



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



April 2018

Neighborhood News

## Block Party Fun!

*"Create sentiment favorable to intellectual and industrial liberty"*  
Lt. Col. Allensworth

On March 10, 2018, MAP celebrated our first Neighborhood Treasure, Lt. Col. Allen Allensworth and with much excitement in the air, you could just barely feel the chill from the coming rain. We learned so much about our first Treasure from all of the speakers and family members!

But really quick, what is **Neighborhood Treasures**? MAP Staff attend a conference every year called Neighborhoods, USA (NUSA). We get to see what people all over the country are doing to inspire their neighborhoods and work together for a greater good. There was a city in Iowa who was celebrating historians in their city and it got us thinking ...*Monrovia has a lot of great people who have helped make this City the gem that it is.* Neighborhood Treasures is a program that exists to celebrate unsung heroes of Monrovia through art and education. In conjunction with the Monrovia Art in Public Places Committee, each person celebrated (there will be two more in 2018!) will have an art piece from a local artist specific to whom the treasure was. In addition, we have done extensive research with local historians, MAP Leaders, and even reaching out to family members of the treasures to accurately tell their stories to everyone.

Here's a little bit of information about our first Treasure: Lt. Col. Allensworth was born into slavery in April 1842 in Kentucky. He later escaped during the American Civil War and served in the United States Army, where he became the first African American to reach the rank of Lieutenant Colonel. Later, Lt. Col. Allensworth decided to dedicate his life to pursuing expanded education, economic, and political opportunities for African Americans in California, where his journey led him to Monrovia. In 1906, he became the first pastor of Monrovia's Second Baptist Church, where his legacy is carried on today as a prominent place of worship in Monrovia for more over 110 years.

As a special note, the artist who designed the memorial recognizing Lt. Col. Allensworth is none other than Second Baptist Church's very own Ron Husband, who was also the first African American Disney animator.

At the dedication event, special guest Charles Allensworth, great-great nephew to the late Lt. Col. Allensworth, was on hand to honor his family's legacy.



Please go to [CityOfMonrovia.org/NeighborhoodTreasures](http://CityOfMonrovia.org/NeighborhoodTreasures) for more information!

### In this Issue

- Neighborhood Conference - Page 2
- Block Party Fun Continues - Page 3
- Quarterly Updates - Page 4
- CDBG - Page 5
- Upcoming Events - Page 6  
*(our community calendar)*
- Eyes on the Street—page 7



City of Monrovia  
Neighborhood Services  
415 S Ivy Ave  
Monrovia, CA 91016



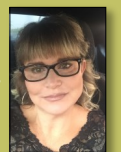
Sheila Spicer-Batice  
(626) 932-5586



Ariel Tolefree  
(626) 932-5563

Aleks Akopyan  
(626) 932-5525

Kerri Zessau  
(626) 932-5564



### Contact us!

[map@ci.monrovia.ca.us](mailto:map@ci.monrovia.ca.us)



Connect with Monrovia  
Volunteers & Leaders -  
"Like" MAP on  
Facebook.



Watch our blog for  
news on events and  
opportunities through  
MAP.

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

# 9th Annual MAP Neighborhood Conference

Page 2

April 2018

With all of the excitement and fun of the block party...we are keeping the momentum going and can you believe it? it's CONFERENCE TIME! Because we want you to be as excited as we are, see below for some updates and top secret information (that we absolutely want you to pass along). See you there!



**When is it?** Saturday April 21, 2018 9:30 am–2:30 pm  
**Where is it?** Monrovia High School (845 Colorado Ave)  
**9:30 am** Breakfast and check-in  
**10:30 am** Session 1  
**11:30 am** Session 2  
**12:30 pm** LUNCH, Keynote, Raffles  
**1:30 pm** Cultural Information Fair, Raffles

This year we have so many exciting workshops, we know it's going to be hard to pick just two...but try your best!

## Session 1 | 10:30 am

### **De-Escalation Simulation | Monrovia PD**

Monrovia PD will be bringing their de-escalation simulator and walking residents through how it works and why it is so important to PD's training and the community. Residents will have the opportunity to go through the simulation!

### **Rediscovering History | Ralph Walker**

Ralph Walker will be discussing why our history is so important to a City like Monrovia, and how much we have learned and gained from embracing it.

### **Neighborhood Treasures | City of Monrovia, Neighborhood Services**

In March 2018, MAP Staff rolled out our phenomenal Neighborhood Treasures program. See behind the scenes on this amazing program and the amazing unsung heroes we are looking forward to celebrating in 2018.

### **Achieving Community Trust Documentary (2 Showings) | Monrovia PD**

Did you miss seeing the ACT Documentary last year? Join session 1 OR 2 to see all of the training Monrovia PD does, its' importance and how it is shaping policing all over the state.

## Session 2 | 11:30 am

### **Active Shooter Training | Officer James Ruano**

What will you do if you find yourself in a situation where there is an active shooter? Come to this workshop to find out do's and don't's.

### **The Value of Others | Ed Nicholls**

The world is a small place, even smaller when we realize how similar we are. Do you see the value in other people and the similarities we share?

### **Celebrating our History | Steve Baker, City Historian**

Join us as we take a look at the rich history of Monrovia.

### **Religion + Diversity Panel | Monrovia Interfaith Council**

How do different religious ideologies discuss and embrace diversity? Come to this panel where religious leaders from the Interfaith Council cover this and so much more!

### **Combatting Bigotry Today | Monrovia Changemakers**

A panel discussion on efforts to combat bigotry in Monrovia. What happened once can happen again. Only by remembering the past and how it was dealt with can we keep it from happening again.

### **Development Trends in Monrovia | Oliver Chi, City Manager**

This session will share details related to the development patterns and projects that are currently in the pipeline and how Monrovia is working to mitigate impacts on the community.

### **Building a Better Monrovia | Tina Cherry, Public Services Director**

Learn more about what improvements are coming your way! The team from Public Services will be on hand to update you on several capital improvement projects currently in design.

### **GoMonrovia! For Suburban Mobility | Oliver Chi**

Have you heard about the new transportation program that the City has developed, called GoMonrovia? Come find out more about how the City is working to help you get around town in a faster, easier, and more convenient way!

Now that you've heard all about how great the conference is going to be, as if you already didn't know, sign up to join us! [EventBrite.com](https://www.eventbrite.com) (search *9th Annual MAP Neighborhood Conference*). There you can pick your workshops and let us know you (and your 3 neighbors, your mom and uncle) are coming! If you know people who want to come, but didn't sign, that's okay, bring them too!



# Block Party Fun Continues





# Quarterly Updates

April 2018

Page 4

## Depot Celebration

Have you driven by Monrovia's Historic Santa Fe Depot lately? The depot is truly an example of what partnership and sticktoitiveness can do. The pictures are beautiful, but seeing it is believing! We can't wait to see what restaurant(s) will call it home!

In addition to the Depot being restored, former mayor Bob Bartlett, who was elected as the first African American to serve on the Monrovia City Council in 1974, was honored with an amazing art piece!

Also, have you been to the photographic exhibition the Monrovia Historical Society is hosting yet? While at the depot,



**A Photographic Exhibition**  
Of Historic Images from the *Monrovia Historical Society*

Join the crowd at the newly-restored Historic Santa Fe Depot!  
100 photographs from the Legacy Collection, a sample of 5,000 soon to be online at the Library.  
Prints for sale — you can own a piece of Monrovia History

March - April 2018  
Each Wed., Sat. & Sun. 1-4  
Admission is Free  
No reservations required  
Location: Historic Santa Fe Depot at Station Square  
1629 S. Myrtle Ave. at Duarte Rd., Monrovia

QUESTIONS?  
Contact: Sandy Barud  
Monrovia Historical Society  
Home of the Legacy Project  
P.O. Box 1898  
Monrovia, CA 91017  
monroviahistoricalsociety1896@gmail.com  
Phone: 626.256.3423 or 626.675.8323

**go monrovia** Launching March 17, 2018

Join us this St. Patrick's Day, Saturday, March 17, 2018, as we roll out our community's new set of wheels, and celebrate the launch of GoMonrovia - a program designed to give Monrovia residents more options to get around town!

9 AM - WELCOME  
10 AM - COMMUNITY BIKE RIDE!  
Choose to take a free ride on a LimeBike, or bring your own bike! Must be 13 years or older to ride a LimeBike, and children under 18 years old must wear a helmet.

**Lyft**  
\$0.50/ride anywhere in the Monrovia service area

**LimeBike**  
\$1.00 for 30 minute ride

The City PROUDLY introduces: GOMonrovia! Starting on March 17, 2018, you'll be able to take a Lyft ride anywhere in the Monrovia service area for just \$0.50!

Additionally, the community is about to get a lot more green - lime green to be exact! LimeBike, one of the nation's leading bike-share providers, is now operating in Monrovia. Unlike traditional bike-share services that require you to pick up and drop off bikes at a few designated dock locations, LimeBike is completely dockless! After downloading the LimeBike app, riders simply locate a nearby bike on the map using GPS technology, scan the code to unlock the bike, and ride to their destination! LimeBikes are available for \$1.00 for a 30-minute ride, or \$29.95 for 100 rides per month

For more information, visit: [www.GoMonrovia.com](http://www.GoMonrovia.com)

# Community Development Block Grant

April 2018

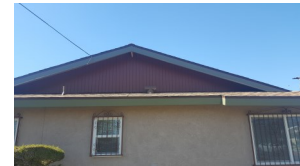
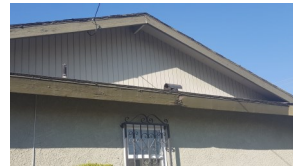
Page 5

As you may know by now, MAP has amazing programs that are all about YOU. How can we, as City staff, best help our residents be successful and get the most out of their community? One of our many ways includes the Community Development Block Grant Residential Home Improvement Grant Program.

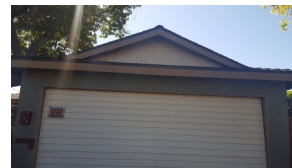
The intent of the City of Monrovia Residential Rehabilitation Home Improvement Grant is to provide grants to eligible homeowners / occupants of single family detached homes for the preservation of decent, safe and sanitary housing; to correct hazardous conditions; to make improvements to eliminate blight and improve handicapped access; and to correct building and health code violations through the awarding of Community Development Block Grants (CDBG). All properties to be repaired must be a single family residence located in the a low-moderate income census tract and be within the City limits of Monrovia. For more information, please visit our website:

<http://www.cityofmonrovia.org/your-government/community-development/monrovia-area-partnership/housing/community-development-block-grant>

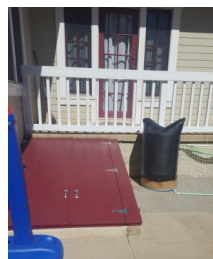
We have three homeowners who received big improvements done to their home! The improvements made to the homes change the way people are able to live in their homes and have (slightly) less stress. Especially when it comes to things like not having your roof leak .



This homeowner had her roof for 20 years, and had obviously served its' purpose and it was time for a new roof. In addition to a new roof and fixing the damaged eaves, we also worked with the homeowner to get her house painted for a full home makeover. The results look great!



This homeowner needed railing so she could safely use her front and back porches. In addition to that, due to the age of the home, her plaster ceiling was falling and the basement door wasn't even usable anymore. These small changes lead to a better quality of life (and no chance of plaster falling from the sky!) for the whole family.



Turns out, old homes have old roofs. We assisted this homeowner in helping her get a new roof as well, which also helped with a small leak issue that began last year after it rained last year.

Do you know someone who can benefit from this grant?  
Have them contact Ariel at [atolefree@ci.monrovia.ca.us](mailto:atolefree@ci.monrovia.ca.us) or 626-932-5563!



# Upcoming Events

Page 6

April 2018



Save The Date!  
9th Annual MAP  
Neighborhood Conference

Saturday, April 21, 2018  
Monrovia High School  
845 Colorado Ave

Celebrating Monrovia:  
*Our Treasures, Our Differences, Each Other*

The poster features two circular logos: one for 'IN A PARTNER' and another for 'CITY OF MONROVIA 1887'.

## Various City Events

**April 21:** Monrovia Wine Walk

**May 1:** Youth Leadership Academy Graduation  
Monrovia City Hall @ 7:00 pm

**May 19-21:** Monrovia Days

**July 4:** City of Monrovia 4th of July Celebration

## Neighborhood Treasures

As we mentioned earlier, there are two more treasures this year...ready for a sneak peek?

**August 18, 2018**—We will be celebrating Ms. Kate Wright.

Ms. Wright and her son, Marshall, lived with a minister and his family and moved to Monrovia in 1900. She informed others that she had a conversation with God one day, and decided to devote her life to care for the sick and the poor from that moment on. 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.

Wright also collected food for holiday baskets for those in need, Baker said, acting as a precursor to today's Foothill Unity Center,

She received no financial compensation for any of her services. Ms. Wright continued to selflessly support others for over 30 years. She died in 1937 and is buried at Live Oak Cemetery.

Doesn't she sound incredible? It is our privilege to honor such a humble treasure. Stay tuned for more information about her and the block party celebration in her honor.

## BLOCK PARTY

**When:** Saturday, June 16th

**Where:** Julian Fisher Park  
915 S. California Avenue

**Time:** 5 pm to 10 pm

It's our 12th anniversary! We will be having a great time filled with food, fun, music, games, prizes and a movie! Block parties are created to foster relationships among residents, strengthen the community and enhance city services.

City staff will be present listen to concerns and suggestions.

**SAVE THE DATE** and join us for the fun!



## TRAKiT Provides Modern Permitting Solutions for the City of Monrovia

TRAKiT Software provided the City of Monrovia with a modern solution to an ongoing dilemma...how do we modernize outdated government systems in order to meet the critical elements of land management, planning, and overall administration?

In March 2018, the City implemented TRAKiT to improve permitting, streamline behind the scenes processes and improve collaboration. This has enabled the City to automate permitting, manage inspections, regulate land use, and track projects.

So, what does this mean for you, our customers?

It means when you come to Community Development to get a building permit, yard sale permit, business license or a number of other things it will be an easier and more stream-lined process.

More information is readily available to our customers and coming soon we will offer eTRAKiT; an online Permitting System.

# Eyes on the Street

April 2018

Page 7



## Community Policing Tip

As the rain slowly goes away and the weather warms up, we encourage people to get out and ride bicycles along Monrovia's new bike paths called "sharrows." You may have seen the symbol painted on several of our streets recently, which looks like two arrows above the bicyclist symbol as a reminder to motorists that they must share the road with bicyclists.

The California Vehicle Code regulates how people are to operate motor vehicles and bicycles on public roadways. Along with helmets, required to be worn by all cyclists under 18 years old, there are several other laws bicyclists and motorists must follow so that everyone stays safe and can enjoy a Southern California drive or ride along our roads.

We want to remind all bicyclists that they are to obey all the driving rules of the road that motor vehicles follow, which includes stopping at stop signs and stop lights. Bicyclists must remember that while riding on the roadway you are to obey all vehicle codes just like a motor vehicle.

Motorists must remember that California has a new law that requires motor vehicles to stay a minimum of 3 feet from all bike riders. These and the other rules of the road are not designed by our law makers to be a burden on Californians, but to keep us all safe and able to enjoy our beautiful state for years to come.

For more information about the rules of the road for both motorists and cyclists you can visit the California Department of Motor Vehicle's website at [dmv.ca.gov](http://dmv.ca.gov) 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)



## Code Enforcement Tip

Summer is almost here which means - mosquito season is upon us. Monrovia residents and businesses share the responsibility of vector control and we count on you to eliminate the potential mosquito infestations at your home and place of business. Here are a few helpful tips to make sure your outdoor summer fun is mosquito free.



Remove all stagnant water - take the time to walk around your patio or yard about once a week to make sure there is no standing water that would make a good harborage for mosquito breeding. Mosquitos can lay eggs in the smallest pools of stagnant water (like water collected under plant saucers).

Report mosquito problems such as neglected pools and standing water to: San Gabriel Valley Mosquito & Vector Control at (626) 814-9466 and [www.sgvmosquito.org](http://www.sgvmosquito.org) or Code Enforcement!



KEN TRUE  
WEST of Myrtle  
(626) 932-5535

KRYSTINA LIVRAGA  
COMMERCIAL  
(626) 932-5533

RICK MACIAS  
EAST of Myrtle  
(626) 932-5545

City of Monrovia Neighborhood Services  
415 S Ivy Ave  
Monrovia, CA 91016

PRSRT STD  
U.S. POSTAGE  
**PAID**  
ARCADIA, CA  
PERMIT NO. 18

# Neighborhood News

April 2018

## Monrovia Area Partnership Twelve Year Anniversary Block Party & Movie Night



Join us for a fun-filled and free event!

**BLOCK PARTY!**  
**Saturday June 16, 2018 from 5:00 pm-10:00 pm**  
**Julian Fisher Park**  
**915 S. California Avenue**

Free Popcorn | Free Hot Dogs & Hot Links |  
Meet the City Departments | Activities for kids and families |  
Summer Movie Night— Wonder

For additional details, contact us at  
[map@ci.monrovia.ca.us](mailto:map@ci.monrovia.ca.us) or at 626-932-5563!

