

Monrovia Area Partnership's

# Neighborhood News

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# My Monrovia

## Neighborhood Leader Initiative Spotlight

Earlier this year, Susan Pilcher spoke to a few fellow leaders regarding walking and light hiking. Currently, there is a group of 6-10 people who get together every first Saturday to get their walk on! Early Saturday mornings, this fun group meets at **Library Fountain** before they head off to locations like; the Royal Oaks trail, hiking to Canyon Park, or headed toward The Falls. Although there is **light** hiking and biking involved, do not be discouraged, this group is for everyone (and even your pets).



"This group has been an inspiration to me! With a busy schedule, I am not always able to make the walks with the group but I am motivated to workout more and be healthy!"



While the Monrovia Walking Club is only a few months old, it has already been an inspiration to those involved. This is a fun way to get to know your neighbors and other Monrovians! The next walk will be **Saturday June 6th at 8am!** If June doesn't work for you, the rest of the year is planned out! The Monrovia Walking Club will also be meeting on **July 11th, August 1st, September 12th, October 3rd, November 14th and December 5th.** For any questions, or to find where to meet up with the group, email Susan Pilcher at susanpilcher@earthlink.net

### Be Water Wise

With the recent mandatory water reductions across the state, it is important for all Monrovians to comply with water restrictions. Moving forward City staff will be providing outreach and educational material to businesses and residences regarding ways each of us can conserve. Until then, here are

some helpful tips to get us started!

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۱	ACTION	RESULT
ú	Water your lawn 1 or 2 days per week	840 gallons per week
	Use a broom instead of a hose to clean hardscape	150 gallons each time
Ì	Check your sprinklers for leaks, overspray, and broken heads	500 gallons per month
Ì	Wash only full loads of	50 11
i	laundry and dishes	50 gallons per week
	Fix household leaks	20 gallons per day
	Take 5 minute showers	8 gallons per shower
	Turn off the water while you	
	brush your teeth	2.5 gallons per minute

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Watch our blog for news on events and opportunities through MAP

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# 6th Annual MAP Neighborhood Conference



The City of Monrovia 6th Annual MAP Neighborhood Conference was on Saturday, April 25 2015 at the Community Center. The gloomy weather did not stop the dedicated residents and friends from coming out to a great day of learning more about the City's resources and helpful tools for community. The morning started with a delicious continental breakfast of pastries, fresh fruit and coffee from The Coffee Bean. Over 150 people came out for the workshops to learn about topics like; Keeping Monrovia Beautiful, Meeting the City Manager, Juicing 101 and Coffee with a Cop!

After a stirring key-note and excellent lunch, everyone enjoyed a great Health and Information Fair, which had over 50 vendors. These vendors offered health screenings and provided information from how to be healthy, how to volunteer and be active in your community, to finding farm fresh ingredients. There was also an opportunity to meet and get to know City staff. Throughout the day, raffle prizes were handed out to participants.

### A Special thank you to:

All of the sponsors; Huntington Hospital, Scholar Share, Prime Lending, Upper San Gabriel Valley Municipal Water District, United Healthcare Medicare Solutions, and the Volunteer Center of San Gabriel Valley!

**All of the lunch sponsors;** D<mark>el Tac</mark>o, Athens Services, Tommy's, Jersey Mikes, The Coffee Bean, and Wendy's!

All of the Workshop Instructors; participating agencies, volunteers, and MAP Leaders who made this day possible!

# US House of Representative Honorable Grace F. Napolitano – 32nd District of California Presents: 2015 Woman of the Year

"Unsung Heroines"
Featuring Joannie Yuille

Each year U.S. Congresswoman Grace F. Napolitano honors women volunteers who have provided so much for their organizations without ever asking anything in return. As a State Assembly woman in the 1990's the Congresswoman has honored only one woman in Sacramento, April 10, 2015, the tradition continued but this time nineteen women from across the Congressional district were honored. This is an opportunity to thank these amazing women for their sacrifice.

Joannie Yuille, MAP Leader and Community Services Commissioner, received this prestigious honor as a 2015 Woman of the Year. Congratulations Joannie!



Rear row: from left to right James Yuille, Ruhiyyih Yuille, Justin Yuille, Carolyn Yuille;

**Front Row**: Joannie Yuille, Congresswoman Grace Napolitano

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# **MAP Leadership Academy**

The Monrovia Area Partnership (MAP) is a city program facilitated by Neighborhood Services Staff. Through this program we train residents to recognize and utilize community resources, facilitate resident and city collaboration and serve the community together by continuously building leadership skills and exercising them in Monrovia.

The MAP Leadership Academy provides a foundation of knowledge to jump-start and sustain residents' service in the community. After the Academy, graduates become part of an ever-growing network of community leaders. We call these graduates our MAP Neighborhood Leaders. All Neighborhood Leaders are invited to MAP quarterly trainings, are eligible for assistance with neighborhood meetings & events and are notified of leadership and volunteer opportunities that become available in the community.



Day/Hour: Thursdays 7-9pm

Dates: September 10-October 22

Location: Monrovia Community Center

119 W. Palm Ave. Monrovia

Fee: Free for 7 weeks

Ages: 18+

September 10 MAP, Monrovia & You

September 17 Connecting in the Community

September 24 Local Government

October 1 Public Health & Safety

October 8 Tools and Resources

October 15 Public Speaking & Facilitation Training

October 22 Putting Theory into Practice

November 3 MAP Leader Graduation



If you are ready to take the first steps to becoming a connected member of the Monrovia community and a positive presence in your neighborhood and in Monrovia, please fill out MAP Leadership Academy application (found on http://www.cityofmonrovia.org/communitydevelopment/page/map-leadership-academy And City Hall) and return it to Neighborhood Services.

We look forward to serving with you!

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Join us at any of our events or trainings to talk with city staff and learn about hot topics in our community. All programs are completely FREE and open to the public. Keep an eye on Monrovia Today for updates or you can find a full community calendar on our blog TheNeighborhoodFix.blogspot.com.

Need more information? Contact us directly at map@ci.monrovia.ca.us or by phone at 626-932-5563.

### MAP-Ed

discuss a variety of community topics.

**Location:** Library Community Room June 6: Coffee with a Cop at 11 am

August 29: TBD December 5: TBD

### Youth Leadership Academy

Monthly trainings are held throughout the school year and are hosted by local youth agencies. This program is open to grades 6-12 or equivalent in age.

1st Wednesday of every month at 2:30pm-4:30pm September 2015- May 2016

### **Outdoor Summer Movie Series**

Save the dates for our quarterly education Why stay indoors when we have great California meetings where staff, officials, and city partners weather? Bring your chair and meet your neighbors at the Outdoor Summer Movie Series. All movies are FREE, family friendly and have Spanish subtitles.

### Annie

Saturday, June 27 at 8:00pm Monrovia Historical Museum 742 East Lemon Avenue

#### **Maleficent**

Saturday, July 11 at 8:00pm Rotary Park 401 South California Avenue

### Big Hero 6 Saturday, August 8 at 8:00pm Grand Avenue Park

### Code Enforcement Tip:

Inoperable vehicles, when not properly stored, can be a safety hazard to the whole neighborhood, especially to youth who are playing in the neighborhood near the vehicles. In addition to that, these vehicles can be a public nuisance by depreciating property value and bringing down the pride of ownership.

Your vehicle can be stored within your garage and/or on a paved surface, behind a gate. To properly store your inoperable vehicle, it is important to have it covered with a car cover. While you may not be driving the vehicle, it is necessary to have your vehicle registered with the DMV.

If you choose not to keep your vehicle, the City of Monrovia can remove the vehicle with no charge to you! Please email Code Enforcement for more information! Residents East of Myrtle Ave: RMacias@ci.monrovia.ca.us or Residents West of Myrtle Ave: KTrue@ci.monrovia.ca.us

## **Emergency Preparedness Tip:**



You should keep enough supplies in your home to meet the needs of you and your family for at least three days. Build an emergency supply kit to take with you in an evacuation. The basics to stock in your portable kit include: water, food, battery-powered radio and flashlight with extra batteries, first aid supplies, change of clothing, blanket or sleeping bag, wrench or pliers, whistle, dust mask, plastic sheeting and duct tape, trash bags, map, a manual can opener for canned food and special items for infants, elderly, the sick or people with disabilities. Keep these items in an easy to carry container such as a covered trash container, a large backpack, or a duffle bag.