

NEIGHBORHOOD NEWS

A COMMUNITY BASED NEWSLETTER BROUGHT TO YOU BY THE MONROVIA AREA PARTNERSHIP TEAM

YOUR MAP TEAM







JUSTIN EDSON

We are excited to see things opening back up and numbers going down! With that, the City Hall reopened to the public a few weeks back and as of June 15th, the State of California has allowed businesses to fully reopen. The Monrovia Area Partnership's first in-person event is our 15th Anniversary Neighborhood Block Party on Saturday, July 31st from 5:00 PM to 8:00 PM. The MAP team has been hard at work planning this wonderful event and look forward to seeing everyone out there!

MAP has several <u>events</u> planned through the end of the year including a Neighborhood Treasure and MAP-edu in August, the Leadership Academies in September and October, a Neighborhood Treasure in October, and a MAP-edu in November. Most of these events will be in person following safe protocols.

About one month ago, our MAP team member Lauren Davidsmeier, accepted a position in the private sector. We are sad to see her go and wish her all the best in her future endeavors! Each member of the MAP Team brings something special and we are thankful to have had Lauren's special touch on many MAP related tasks - especially our MAP Conference Videos. Although we are sad, we still look forward to

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CONTACT US!

- MAP@CI.MONROVIA.CA.US
- FACEBOOK.COM/MONROVIAAREAPARTNERSHIP
 - MONROVIAAREAPARTNERSHIP.EVENTBRITE.COM
- CITYOFMONROVIA.ORG/MAP

finding a new addition to the MAP team in the coming months. For the meantime, we are focused on planning these great events and connecting with all of you! If you missed our last MAP-edu that discussed MAP Leaders, please reach out to us if you are interested in being a Zone Leader or Co-Leader in one of our 4 zones (Northwest, Northeast, Southwest, and Southeast). These MAP Leaders will help us kick-off a regional strategy of keeping neighbors connected and improve the sharing of information after residents graduate from the MAP Leadership Academies (Youth & Adult). Email us at map@ci.monrovia.ca.us.

TIP FOR FULL DIGITAL NEWSLETTER POTENTIAL: ANYTHING THAT IS BLUE & <u>UNDERLINED</u> IS A CLICKABLE LINK THAT IS CAPABLE OF TAKING YOU TO THE RELATED EXTERNAL PAGE WITH FURTHER INFORMATION & RESOURCES TO EXPLORE.

CHECK OUT WHAT MAP HAS BEEN UP TO!

THE MAP TEAM HAS BEEN HARD AT WORK, PUTTING ON EVENTS, ATTENDING CONFERENCES, CREATING CONTENT AND SO MUCH MORE! CHECK OUT BELOW TO SEE HOW BUSY THE MAP TEAM HAS BEEN THE FIRST HALF OF 2021!

11TH ANNUAL MAP NEIGHBORHOOD CONFERENCE

THIS YEAR THE MAP NEIGHBORHOOD CONFERENCE WENT VIRTUAL BUT THAT DIDN'T STOP OUR MAP LEADERS FROM VIRTUALLY SHOWING UP!

CHECK OUT THE STATS FOR OUR CONFERENCE BELOW:

- 7 PRE-RECORDED WORKSHOP VIDEOS 362 VIEWS
- 1 LIVE ZOOM WORKSHOP 13 LIVE ATTENDEES
- 7 PRE-RECORDED HEALTH FAIR VIDEOS 156 VIEWS
- 2 LUNCH SPONSORS WENDYS AND STARBUCKS
- DOZENS OF RAFFLE PRIZE WINNERS

WE HAD A GREAT TIME AND WE HOPE YOU ALL DID TOO!

NEIGHBORHOODS USA CONFERENCE (NUSA)

THE MAP TEAM SUBMITTED A DETAILED PACKAGE OF INFORMATION RELATED TO <u>NEIGHBORHOODS</u>, <u>USA</u> (<u>NUSA</u>). TWO AWARD NOMINATIONS. THIS INCLUDED THE "BEST NEIGHBORHOOD PROGRAM" AND "NEWSLETTER." AFTER RECEIVING THE EXCITING NEWS THAT MAP WAS A FINALIST IN BOTH CATEGORIES, STAFF PUT TOGETHER A CREATIVE 15-MINUTE VIDEO PRESENTATION THAT WAS TO BE PLAYED AT THE NATIONAL NUSA CONFERENCE.

THE MAP TEAM AND COUNCIL MEMBER LARRY SPICER TUNED IN VIRTUALLY TO THE CONFERENCE IN FORTH WORTH, TEXAS. AFTER ATTENDING THREE DAYS OF VERY INFORMATIONAL WORKSHOPS, WE ATTENDED THE AWARD CEREMONY.

MAP WAS AWARDED:

- 1ST PLACE NEWSLETTER
- 2ND PLACE BEST NEIGHBORHOOD PROGRAM













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DEPARTMENT & DIVISON HIGHLIGHTS

HIGHLIGHTING DIFFERENT DEPARTMENTS AND DIVISIONS GIVES US THE OPPORTUNITY TO SHARE WHAT THEY HAVE BEEN WORKING ON AND HOW THEY ARE PLANNING FOR THE FUTURE. SO, CATCH UP WITH THE DEPARTMENT AND DIVISIONS OF MONROVIA AND SEE WHAT IS HAPPENING!

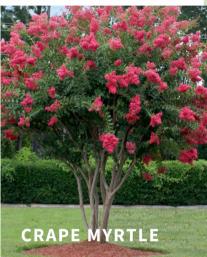
PUBLIC WORKS - TREE PLANTING PROGRAM

DID YOU KNOW THE CITY OF MONROVIA MAINTAINS MORE THAN 8,500 CITY-OWNED TREES? IN 1987, MONROVIA WAS RECOGNIZED BY THE NATIONAL ARBOR DAY FOUNDATION AS A TREE CITY USA IN RECOGNITION OF OUR COMMITMENT TO TREE STEWARDSHIP. IN RECENT YEARS, THE CITY HAS HAD TO REMOVE SEVERAL TREES DUE, PRIMARILY, TO DROUGHT, DISEASE, AND CONSTRUCTION ACTIVITY. IN THE SPIRIT OF OUR COMMITMENT TO TREE STEWARDSHIP, STAFF COMMITTED TO REPLACING TREES ON A TWO-FOR-ONE BASIS IN ORDER TO MAINTAIN AND EXPAND OUR URBAN FOREST.

IN JANUARY 2021, THE CITY OF MONROVIA BEGAN PLANTING TREES THROUGHOUT OUR COMMUNITY. STAFF WORKS CLOSELY WITH RESIDENTS FOR INPUT REGARDING THEIR DESIRED PLANTING LOCATIONS IN PARKWAYS AND PUBLIC SPACES. THE REPLACEMENT TREES USED INCLUDE SMALL AND MEDIUM-SIZED NATIVE TREES SUCH AS RED BUD, BLUE PALO VERDE, CRAPE MYRTLES (PINK, LIGHT PINK, AND WHITE), AND STRAWBERRY MARINA. RESIDENTS AND VISITORS WILL BE ABLE TO SEE OUR NEWLY PLANTED TREES AROUND TOWN!

AS WE CONTINUE TO EXPAND OUR URBAN FOREST IN MONROVIA, INTEREST FORMS ARE AVAILABLE ON THE CITY OF MONROVIA WEBSITE BY CLICKING HERE FOR RESIDENTS WHO WOULD LIKE A TREE TO BE PLANTED IN THE PARKWAY IN FRONT OF THEIR RESIDENCE OR BUSINESS. ONCE SUBMITTED, PUBLIC WORKS STAFF REVIEWS THE REQUEST BASED ON A NUMBER OF FACTORS, INCLUDING THE AVAILABLE SPACE IN THE PARKWAY, THE PRESENCE OF ANY OVERHEAD OR UNDERGROUND UTILITIES AT THE SITE, AND A SITE REVIEW CONDUCTED BY THE CITY ARBORIST.







THE TREES ARE PLANTED AND MAINTAINED BY THE CITY AT NO EXPENSE TO THE REQUESTOR. HOWEVER, WE DO ASK FOR THE RESIDENT OR BUSINESS OWNER TO PROVIDE WATER FOR THE TREE ON AN ONGOING BASIS. WE WILL REVIEW INTEREST ON A FIRST COME FIRST SERVED BASIS AND DETERMINE THE NUMBER OF TREES PLANTED EACH YEAR UPON THE LEVEL OF INTEREST AND AVAILABLE RESOURCES. THE CITY PLANTS TREES ON AN ANNUAL BASIS, AND USES THE INTEREST LIST AS A BASIS FOR OUR PLANTING PLAN. TREES ARE PLANTED AS THE BUDGET AND CONDITIONS ALLOW, SO THE LIST WILL BE A CONTINUALLY MANAGED LIST WITH THE HOPES OF SATISFYING ALL REQUESTS AS QUICKLY AS WE CAN.

DEPARTMENT & DIVISON HIGHLIGHTS - CONTINUED

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Repair Hoses and

Fittings

Small leaks can waste

large amounts of water.

Replacing fittings or

hose nozzles can save

up to 260 gallons a

month for a small leak.

PUBLIC WORKS WATER CONSERVATION

THE CITY OF MONROVIA IS TAKING A PROACTIVE APPROACH TO WATER CONSERVATION AS WE EMBARK ON OUR SECOND CONSECUTIVE DRY YEAR. CALIFORNIA HAS EXPERIENCED HISTORICALLY HIGH TEMPERATURES. RESULTING EXTREMELY DRY CONDITIONS. AS MONROVIANS, WE CAN DO OUR PART TO ENSURE THAT WATER CONSERVATION IS A WAY OF LIFE TO PRESERVE OUR LOCAL WATER SUPPLY. THE CITY IS RAMPING UP OUR CONSERVATION AWARENESS BY PUBLISHING WEEKLY TIPS IN THE CITY MANAGERS UPDATE. EVENTS AND REBATE INFORMATION CAN BE FOUND ON THE CITY'S WEBSITE - CLICK HERE

TO INSTALL PUBLIC EV CHARGING







AT THEIR APRIL 20, 2021 MEETING, THE CITY COUNCIL APPROVED A PILOT PROJECT TO BEGIN INSTALLING EV CHARGING STATIONS AT CITY FACILITIES, INCLUDING THE FIRST EV CHARGING STATIONS IN OLD TOWN. UNDER THE PROGRAM, A TOTAL OF 4 LEVEL 2 EV CHARGING STATIONS WILL BE INSTALLED AT PUBLIC PARKING LOT #4, LOCATED ALONG THE 100 BLOCK OF EAST LEMON AVENUE AS DEPICTED IN THE ATTACHED MAP.

TO CELEBRATE THE INAUGURATION OF THESE NEW CHARGING STATIONS, THE CITY WILL BEGIN OFFERING 30 DAYS OF FREE CHARGING!

ADDITIONAL INFORMATION WILL BE AVAILABLE IN FUTURE EDITIONS OF THE CITY MANAGER'S UPDATE. FOR MORE INFORMATION ABOUT THE EV CHARGING PILOT PROJECT, PLEASE CONTACT CHRIS CASTRUITA AT (626) 256-8224 OR CCASTRUITA@CI.MONROVIA.CA.US.

Water Established

Plants Less Often

The more established

your plants are, the less

you need to water them.

Selectively water your

garden based on

individual plant need.

COMMUNITY POLICING TIP

IF YOU HAVE A PROBLEM REGARDING DOMESTICATED ANIMALS (DOGS OR CATS) THEN PLEASE REACH OUT TO OUR ANIMAL CONTROL PROVIDERS AT THE PASADENA HUMANE **SOCIETY (PHS) AT 626-792-7151.**



WE CERTAINLY UNDERSTAND THAT EXCESSIVELY BARKING DOGS, IN PARTICULAR, CAN HAVE A NEGATIVE EFFECT ON THE QUALITY OF LIFE IN YOUR NEIGHBORHOOD. UNFORTUNATELY, THERE IS NO IMMEDIATE SOLUTION TO COMPLAINTS OF EXCESSIVE ANIMAL NOISE, BUT THERE ARE STEPS YOU CAN TAKE BY CONTACTING PHS.

STEP 1:

BY EDUCATION AND

THEIR WEBSITE.

COMMUNICATION WITH THE DOG'S OWNER. YOU CAN START THE PROCESS BY CALLING THEIR BARKING DOG LINE AT 626-792-7151 EXT. 217 OR BY VISITING

REPORT EXCESSIVE IF THE ISSUE IS NOT BARKING TO PHS FIELD RESOLVED IN A SERVICES. THEY WILL CONTACT THE DOG'S OWNER OR GUARDIAN AND PROVIDE THEM WITH ADVICE ON HOW TO MANAGE AN EXCESSIVELY BARKING DOG. MOST **COMPLAINTS ARE** SUCCESSFULLY HANDLED

\rightarrow STEP 2:

REASONABLE AMOUNT OF TIME, YOU MAY BEGIN THE FORMAL LEGAL PROCESS OF HAVING THE DOG DECLARED A "PUBLIC NUISANCE." PHS CAN PROVIDE YOU WITH ALL THE NECESSARY FORMS.

STEP 3:

YOU MUST PROVE THE NOISE CREATED BY THE PET IS EXCESSIVE BY STARTING A PETITION SIGNED BY YOU AND AT LEAST TWO OTHER NEIGHBORS, ALL SIGNATORIES MUST COMPLETE A 7-DAY LOG DOCUMENTING EACH DATE AND TIME THE DOG CREATES EXCESSIVE NOISE.

→ STEP 4:

RETURN THE COMPLETED PETITION AND BARKING LOGS TO PHS. AND THEY WILL SCHEDULE A HEARING. ANYONE WHO SIGNED THE PETITION MUST BE WILLING AND ABLE TO ATTEND A HEARING AND TESTIFY IN COURT.

CITY WEBSITE | MONROVIA POLICE DEPARTMENT WEBPAGE

ARE YOU CURIOUS ABOUT WHAT CRIMES MAY BE OCCURING THROUGHOUT MONROVIA? IF YOU ARE AND WOULD LIKE TO FIND OUT. YOU CAN ACCESS THAT INFORMATION BY CLICKING THE "WEEKLY CRIME REPORT" WIDGET FOR MORE INFORMATION, YOU CAN ALSO REPORT A CRIME ONLINE AND VIEW OUR POLICIES AND SEE WHAT OUR COMMUNITY POLICING IS UP TO. DON'T FORGET TO SHARE THIS INFORMATION WITH ANYONE THAT WOULD BE INTERESTED.



TO VISIT THE MPD WEBPAGE CLICK HERE TO BE REDIRECTED

CODE ENFORCEMENT TIP!

FOR MORE INFORMATION ON OAK TREES, CLICK IMAGE BELOW...

OAK TREES

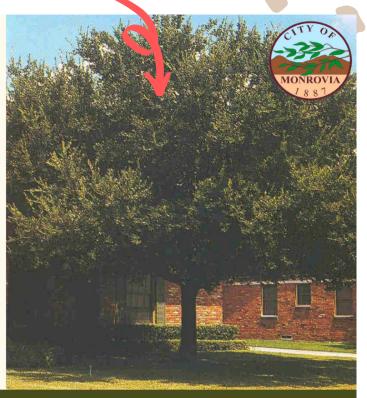
CITY OF MONROVIA - COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT

There are several types of oak trees commonly found in Monrovia. By far, the most common is the Quercus Agrifolia or Coast Live Oak. With their broad, stately limbs often reaching spans of more than 40′, these trees have become a symbol for Monrovia. The leaves are glossy green, 1"–3" long but cupped/curled under at the edges. In addition, you can find the Valley Oak, Engelmann Oak, Leather Oak, and Cork Oak, here just to name a few.

OAK RULES-IN A NUTSHELL (Acorn, that is)

- Minimal Water
- Leave leaf litter
- · Use river rock or drought-tolerant plants under the tree
- Do not over prune (if at all)
- Prune—June to September only

For more information CLICK HERE or call (626) 932-5565



Preserving Our Oak Trees

In an effort to save our oak trees for future generations, the City of Monrovia adopted an oak tree preservation plan. <u>Section 17.20.040</u> of the Monrovia Municipal Code identifies which trees are subject to the ordinance and when a permit for removal or trimming is required.

Stay away from the zone

Although they look big and strong, oak trees can be easily damaged and are sensitive to disturbances that happen to the tree or in the surrounding environment. The protection zone for oak trees includes the areas most critical to the health and survival of the tree. This includes the entire canopy, 5' beyond the drip line, or at least 15' on either side of the main trunk of the root system, whichever is greater.

If paving materials must be used within the protected area of the oak tree, suggested materials include brick paving with sand joints, pavers, or river rock

An Oak is like a cactus

DO NOT OVER WATER! Improper watering is often overlooked as the cause of tree death because it can take years for the damage to show. Oak trees are naturally drought tolerant and have adapted to southern California's weather pattern. Except for very young trees, generally, natu- ral rainfall is the only water that is needed. The rare exception is during the winter if we are having prolonged drought conditions over a period of years. Then a deep watering is advisable.

Do not over prune

Oak trees require very little pruning and should only be done to remove deadwood. Cuts on green (live) wood could cause scars which can make it more susceptible to damaging organisms or disease. If pruning needs to be done it should be done during its dormant period (June through September). Pruning should be left to the experts— a certified arborist or other professional familiar with oak trees.

To feed or not to feed

Leaf "litter" from the tree provides the best mulch for the tree. Crushed walnut shells or wood chips can be used, but the leaves that drop naturally are the best source of nutrients. Avoid commercial mulch which sometimes containsOak Root Fungus. Additionally, redwood chips often contain chemicals that should not come in contact with the oak tree and roots. River rock can also be placed around the base as a decorative feature. The greatest goal is to keep the trunk and area under the drip line dry. The use of plants that require regular watering such as grass and ferns un- der an oak tree is not advisable. Any land-scaping around the tree should be drought-tolerant, like the oak itself.

CITY OF MONROVIA - COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT DEPARTMENT 415 SOUTH IVY AVENUE (626) 932-5565

GET INVOLVED!

BOYS & GIRLS CLUB OF THE FOOTHILLS

PHONE: (626) 305-5353

BOYS & GIRLS CLUB OF THE FOOTHILLS

MISSION & HISTORY

THE MISSION OF BOYS & GIRLS CLUB OF THE FOOTHILLS (BGCF) IS TO ENABLE ALL YOUNG PEOPLE, ESPECIALLY THOSE WHO NEED THEM MOST, TO REACH THEIR FULL POTENTIAL AS PRODUCTIVE, CARING, AND RESPONSIBLE CITIZENS.
WITH THE INFRASTRUCTURE AND PROVEN PROGRAMMING OF BOYS & GIRLS CLUBS OF AMERICA BEHIND THEM, THEY OFFER DAILY ACCESS TO A BROAD RANGE OF PROGRAMS IN

- CHARACTER AND LEADERSHIP DEVELOPMENT
- EDUCATION AND CAREER DEVELOPMENT
- HEALTH AND LIFE SKILLS
- SPORTS, FITNESS AND RECREATION
- THE ARTS

FIVE AREAS:

THEIR PROGRAMS ARE DESIGNED TO HELP THE YOUTH OF ALL BACKGROUNDS DEVELOP THE QUALITIES THEY NEED TO OVERCOME OBSTACLES, BECOME RESPONSIBLE CITIZENS, AND EMERGE AS LEADERS.

HISTORY

IN 1994, A GROUP OF CONCERNED COMMUNITY MEMBERS CAME TOGETHER IN RESPONSE TO HIGH LEVELS OF DELINQUENCY, JUVENILE CRIME, AND DRUG USE AMONG YOUNG PEOPLE IN THE MONROVIA AND DUARTE AREAS OF LOS ANGELES COUNTY. BOYS & GIRLS CLUB OF THE FOOTHILLS WAS ESTABLISHED TO PROVIDE YOUTH WITH A CONSTRUCTIVE. POSITIVE PLACE TO SPEND OUT-OF-SCHOOL TIME. THEY OPENED THEIR FIRST FACILITY IN RECREATION PARK IN THE CITY OF MONROVIA, SERVING 25 TO 50 MEMBERS EACH DAY. THE CLUB HAS GROWN SIGNIFICANTLY SINCE THEN. THEY NOW OPERATE TWO K-5 SITES AND A TEEN CENTER, THEY PROVIDE TRANSPORTATION TO THEIR SITES FROM 12 PICK-UP LOCATIONS THROUGHOUT THE AREA, TODAY, BGCF SERVES MORE THAN 350 YOUTH EACH DAY AND 1,000 MEMBERS ANNUALLY DURING THE CRITICAL AFTER-SCHOOL HOURS WHEN THE JUVENILE CRIME RATE TRIPLES, AND ALL DAY DURING SUMMERS AND HOLIDAY BREAKS. THEY HAVE RECEIVED RECOGNITION FROM BOYS & GIRLS CLUBS OF AMERICA FOR THEIR STEADY AND MANAGED GROWTH IN ATTENDANCE. UNLIKE MANY OTHER AFTER-SCHOOL PROGRAMS, THEY ARE NOT A DROP-IN CENTER. THEIR APPROACH IS INTENTIONAL AND CONSISTENCY IS A PRIORITY. MORE THAN 86% OF THEIR MEMBERS ATTEND MORE THAN 100 DAYS A YEAR, WHICH HAS BEEN PROVEN TO SIGNIFICANTLY IMPROVE OUTCOMES AND THE OVERALL CLUB EXPERIENCE.

VOLUNTEER!

BE A PART OF THE CLUB!

THEY WELCOME VOLUNTEERS AND ACTIVELY SEEK INDIVIDUALS WHO ARE MOTIVATED, COMMITTED, AND PROFESSIONAL. BUILD AND HONE SKILLS WITH OUR STRUCTURED PROGRAM THAT TRACKS HOURS, PROGRESS, AND PERFORMANCE SO THAT PARTICIPANTS CAN ESTABLISH THEIR KNOWLEDGE AND EXPERIENCE.

VOLUNTEER OPPORTUNITIES:

YOUTH BASKETBALL, SOCCER, OR BASEBALL COACH TUTORS/HOMEWORK HELPER
READING/STORY TIME HELPER
COMPUTER INSTRUCTOR
ART/MUSIC/THEATRE INSTRUCTOR
TRANSLATORS/ESL TEACHER
PHOTOGRAPHY PROJECT LEADER
GAME ROOM STAFF
COMMUNITY OUTREACH ASSISTANT
ADMINISTRATIVE ASSISTANT
DONATION ORGANIZER

THIS IS ONLY A SAMPLE OF WHAT YOU CAN DO TO CONTRIBUTE TO THE YOUTH OF THE COMMUNITY. IF YOU HAVE A SPECIAL SKILL OR INTEREST THAT YOU WOULD LIKE TO SHARE IN FIELDS LIKE THE FINE ARTS, CRAFTS, DANCE, MUSIC, OR COMPUTER TECHNOLOGY, THEY WOULD LOVE TO HEAR FROM YOU. CLICK HERE TO DOWNLOAD THE APPLICATION!

EDUCATION & CAREER DEVELOPMENT

BOYS & GIRLS CLUB OF THE FOOTHILLS PROMOTES EDUCATIONAL ENRICHMENT AND SCHOOL ENGAGEMENT. THEIR EDUCATION AND CAREER PROGRAMS ENCOURAGE PARTICIPANTS TO GRADUATE FROM HIGH SCHOOL ON TIME, PREPARE THEMSELVES FOR POST-SECONDARY EDUCATION, AND TAKE STEPS TOWARDS A SUCCESSFUL CAREER.

- PROJECT LEARN
- POWER HOUR
- CLUB TECH
- TIME TO READ
- DIPLOMAS 2 DEGREES
- STEM PROGRAM
- LEADERS IN TRAINING





HIDDEN GEMS IN MONROVIA

IF YOU HAVE ANY NOMINATIONS FOR A HIDDEN GEM IN MONROVIAPLEASE EMAIL US AT MAP@CI.MONROVIA.CA.US



MONROVIA BELL TOWER

THE BELL IN THE BELL TOWER AT MONROVIA HIGH SCHOOL HAS A LONG HISTORY. IT WAS FIRST INSTALLED IN THE BELL TOWER OF THE ORANGE AVENUE SCHOOL. MONROVIA'S FIRST SCHOOL BUILDING, IN 1887, FOR OVER THIRTY YEARS IT CALLED STUDENTS TO CLASSES— A SOMETIMES WAS THE OBJECT OF STUDENT PRANKS. THE SCHOOL BUILDING WAS LOCATED AT THE SOUTHEAST CORNER OF ORANGE AVENUE (NOW COLORADO BLVD.) AND MAYFLOWER AVENUE. THE ORIGINAL WOOD-FRAME BUILDING WAS REPLACED IN 1918 BY A MODERN STRUCTURE, AND THE BELL WENT INTO MOTHBALLS IN THE SCHOOL DISTRICT'S WAREHOUSE, ORANGEAVENUE SCHOOL WAS RE-NAMED MONROESCHOOL IN THE LATE 1930S TO HONOR WILLIAM N. MONROE, WHO WAS INSTRUMENTAL IN ITS FOUNDING. REDISCOVERED OVER FORTY YEARS LATER, THE BELL WAS PLACED IN THE BELL TOWER AT MONROVIAHIGH SCHOOL IN 1964.









THE BIG "M"

UNDER THE LEADERSHIP OF STUDENT BODY PRESIDENT JIM WALTERS, CREATING A LARGE "M' ON THE HILL OVERLOOKING THE MONROVIA HIGH SCHOOL CAMPUS WAS THE MAJOR PROJECT OF THE 1951-1952 SCHOOL YEAR. IT WAS A TEAM EFFORT INVOLVING HIGH SCHOOL ADMINISTRATORS. VOLUNTEERS FROM THE STUDENT BODY, THE CITY OF MONROVIA. AND THE MONROVIA JUNIOR CHAMBER OF COMMERCE. MATERIALS FOR THE CONSTRUCTION WERE DONATED BY LOCAL BUSINESSES. THE LIGHTING WAS INSTALLED IN SUCH A MANNER THAT THE CENTER SECTION OF THE "M" COULD BE LIGHTED SEPARATELY IN THE EVENING TO FORM A "V" SIGNIFYING A WILDCAT VICTORY IN SPORTING EVENTS. THE BIG M WAS DEDICATED OCTOBER 19, 1951, AND HAS BEEN A LOCAL LANDMARK FOR NEARLY SEVENTY YEARS.

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MAP LEADER HIGLIGHT

BLANE SHEPARD | MAP ADULT LEADERSHIP ACADEMY GRADUATE 2020



HELLO, MY NAME IS BLANE SHEPARD, AND I BECAME A MAP VOLUNTEER BECAUSE I LOVE MY COMMUNITY AND SINCE 1988 HAVE LIVED AND RAISED MY TWO CHILDREN DANAE AND SETH ALONG WITH MY WIFE DONNA FOR 33 YEARS. I HAVE PROUDLY WATCHED MONROVIA BECOME THE SHINING STAR, NOT ONLY OF THE SAN GABRIEL VALLEY BUT ALSO ALL OF LOS ANGELES COUNTY. I HAVE A DEEP PASSION AND INTEREST IN HUMBLY SERVING OUR GREAT CITY AND COMMIT TO WORK ALONGSIDE OUR CITY'S LEADERS, STAFF AND VOLUNTEERS AND BELIEVE I CAN HELP SUSTAIN AND EXPAND THE OUTREACH FOOTPRINT WITH YOUTH, SENIORS AND FAMILIES OF MONROVIA BY LEANING ON MY PAST WORK AND VOLUNTEER EXPERIENCES OVER THE PAST 25 PLUS YEARS.

TODAY I WORK AS A CONSULTANT, HELPING LEADERS IN INDUSTRY BUILD LASTING RELATIONSHIPS WITH PROFIT AND NON-PROFIT COMPANIES AND PROVIDE EXPERT LEVEL BUSINESS ADVICE CREATING INNOVATIVE STRATEGIES TO PENETRATE IN MARKET WHILE FOCUSING ON REVENUE GENERATING IDEAS AND BRAND ENGAGEMENT.

ONE OF MY PROUDEST ACCOMPLISHMENTS WAS LEADING MAJOR LEAGUE SOCCER'S LOS ANGELES GALAXY AS DIRECTOR OF SPECIAL PROJECTS, FROM THE ROSE BOWL TO THE OPENING OF THE HOME DEPOT CENTER IN CARSON, OVERSEEING BUSINESS DEVELOPMENT, COMMUNITY AND FAN DEVELOPMENT ALONG WITH THE SALES AND SERVICE STAFF. I BELIEVE AND ENCOURAGE A PROGRESSIVE LEADERSHIP STYLE AND HELPED GUIDE OUR TEAM IN DEVELOPING UNIQUE PROGRAMMING AND BRINGING TOGETHER AND EDUCATING VOLUNTEERS AND ATTENDEES FOR EVENTS AND CAUSE ISSUES ALONG THE WAY. OUR TEAM PARTICIPATED IN A VARIETY OF COMMUNITY EVENTS INCLUDING BUT NOT LIMITED TO, SPORTS PROGRAMMING, CLOTHES AND FOOD DRIVES FOR HOMELESS COMMUNITY, RED CROSS BLOOD DRIVE, TOY DRIVES, THANKSGIVING AND CHRISTMAS EVENTS. I BRING MY DEEP LOVE FOR PEOPLE AND WISDOM IN COMMUNITY ENGAGEMENT WITH ME TO SERVE MAP AND OUR COMMUNITY AND WOULD HIGHLY RECOMMEND ANYONE CONSIDERING MAP TO DO SO KNOWING THAT YOU MAY GIVE SOMETHING TO SOMEONE WITH COMPLETE REGARD THAT NOTHING WILL COME BACK IN RETURN.

SAY "HELLO" TO OUR CODE OFFICER!



JENNIFER YOSHIDA | RESIDENTIAL CODE ENFORCEMENT OFFICER



JENNIFER YOSHIDA, OUR NEW NEIGHBORHOOD PRESERVATION OFFICER, CAME TO US FROM THE CITY OF COSTA MESA WHERE SHE SERVED AS THEIR CODE ENFORCEMENT OFFICER FOR A LITTLE OVER TWO YEARS. SHE STARTED HER CAREER IN ANIMAL CONTROL, THEN FOUND HERSELF IN THE PLANNING DEPARTMENT FOR THE CITY OF RANCHO CUCAMONGA, FROM THERE HER PATH LED HER TO CODE ENFORCEMENT. JENNIFER HAS A LOVE FOR MOVIES AND MUSIC. SHE USED TO PLAY THE DRUMS IN HER CHURCH BAND ALONGSIDE HER FATHER AND BROTHER! YOU CAN FIND JENNIFER IN THE COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT DEPARTMENT. THE NEIGHBORHOOD & BUSINESS SERVICES (NBS) DIVISION ARE HAPPY TO HAVE HER JOIN THE TEAM!

MAP LEADER THROWBACK PHOTOS

2011 CONFERENCE



















UPCOMING EVENTS

RSVP ON JUNE 28 BY CLICKING THE IMAGE BELOW...



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