

MONROVIA AREA PARTNERSHIP'S
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Neighborhood News

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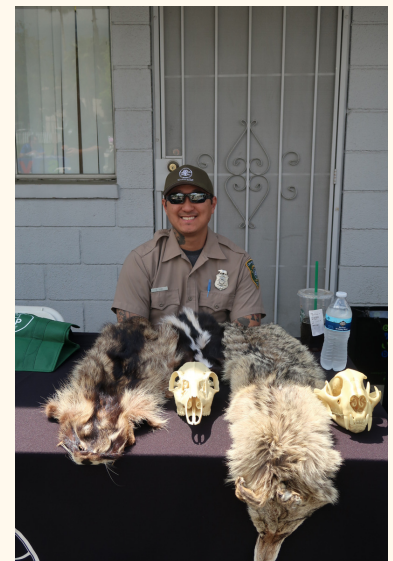
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10th Annual

MAP Neighborhood Conference

Without YOU, none of this would have been possible. To all who joined us at this year's Annual MAP Conference, we thank you! To those not able to join us, we have created a 2019 Conference Report to share, in depth, the fun, excitement, fellowship, and food enjoyed throughout this happy day! To our sponsors, we extend a very special thank you. The report is available to view at cityofmonrovia.org/map. Just look below at all the happy faces!



Not Without You...

On Saturday, April 6, 2019, the City of Monrovia Neighborhood Services Division carried out the 10th Annual Neighborhood Conference. 350 participants came together as a community to have conversations, brainstorm ideas and create change. The conference's continued growth and success shows the value of gathering diverse communities for dialogue.



Elected officials, city staff, community organizations and residents from all over the San Gabriel Valley attended this year's conference.

Attendees participated in activities that included 16 thoughtful and interactive workshops, as well as many discussions with city staff and City Council members.

Workshops

In 2019, we hosted 16 workshops, including:

- 7 highlighting City services and programs
- 5 on community issues and initiatives
- 4 relating to neighborliness



Sponsors

This Conference wouldn't be possible without all of our wonderful sponsors!

Thank you to:

- Monrovia Fire
- Monrovia Police Department
- Mountjoy Construction
- Baja Ranch Supermarket
- Athens Services
- Wendy's
- Tommy's
- Jersey Mikes
- Starbucks

Information Fair & Health Screenings

In 2019, we had 30 exhibitors and health screenings:

- 11 community organizations
- 6 city departments
- 3 public agencies
- 3 companies
- 7 health screenings



Assemblywoman Blanca Rubio's Woman of the Year

Every March, women across California are recognized for exemplary contributions they make in the community where they work, live or worship. Our own Ariel Tolefree-Williams was selected as one of the state's Woman of the Year recipients. Ariel was honored at Assemblywoman's Blanca E. Rubio's Woman of the Year on Saturday, March 9, 2019 for her many positive contributions to this community.

Ariel's many accomplishments include: A Master's Degree in Non-Profit Management and Leadership that she has put to good use. She currently serves in the role as the Neighborhood Services Program Coordinator for the City of Monrovia where she is responsible for resident and community building. The Monrovia programs she is in charge of include the Monrovia Area Partnership (MAP) Program with programming such as adult and youth leadership academies. Ariel leads workshops where participants are taught about city government and leadership skills and are provided with numerous resources and motivation to engage in their community. Ariel also organizes an annual city-wide Neighborhood Conference that offers workshops, resources and current information to help Monrovia residents stay informed and engaged in their city government. Many of the participants are now serving the community on various boards, commissions in their neighborhoods.



She also hosts block parties, volunteer opportunities and educational neighborhood meetings with the same purpose. Her duties also include administration of the federal Community Development Block Grant that help to fund the City's code enforcement operations, home improvement grants to low-moderate income residents, the Care for Your Neighbor Program provides yard clean up for seniors.

Ariel is already a homeowner and, if that weren't enough, she serves her church with the Teens in Progress group where she mentors the teens in her congregation at Second Baptist church and serves as a leader on the SET For Life team in their advocacy programs for preventative health.

Congratulations to Ariel for the well-deserved recognition!

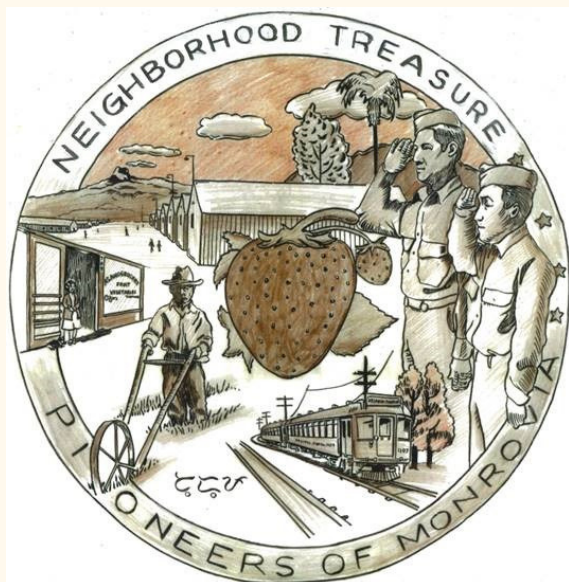
Neighborhood Treasure Update

Japanese American pioneers in California often get overlooked. The early '49ers, the railroad workers, the farmworkers, and even the laundry workers, helped to build much of the state, but the discrimination of the 19th century followed them to the 20th century. By 1900, Japanese American families like the Uyedas, Tsuneishis, Asanos and Kuromiyas came to Monrovia to establish strawberry farms and build grocery stores and fruit stands. Life in Monrovia was challenging for many Japanese Americans who worked endless hours to provide for their families while helping make Monrovia a growing community. However, these same individuals were not allowed to move north of Walnut Avenue. Many of the businesses and family homes were located on or in close proximity to Huntington Drive.

After Pearl Harbor, many Japanese American Monroviaans were picked up by the Monrovia Police, at the behest of the FBI, and sent to internment camps. It is said that the Monrovia Police Officers were embarrassed to pick them up because they not only knew them, but appreciated what they did for the community. After their release from the camps, some of these families came home to Monrovia, graduated their children from Monrovia schools, and are buried at Live Oak Cemetery. Their stories are a part of Monrovia's identity and legacy!



Uyeda's Produce Stand, 331 W. Huntington Drive. Photo courtesy of Keiko Sakatani.



Artwork
sneak peek!

Join us on
Saturday, June 8, 2019
for our next Neighborhood
Treasure Unveiling and Block Party!
300 W Cypress Ave
@ 11 am

(M)ONROVIA (A)REA (P)ARTNERSHIP'S 13TH ANNUAL

Block Party

Julian Fisher Park
June 22, 2019
@ 11 am

FREE!

MAP is turning 13! Join us as we celebrate with an ice cream social! We will also have giveaways, games, and barbecue for the whole family!
EVERYONE IS INVITED!

RSVP: MonroviaAreaPartnership.Eventbrite.com

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MAP-edu Community Meeting
Saturday August 10, 2019
10am to 1pm
Monrovia Community Center

With so many things going on in the community, it's nice to hear the news straight from City Hall, right? Join us as we discuss the Top 10 Secret Resources in Monrovia. If you missed this awesome workshop at the conference, here's your chance to get the information!

Neighborhoods, USA

This May, your MAP team will be at the Neighborhoods, USA (NUSA) Conference in Palm Springs to represent all of the great programs that YOU help make so amazing and successful. We will be teaching a workshop on Monrovia's amazing Youth Leadership Academy and the lives the program has affected. We are so excited to share this program at this international conference! In addition, MAP is officially a finalist in the category Best Neighborhood Program for Neighborhood Treasures! We will be presenting to the NUSA board the reasons this program is so worthy of an award and the impact it has had in celebrating unsung heroes of Monrovia.



For more information on NUSA and how to join us, please visit NUSA.org.

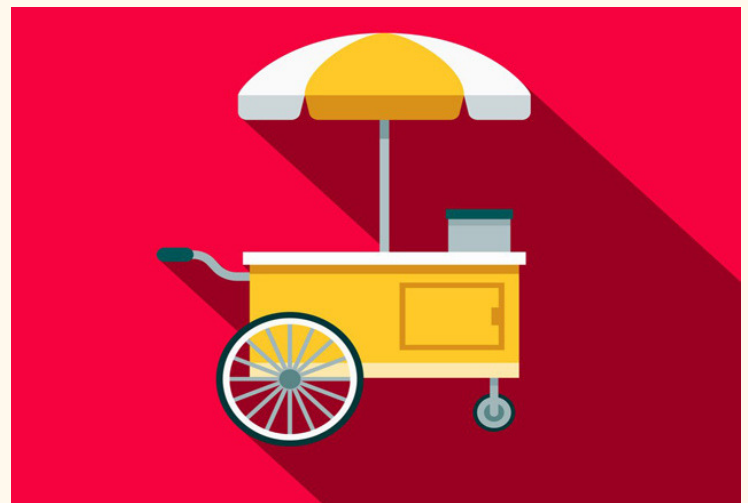
Code Enforcement Tip

Sidewalk Vendors are now allowed to operate in the City of Monrovia- with permits and licenses, of course! So, enjoy that ice cream, put more butter on the corn, or add the teddy bear to the flower arrangement you purchased for Mother's Day!

As of January 1, 2019, State Senate Bill SB 946 made it unlawful for local authorities to prohibit sidewalk vendors from operating in their cities; it does, however, allow for cities to adopt certain regulations concerning the time, place and manner of sidewalks vending, if the requirements are directly related to health, safety or welfare concerns. In compliance with SB 946, the Monrovia City Council adopted an ordinance that established regulations for sidewalk vending in our City. To clear any confusion, a Sidewalk Vendor is defined as a person who sells food or merchandise from a vending cart (which can be a pushcart to a stand or display) or from one's person, on a public sidewalk, parkway, pedestrian path or other public right of way. The vendor can be stationary selling from a fixed location or roaming moving place to place stopping only to complete a transaction.

Sidewalk Vendors are required to obtain a City business license and provide proof of liability insurance. Those vendors selling food are required to provide a copy of a valid permit from the Los Angeles County Health Department.

How do you know if the Sidewalk Vendor is permitted? Sidewalk Vendors are required to carry their business licenses with them at all times. And, if they are selling food, they will also need to have a County Health Department Permit displayed on their vending carts with a posted letter grade as any other food establishment. Once the vendor obtains a City license, a City of Monrovia decal is issued and should be visible on the vending cart.



Vendors also have to follow certain operating requirements as to not pose a safety risk to themselves, the public and their customers. For example, vendors must allow for pedestrian clearance while vending on a city sidewalk. You can find all the permit and operation requirements for Sidewalk Vendors on our website at www.cityofmonrovia.org/bl.

If you have any questions about Sidewalk Vendors or think that a vendor may be operating without a license and/or in a way that may be a safety hazard to the public, please contact **Code Enforcement at (626) 932-5533** or **Monrovia Police Department at (626) 256-8000**.

Caring For Our Neighbors

The Neighborhood & Business Services Division provide services to the community through code enforcement and neighborhood service programs. Code enforcement staff often come across residents with code enforcement violations at their properties that involve yard maintenance which, due to a resident's age or life-circumstance has gotten out of control and can't be corrected through traditional code enforcement means.

Given these situations, here in Monrovia, we've developed some unique local response efforts. Through various volunteer programs such as our Make A Difference Day, or MAP's Care for Your Neighbor Program, we have consistently found ways to help assist our neighbors in need instead citing them, which often just exacerbates the code issues.



On **Saturday, March 23**, City staff and volunteers from the San Gabriel Valley Volunteer Center partnered together with a group of volunteers from local churches. With the help of around 80 youth (middle and high school aged students), we were able to coordinate significant improvements at three properties here in Monrovia (**East Cypress, West Colorado, and West Lemon**).



The student group was led by Pastor Nick Melazzo of the **First Evangelical Church** here in Monrovia. Their efforts served as a fundraiser to raise funds for a non-profit organization called "**She Has a Name**," which works to rescue girls from poverty-driven child sex work in the shanty towns of Nairobi, Kenya. For the past two years, the youth have worked and raised monies that helped in the rescue and support of Florah, a sixteen year old who is now back in

school and bringing home straight A report cards. They hope to raise more than enough to support her for another year. To find out more, see photos and video of Florah, and donate online at <https://fecyouth.com/>.

A special thanks to the Volunteer Center of San Gabriel Valley, Public Works staff, the Home Depot, Councilman Spicer and the First Evangelical Church Youth groups for helping to complete these projects!



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