



Monrovia Area Partnership's

# Neighborhood News



March 2016

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**Saturday, April 23rd from 9:30 am to 2:30pm**  
**Monrovia Community Center**

*Healthy Communities, Healthy Homes, Healthy People!*

The Neighborhood Conference serves as a platform to access and promote community resources, while encouraging civic participation and fostering community pride. Each year, the conference features exciting and 60 minute hands-on workshops that covers material regarding community safety, City government, community resources, and ways to connect in the community. These workshops and activities have been designed for a diverse group of participants, which is why this Neighborhood Conference is the perfect day of casual training and networking for employees, volunteers, employers, board members, and all residents interested in becoming more engaged in their communities and neighborhoods.

We will have fantastic classes this year to go along with our theme, Healthy Community, Healthy Homes, Healthy People; Juicing 101, Healthy Environments, Home Hazards, "Parks, Trails, & Health" and more! We are especially excited about the special classes that will be led by some of our MAP Leaders. Make sure you register to find out more information!



This year, we will have a fantastic key-note speaker, Nancy Clifton-Hawkins, who is the manager of Community Benefit at City of Hope. Nancy has over 20 years' experience in the development, implementation and evaluation of population health/public health programs in vulnerable communities. Her current role requires her to weave the complex relationships between the work at City of Hope and the vulnerable communities within the service area. She ensures that all community benefit programs/services are linked with the tri-annual community health needs assessment and builds out an implementation strategy that targets City of Hope towards sustainable investments that address health inequities. As a volunteer, Nancy has held

various leadership positions in a number of southern California non-profit organizations from the Orange County Breastfeeding Coalition to the Brea Family Resource Center. Currently Nancy is a Board Member for the National Commission for Health Education Credentialing, and acts as the Director for the Mindfulness Center in Orange County. Both Nancy and her husband, Kenton, are Returned Peace Corps Volunteers. She has two teenage sons and thanks them for teaching her how to really love soccer.

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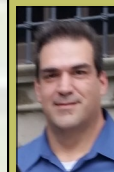
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## Neighbor of the Year

Something different we are doing this year is publicly acknowledging a volunteer for all the hard work that they do in the City trying to make their corner of the world better! Do you know anyone like this? Nominate them for **Neighbor of the Year!** Go on the City Website for more information and to nominate your neighbor(s). \*Note: the nominee DOES NOT need to be a MAP Leader.

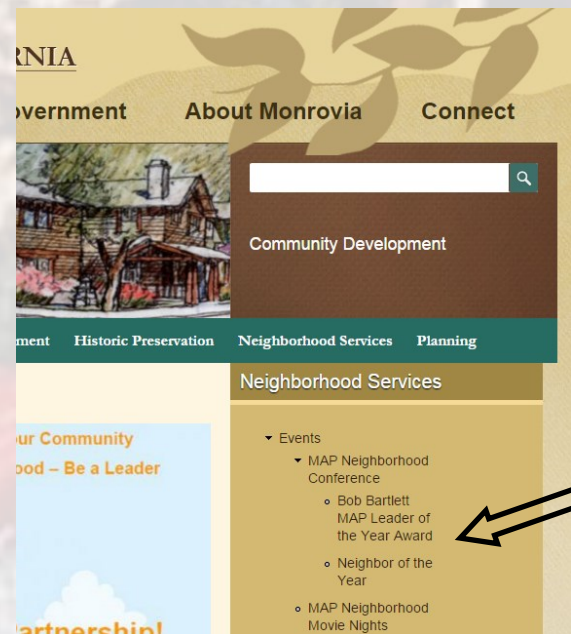
## Bob Bartlett MAP Leader of the Year

In addition to Neighbor of the Year, we have a special award just for our Neighborhood Leaders – the **Bob Bartlett MAP Leader of the Year** award. Like the Neighbor of the Year, this award goes to the MAP Leader who goes above and beyond to tirelessly improve his/her neighborhood and community and truly exemplifies what it means to be a MAP Leader. Know anyone like this? Nominate him/her for Bob Bartlett MAP Leader of the Year! Go on to the City Website for more information and to nominate a MAP Leader for this award.

**PLEASE** nominate someone who you feel would be perfect for the award so we can acknowledge his/her service. The Deadline for submittal is March 23, 2016. There will be a committee formed specifically for the choosing of the awards and the award will be given out on April 23 at the Conference.

To Nominate someone for either the Neighbor or Bob Bartlett MAP Leader of the Year:

- ◇ Log onto [cityofmonrovia.org/communitydevelopment](http://cityofmonrovia.org/communitydevelopment)
  - ◇ Click **Neighborhood Services**
- ◇ On the right side of the page, click either **Bob Bartlett MAP Leader of the Year Award** or **Neighbor of the Year**.
- ◇ Fill out the forms and submit!



## Workshops Available

As always, this year we will be having fantastic workshops that go along with our theme of “Healthy Communities, Healthy Homes, Healthy People”. As a sneak peek, we want to let you in on some of the workshops that we will have available. Don't forget to RSVP either online or at City Hall!

### **Do you want to learn more about keeping your home healthy?**

You may enjoy:

- ◇ Healthy Environment, Healthy You
- ◇ Home Hazard Walk Through
- ◇ Residential Design for Healthy Living and Happy Neighbors

### **Do you want to learn more about Monrovia?**

You May enjoy:

- ◇ Achieving Renewal in Monrovia
- ◇ History of Monrovia

### **Want to hear from fellow MAP Leaders ?**

You may enjoy:

- ◇ Change Makers
- ◇ The Healthy Leader Within

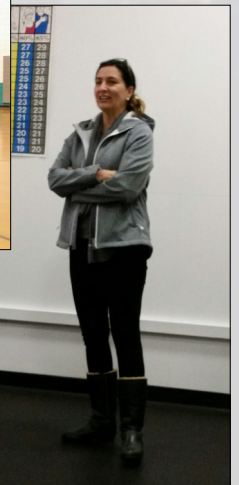


## Youth Leadership Academy

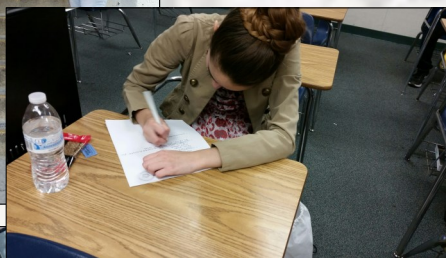
On January 6, our Youth Leaders met with the YMCA. MAP Leader, Ulises Gutierrez, the Enrichment Programs Consultant for the YMCA. Gutierrez warmly welcomed us with yummy pizza and great information on what being a leader means. We began with Karen MacNair, Executive Director, discussing what leadership skills Super Heroes have and how teens could use and learn these skills NOW to be able to become better leaders in the future.

After a fantastic tour of the facilities and discussion of what sports programs are offered, we learned about some amazing opportunities. For high school students who are interested in learning more about our governmental processes, there is an awesome program called Youth & Government. This unique program allows teens to experience government first hand by debating issues, writing bills, role playing as real government officials, attending a statewide conference, and even running for an elected office.

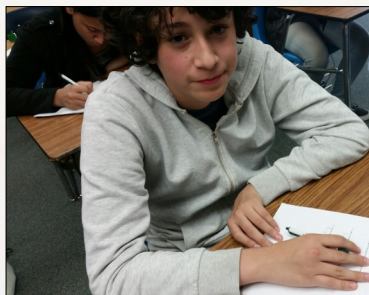
We also learned about a fun event happening at the YMCA this summer! Friday nights starting in June, the Y will be introducing YMCA Teen Night. The whole facility will be open and there will even be certain classes available! This is a great opportunity for teens to see what the Y has to offer while having fun with their friends. Best part? This is free for all teens who are 13-18 years old and no membership is required to participate!



On February 3, our Youth Leaders met with Mrs. Sandy Duff, ASB Coordinator and Algebra II teacher at Monrovia High School. The session was especially informative because the topic of "Personal and Professional Development" was discussed. We spent the previous four sessions discussing how to be a leader and how to do great things in the community, but for this particular session it was important to discuss the different skills necessary for young leaders to make their journey through life and how they can properly describe those skills to others.



Starting with a short questionnaire about future goals, we discussed what it takes to get the jobs that the youth are considering as future careers. This led to a conversation about joining school clubs and service organizations that can cater to different goals. For instance, there are quite a few of our leaders who want to be engineers. It was suggested, once in high school, to join clubs like *Math and Science Academy*, the *National Technical Honors Society*, and even *Robotics*.



We learned that internships can be especially important at this time and discovered various internships that are offered to high school students in the Los Angeles area, depending on interests and grade level. Some internships can even give college credit! So how should students apply for internships and gain more knowledge and experience? By having great resumes. Mrs. Duff went over the concept of a Brag Sheet to prepare for the resume. The Brag Sheet asks questions about who the student is and what accolades he/she may have received so the student can get in the habit of speaking about themselves. We ended the afternoon

with a fantastic tour of the beautiful MHS campus including the Observatory, the soccer field, the south gym and the Event Center.



## MDBAA Accepts Proclamation for Black History Month

On February 2, 2016, Joannie Yuille, James Yuille, Betty Thomas, and Beverly Haynes, who are all MAP Leaders and members of the Monrovia Duarte Black Association (MDBAA), as well as Ralph Walker, Stephanie Rosa, and Gwendolyn Jones accepted a Proclamation from the Monrovia City Council proclaiming February as Black History Month.

The MDBAA in collaboration with the City of Monrovia, the MAP Program, and the MUSD developed programs for the entire month of February 2016. The theme of this year's activities was "*Hallowed Ground: Sites of African-American Memories*". The almost full month of activities included; family movie nights ("Remember the Titans") at both Clifton and Santa Fe Middle Schools; Black History Reads at all of the elementary schools; an Elementary School Arts Festival at Monroe Elementary; a Tween and Teens Movie and Discussion (The Underground Railroad) at the Monrovia Public Library; presentations by the New Buffalo Soldiers at both middle schools, Storytelling in the Library; and, a Black History Luncheon and program at the Community Center.

This was a great collaborative effort that provided our community with enriching opportunities to celebrate our diverse cultures.

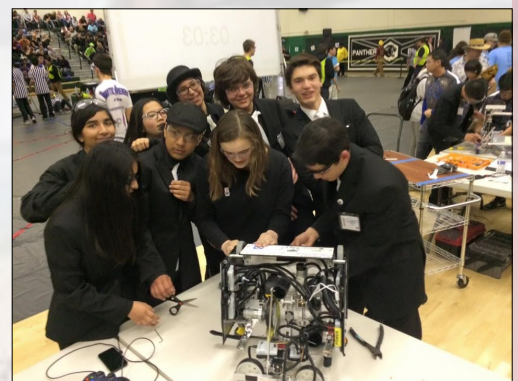


Samantha Childers, Samuel Probst, Emily Solis and Kemyll Tadeo

## Monrovia High School Robotics

Congratulations to MAP Youth Leaders Kemyll Tadeo and Samantha Childers, who, along with their Suitbots team fellow members Emily Solis and Samuel Probst, traveled to compete in the Las Vegas FIRST Tech Challenge Championship, where they made it into the finals and won the Design Award. Suitbots were also nominated for the Inspire Award, which is the tournaments top award.

The Suitbots also competed in the LA FTC Championships, which took place at the Monrovia High School Event Center, February 27, 2016. For more information on how to cheer for all five Monrovia High School Robotics teams, check out the MHS Science EXPO and follow Monrovia Robotics on [Facebook](#). All are welcome!





## MAP Care for Your Neighbor Program

On **Saturday, December 12, 2015**, we coordinated landscape beautification efforts with our MAP Neighborhood Leaders and volunteers. The goal of the program was to improve the landscaping at the homes of two senior citizens. The Care for Your Neighbor program provided drought-tolerant plants and mulch for low maintenance yards. This wonderful program was developed as an idea from the MAP Leaders who had a desire to help their fellow residents and volunteer more in the community.

Thanks to local sponsors, including the Volunteer Center of San Gabriel Valley, MAP Neighborhood Leaders, and our resident *expert in leaf blowing*... one Mayor Pro-Tem Larry Spicer... this project was successful; the senior homeowners yards were transformed! Many thanks to all of our volunteers who came out and worked hard to roto-till the yards, lay heavy duty weed barriers, plant beautiful drought tolerant plants, spread mulch... and made a difference in improving our Monrovia!



Team Fig



Team Almond

Want to get involved? Email us at [map@ci.monrovia.ca.us](mailto:map@ci.monrovia.ca.us) to sign up for the next Care for Your Neighbor opportunity!

## Bradoaks Neighborhood Christmas Caroling

On December 20, 2015, MAP Leaders in the Bradoaks neighborhood had a potluck and Christmas caroling event. The successful gathering was organized by Gina Ammon, Sergio Jimenez, and Neighborhood Watch Leader Michelle Guerra. The shared meal and caroling event was designed to spread Christmas spirit and a sense of community to the Bradoaks neighborhood.

The Bradoaks Carolers wanted to bring Christmas cheer to all but prioritized visiting the homes of their neighbors who were recovering from serious illnesses. One attendee lost a loved one in December 2008 and recalled how on Christmas Eve of that year, his family ran into a group of a carolers on Melrose in Monrovia. Their beautiful voices lifted his family's spirits that night and it was his hope that the Bradoaks neighbors and friends would also be blessed this Christmas by caroling.





# Upcoming Events



## MAP-Ed

**Save the date** for our quarterly education meeting where staff, officials, and City partners discuss a variety of community topics.

**May 21:** Code Enforcement 101—It works for you, it works for me!

**Location:** City Hall— Police Community Room

**Time:** 11am to 1pm

**August 13:** Topic TBD

## Summer Night Movie Series

Why stay indoors when we have great California weather? Bring your chair and meet your neighbors at the Outdoor Summer Movie Series. All movies are FREE and family friendly. Movies TBA

Saturday, June 18 at 8:00pm  
Monrovia Historical Museum | 742 East Lemon Avenue

Saturday, July 9 at 8:00pm  
Julian Fisher Park | 901 S. California Ave

Saturday, July 23 at 8:00pm  
Station Square Park | Myrtle Ave & Duarte Rd

Saturday August 6 at 8:00pm  
Grand Ave Park | 340 North Grand Ave at Prospect Ave

Join us for our 7th Annual Neighborhood Conference 2016! The conference is a free, all day event open to the public. The MAP Conference hosts workshops to educate participants on topics ranging from Monrovia Resources to Disaster Preparedness. Participants enjoy food, entertainment, workshops and small group discussions. This event deeply impacts event participants' view of the community and they learn to participate in continuing its' growth. Mark your calendars! We will see you there!

**Saturday, April 23, 2016 at  
Monrovia Community Center  
119 W Palm Ave | 9:30 am– 3:30 pm**

## Code Enforcement Tip:

To keep our Monrovia as beautiful as it is, we as a community need to keep watch for discarded materials on the streets and in the alleys of Monrovia. It calls for team effort so, keep in contact with both Code Enforcement Officers and Athens regarding discarded trash. It is extremely helpful on pursuing a clean city.

**Athens** provides services to pick up unwanted materials, such as furniture and mattresses, etc. You can reach Athens at **(888) 336-6100** for disposal requests. *Each resident gets two free bulky item pickups per year.* If we keep engaging and teaching our community that there are services to avoid discarded trash, the easier it will be to maintain a clean and beautiful city we call home. Please lend a hand by passing on this information to your neighbors, friends, or family. A simple passing of information from just one person can go a long way, and help make a positive impact for our City!

Please email Code Enforcement for more information!  
**Residents East of Myrtle Ave:** RMacias@ci.monrovia.ca.us  
**Residents West of Myrtle Ave:** KTrue@ci.monrovia.ca.us





## Over the Counter News

Part of what makes this City great is how well it is designed and how the City can keep up with the needs of its' citizens. Our Planning Division works hard to do what is best for Monrovia! Part of that, is continually working with the public, Hollywood, and the Historic Preservation and the Planning Commissions. Read below about what is happening....over the counter!

### DRC 2016 Off to a Roaring Start



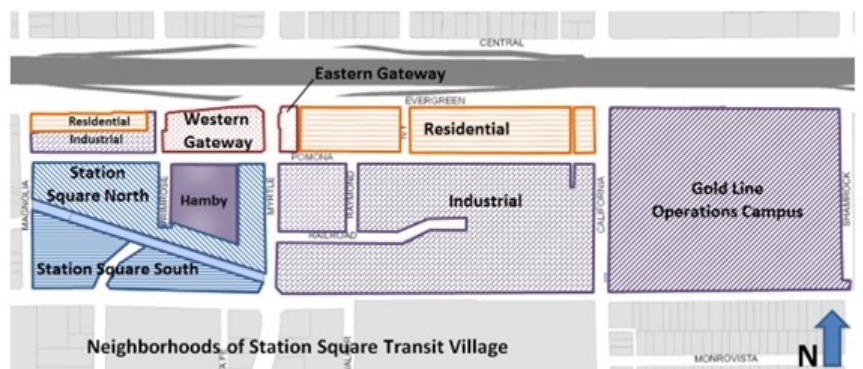
A couple of projects were submitted to the Planning Commission for recommendations of approval. The first project is a new microbrewery called "Hop Secret" that is seeking a Conditional Use Permit to move into Hamby Park at the Station Square Transit Village area. Staff recommended approval of this project and we're all very excited to see the development unfold, once the trains start running, businesses start opening, and the people start moving in.

The second project is a new restaurant in Old Town, on Lemon Avenue in one of our beautifully restored historic buildings. "Hummos & Pita" is hoping to open in the next few months with delicious meals, wine and beer. Staff thinks this is a great location for such a restaurant and was supportive of the project. Luckily, the Development Review Committee (DRC) agreed and forwarded the application for approval.

## Monrovia's Gold Line Opens!

Monrovia is buzzing about the Gold Line beginning service from Pasadena to Azusa in early March. To gear up for the coming of the train, the City has been paying a lot of attention to the Station Square Transit Village area. In January, the Station Square Park was dedicated and will be a gathering place for residents and commuters with a new band shell and playground equipment. There are also new, exciting businesses moving into the area, with plans for more to come. Soon Station Square Transit Village will have wineries, breweries and restaurants for everyone to enjoy. The residential apartment complex, "The Parks at Station Square" is also going to be breaking ground soon and will provide over 200 apartments in the area. But all this activity isn't a coincidence. The Planning Division, Planning Commission and City Council laid the groundwork for the area over the course of several years.

In 2015, the Planning Commission and the City Council reviewed and approved an amendment to the guidelines for the Station Square Transit Village area. The new guidelines identified seven distinct neighborhoods and reworked and refined the standards for each subarea, yet maintained the overall vision for Station Square Transit Village as "a dynamic, mixed-use, transit oriented community." The map shows how Station Square Transit Village has been planned. For more information on each neighborhood, visit [http://www.cityofmonrovia.org/sites/default/files/fileattachments/community\\_development/page/1812/pd\\_12.pdf](http://www.cityofmonrovia.org/sites/default/files/fileattachments/community_development/page/1812/pd_12.pdf) or stop by City Hall and talk to a planner.



*Want more information on anything you've read here? Read more on the Planning Division's blog: <http://cdovertthecounter.blogspot.com/>*

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Our 7th Annual MAP Neighborhood Conference  
is coming on Saturday April 23, 2016!

Free:

- Workshops
- Breakfast
- Lunch
- Environmental & Information Fair

**Sponsorships Available!**

Contact us today for information  
on how to sponsor!

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