONNECTION
  - ACCESS TO FOOD AND WATER
  - WILL YOU RELOCATE?



# CODE ENFORCEMENT TIP CONTINUED

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### TRAVELING?

- MAKE SURE YOUR PROPERTY IS WELL LIT ON THE EXTERIOR
- LOCK YOUR DOORS
- HAVE SIGNS THAT STATE YOU HAVE A DOG OR SECURITY SYSTEM (EVEN IF YOU DO NOT)
- MAINTAIN YOUR PROPERTY FREE OF NUISANCES LIKE TRASH AND POORLY MAINTAINED VEGETATION. THIS SHOWS WOULD-BE CRIMINALS THAT SOMEONE ACTIVELY LIVES THERE AND IS HOME.
- INSTALL MOTION LIGHTS ON THE SIDE AND REAR OF THE PROPERTY, BUT BE MINDFUL OF YOUR NEIGHBORS AND ANGLE THEM DOWN.

### PERMITS - WHEN IN DOUBT, CONTACT THE BUILDING DIVISION!

- PER THE CALIFORNIA BUILDING CODE, MOST UPGRADES, REMODELS, REPAIRS, AND CONSTRUCTION ON A PROPERTY REQUIRE A BUILDING PERMIT
- EXAMPLES OF WORK REQUIRING A PERMIT: NEW/REPLACEMENT WATER HEATER, NEW ROOF, KITCHEN/BATHROOM REMODELS, REMOVING WALLS, ADDITIONS, SHEDS, AND STRUCTURES OVER 120 SQUARE FEET, NEW WINDOWS, SOLAR PANEL UPGRADES, AND GARAGE CONVERSIONS (ALSO KNOWN AS ADU'S)
- EXAMPLES OF WORK NOT NEEDING A PERMIT: NEW FLOORING, NEW CABINETS, PAINTING, TOILET SWAP, AND GENERALLY ITEMS THAT ARE COSMETIC IN NATURE.
- WHY ARE PERMITS REQUIRED? THIS ALLOWS CERTIFIED AND KNOWLEDGABLE BUILDING STAFF TO REVIEW DESIGN PLANS AND THE ACTUAL CONSTRUCTION TO ENSURE IT MEETS CODE REQUIREMENTS. THIS HELPS TO ENSURE PROJECTS ARE SAFE AND CORRECTLY BUILT.
- DO NOT ALWAYS RELY ON A CONTRACTOR TO CHECK ON PERMIT REQUIREMENTS. CALL AND CONFIRM FOR YOUR OWN KNOWLEDGE.
- CONTACT THE MONROVIA BUILDING DIVISION AT 626-932-5581 OR AT [BUILDING@CI.MONROVIA.CA.US](mailto:BUILDING@CI.MONROVIA.CA.US).



# CODE ENFORCEMENT HIGHLIGHT!

THE CODE ENFORCEMENT DIVISION RECEIVED A COMPLAINT REGARDING PROPERTY MAINTENANCE ISSUES OF TRASH AND DEBRIS THROUGHOUT THE PROPERTY, OVERGROWN VEGETATION, AND A HEALTH AND SAFETY CONCERN OF A PERSON LIVING IN THE GARAGE. IN WORKING WITH OUR COMMUNITY ACTIVIST POLICING UNIT (CAP), THEY RECEIVED A COMPLAINT REGARDING THE PROPERTY AS WELL. BETWEEN CODE ENFORCEMENT AND COMMUNITY ACTIVIST POLICING UNIT, WE WERE ABLE TO MAKE CONTACT WITH THE PROPERTY OWNER AND EDUCATE THEM OF THE COMPLAINTS RECEIVED AND HOW TO CORRECT THE VIOLATIONS. THE COMMUNITY ACTIVIST POLICING UNIT SPOKE WITH THE INDIVIDUAL LIVING IN THE GARAGE AND EXPRESSED THEIR CONCERNS AS WELL AS GIVING ADDITIONAL RESOURCES. FOR CODE ENFORCEMENT, WE EXPRESSED OUR CONCERNS OF THE VIOLATIONS AND WORKED WITH THE PROPERTY OWNER TO CLEAN UP AND CORRECT THE VIOLATIONS IN A TIMELY MANNER. THE BIG HELP IN THIS CASE WAS THE FAMILY STEPPING IN TO HELP THE PROPERTY OWNER ABATE THE VIOLATIONS IN A QUICK TIMEFRAME BY OUTSOURCING AND BRINING IN CLEANUP CREWS. IN WORKING TOGETHER, THE COMMUNITY ACTIVIST POLICING AND CODE ENFORCEMENT HELPED THE RESIDENT CREATE A SAFE AND HEALTHY ENVIRONMENT NOT ONLY FOR THEM BUT FOR THE COMMUNITY AS WHOLE.



front yard - before



front yard - after



back yard - before



back yard - after



# HIDDEN GEMS IN MONROVIA

IF YOU HAVE ANY NOMINATIONS FOR A HIDDEN GEM IN MONROVIA, PLEASE EMAIL US AT [MAP@CI.MONROVIA.CA.US](mailto:MAP@CI.MONROVIA.CA.US)

## THE AZTEC HOTEL

THE AZTEC HOTEL IS LOCATED ON ONE OF MONROVIA'S MAIN THOROUGHFARES AND IS ONE OF THE MOST UNIQUE BUILDINGS IN THE CITY. BECAUSE OF ITS UNUSUAL FEATURES AND PROMINENT LOCATION, YOU MAY HAVE FOUND YOURSELF ASKING THOSE FAMOUS QUESTIONS... (WHO, WHAT, WHEN, WHERE AND WHY) ABOUT THIS HIDDEN GEM.



**WHO BUILT THE AZTEC HOTEL?** THE BUILDING'S ARCHITECT WAS ROBERT STACY-JUDD. HE IS CONSIDERED A NOTABLE ARCHITECT OF HIS TIME, WITH SEVERAL OF HIS BUILDINGS BEING LISTED ON THE NATIONAL REGISTER OF HISTORIC PLACES. HIS WORK SPANS A WIDE RANGE OF ARCHITECTURAL STYLES FROM ART DECO TO CRAFTSMAN BUNGALOW AND HE WAS KNOWN FOR DESIGNING HIS BUILDINGS IN MINUTE DETAIL, INCLUDING MANY INTERIOR FEATURES. IRONICALLY, THE AZTEC HOTEL IS A GREAT EXAMPLE OF STACY-JUDD'S MAYA ARCHITECTURAL STYLE WORK.

**WHAT IS THE SIGNIFICANCE OF THE BUILDING?** ONE OF CITY'S FEW BUILDINGS TO BE DESIGNATED AS A LANDMARK ON THE NATIONAL REGISTER OF HISTORIC PLACES AND AS A LOCAL LANDMARK, THE AZTEC HOTEL HAS 44 GUESTROOMS, A RESTAURANT AND OUTDOOR PATIO, AND SEVERAL COMMERCIAL STOREFRONTS.

**WHEN WAS IT BUILT?** ORIGINALLY CONSTRUCTED IN 1925, THE AZTEC HOTEL WAS LISTED AS A NATIONAL LANDMARK IN 1978 AND A LOCAL LANDMARK IN 2003. IN 2014, THE PROPERTY GOT IT'S VERY OWN ZONING DESIGNATION (PLANNED DEVELOPMENT – AREA 26) TO PROVIDE MORE FLEXIBILITY OF USE OF THE BUILDING AND ENCOURAGE ITS PRESERVATION.

**WHERE IS THE AZTEC HOTEL?** LOCATED AT 311 W. FOOTHILL BLVD... THE BUILDING WAS CONSTRUCTED ALONG THE ORIGINAL ROUTE 66 AND SERVED AS A STOP FOR MOTORISTS MAKING THE CROSS-COUNTRY TRIP. THOUGH ROUTE 66 WAS LATER MOVED TO HUNTINGTON DRIVE, TODAY ADVENTURERS STILL TRAVEL THE ORIGINAL ROUTE TO ENJOY THE SPECIAL BUILDINGS ALONG THE WAY.

**WHY IS IT CONSIDERED A HIDDEN GEM?** WHILE THE HOTEL IS NOT "HIDDEN," THERE ARE MANY FEATURES OF THE BUILDING THAT ARE NOT VISIBLE FROM THE OUTSIDE. THE INTERIOR SPACE INCLUDES BEAUTIFUL STAINED GLASS WINDOWS, MURALS, MOSAICS, RELIEFS AND LIGHT FIXTURES EMBODYING MAYAN ART.

ONE FINAL QUESTION ABOUT THIS HIDDEN GEM... **HOW CAN I LEARN MORE ABOUT THE AZTEC HOTEL?** THERE ARE MANY RESOURCES AVAILABLE TO LEARN ABOUT THE AZTEC HOTEL, INCLUDING THE [MONROVIA CONTEXT STATEMENT](#) (COMMERCE AND THE AUTOMOBILE THEME), THE [PD-26 STANDARDS](#), AND THE [MONROVIA LEGACY PROJECT](#).



# ART IN PUBLIC PLACES NEW ONLINE MAP!

THE CITY OF MONROVIA RECENTLY PUBLISHED AN [INTERACTIVE ART IN PUBLIC PLACES MAP](#). MONROVIA'S PUBLIC ART IS A VITAL ELEMENT OF THE CITY'S CHARACTER AND PLAYS AN IMPORTANT ROLE IN MAKING IT A VIBRANT AND CULTURALLY RICH COMMUNITY.

DO YOU KNOW THERE ARE OVER 120 PIECES OF PUBLIC ART IN MONROVIA? THE MAP WAS DESIGNED WITH THE GOAL OF UTILIZING ART AS A VEHICLE TO ENCOURAGE WALKABILITY.

USERS CAN EASILY NAVIGATE THE MAP TO SEE IMAGES, NAME OF THE ARTWORK, ITS LOCATION, THE ARTIST AND TYPE OF ART. THE MAP INCLUDES ANNUAL SIGNATURE ART PROGRAMS SUCH AS ART ON THE BOX, SAMSON BEARS, FOOTNOTES AND NEIGHBORHOOD TREASURES, AS WELL AS THE BOB BARTLETT MEMORIAL, MARK TWAIN BRONZE STATUE, THE ANGEL WINGS AND MYRTLE AVENUE'S GATEWAY SIGN.

FOR INFORMATION REGARDING THE ART IN PUBLIC PLACES ART MAP, PLEASE CONTACT KERRI ZESSAU AT THE COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT DEPARTMENT AT 626-932-5564 OR [KZESSAU@CI.MONROVIA.CA.US](mailto:KZESSAU@CI.MONROVIA.CA.US).



Painter Samson Bear



Old Town Meter Box



Airplane Mural



# MAP ADULT LEADER HIGHLIGHT

## YOULANDA DAVIS | 2021 MAP ADULT LEADERSHIP ACADEMY GRADUATE



THE MAP PROGRAM WAS INTRODUCED TO ME BY CODE ENFORCEMENT OFFICER KEN TRUE AROUND 2 YEARS AGO. AT THE TIME, I WAS ABOUT TO SELL MY HOME AND LIVE OUT MY REMAINING RETIREMENT PEACEFULLY IN ANOTHER CITY. SUDDENLY, IT HIT ME THAT I ALREADY LIVE IN A BEAUTIFUL HOME AND A COMFORTABLE CITY. THE MAP PROGRAM ALLOWED ME TO GET MORE ATTUNED WITHIN THE COMMUNITY. I WAS BORN IN EAST LOS ANGELES AND RAISED IN DUARTE. MY FATHER WAS A TRUCK DRIVER WHERE HE DELIVERED TO VARIOUS GROCERY STORES IN AND AROUND THE DUARTE/MONROVIA AREA AND FROM THERE, HE LOVED THE ATMOSPHERE WHICH HE FELT WOULD BE A GREAT CITY TO RAISE 5 KIDS, SO THE WHOLE FAMILY MOVED HERE IN 1965. I WAS ONLY 10 YEARS

OLD. THE MOVE WAS GREAT BECAUSE IT WAS JUST FARM LAND AND A LOT OF ORANGE GROVES, PLUS THERE WERE NO FREEWAYS, ONLY "ROUTE 66", WHICH IS NOW HUNTINGTON DRIVE.

I ATTENDED DUARTE HIGH SCHOOL AND WAS INVOLVED IN SEVERAL ACTIVITIES, INCLUDING CHEERLEADING, DRILL TEAM, AND TRACK AND FIELD. I SPENT MY HIGH SCHOOL SUMMERS AS A CANDY STRIPER AT CITY OF HOPE CANCER RESEARCH CENTER. AFTER BEING VOTED MOST ATHLETIC FEMALE OF MY SENIOR CLASS, I CONTINUED ONTO CITRUS COLLEGE WHERE I MAJORED IN BUSINESS ADMINISTRATION AND WAS A MEMBER OF THE TRACK AND FIELD TEAM WHERE I QUALIFIED TO TRY OUT FOR THE UNITED STATES OLYMPIC TRACK AND FIELD TEAM. AFTER RECEIVING MY ASSOCIATES IN SCIENCE FROM CITRUS COLLEGE, I ACCEPTED A POSITION WITH WELLS FARGO BANK WHERE I SPENT THE NEXT 17 YEARS AS A BANK EXECUTIVE. I SPENT THE NEXT 5 YEARS WORKING FOR THE U.S. GOVERNMENT AS A MAIL CARRIER, CITY OF HOPE CANCER RESEARCH CENTER, (10) YEARS AS NEW PATIENT SERVICES ADVOCATE, AND WAS INVOLVED WITH VARIOUS CLINICAL TRIALS AND TV PROMOTIONS FOR BREAST CANCER AWARENESS WORLDWIDE.

MY HOBBIES ARE COOKING, GARDENING, AND RESTORING MY UNIQUE 1926 SPANISH STYLE BUNGALOW. I AM CURRENTLY MASTERING THE ART OF TAEKWONDO FOR SELF-DEFENSE AND ALSO IN THE ENTERTAINMENT INDUSTRY SINCE 2007 AS A SAG/AFTRA UNION MEMBER/ACTRESS.

ONE OF MY PROUDEST ACCOMPLISHMENTS WAS CARING FOR MY PARENTS WHILE WORKING FULL TIME AND STUDYING TO EARN MY REAL ESTATE LICENSE, WHICH IS CURRENT TODAY. I AM ALSO PROUD TO HAVE PURCHASED MY HOME HERE IN MONROVIA 25 YEARS AGO. I AM AN EXAMPLE OF PIVOTING IN MY CAREER AND RETURNING TO SCHOOL TO LEARN THE ART OF AVID FILM AND VIDEO EDITING.

ALTHOUGH I HAVE NO CHILDREN, I AM INVOLVED IN THE 3RD GENERATION OF MY FAMILY. KIDS LOVE ME AND DOGS ADORE ME WITH TONS OF KISSES AND HUGS.

THE CDBG GRANT PROGRAM IS A BENEFIT TO THE COMMUNITY. THE STAFF IS PROFESSIONAL AND ARE AVAILABLE TO ASSIST YOU WITH THE APPLICATION PROCESS. ALEKS MONET AKOPYAN, JUSTIN EDSON, AND ART CASANAS WERE INSTRUMENTAL IN THE SUCCESSFUL COMPLETION OF THE INSTALLATION OF MY NEW ROOFING PROJECT. AND TO MY SURPRISE, THE TWO WEEK COMPLETION DATE WAS MET.

"I'M JUST WAITING FOR THE NEXT GRANT PROGRAM". LOL.



# MAP YOUTH LEADER HIGHLIGHT

## GEORGE WITHAM | 2021 MAP YOUTH LEADERSHIP ACADEMY GRADUATE



GEORGE IS ONE OF THE TWO GRADUATES OF OUR YOUTH LEADERSHIP ACADEMY THIS YEAR IN 2021. HE IS A SIXTH GRADER AT CLIFTON MIDDLE SCHOOL AND HIS FAVORITE SUBJECT IS STRUCTURAL ENGINEERING. HE HAS A BRIGHT FUTURE AHEAD OF HIM AS HE WORKS HIS WAY TOWARDS HIS DREAM CAREER OF ARCHITECTURE. NOT ONLY IS GEORGE A MAP LEADER ACADEMY GRADUATE, HE IS ALSO IN BOY SCOUTS WHERE HE VOLUNTEERS IN THE COMMUNITY AND LEARNS ABOUT VARIOUS LIFE SKILLS. IN HIS FREE TIME, HE ENJOYS PLAYING ROBLOX. WE ARE SO PROUD OF YOU, GEORGE! WE CAN'T WAIT TO SEE WHAT THE FUTURE HOLDS FOR YOU, KEEP UP THE AMAZING WORK!

## ALA & YLA GRADUATION 2021

THE ADULT AND YOUTH LEADERS HAD THEIR VIRTUAL GRADUATION IN FRONT OF CITY COUNCIL, THE CITY MANAGER, AND THE MUNICIPAL MASTER CLERK AT THE CITY COUNCIL MEETING ON TUESDAY, NOVEMBER 2. ALL OF OUR NEW LEADERS SHOWED UP IN THEIR NEW MAP T-SHIRTS TO REPRESENT MAP AND WE COULDN'T BE MORE PROUD. WE HAD AN AMAZING RESPONSE FROM OUR COUNCIL AND WE ARE SO GRATEFUL TO OUR CITY STAFF, SPEAKERS, AND MAP LEADERS FOR MAKING THIS ALL POSSIBLE. WE COULDN'T DO IT WITHOUT ALL OF YOU. THANK YOU FOR A WONDERFUL 8 WEEKS. WE LOOK FORWARD TO YOUR CONTINUED ACTIVISM IN THE COMMUNITY!



## JOIN A MAP ZONE TEAM

**WE ARE EXCITED TO CONTINUE PLANNING AND IMPLEMENTING OUR NEW CONCEPT OF MAP ZONES. FOR MORE INFORMATION, CONTINUE READING...**

WE ASK ALL MAP LEADERS TO PLEASE VISIT [WWW.CITYOFMONROVIA.ORG/MAP](http://WWW.CITYOFMONROVIA.ORG/MAP) UNDER "JOIN A MAP ZONE TEAM" TO FILL OUT THE FORM SO WE CAN LINK YOU WITH THE ZONE YOU ARE IN. THIS WILL ALLOW MAP TO UPDATE THEIR MAP LEADER CONTACT LIST AND CONNECT LEADERS IN EACH OF THE ZONES TO FURTHER COMMUNICATE AND WORK TOGETHER. THIS CAN INCLUDE A ZONE EMAIL GROUP OR SOCIAL MEDIA GROUP TO INCREASE THE COMMUNICATION WITH NEIGHBORS IN AN EFFORT TO ENHANCE OUR COMMUNITY.

IF YOU HAVE ANY QUESTIONS, PLEASE DO NOT HESITATE TO CONTACT THE MAP TEAM AT [MAP@CI.MONROVIA.CA.US](mailto:MAP@CI.MONROVIA.CA.US).





# MAKE A DIFFERENCE DAY 2021 VOLUNTEER CENTER OF SAN GABRIEL VALLEY



Before



After



Before



After



THANK YOU TO OUR PAST AND NEW MAP LEADERS WHO ATTENDED MAKE A DIFFERENCE DAY 2021! IT WAS AMAZING TO SEE ALL OF YOU OUT THERE CONTINUING TO MAKE A MARK ON OUR COMMUNITY. WE ENJOY SEEING ALL OF OUR MAP LEADERS COMING TOGETHER OUTSIDE OF THE ACADEMIES - CONNECTING WITH EACH OTHER AND CREATING NEW BONDS THAT WILL LAST A LIFETIME.

THIS YEAR AT MAKE A DIFFERENCE DAY, OUR CODE ENFORCEMENT TEAM HAD TWO PROJECTS ON HEATHER HEIGHTS AND ALMOND. WE'RE EXTREMELY GRATEFUL FOR THE VOLUNTEERS THAT SHOWED UP TO HELP ON THESE PROJECTS WHICH INCLUDED LANDSCAPING AND GRAVELING. OUR PROJECTS WERE CHALLENGING, BUT WITH THE HELP OF OUR VOLUNTEERS, OUR GRAVEL DONORS, OUR CITY EMPLOYEES, AND THE VOLUNTEER CENTER OF SAN GABRIEL VALLEY, WE WERE ABLE TO MAKE THE RESIDENTS OF THESE HOMES VERY HAPPY WITH THE OUTCOME!

WE TRULY MADE A DIFFERENCE THAT DAY!



MAP Leaders + Justin Edson



# GET INVOLVED FOR THE HOLIDAYS!

FOOTHILL UNITY CENTER

PHONE: 626-358-3486

## VOLUNTEER OPPORTUNITIES

THE HOLIDAYS ARE APPROACHING, AND WHAT BETTER WAY TO CELEBRATE THAN TO GIVE BACK TO THE COMMUNITY? WITH THE HOLIDAY SEASON COMING UP, MANY OF US LOOK FORWARD TO THE TIME WE GET TO SPEND WITH OUR LOVED ONES. HOWEVER, DURING THIS TIME, IT'S SO EASY TO GET CAUGHT UP IN THE FAST-PACED SEASON. INSTEAD OF GETTING CAUGHT UP IN WHAT GIFTS TO BUY, SPEND SOME TIME THINKING ABOUT HOW YOU CAN GIVE BACK TO THOSE WHO MAY BE LESS FORTUNATE. AFTER ALL, GIVING BACK IS THE BEST WAY TO SPREAD HOLIDAY CHEER!



THIS **SATURDAY, NOVEMBER 20, 2021 FROM 7AM-1PM** WILL BE FOOTHILL UNITY CENTER'S SECOND AND LAST DATE FOR PACKING DAY 2021. PACKING DAY IS A WONDERFUL OPPORTUNITY TO HELP WITH THE PREPARATION AND DISTRIBUTION OF THANKSGIVING FOOD BOXES TO THOSE IN NEED THIS HOLIDAY SEASON. THERE ARE STILL TWO SHIFTS LEFT TO CHOOSE FROM BETWEEN 7AM-1PM. PLEASE NOTE THAT REGISTRATION IS REQUIRED IN ORDER TO PARTICIPATE AND IT IS FILLING UP FAST - TO REGISTER FOR THIS UPCOMING VOLUNTEER OPPORTUNITY, [CLICK ON THE REGISTRATION PAGE HERE](#). FOR MORE INFORMATION, [VISIT THEIR WEBSITE](#) OR CONTACT THE FOOTHILL UNITY CENTER AT [VOLUNTEER@FOOTHILLUNITYCENTER.ORG](mailto:VOLUNTEER@FOOTHILLUNITYCENTER.ORG).

IN ADDITION TO PACKING DAY, THE FOOTHILL UNITY CENTER ALSO HAS DISTRIBUTION DAYS TO DELIVER & DISTRIBUTE THE FOOD BOXES AS WELL AS OTHER VOLUNTEERING OPPORTUNITIES THROUGH THE END OF THE YEAR. WE WISH YOU A SAFE AND HEALTHY HOLIDAY SEASON, AND HAVE FUN GIVING BACK TO OUR COMMUNITY!

### THANKSGIVING

**Nov 22 & 24**

Distributions of Thanksgiving Food Boxes

Deliveries of food boxes for home-bound seniors and disabled persons.

A boutique for the homeless with food and hygiene kits, clothing, and more.

**Helps Over 2,000 households**

### HOLIDAY

**Dec 20 & 22**

Distributions of Holiday Food Boxes with family and children gifts.

Deliveries of food boxes for home-bound seniors and disabled persons.

A boutique for the homeless with food and hygiene kits, clothing, and more.

**Helps Over 1,500 families, children & seniors**

### END-OF-YEAR

Last push to ensure we meet our financial goals to support the end of year surge in service needs.

**Helps Over 12,000 families, children & seniors**  
**Providing Over 200,000 Services & Resources**



CLICK ON THE IMAGE TO LEARN MORE

# MEASURE K



## Keep Monrovia Revenues Local Sales and Use Tax Measure

On November 5, 2019, residents of Monrovia voted to approve Measure K, the Keep Monrovia Revenues Local Sales Tax Measure. Measure K ensures new sales tax revenues stay in Monrovia and are reinvested into our community.



### Transparency & Accountability

To promote transparency and accountability for the allocation of new sales tax revenue generated by Measure K, the Measure K Citizen Advisory Committee was formed.



### Measure K Funds at Work

Measure K funds are put towards projects that align with the Monrovia City Council's goals of Financial Management, Infrastructure, Customer Service and Relationships.

Based on projections, the estimated revenue generated by Measure K is \$10.8 million for Fiscal Years 2021-23.

So far, the Monrovia City Council has only approved \$3,574,916 towards:



One-Time Infrastructure Improvement Projects



Increasing Financial Reserves



Batting Cages at  
Barney Glenn Baseball Field



American Disability Act  
Transition Plan

Learn more and share your thoughts at  
[WWW.CITYOFMONROVIA.ORG/MEASUREK](http://WWW.CITYOFMONROVIA.ORG/MEASUREK)

# UPCOMING EVENTS

RSVP BY CLICKING ON THE IMAGE BELOW...

## Virtual MAP-edu Meeting

SATURDAY,  
NOVEMBER 20

11:00AM-1:00PM  
HOSTED ON ZOOM  
MEETING ID: 825 7211 2220



### Topic of Discussion



- Homeless Outreach by CAP
- Community Programs by Community Services
- Housing by LACDA

### SPEAKERS:

#### IAN VANDERBURG & TEAM

CAP Police Officer

#### TINA CHERRY

Community Services Director

#### JEFFREY BADRE

Contract Manager - LACDA

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MAP-EDU  
MEETING







*Happy Holidays!*

From your Neighborhood & Business Services Team