



# Monrovia Area Partnership's *Award Winning* Neighborhood News



July 2018

Neighborhood News

## Block Party Fun!

MAP has been in the neighborhoods, educating residents, having block parties, growing (over 300) leaders, and SO MUCH MORE for 12 years! That is a long time and we just had to celebrate. On Saturday, June 16, we and 250 of our closest friends, had a celebration in Julian Fisher Park. We had amazing BBQ, fun playing games, and even watched a movie! Thank you to Cathy for always manning the MAP Booth (and raffles!) and Shanoah for making popcorn for everyone!

We are so thankful we have been able to be a positive change in the City of Monrovia for 12 years and plan to keep it going, growing every year! A big thanks to all of our community partners, City staff who assist us, as well as ALL OF YOU. This program couldn't be half of what it is without our Neighborhood Leaders. Thank you for all that you do: coming to events, disseminating information to your neighbors, participating in City Council meetings, being a part of the City's decision making processes, as well as being great friends.



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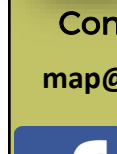
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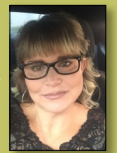
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news on events and  
opportunities through  
MAP.

[TheNeighborhoodFix.blogspot.com](http://TheNeighborhoodFix.blogspot.com)

# MAP Adult Leadership Academy

SEPTEMBER -  
OCTOBER 2018

THURSDAY'S  
7:00 TO 9:00 PM

FINDING THE  
LEADER IN YOU

## GET ACTIVE IN YOUR COMMUNITY!

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.

## HOW DO YOU SIGN UP?

TO PARTICIPATE IN THE MAP ADULT LEADERSHIP ACADEMY, PLEASE COME TO MONROVIA CITY HALL FOR AN APPLICATION OR FIND IT ONLINE AT [CITOFMONROVIA.ORG/MAP](http://CITOFMONROVIA.ORG/MAP). IF YOU HAVE ANY QUESTIONS, CONTACT MAP STAFF AT 626-932-5563 OR [map@ci.monrovia.ca.us](mailto:map@ci.monrovia.ca.us)



# MAP Youth Leadership Academy

## DON'T WAIT TO BE TOLD HOW TO CHANGE THE WORLD.

THE MAP YOUTH LEADERSHIP ACADEMY HAS BEEN CREATED TO ASSIST TEENS IN LEARNING, DEVELOPING AND GROWING. WE START BY EXPLORING HOW WE OURSELVES ARE LEADERS (EVEN IF WE DON'T KNOW IT, YET!) ; THEN MOVE ON TO SEEING HOW OTHER PEOPLE USE THEIR SKILLS TO MAKE A DIFFERENCE. AFTER LEARNING FROM OTHERS, THE ACADEMY MOVES ON TO HOW WE AS A COMMUNITY CAN WORK TOGETHER AND THEN WE END THE ACADEMY BY PUTTING ALL THAT WE LEARNED INTO ACTION.

## WHAT DO YOU GAIN FROM THIS?

- MEET WITH VARIOUS CITY OFFICIALS, STAFF AND COMMUNITY ORGANIZATIONS
- DEVELOP LEADERSHIP SKILLS
- STRATEGIES FOR IMPROVING THE COMMUNITY
- LOTS OF FUN AND NEW FRIENDS

## HOW DO YOU SIGN UP?

TO PARTICIPATE IN THE MAP YOUTH LEADERSHIP ACADEMY, PLEASE REGISTER ONLINE AT [EVENTBRITE.COM](http://EVENTBRITE.COM) (SEARCH YOUTH LEADERSHIP ACADEMY) OR COME TO MONROVIA CITY HALL FOR AN APPLICATION.

WEDNESDAY'S  
3:00 TO 5:00 PM

SEPTEMBER -  
OCTOBER 2018

LEARN  
DEVELOP  
GROW

# Block Party Fun Continues

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MONROVIA AREA PARTNERSHIP PRESENTS

## Block Party & Neighborhood Treasure Reveal

Saturday, August 18, 2018



● 11:00 AM to 2:00 PM ●

500 BLOCK OF E. CYPRESS AVE  
MONROVIA, CA 91016



Our June Block Party was a blast, but it's time to celebrate our next Neighborhood Treasure! On Saturday, August 18, we are going to celebrate Ms. Kate Wright. Read about this wonderful woman below. Also, we have a sneak peak at what the artwork medallion will look like. Our artist will be making the art from a mixture of stained glass, smalti, glass tile, and ceramic pieces. We are so excited for you to see it!!

After we celebrate Ms. Wright, and unveil a great art piece, we are going to have a celebratory block party. Free food, family fun games, giveaways and more!



## Kate Wright, October 1860 – October 1938

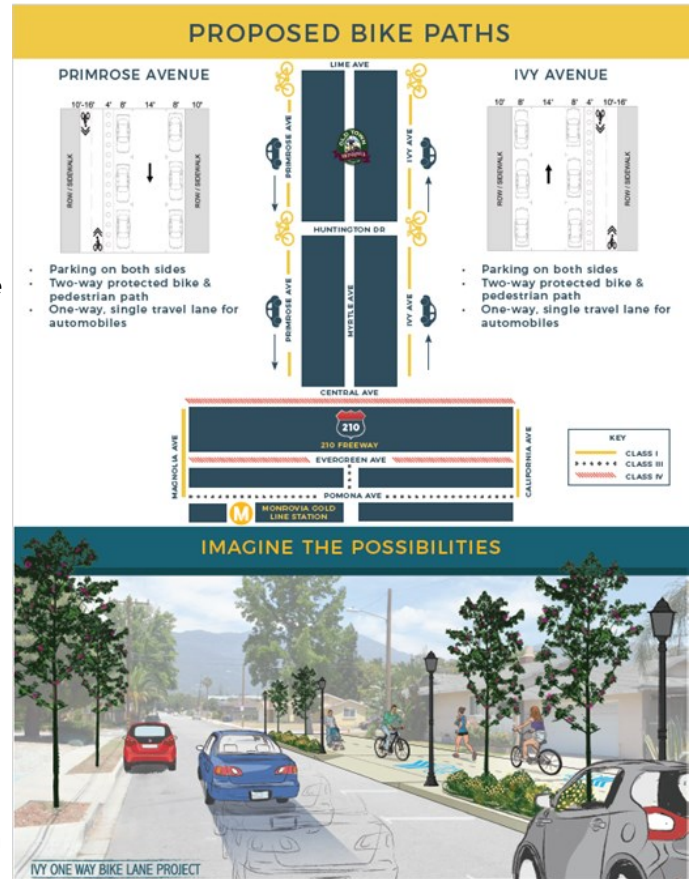
Kate and her son, Marshall, lived with a minister and his family in Kentucky and together they moved to Monrovia in 1900. Two years later the minister and his family moved out of state but Kate remained in Monrovia and lived on E. Cypress Avenue. Kate was divinely inspired to devote her life to care for the sick and the poor. Through donations of supplies and labor she built small cottages on her property, where she tended for patients suffering from tuberculosis who had no family or resources to assist them. Kate received no financial compensation for any of her services. She served selflessly for over 30 years and died in 1938. She is buried in Live Oak Cemetery.

## ACTV Monrovia

The City is currently developing a grant application to explore the possibility of installing a protected bike lane spine connecting Station Square with Old Town Monrovia through an initiative that has been dubbed “ACTV Monrovia.” This effort builds on the mobility plans we have been coordinating here in the City during the past few years, from the development of our Bike Master Plan in 2016, to the implementation of our interconnected Class III bike “sharrow” lanes in 2017, to the establishment of our GoMonrovia initiative in 2018.

The ACTV Monrovia program (Active Community Travel Vinculum) involves the possibility of converting both South Primrose Avenue and South Ivy Avenue into one-way streets beginning at Lime Avenue. The plan would allow for the establishment of protected bike lanes without any loss of on-street parking, encourage traffic to slow down in the identified areas, and would also facilitate the “greening” of South Primrose Avenue and South Ivy Avenue, to create a more park-like setting for residents throughout the length of the identified project area.

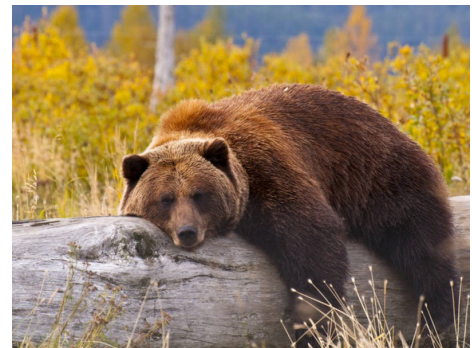
On Thursday, June 21, a neighborhood meeting was held at James Yuille’s home to discuss the changes this would mean to the City. MAP Leaders voices are so important and City Leadership makes sure to meet with affected MAP Leaders first when things like this come up. On Saturday June 30, there was a block party on Fig to show specifically what the changes would look like. Be on the lookout for more informational meetings on this and on other blocks that will be affected.



## Monrovia Wildlife Tips and Laws

Bears, Mountain Lions, Coyotes, deer, and other wildlife are protected under the jurisdiction of the California Department of Fish and Wildlife. The City of Monrovia also has certain laws regulating human contact with our wildlife. Go to the following links for more information: <https://www.wildlife.ca.gov> or <http://www.cityofmonrovia.org/your-government/police-department/general-information/animal-control/living-with-wildlife>

In short, it is against the law to feed wildlife or to harm wildlife. If you or anyone you know has knowledge that someone is feeding or harming wildlife, please call the Monrovia Police Department immediately, so we can investigate appropriately. The foothills above Monrovia are occupied by wildlife: bears, coyotes, deer, mountain lions, and bobcats. Sometimes these wild animals venture out of the foothills and into residential neighborhoods and become a potential danger to humans. Police will respond when called to a wildlife sighting, and in most incidents, the primary goal is to allow the animal to leave the area and return back to the foothills. In most incidents, the officer's presence, use of vehicles, horns, beanbag rounds, is sufficient to encourage the animal to leave the area. To discourage wildlife from coming down into Monrovia neighborhoods, residents need to keep food, trash and sources out of reach of wildlife.



For more information about protections for our wildlife you may contact Monrovia’s Park Rangers in Canyon Park or you may contact Sergeant Daniel Verna or Officer Javier Leon in the Community Activist Policing Office at 626-256-8020 or [dverna@monrovia.laclen.org](mailto:dverna@monrovia.laclen.org) or [jleon@monrovia.laclen.org](mailto:jleon@monrovia.laclen.org)



## CITY OF MONROVIA RESIDENTIAL REHABILITATION PROGRAM

The City of Monrovia Residential Rehabilitation Home Improvement Program provides grants to eligible homeowners of single family detached homes to ensure decent, safe and sanitary housing for Monrovia residents. Grants can be given to correct hazardous conditions, make improvements to eliminate blight, improve handicap access, and to correct building and health code violations. This program is made possible by Community Development Block Grants (CDBG) funds awarded to the City for residential preservation.

A limited number of grants are available to single family, owner occupied residential properties in our Low-Moderate Income Census Tracts on a first come-first served basis.



### GRANT PRIORITIES

- Code Corrections
- Smoke detectors
- Exterior weatherproofing
- ADA rails and handicap devices
- Repair plaster, siding stucco
- Elimination of specific conditions detrimental to public health and safety.
- Testing/treatment of lead based paint and/or asbestos
- Chain Link Fence Removal
- Fencing Repairs
- Repair, replacement of doors windows, screens
- Removal of Security Bars
- Roofing Repair/Replacement

\*INCOME RESTRICTIONS APPLY. ALL PROGRAMS FOR GRANT ASSISTANCE ARE SUBJECT TO THE AVAILABILITY OF FEDERAL, STATE AND LOCAL FUNDING.



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Want more information or to inquire how you can be eligible? email us at [atolefree@ci.monrovia.ca.us](mailto:atolefree@ci.monrovia.ca.us) or call us at 626-932-5563

## Meet Keshia!

Keshia Carter-Bowen, a 2016 graduate of the MAP Adult Leadership Academy, has been quite the busy bee in the community. Keshia, a mother and grandmother, has worked in the beauty industry for 25 years. She is the owner of Simply Divine Salon, Barbershop, Apprenticeship Training Center and the newly opened Beauty Supply Store all here in Monrovia.

As the Director and Instructor of the Apprenticeship Training Center, Keshia works with the board of Barbering and Cosmetology to assist apprenticeship students to get licensed in the field. This also allows her to provide mentorship and guidance to those students so that they can become successful in the beauty industry.

Since graduation, Keshia has also become even more involved in the community by volunteering her time and serving on various boards and committees. She is the Vice Chair of the Monrovia Renewal Citizen Advisory Committee, she is one of the Board of Directors of the Monrovia Chamber of Commerce, she was recently appointed to the Planning Commission, and if that isn't enough, she was chosen as one of Congresswoman Grace Napolitano's 2018 "Unsung Heroines".

Way to go to work in our community Keshia! Thank you for your commitment to a premier Monrovia.



## Meet Barbara!

Barbara Gholar, a 2017 graduate of the MAP Leadership Academy is serving her Monrovia in a mighty way too! Barbara is the almost twin sister (ask her what that means) of our beloved Neighborhood Leader Joannie Yuille and is a lifetime Monrovia. She assumed the role of Chairperson for the Monrovia Duarte Black Alumni Association (formerly held by her sister) for 2018 and succeeded in leading a variety of quality and impactful programs and events for the month of February. Those activities included a Jazz Brunch; a Black History Assembly at MHS; Black History Movie Nights at the middle schools; readers at the elementary schools; a program and luncheon as well as KGEM programs.

The program that she hosts on the cable station KGEM is called "Excellence in All Things". The title of the show is from a book in the Bahai Faith that contains words to encourage all to be excellent to the best of their abilities. This is something her beloved sister Joannie reminded people to strive for. Her show has included interviews with MHS Alumni, scholarship recipients, business owners and city leaders.

Barbara is currently organizing the Pulmonary Hypertension Association O2 Breath Walk coming up on **November 3, 2018** in honor of Joannie. The annual fundraising event will be held at Library Park starting at 8:30 a.m. For more information you can contact Barbara at 626-392-5512 or [qualitycare\\_edu@yahoo.com](mailto:qualitycare_edu@yahoo.com)

Thank you Barbara for picking up the torch and encouraging us all to be *Excellent in All Things*.



## Meet Cassie!

Please meet Cassie (Rodriguez) Pineda, our new part-time Code Enforcement Officer! Prior to becoming an “official” part-time employee, Cassie served as a Volunteer Code Enforcement Officer with the City of Monrovia for 2 years and obtained her certification as a Certified Code Enforcement Officer from the California Association of Code Enforcement Officers (CACEO) .



Cassie will be working on the weekends, and her duties include the following:

- ◇ Retrieving signs that have been posted on utility poles.
- ◇ Canvassing the City for unpermitted construction and unlicensed contractors
- ◇ Canvassing the City for abandoned shopping carts, abandoned items in the public right of way, and unpermitted yard sales
- ◇ Issuing notices of compliance when applicable

We are so happy to welcome Cassie aboard, and if you see her out and about in the city, say hello!

### ABANDONED SHOPPING CARTS IN PUBLIC RIGHT-OF-WAY

California Shopping Cart Retrieval Service Company is Contracted to pick up Abandoned Shopping Carts in Monrovia. They pick up on a daily basis respond to pick up. Report carts in the following ways:

- Call their hotline number at **1-888-9922-4778**
- Online at <http://retailsolutionsus.com/cartrac.html>
- Call Code Enforcement at **626-932-5582**



**However if the carts contain personal items report it:**

- Call Code Enforcement at **626-932-5582**
- Call Monrovia Police Department at **626-256-8000**

## Code Enforcement Tip

**Yard sale season is here!**

Code Enforcement wants to remind Monrovia residents of a few things to keep in mind before holding your yard sale. A permit is required. The cost is \$5.00 and can be purchased at the Community Development counter at Monrovia City Hall or at the Monrovia Police Department when City Hall is closed. Failure to obtain the permit could ultimately result in a citation.

The permit is good for two consecutive days, and a yard sale can be held only once every six months. Two signs advertising your sale may be posted on your yard. If your car is legally parked on a street in Monrovia, you may place a sign on or in your car to advertise your yard sale.

Please do not place signs on city property. Signs are not permitted on utility poles (power or telephone), light standards, street trees, sidewalks, or the like, or on private property without the owner’s permission.

In an effort to keep Monrovia premier, Code Enforcement Staff will be verifying yard sale permits and removing any yard sale signs posted on city property on weekends. If you have any questions regarding yard sales or the City’s code enforcement efforts please contact Code Enforcement at (626) 932-5582.

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