



Monrovia Area Partnership's *Award Winning* Neighborhood News



October 2018

Neighborhood News

Celebrating Aunt Kate Wright

On August 18, 2018, we took over the 500 block of Cypress (between California and Shamrock) in honor of our Second Neighborhood Treasure! In case, you haven't heard us talking about her for the last few months, we celebrated Aunt Kate Wright, her incredible story and the lives she touched here in Monrovia.

Thank you to City Historian **Steve Baker** for poetically sharing her history and to artist **Dawn Mendleson** for creating such an incredible art piece to celebrate an important life. Get a closer look at the art piece and see more about Aunt Kate Wright at cityofmonrovia.org/NeighborhoodTreasures. We are so happy that so many of you joined us on this nice, hot day to help celebrate her!

"If ever there was a saint, it was she."



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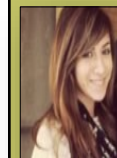


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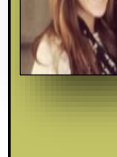
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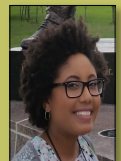
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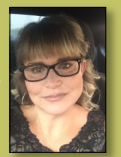
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Caring for



Our Neighbor

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We met our friends on Ivy Ave, initially, due to a welfare check that turned into a Code Enforcement case from the overgrown landscape. Most cities would just cite the homeowners until they fixed the problem and moved on. This project is a testament as to how our staff is aware that not all of our code enforcement cases can be resolved the traditional way. Some require creative solutions and the utilization of our many resources in the community.

After Code Enforcement Officer Rick Macias spoke with our homeowner on Ivy, it became clear that things had gotten out of control because, unfortunately, the homeowner was unable to maintain and care for some areas. As a disabled Vietnam Veteran with a work schedule that includes a night shift outside of his home and a day shift providing care for his ailing wife inside of his home, outside priorities had fallen short.

Luckily, we have great resources that helped the homeowner. Officer Macias connected with the Volunteer Center of San Gabriel Valley to bring volunteers in to assist in removing majority of the overgrown plants that had begun taking over the yard. Over the next several weeks and weekends, Rick came in on the weekends to check the progress. The volunteers performed clean up at the property and cleared away vegetation, trash and debris that made a tremendous positive impact on the property. As you can see from the pictures, they had a big job ahead of them and were successful in the clean up!

After the clean up, we couldn't just leave the yard as dirt so in comes the MAP *Care For Your Neighbor* program! Thanks to MAP Leaders, more volunteers from the Volunteer Center and some elbow grease, you can see in the after pictures how beautiful the yard turned out. The homeowners, their neighbors and friends were very happy about the changes to the yard.

Do you know of a neighbor who is in need? Contact us at map@ci.monrovia.ca.us to see how we can help.





MAP-edu

MAP IS ALL ABOUT EDUCATING THE COMMUNITY; TO DO THAT, WE NEED YOU!

JOIN THE (M)ONROVIA (A)REA (P)ARTNERSHIP
AS WE HAVE OUR FIRST COMMUNITY
MEETING OF THE YEAR!

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JANUARY 12, 2019 @ 11 AM
COMMUNITY CENTER - MONROE ROOM

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TOPICS INCLUDE

- 2018 YEAR IN REVIEW
- A LOOK AT 2019
- HOW TO GET INVOLVED IN THE CITY
- DEVELOPMENT UPDATES
- NEIGHBORHOOD TREASURES



WANT TO JOIN US? RSVP TODAY!

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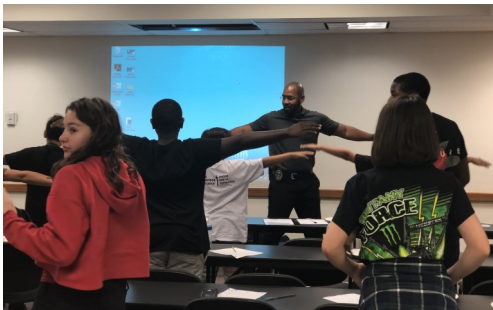
MAP Leaders in Action

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We have a whole new crew of MAP Leaders! **Our Youth Leaders** are learning all about leadership, what it means for them, #SelfCare, and public speaking. This ever-evolving program has had some major changes based on recommendations from the teens. We strive to be more interactive at every Academy.

Last year, we added a volunteerism component to get the kids not just THINKING of how to get involved in their community, but actually doing it. This year, we stepped it up a notch, partnering with the Foothill Unity Center. The teens learned about the organization, why they do such important work and even got to spend a morning sorting food for the Foothill Unity Center's distribution center.



In addition, this year, the teens are learning about how City Council works. They will get the opportunity to meet with the City Clerk and Assistant to the City Clerk to learn how Leadership can include leading your City in different capacities, including: being Mayor or a voice for the community during public comment and how both are incredibly important. The teens will be able to sit at the dais and learn first hand how it works during our mock City Council Meeting.

We love our **Adult Leadership Academy!** Like the Youth, our Adult Academy is ever-evolving to ensure participants can get the most out of it. For those of you who have gone through the Academy, you know the basics: we teach you about your local government, why its important to get involved and then how to get involved.



More than that, you and your fellow residents get to know each other and realize that getting involved is not a far off concept; it's attainable and can really make a difference. Remember, local government exists to serve the public. You are the most important part!

Our group has been learning all about that AND MORE! Feel like you need a refresher and you're ready to get involved (or get BACK involved?) contact us so you can join. Each Academy starts in September!

Join us for graduation! For the first time, our teens and adults are going to graduate together and can use the support of their fellow green shirt-clad leaders! Show them how phenomenal of a community we are!

**Tuesday, November 6 @ 6:30 SHARP
City Council Chambers
415 S Ivy
*Wear your shirts!***

Bettie Mae Scott

On **Saturday, November 17, 2018**, we will be celebrating our next Neighborhood Treasure, *Bettie Mae Scott!*

Bettie Mae Scott was born in 1921 and was the daughter of the former Monrovia Police Chief, Frank Scott. She was a hometown girl who attended the Monrovia Arcadia Duarte High School (MAD), attended Pasadena City College (PCC) and was trained with the Women Airforce Service Pilots (WASP) in Sweetwater, Texas as a ferry and test pilot. As a WASP in World War II, she was among the first women trained to fly American Military Aircrafts. In July 1944, two weeks before her 23rd birthday and a month before she was set to be married, Bettie Mae was killed in Waco, Texas shortly after take-off testing a newly repaired BT-13 to see if it was airworthy for a male pilot.



As WASP's were not officially recognized by the military until many years later, Bettie Mae was sent home in a cheap pine box without military honors. Her fellow pilots paid for her body to be returned home. On the day of her funeral many Monrovia businesses closed and the Police and Fire Departments escorted her to her final resting place at Live Oak Cemetery in Monrovia. She was one of only thirty-eight WWII WASPs killed while in the service of their country. In 2000, Pasadena City College selected Bettie Mae Scott to be one of their 75 most distinguished alumni. On March 10, 2010, Bettie Mae was posthumously honored at a Congressional Medal ceremony in Washington, DC, where all WASPs were presented gold medals for their service.



Join us in celebrating this brave hero! There will be special speakers, City departments, lunch, family fun, games and more!

November 17, 2018
500 block of W Maple Ave
Between Mayflower and Hwy Esplanade
11 am

Code Enforcement Tip

Thinking of remodeling? Wondering if you need a building permit? In most cases here in California you will. You might need zoning review and approval as well. Why?

The role of the Building Division is to safeguard life or limb, health, property and public welfare by regulating and controlling the design, construction, quality of materials, use and occupancy, location and maintenance of all buildings and structures within the city. The Planning Division plays an important role in achieving the City's goals and objectives related to the city's physical development.



From a simple water heater change or an electrical upgrade to room additions, improvements or demolition at residential and commercial properties; these projects all require owners or their contractors to obtain permits.

Where does code enforcement fit in? When construction is done without approval or a permit; code enforcement will make the owner aware of the need to obtain a permit. Also, due to the potential life safety concerns presented by unpermitted construction, an administrative citation may be issued to correct the situation.

Our tip to you - it is always best to contact the City before starting any construction project. Staff will be happy to assist you through any review and permit process

If you have any questions regarding the City's code enforcement efforts please contact Code Enforcement at (626) 932-5582.



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Monrovia Area Partnership Presents

BLOCK & PARTY *Neighborhood Treasure Reveal*



Saturday, November 17, 2018

▪ 11:00 AM TO 1:00 PM ▪
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(btwn Mayflower and Hwy Esplanade)

For additional details, contact us at
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