



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



January 2019

Neighborhood News

## Celebrating Bettie Mae Scott

On November 17, 2018, we took over the 500 block of West Maple (between Hwy Esplanade and Mayflower) in honor of our THIRD Neighborhood Treasure! In case you haven't heard us talking about her for the last few months, we celebrated Ms. Bettie Mae Scott, her incredible story and other World War II Women Airforce Service Pilots (WASPs).

Thank you to City Historian **Steve Baker** for poetically sharing her history, **Mrs. Alyce Rohrer** for giving us a glimpse into what it was like to be a woman and a WASP during World War 2, and to artist **Gary Lett** for creating such an incredible art piece to celebrate an important life. Get a closer look at the art piece and learn more about Bettie Mae Scott at [cityofmonrovia.org/NeighborhoodTreasures](http://cityofmonrovia.org/NeighborhoodTreasures). We are so happy that so many of you joined us on such a nice day to help celebrate her!

*"Soaring the skies with wings of an angel."*



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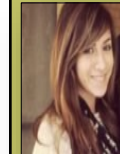


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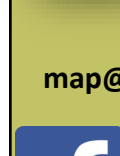
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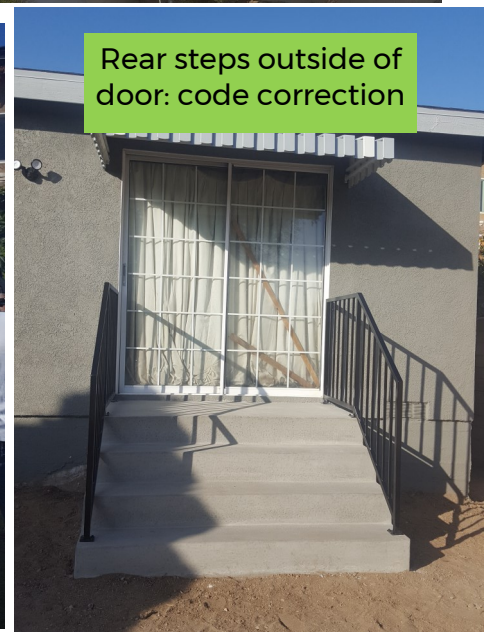


Watch our blog for  
news on events and  
opportunities through  
MAP.

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



# Community Development Block Grant



These residents had a few requests for the CDBG team, as well as a few Code corrections. After all was said and done, we were able to help out this family to make some big changes including;

- ◇ Painting the home
- ◇ New gutters and down spouts
- ◇ A new water heater (in a safer location)
- ◇ Steps outside of their back door
- ◇ Fixing the steps off of their kitchen
- ◇ Fixing two broken windows
- ◇ Asbestos abatement

We're ready to help our next homeowners!

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!

Check out [CityOfMonrovia.org/CDBG](http://CityOfMonrovia.org/CDBG) more information !





# 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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# Save the Date

Monrovia Area Partnership Presents

## 10th Annual MAP Neighborhood Conference Not Without You...

Saturday April 6, 2019  
Second Baptist Church  
925 S. Shamrock Ave  
Monrovia, CA 91016



IT'S CONFERENCE TIME! And can you believe it? It's our TENTH Annual Conference. We are so excited to make this year the biggest ever. We've been listening to feedback, so we found a place with a lot of parking and all of the classrooms are in close proximity. Join us at Second Baptist Church (in the Education Center)! In addition to that, we have some great workshops (some repeats from last year, some brand new) and more.

Fun things to expect this year:

- ◇ New location
- ◇ Excellent Workshops
- ◇ Health Fair (including health screenings)
- ◇ Raffles
- ◇ Making friends

More details will be coming soon so stay tuned!





# MAP Leaders in Action

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We have new MAP Leaders! Last newsletter we discussed all of the fun things that the new Leaders were learning in the Academy and the changes that we implemented this year. On **November 6**, we had our graduation and it was a **PACKED HOUSE!** The City Council Chambers were full of people celebrating all of our new MAP Leaders!

We want to thank **EVERYONE** who assisted with the Academies this year, from the staff, to the volunteers and MAP Leaders. This Academy could not continue without the help of our community! Keep an eye out for these leaders out and about in the world in our **NEW MAP shirts!**



MAP Youth  
Leadership Academy  
Graduating Class  
2018



MAP Adult  
Leadership Academy  
Graduating Class  
2018

## Holiday Parade Grand Marshal MAP Leaders

MAP was given the distinct honor of being the Monrovia Holiday Parade Grand Marshal! Each year, the Grand Marshal is chosen based on their contributions in the community. **GOOD JOB** to **ALL** MAP Leaders working hard to keep Monrovia an awesome place to be. On **Wednesday, December 12**, we enjoyed a lovely tree lighting ceremony celebrating all of our accomplishments! Thank you to everyone who came out and braved the cold for a fun night!



## Francisco & Felix J. Gutierrez

Francisco Gutierrez was born in 1871 at La Mision Vieja, California to parents who came for the Gold Rush. Francisco worked as a foreman in orange packing houses and was a Los Angeles Deputy Sheriff stationed in Arcadia. In 1905, Francisco came to Monrovia and worked for B. R. Davison Company as a cement foreman. In 1925, he opened his own cement business. Sidewalks around Monrovia Plunge, Immaculate Conception, tennis courts at Recreation Park, and private homes would have the Gutierrez imprint (*have you seen it?*). Francisco's son, Felix was born in 1918. He was part of the Shamrock Rovers, a group of multiracial boys who did what boys do. But life in Monrovia was segregated. Felix would only be able to swim one day a week at the pool where his father helped build the sidewalks. Francisco had other ideas and allowed Felix and his friends to baptize the pool with their frolics before opening day. Felix went to Monrovia Arcadia Duarte (MAD) High School and was one of only two students of Mexican descent to graduate in 1937. He lettered in track and was staff artist for the school's Wildcat newspaper. The Depression caused hard-



ship for Francisco's cement business and Felix worked to support his own ambitions.

Felix had grand ideas. Upon transferring to Pasadena Junior College to study art, Felix started a newspaper, Mexican Voice. Launched from his home, Felix was a writer, artist, editor, and spoke for the Mexican American movement throughout the Southwest. In a blistering editorial with political cartoons, Mexican Voice questioned why Mexican volunteers were considered "white" by the World War II draft board, but "colored" by Monrovia Plunge, school districts, and neighbors. Some Mexicans from the movement had gone to Monrovia City Council in 1939 to assert their rights for integration, by comparing their segregation with that of Jews in Germany. Mexicans could only sit on the right side of the theater and could not patronize some restaurants on Myrtle.



The Gutierrez family is filled with Mexican revolutionaries and they spoke for many people who didn't have a voice. This is just a sneak peek to the incredible life that Francisco and Felix J led. Find out more at our celebration in June!

Join us in celebrating this amazing family! There will be special speakers, City departments, lunch, family fun, games and more!  
June 8, 2019—LOCATION TBD

## What is a neighborhood treasure?

The MAP Neighborhood Treasure Program is a collaboration of efforts from our MAP Team, Art in Public Places Committee, Local Artists, City Historians, Public Services Staff, and City Council who celebrate Monrovia heroes for their contributions to the community through the placement of public art pieces that are each unique to the honoree.

The Treasures initiative aims to celebrate historically and culturally significant Monrovians through the installation of public art pieces in various neighborhoods throughout the community. The proposed public art pieces were envisioned to include a decorative informational plaque describing the contributions of the individual being recognized, and that it would be placed in specific neighborhoods relevant to the identified community member. The hope of the program is that the art will educate and inspire others while improving the quality of the neighborhoods where the art is located.



**MUST READ**

**TAX SCAM**

**COMMUNITY POLICING TIPS**

**THOUSANDS OF PEOPLE LOSE MILLIONS OF DOLLARS AND THEIR PERSONAL INFORMATION**

**NOTE: The IRS Does Not Initiate Contact With Taxpayers by email, text messages, or social media**

**[BELOW ARE TIPS TO HELP AVOID TAX FRAUD SCAMS]**

- Do not respond to calls requesting tax payment
- Do not respond to emails requesting tax or personal information
  - Be specially aware of scams as Tax Season approaches
  - Be aware of fake calls to return money to a collection agency
  - Scammers will try to scare you into paying
- Scammers sometimes use actual IRS addresses to send proof of payment

**BROUGHT TO YOU BY THE MONROVIA POLICE DEPARTMENT AND THE COMMUNITY POLICING BUREAU**



Did you happen to drive through the Bradoaks neighborhood last month? MAP Leaders Susan Pilcher, Larry Rickabaugh and their neighbors were instrumental in providing supplies, tables and snacks for their annual sled painting event. This event, created by MAP Leader, Susan Pilcher, to have all of her neighbors get to know each other better, has resulted in over 200 sleds. While the event was first created for the neighbors in the Bradoaks neighborhood, now in its' fourth year, the event has friends coming for the event from all over SoCal and even out of state. Missed them this year? You can catch them next year starting right after Thanksgiving!

## Code Enforcement Tip

The holiday season brings joy, family time, excess eating and more....but it also brings decorations galore! This is a reminder that temporary electrical lighting decorations are permitted by the City for 90 days or after Thanksgiving through the New Year.

Keeping temporary lights up can cause dangerous mishaps to your home and we want everyone to be careful!

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



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Have you...noticed anything? Possibly, a new- looking logo that has suddenly appeared? If you came to our last two events, you might have noticed MAP staff wearing brand new green shirts. After 12 years, we wanted to implement a new logo that has emphasis on all that we do and aim to achieve in the Monrovia community. Our new logo focuses on: **Community, Leadership, Engagement, and Resources**, much of what makes MAP, MAP. We hope you love it as much as we do!

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