



NEIGHBORHOOD NEWS

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

YOUR MAP TEAM



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WELCOME TO THE FEBRUARY EDITION OF MONROVIA AREA PARTNERSHIP'S NEIGHBORHOOD NEWS NEWSLETTER! THIS NEWSLETTER IS OUR WAY OF KEEPING YOU UPDATED ON ALL THINGS MONROVIA AREA PARTNERSHIP RELATED. FROM UPCOMING COMMUNITY EVENTS, TO HIGHLIGHTING OTHER DEPARTMENTS AND DIVISIONS, WE STRIVE TO KEEP OUR COMMUNITY INFORMED ON WHAT EXCITING THINGS MONROVIA HAS TO OFFER!

WE CAN ALL AGREE THAT MONROVIA HAS A TON OF GREAT EVENTS TO OFFER TO THE COMMUNITY - FROM COMMUNITY SERVICES HOLIDAY EVENTS, TO MONROVIA AREA PARTNERSHIP'S MAP-EDU'S AND BLOCK PARTIES - WE ALL HAVE THE COMMON GOAL OF KEEPING OUR NEIGHBORHOODS ENGAGED IN A FUN WAY!

WE CAN'T WAIT TO SHARE THE EVENTS THAT MAP HAS PLANNED FOR THE YEAR. OUR TEAM HAS BEEN BUSY AT WORK PLANNING EVENTS THAT WILL BE SURE TO BE FUN AND INFORMATIONAL FOR ALL!

IN ADDITION TO EVENTS, WE ARE ALWAYS TRYING TO MAKE MAP BIGGER AND BETTER, AND ONE THING THAT HAS BEEN IN THE WORKS IS OUR ZONE LEADERS PROGRAM. AS OUR MAP LEADERS GRADUATE FROM OUR 8-WEEK LONG ACADEMY, WE WANT THEM TO STAY ENGAGED WITH EACH OTHER AND WITHIN THE COMMUNITY. THE ZONE LEADERS PROGRAM IS OUR EFFORT TO KEEP OUR LEADERS INVOLVED. FOR MORE INFORMATION ON EVENTS, ZONE LEADERS, AND MORE, PLEASE KEEP READING!

TIP FOR FULL DIGITAL NEWSLETTER POTENTIAL: ANYTHING THAT IS [BLUE & UNDERLINED](#) IS A CLICKABLE LINK THAT IS CAPABLE OF TAKING YOU TO THE RELATED EXTERNAL PAGE WITH FURTHER INFORMATION & RESOURCES TO EXPLORE.

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CHECK OUT WHAT MAP HAS BEEN UP TO!

THE MONROVIA AREA PARTNERSHIP TEAM IS ALWAYS BUSY LOOKING FOR NEW WAYS TO MAKE A POSITIVE IMPACT ON THE COMMUNITY. TAKE A SNEAK PEAK AT WHAT EXCITING THINGS WE HAVE BEEN UP TO DOWN BELOW!

JANUARY MAP-EDU

THE MAP TEAM HOSTED A VIRTUAL MAP-EDU COMMUNITY MEETING ON JANUARY 29, 2022 TO KICK OFF THE YEAR. THE MEETING WAS A GREAT SUCCESS, BOASTING 29 REGISTRANTS AND 25 ATTENDEES. THE MEETING TOPICS WERE VERY FITTING TO THE NEW YEAR, AS WE ARE ALL RECOVERING FROM HOLIDAY SPENDING AND STARTING TO BUDGET FOR THE YEAR TO COME. TOPICS INCLUDED HOW TO CREATE A REASONABLE BUDGET WITH OUR VERY OWN ADMINISTRATIVE SERVICES DEPUTY DIRECTOR, RAE BOWMAN, CARING FOR OUR SENIORS WITH COMMUNITY SERVICES RECREATION MANAGER, REBECCA SANDOVAL, AND THE BENEFITS OF LIFE INSURANCE WITH JOHN TRAN FROM PRUDENTIAL. WE ALSO HAD A PRESENTATION FROM KERRI ZESSAU FROM OUR ARTS IN PUBLIC PLACES PROGRAM TO SPEAK ABOUT NEIGHBORHOOD TREASURES, WHICH OUR NEXT NEIGHBORHOOD TREASURE BLOCK PARTY WILL BE TAKING PLACE ON SATURDAY MARCH 19, 2022 FROM 11AM-1PM IN FRONT OF CANYON LEARNING CENTER ON CANYON BLVD TO HONOR FORMER HUNTINGTON SCHOOL TEACHER AND PRINCIPLE AND CIVIL RIGHTS ACTIVIST, ALMERA ROMNEY.

TO LEARN MORE ABOUT THE NEIGHBORHOOD TREASURE AND TO WATCH THE RECORDED VIRTUAL MAP-EDU, YOU CAN FIND IT ON YOUTUBE [HERE](#). IF YOU ARE LOOKING TO WATCH ANY OF OUR PAST VIRTUAL MAP-EDU COMMUNITY MEETINGS, YOU CAN FIND THEM ON [THE MAP PAGE](#) OF THE CITY WEBSITE.

OUR MAP-EDU MEETINGS PROVIDE IMPORTANT AND RELEVANT INFORMATION TO ANYONE IN THE COMMUNITY. LOOK FORWARD TO OUR NEXT MEETING IN APRIL 2022 (DETAILS TO BE DETERMINED.) IF YOU OR ANYONE YOU KNOW IS INTERESTED IN HEARING MORE ABOUT A CERTAIN TOPIC AT OUR NEXT VIRTUAL MAP-EDU MEETING, PLEASE EMAIL MAP@CI.MONROVIA.CA.US.

ZONE LEADERS PROGRAM

WE HAVE FOUR AREAS OF THE CITY THAT WE CALL “ZONES” AND WILL APPOINT A LEADER AND CO-LEADER FOR EACH ZONE TO HELP US NETWORK WITH THE NEIGHBORHOODS. IF YOU ARE INTERESTED IN HELPING AS A LEADER OR CO-LEADER, PLEASE EMAIL US YOUR INTEREST AT MAP@CI.MONROVIA.CA.US. PLEASE SHARE THIS WITH ANY MAP LEADERS YOU KNOW!

ADDITIONALLY, IN AN EFFORT TO STAY CONNECTED WITH OUR MAP LEADERS, WE ARE ASKING ALL LEADERS TO SUBMIT THE FORM ON THE [MAP PAGE OF THE CITY WEBSITE](#) SO WE CAN COORDINATE ACTIVITIES AND MEETINGS IN DIFFERENT AREAS OF THE CITY.

PLEASE REACH OUT TO THE MAP TEAM FOR MORE INFORMATION REGARDING ZONES.

MAP UPCOMING EVENTS

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MARCH NEIGHBORHOOD TREASURE BLOCK PARTY

OUR MARCH NEIGHBORHOOD TREASURE BLOCK PARTY TO CELEBRATE OUR FORMER HUNTINGTON SCHOOL TEACHER AND PRINCIPLE, AND CIVIL RIGHTS ACTIVIST, ALMERA "ALLIE" ROMNEY, IS APPROACHING RAPIDLY ON **SATURDAY, MARCH 19, 2022 FROM 11AM-1PM IN FRONT OF CANYON ELEMENTARY LEARNING CENTER** ON CANYON BLVD.

THERE WILL BE *FREE* FOOD, FUN, AND A NEW NEIGHBORHOOD TREASURE ART UNVEILING TO HONOR ALMERA ROMNEY. PLEASE [REGISTER NOW](#) ON OUR EVENTBRITE PAGE.

RSVP FOR OUR 12TH ANNUAL MAP NEIGHBORHOOD CONFERENCE

MONROVIA AREA PARTNERSHIP'S BIGGEST EVENT OF THE YEAR IS BREWING. WE ARE SO EXCITED TO ANNOUNCE OUR WORKSHOP SPEAKERS, CLASSES, AND EVENT SCHEDULE AS THE DETAILS BECOME FINALIZED. OUR EVENTBRITE IS NOW LIVE TO REGISTER FOR THE CONFERENCE. PLEASE REGISTER TODAY FOR NOTIFICATIONS AND UPDATES ON WORKSHOPS, SPEAKERS, AND MORE! FOR MORE INFORMATION, PLEASE VISIT OUR CONFERENCE WEBSITE

WWW.MAPNEIGHBORHOODCONFERENCE.COM OR EMAIL US AT MAP@CI.MONROVIA.CA.US. WE LOOK FORWARD TO HAVING YOU ALL ATTEND THIS FUN-FILLED DAY FULL OF INFORMATION FROM OUR KNOWLEDGABLE MONROVIA EXPERTS. EVERYONE IS WELCOME - SO BRING YOUR NEIGHBORS, FAMILY, FRIENDS, PETS, COLLEAGUES, ETC.

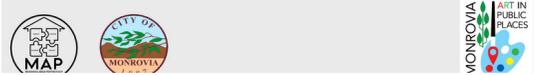
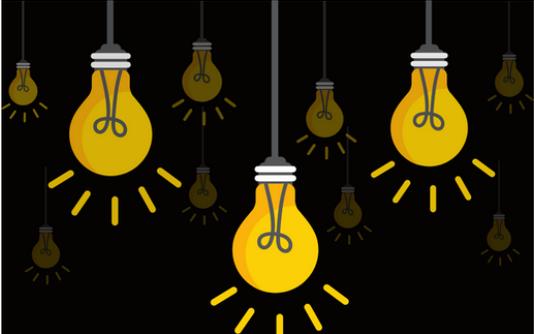
MONROVIA AREA PARTNERSHIP & CITY OF MONROVIA'S ART IN PUBLIC PLACES PROGRAM PRESENTS:

NEIGHBORHOOD TREASURE BLOCK PARTY



Celebrating Almera Romney: Teacher and Student Advocate

MAR · 19 · 2022 AT 11AM-1PM
FRONT OF CANYON LEARNING CENTER: CANYON BLVD.

MONROVIA AREA PARTNERSHIP PRESENTS
12TH ANNUAL MAP NEIGHBORHOOD CONFERENCE

Be the Light!

COMING OUT BETTER AND STRONGER

SATURDAY, APRIL 30, 2022 | 9:00AM-3:00PM
925 S. SHAMROCK AVE, MONROVIA CA 91016

RSVP: WWW.MAPNEIGHBORHOODCONFERENCE.COM



DEPARTMENT & DIVISION 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 CITY MANAGER'S OFFICE AND SEE WHAT IS HAPPENING!



CITY MANAGER'S OFFICE

THE CITY MANAGER'S OFFICE IS AN INTERNAL RESOURCE TO ALL OPERATING DEPARTMENT, OFFERING SUPPORT AND PROBLEM-SOLVING. WITH A TEAMWORK MENTALITY, THE CITY MANAGER'S OFFICE IS DEDICATED TO SERVING THE COMMUNITY THROUGH SERVING EACH OTHER.

THE CITY MANAGER'S OFFICE CONSISTS OF THREE DIVISIONS WITH A TOTAL OF 12 FULL TIME EMPLOYEES AND 2 PART TIME EMPLOYEES.

CITY CLERK'S OFFICE

IF YOU ASK SOMEONE ON THE STREET WHAT THE CITY CLERK'S OFFICE DOES, MOST OF THE TIME YOU'LL HEAR THINGS LIKE ISSUE BIRTH CERTIFICATES AND MARRIAGE LICENSES, OR "THAT'S WHERE YOU GET COURT RECORDS." FUNNILY ENOUGH, WE DON'T HANDLE ANY OF THOSE, AND WHAT FALLS UNDER THE CITY CLERK UMBRELLA CAN VARY GREATLY DEPENDING ON THE CITY; TO LIST THEM ALL HERE WOULD MAKE GREAT READING MATERIAL FOR SLEEPLESS NIGHTS, SO WE'LL PROVIDE SOME HIGHLIGHTS INSTEAD. OF COURSE, WE COORDINATE CITY COUNCIL MEETINGS AND HOLD ALL THE OFFICIAL RECORDS OF THE CITY (INCLUDING ORIGINAL MINUTES, ORDINANCES, AND RESOLUTIONS DATING ALL THE WAY BACK TO 1887). OUR LOCAL ELECTIONS ARE CONDUCTED BY THE COUNTY NOW, BUT WE STILL FACILITATE THE ENTIRE CANDIDATE PROCESS AND COORDINATE CLOSELY WITH OUR COUNTY PARTNERS ON THINGS LIKE VOTER EDUCATION, VOTE CENTER LOCATIONS, AND BALLOT DROP BOXES. DID YOU KNOW THAT THE OFFICIAL BALLOT DROP BOX AT THE LIBRARY COLLECTED OVER 9,500 BALLOTS FOR THE NOVEMBER ELECTION? MONROVIA LEADING ONCE AGAIN WITH ONE OF THE HIGHEST IN THE REGION! WHEN THE PANDEMIC BROUGHT THE WORLD TO A SCREECHING HALT, IT SEEMED LIKE A TIME TAKE A BREATH AND CATCH UP - BOY WERE WE WRONG. IN 2020, OUR TEAM TOOK THE LEAD ON CENSUS 2020 OUTREACH (WITH AN EVER-CHANGING DEADLINE), PROCESSED ALMOST 1000 PUBLIC RECORD REQUESTS IN 2021, AND CONTINUED TO HANDLE SUBPOENAS, CLAIMS, CONTRACTS, INSURANCE TRACKING, PROPERTY TAX EXEMPTIONS, AND THE RECRUITMENT PROCESS FOR BOARDS AND COMMISSIONS, TO NAME A FEW.

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HUMAN RESOURCES

AS COMMUNITY MEMBERS OF MONROVIA, YOU ALREADY KNOW THAT IT'S A WONDERFUL PLACE TO LIVE AND RECREATE. HOWEVER, MONROVIA IS ALSO A GREAT PLACE TO WORK! IF YOU'RE INTERESTED IN JOINING THE CITY OF MONROVIA ORGANIZATION, HUMAN RESOURCES WILL MOST LIKELY BE THE FIRST DEPARTMENT THAT YOU'LL COME INTO CONTACT WITH. ANNUALLY, HUMAN RESOURCES WILL CONDUCT ABOUT 40 RECRUITMENTS AND ONBOARD NEARLY 70 NEW EMPLOYEES. IN ADDITION TO RECRUITING INDIVIDUALS, HUMAN RESOURCES IS ALSO RESPONSIBLE FOR EVERYTHING THAT GOES ALONG WITH AN EMPLOYEE'S LIFE CYCLE, INCLUDING RETENTION, BENEFITS, TRAININGS, WELLNESS PROGRAMS AS WELL AS RISK MANAGEMENT. SERVING ON THE STAFF FOR THE CITY OF MONROVIA ARE 250 FULL TIME EMPLOYEES AND OVER 60 PART TIME EMPLOYEES OF DIVERSE EXPERIENCES AND BACKGROUNDS.

ADMINISTRATION

THE ADMINISTRATION DIVISION WEARS MANY DIFFERENT HATS AND HAS A VERY FLEXIBLE RANGE OF RESPONSIBILITIES THAT SPAN FROM OF ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT, LEGISLATIVE ADVOCACY, INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY, PUBLIC INFORMATION AND COMMUNICATIONS AND FOR THINGS THAT DON'T REALLY FIT INTO ANY CATEGORY, SPECIAL PROJECTS.

IN MONROVIA, WE PRIDE OURSELVES ON THE PROVIDING INFORMATION AND ENGAGING WITH THE COMMUNITY, WHICH IS WHY IT IS ONE OF THE HIGHEST PRIORITIES OF THE ADMINISTRATION TEAM. WHEN THE OFFICE OF PUBLIC INFORMATION AND COMMUNICATIONS LEARN SOMETHING THAT WE BELIEVE MAY AFFECT OUR RESIDENTS, VISITORS, OR BUSINESSES, IT'S OUR JOB TO RESEARCH AND SHARE THIS INFORMATION WITH THE PUBLIC THROUGH ALL OF OUR CHANNELS FROM THE CITY WEBSITE, THE CITY MANAGER'S UPDATE TO SOCIAL MEDIA PLATFORMS. FOR EXAMPLE, WITH THE RECENT BOBCAT FIRE, AND MAJOR RAIN AND WIND EVENTS, WE USE ALL OF OUR VARIOUS PLATFORMS TO ENSURE THAT THE PUBLIC—YOU!—HAVE A PLACE TO FIND THE MOST UP-TO-DATE INFORMATION AND ANSWER ANY QUESTIONS YOU MAY HAVE. INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY IS ANOTHER ARM OF ADMINISTRATION THAT ALLOWS CITY STAFF TO DO THEIR JOB AS WELL AS PROVIDE RESOURCES FOR THE PUBLIC. DID YOU KNOW THAT WE RECENTLY EXPANDED OUR WI-FI SERVICE AT THE MONROVIA PUBLIC LIBRARY? WE'RE ALSO WORKING HARD TO STRENGTHEN OUR WI-FI NETWORK AT PUBLIC FACILITIES AND EVEN AREAS LIKE CANYON PARK.

THAT'S THE CITY MANAGER'S OFFICE IN A NUTSHELL. WE SHARE INFORMATION THAT WILL IMPACT THE MONROVIA COMMUNITY AND OFFER SUPPORT AND PROBLEM SOLVING TO ALL THE OPERATING DEPARTMENTS – SO THEY CAN FOCUS ON SERVING YOU!

COMMUNITY ACTIVIST POLICING TIP

MPD OFFICERS ARE ON A COUNTINUOUS LOOKOUT FOR CRIMES AND SUSPICIOUS ACTIVITY THAT MAY OCCUR IN YOUR AREA. THE PROBLEM OF BURGLARY IS A GROWING CONCERN, AND WE NEED YOUR HELP IN COMBATTING THIS CRIME OF OPPORTUNITY. BASIC SECURITY PRECAUTIONS CAN SIGNIFICANTLY REDUCE THE CRIME OF BURGLARY. BY BEING SECURITY CONSCIOUS AND USING SIMPLE STEPS TO SECURE YOUR HOME OR YOUR APARTMENT, THE NUMBER OF CRIMINAL INCIDENTS CAN BE GREATLY REDUCED. HOW CAN YOU PREVENT BURGLARY?

- CLOSE AND LOCK ALL ENTRANCE DOORS USING STRONG LOCKS AND SOLID DOORS
- ENSURE ALL WINDOWS ARE CLOSED AND LOCKED AND COVERED BY BLINDS OR SHADES
- KEEP ALL AREAS WELL-LIT AND LEAVE AMPLE EXTERIOR/INTERIOR LIGHTS ON
- INSTALL SECURITY CAMERAS AND EXTERIOR LIGHTING
- KEEP SECURITY GATES CLOSED
- BE OBSERVANT AND CALL THE POLICE (911) ON SUSPICIOUS PERSONS
- DO NOT ANNOUNCE YOUR ABSENCE WHEN ON VACATION



VACATION TIPS:

- USE AUTOMATIC TIMERS FOR EXTERNAL AND INTERNAL LIGHTS
- HAVE A NEIGHBOR DO THE FOLLOWING: PICK UP YOUR MAIL AND PACKAGES OR STOP MAIL COMPLETELY WITH THE POSTAL SERVICE
- REQUEST VACATION CHECKS FROM THE POLICE DEPARTMENT BY CALLING 626-256-8000

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 TEAM IS UP TO. DON'T FORGET TO SHARE THIS INFORMATION WITH ANYONE THAT WOULD BE INTERESTED.

POLICE DEPARTMENT

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CODE ENFORCEMENT TIP!

CODE VIOLATION VERSUS CIVIL MATTER

A REVIEW OF WHO IS RESPONSIBLE FOR DIFFERENT CONCERNS

IF YOU HAVE A CONCERN ABOUT A PROPERTY OR YOUR LIVING CONDITIONS, IT MIGHT BE HANDLED BY THE CODE ENFORCEMENT TEAM OR CIVILLY WITH YOUR LANDLORD OR NEIGHBOR. GENERALLY SPEAKING, CODE ENFORCEMENT REGULATES ADOPTED CODES IN THE MONROVIA MUNICIPAL CODE, CALIFORNIA BUILDING CODE, AND CALIFORNIA HEALTH & SAFETY CODE TO NAME A FEW. THESE CODES COVER A WIDE ARRAY OF ISSUES AT A PROPERTY. MONROVIA'S CODE ENFORCEMENT IS DEDICATED TO ENHANCING THE COMMUNITY AND ENSURING THAT RESIDENTS LIVE IN SAFE CONDITIONS.

COMMON CODE ENFORCEMENT VIOLATIONS THAT ARE INVESTIGATED INCLUDE:

- UNPERMITTED CONSTRUCTION
- JUNK, TRASH, & DEBRIS IN PUBLIC VIEW
- GREEN POOLS
- OVERGROWN OR DEAD VEGETATION
- ABANDONED VEHICLES ON PRIVATE PROPERTY (ON PUBLIC STREETS IS HANDLED BY PARKING ENFORCEMENT)
- ZONING VIOLATIONS
- SUBSTANDARD HOUSING – LACK OF HEAT, LACK OF WATER, STRUCTURE IN DISREPAIR, ETC.



THERE ARE SOME ITEMS THAT MUST BE WORKED OUT BETWEEN A LANDLORD AND TENANT. THE BEST APPROACH IS TO COMMUNICATE RESPECTFULLY BETWEEN PARTIES AND EXPLAIN THE CONCERN. AVOID THREATS AND AGGRESSIVE BEHAVIOR. IF YOU ARE A TENANT, YOUR LANDLORD OR MANAGER HAS A RESPONSIBILITY TO PREVENT SUBSTANDARD LIVING CONDITIONS AND MAKE REPAIRS. WE ALWAYS ADVISE YOU TO REVIEW YOUR LEASE OR RENT CONTRACT AND SEEK LEGAL ADVICE BEFORE WITHHOLDING RENT OR TAKING ANY OTHER ACTION. YOU CAN CONTACT THE NEIGHBORHOOD LEGAL SERVICES OF LOS ANGELES COUNTY FOR FREE AT 1 (800) 433-6251. YOU CAN ALSO REACH OUT TO THE HOUSING RIGHTS CENTER BY PHONE OR EMAIL FOR HELP: [SERVICES](#) | [HOUSING RIGHTS CENTER](#)

COMMON CONCERNS THAT SHOULD BE HANDLED BY YOU OR THE OWNER:

- LEAKING FIXTURES
- DIRTY FLOORS/CARPET
- ISSUES WITH DOORS
- MINOR VISIBLE MOLD AROUND KITCHEN OR BATHROOM
- CLOGGED PLUMBING
- GARAGE NOT WORKING



THERE ARE A FEW SITUATIONS THAT ARE HANDLED CIVILLY BETWEEN NEIGHBORS. THIS INVOLVES ISSUES NEAR THE PROPERTY LINE AND ANY PROPERTY DAMAGE CAUSED BY THE OTHER PROPERTY. AGAIN, POSITIVE AND CALM COMMUNICATION WITH YOUR NEIGHBOR IS THE BEST FIRST APPROACH. FEEL FREE TO SEEK LEGAL ADVICE AS WELL.

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COMMON NEIGHBOR CONCERNS THAT ARE HANDLED CIVILLY:

- **PROPERTY LINE FENCE OR WALL NEEDS TO BE REPAIRED/REPLACED** – THE CITY DOES NOT KNOW WHERE THE FENCE IS LOCATED (EITHER DIRECTLY ON THE PROPERTY LINE OR ON ONE SIDE) AND THEREFORE IT IS UP TO THE NEIGHBORS TO COORDINATE WHO NEEDS TO REPAIR IT.
- **TREES OR HEDGES THAT HANG OVER THE PROPERTY LINE/FENCE** – A CANOPY OF A TREE CAN OVERHANG THE FENCE AND DROP LEAVES ON A NEIGHBORING PROPERTY. IT IS UP TO THE NEIGHBOR TO SEEK LEGAL ADVICE ABOUT TRIMMING IT BACK. GENERALLY, ANYTHING THAT OVERHANGS THE PROPERTY LINE CAN BE TRIMMED BACK AS LONG AS IT WILL NOT ADVERSELY AFFECT OR KILL THE TREE.
- **PROPERTY DAMAGE** – IF A NEIGHBOR BACKS THEIR CAR INTO YOUR FENCE OR OTHERWISE DAMAGES SOMETHING ON YOUR PROPERTY, THEN IT IS CIVIL. IT MIGHT BE COVERED BY THEIR AUTO OR HOME OWNERS INSURANCE.



MOLD IS UNIQUE IN HOW IT IS HANDLED. IN 2015, CALIFORNIA ADDED A SECTION TO THE CALIFORNIA HEALTH AND SAFETY CODE THAT STATES VISIBLE MOLD MUST BE REPAIRED BY THE LANDLORD. CODE ENFORCEMENT IS NOT TRAINED OR EQUIPPED TO KNOW THE SPECIES OF MOLD, BUT WOULD ADDRESS THE ROOT CAUSES OF MOLD. THIS COULD BE A LEAK IN THE WALLS OR A LACK OF VENTILATION. TENANTS SHOULD MAKE A REASONABLE ATTEMPT TO NOTIFY THE LANDLORD ABOUT VISIBLE MOLD AND REQUEST THAT IT BE REPAIRED. FROM SB 655 (2015) “THIS BILL WOULD SPECIFY THAT VISIBLE MOLD GROWTH, EXCEPTING MOLD THAT IS MINOR AND FOUND ON SURFACES THAT CAN ACCUMULATE MOISTURE AS PART OF THEIR PROPER AND INTENDED USE, IS A TYPE OF INADEQUATE SANITATION AND THEREFORE A SUBSTANDARD CONDITION. THE BILL WOULD DEFINE MOLD AS MICROSCOPIC ORGANISMS OR FUNGI THAT CAN GROW IN DAMP CONDITIONS IN THE INTERIOR OF A BUILDING. BY EXPANDING THE DEFINITION OF A CRIME, THIS BILL WOULD IMPOSE A STATE-MANDATED LOCAL PROGRAM.”

MINOR MOLD FOUND NEAR BATHROOMS, SINKS, AND WINDOWS IS EXEMPT. THIS ADDRESSES VISIBLE MOLD THAT IS SUBSTANTIAL AND IN A LOCATION THAT IS NOT TYPICALLY MOIST LIKE A LIVING ROOM WALL OR CEILING. IF YOUR LANDLORD IS WILLING TO FIX ANY ISSUES IN YOUR HOME, LET THEM. THE GOAL AT THE END OF THE DAY IS TO RESOLVE THE ISSUE AND WORK TOGETHER.

TO CONTACT CODE ENFORCEMENT REGARDING AN ISSUE OR TO ASK A QUESTION, USE THE FOLLOWING METHODS.

CALL US AT (626) 932-5582

EMAIL US AT CE@CI.MONROVIA.CA.US

OR SUBMIT THE ISSUE ONLINE AT: [CODE ENFORCEMENT | CITY OF MONROVIA](https://www.ci.monrovia.ca.us/code-enforcement)

CODE ENFORCEMENT HIGHLIGHT!



WHILE CONDUCTING A DAILY SWEEP, OFFICER PINEDA OBSERVED GRAFFITI IN A RESIDENTIAL AREA. OFFICER PINEDA TOOK PICTURES OF THE GRAFFITI BECAUSE IT IS IN PUBLIC VIEW. OFFICER PINEDA OPENED A CASE AND SENT AN EDUCATION LETTER TO THE PROPERTY OWNERS INFORMING THEM OF THE VIOLATION. WHEN OFFICER PINEDA WENT BACK TO THE PROPERTY TO FOLLOW UP, THE VIOLATION HAD BEEN CLEANED UP. OFFICER PINEDA TOOK PICTURES AND CLOSED THE CASE.

NEIGHBORHOOD TIPS FOR SIDEWALK VENDORS

OUR NEIGHBORHOOD & BUSINESS SERVICES TEAM HAS RECEIVED INQUIRIES ABOUT SIDEWALK VENDORS AND FOOD TRUCKS. IN AN EFFORT TO HELP SHARE INFORMATION ABOUT THE REGULATIONS, WE HAVE LAUNCHED OUR FIRST NEIGHBORHOOD TIP ON “SIDEWALK VENDORS.”

THE SIDEWALK VENDOR BILL (SB 946) TOOK EFFECT IN CALIFORNIA ON JANUARY 1, 2019. SB 946 MADE IT UNLAWFUL FOR LOCAL AGENCIES TO PROHIBIT SIDEWALK VENDORS FROM OPERATING IN THEIR CITIES. HOWEVER, SIDEWALK VENDORS ARE REQUIRED TO GET A CITY OF MONROVIA BUSINESS LICENSE AND SUBMIT A VALID LOS ANGELES COUNTY HEALTH PERMIT IF THEY SELL FOOD. THEY ARE ALLOWED, WITH THESE PERMITS, TO SET UP A STATIONARY STAND OR ROAM WITH CARTS AS LONG AS THEY FOLLOW MINOR RESTRICTIONS. FOOD TRUCKS AND TRAILERS ARE NOT COVERED UNDER “SIDEWALK VENDORS” AND HAVE DIFFERENT REQUIREMENTS. THEY ARE ALSO ALLOWED WITHIN THE CITY OF MONROVIA WITH THE PROPER PERMITS AND A CITY BUSINESS LICENSE.

CODE ENFORCEMENT HAS BEEN INTERACTING WITH DIFFERENT SIDEWALK VENDORS AND FOOD TRUCKS WITHIN THE CITY OF MONROVIA TO VERIFY THAT THEY HAVE PROPER PERMITS AND ARE NOT VIOLATING ANY OF THE RESTRICTIONS. SOME OF THE RESTRICTIONS INCLUDE: NO VENDING WITHIN 500 FEET OF A SCHOOL DURING SCHOOL OPERATIONS, STATIONARY VENDING IN A RESIDENTIAL ZONE IS PROHIBITED, NO LITTERING, AND NO BLOCKING OF ADA ACCESS ON SIDEWALKS.

IF YOU HAVE ANY QUESTIONS RELATED TO SIDEWALK VENDORS OR FOOD TRUCKS, DO NOT HESITATE TO CONTACT US AT (626) 932-5582 OR BY EMAIL AT CE@CI.MONROIVA.CA.US

TO LEARN MORE OR TO DOWNLOAD AN APPLICATION: [BUSINESS LICENSE | CITY OF MONROVIA](#)

VIDEO LINK (ENGLISH): [HTTPS://YOUTU.BE/GE5WCJC0MI0](https://youtu.be/GE5WCJC0MI0)

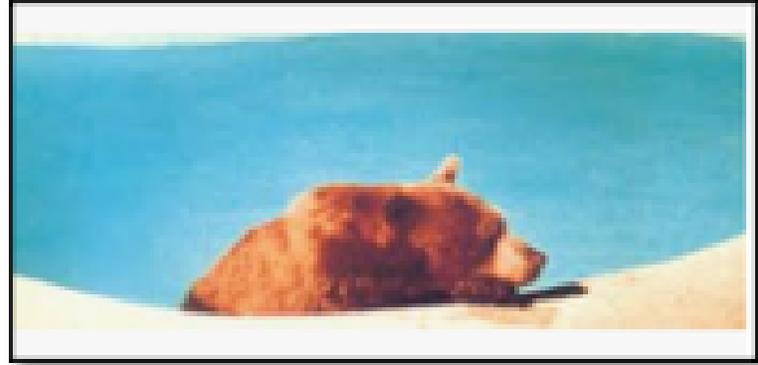
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HIDDEN GEMS IN MONROVIA

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

MONROVIA SAMSON BEARS

SAMSON THE BEAR, ALSO KNOWN AS “THE HOT TUB BEAR” MADE HIS WAY INTO THE HEARTS OF MONROVIANS BY FREQUENTLY VISITING LOCAL RESIDENT’S HOT TUBS. IN 1994, AFTER SEVERAL MONTHS OF ENJOYING THE WARM WATERS OF A HOT TUB, HE BECAME ILL FROM INGESTING A PLASTIC BAG AND WAS THEN CAPTURED BY THE CALIFORNIA STATE DEPARTMENT OF FISH AND GAME. THE OLD, TOOTHLESS BEAR QUICKLY BECAME ACCUSTOMED TO THE PEOPLE CARING FOR HIM AND THEREFORE COULD NOT BE RELEASED BACK TO THE WILD. SAMSON WAS SENTENCED TO DEATH.



THE BELOVED SAMSON THE BEAR

WORD QUICKLY SPREAD ABOUT THE PLIGHT OF SAMSON AND THE CAMPAIGN TO SAVE HIM SOON REACHED THE GOVERNOR. GOVERNOR WILSON GAVE SAMSON A STAY OF EXECUTION. MONROVIANS PULLED TOGETHER AND SAMSON BECAME AN INTERNATIONAL CELEBRITY. THE STORY CAUGHT THE ATTENTION OF THE ORANGE COUNTY ZOO. MONETARY CONTRIBUTIONS FROM PEOPLE WORLDWIDE PAID FOR AN ENCLOSURE, COMPLETE WITH A HOT TUB, THAT WOULD ALLOW SAMSON TO TAKE UP RESIDENCE AT THE ORANGE COUNTY ZOO UNTIL HIS DEATH OF OLD AGE IN 2001.



WILLIAM MONROE BEAR

IN 2011, AS PART OF THE CITY OF MONROVIA’S 125TH BIRTHDAY CELEBRATION, THE ART IN PUBLIC PLACES PROGRAM AND LOCAL BUSINESSES PURCHASED EIGHT FIBERGLASS LIFE-SIZE BEARS TO HONOR MONROVIA’S SAMSON. THE BEARS, SEVEN SAMSONS AND ONE DELILAH, WERE UNVEILED AT THE MONROVIA DAY PARADE AND PLACED IN VARIOUS LOCATIONS THROUGHOUT THE COMMUNITY. THE ART IN PUBLIC PLACES PROGRAM PURCHASED FOUR ADDITIONAL SAMSONS IN 2017. IN 2020, THE SAMSON PROGRAM WAS IDENTIFIED AS ONE OF MONROVIA’S SIGNATURE ART PROGRAMS. AS SUCH, THE ADOPT A SAMSON PROGRAM WAS CREATED. THE GOAL OF THE PROGRAM IS TO INCREASE AWARENESS OF MONROVIA’S SAMSONS AND ENCOURAGE THE INSTALLATION OF ADDITIONAL BEARS. ADOPT A SAMSON IS AVAILABLE TO ALL LOCAL RESIDENTS, BUSINESS OWNERS AND ORGANIZATIONS BASED IN MONROVIA.

HIDDEN GEMS IN MONROVIA

MONROVIA SAMSON BEARS

SAMSON'S POPULARITY EXTENDED BEYOND HIS LIFE. IN ADDITION TO THE BEARS, THERE ARE TWO BOOKS WRITTEN ABOUT HIM INCLUDING THE STORY OF SAMSON: TRUE TALE OF A HOT TUB LOVING BEAR BY JENNIFER RANGER AND SAMSON THE HOT TUB BEAR – A TRUE STORY BY WENDY TOKUDA. ADDITIONALLY, ONE OF THE WINNERS OF THE 2021 SIDEWALK POETRY CONTEST WROTE A POEM CALLED **SAMSON THE HOT TUB BEAR:**

*STARTED WITH A BEAR THAT REALLY DIDN'T CARE
WHOSE TRASH HE ATE*

*LEFT THE HILLSIDE TO TAKE A WET DIVE IN A HOT TUB HE LOVED
GOT SICK BUT THAT WAS NOT THE END OF HIS STORY, JUST THE
BEGINNING OF HIS GLORY*

*ALL RAISED MONEY TO GET THIS OLD BEAR A POOL AND SOME SWEET,
SWEET HONEY*

*THE LAST OF HIS YEARS LIVING IT UP IN A ZOO THAT COULD ONLY BE
DESCRIBED AS SPECTACULARLY COOL!*

WRITTEN BY LISA HANSBERGER



WILDLIFE BEAR

EACH BEAR IS UNIQUELY PAINTED AND TELLS ITS OWN STORY!



VISIT THE CITY OF MONROVIA'S [ART IN PUBLIC PLACES PAGE](#) TO VIEW THE ONLINE MAP THAT HIGHLIGHTS ALL SAMSON BEARS.

<u>NAME OF BEAR</u>	<u>LOCATION</u>	<u>NAME OF BEAR</u>	<u>LOCATION</u>
ARTIST BEAR	415 S. MYRTLE AVE.	SUNRISE-SUNSET BEAR	135 W. FOOTHILL BLVD.
TOURIST BEAR	COLORADO AND MYRTLE AVE.	MYBL PLAYER BEAR	RECREATION PARK - BARNEY GLEN FIELD
WILLIAM MONROE BEAR	MONROVIA HIGH SCHOOL	KIWANIS BEAR	KIWANIS PARK AT GRAND AVE.
BEAR IN PEARLS	1530 S. MYRTLE AVE.	WILDLIFE BEAR	MONROVIA PUBLIC LIBRARY
ROTARY BEAR	ROTARY PARK	RECYCLE BEAR	ATHEN'S - 5355 VINCENT AVE., IRWINDALE
TAX BEAR	128 E. PALM AVE.		

MAP ADULT LEADER HIGHLIGHT

ROGER FOSTER | 2014 MAP ADULT LEADERSHIP ACADEMY GRADUATE



ROGER FOSTER IS OUR CLASS OF 2014 MAP LEADERSHIP ACADEMY GRADUATE. SINCE GRADUATING THE ACADEMIES, ROGER HAS TAKEN PART OF A GROUP CALLED "SATURDAY MORNING HIKERS", WHERE HE HAS TAKEN INITIATIVE OF LEADING HIKE IN THE LOS ANGELES AREA.

HE RECENTLY LEAD A GROUP OF 17 HIKERS ON THE TRAIL IN THE MONROVIA WILDERNESS PRESERVE. THE ROUTE HE LEAD THE HIKERS THROUGH WAS OUT AND BACK, WHICH WAS 7.5 MILES AND AN ELEVATION GAIN ON 1450 FEET!

IT WAS A MEMORABLE HIKE BECAUSE IT WAS A FIRST TIME FOR A NUMBER OF HIKERS ON THAT TRAIL. HE WAS ABLE TO POINT OUT THE PARTS OF THE TRAIL THAT WAS WIDENED TO CREATE A FIRE BREAK DURING THE BOBCAT FIRE OF 2020. EACH TIME HE HIKES THERE, HE CAN SEE THE VEGETATION SLOWLY GROWING BACK.

THE "SATURDAY MORNING HIKERS" IS A MEETUP GROUP THAT WAS CREATED IN 2010, AND ROGER BECAME A MEMBER IN MARCH 2011, MAKING IT OVER 10 YEARS NOW. HE HAS BEEN ON AN IMPRESSIVE AMOUNT OF HIKE, 268 TO BE EXACT (WAY TO GO ROGER!). HE WOULD BE HAPPY TO LEAD A HIKE TO THE WATERFALL IN MONROVIA CANYON PARK OPENS UP AGAIN.

ROGER AND SUSAN PITCHER, A FELLOW MAP LEADER ACADEMY GRADUATE, TRIED TO START A WALKING GROUP TO WALK AROUND MONROVIA AFTER COMPLETING THE MAP ACADEMIES. UNFORTUNATELY, NOBODY WAS SHOWING UP.

GOING ON HIKE AND WALKING OUTDOORS ALONE OR WITH A SMALL GROUP IS A SAFE WAY TO STAY ACTIVE DURING THE PANDEMIC. IF YOU OR ANYONE YOU KNOW IS LOOKING FOR A HIKING GROUP IN MONROVIA, ROGER FOSTER IS YOUR GUY!



MAP YOUTH LEADER HIGHLIGHT

FIONA OVERHOFF | 2021 MAP YOUTH LEADERSHIP ACADEMY GRADUATE



FIONA OVERHOFF IS A LOCAL SIXTH GRADER IN MONROVIA. SHE WAS ONE OF THE TWO GRADUATING YOUTH MAP LEADERS FROM OUR CLASS OF 2021. BEING THAT WE HAD A SMALLER CLASS OF YOUTH IN 2021, WE REALLY APPRECIATED THE TIME WE SPENT GETTING TO KNOW FIONA ON A MORE PERSONAL LEVEL. A FEW THINGS WE LEARNED FROM FIONA IS THAT SHE IS TRULY CREATIVE AND BRIGHT. SHE HOPES TO ATTEND NEW YORK UNIVERSITY AS A FASHION STUDENT TO PURSUE A CAREER IN FASHION DESIGN WHEN SHE IS OLDER. IN HER FREE TIME, SHE ENJOYS TRAVELLING, AND ONE OF HER FAVORITE PLACES SHE HAS TRAVELLED TO IS PARIS WITH HER FAMILY. AT SUCH A YOUNG AGE, SHE HAS ALREADY ACCOMPLISHED SO MUCH! WE ARE SO PROUD OF FIONA AND WE CAN'T WAIT TO SEE HER FASHION DESIGNS ON THE RUNWAY ONE DAY.

GET INVOLVED IN THE COMMUNITY!

VOLUNTEER WITH THE LIBRARY

PHONE: 626-256-8274

VOLUNTEER OPPORTUNITIES

VOLUNTEERS ARE A BIG PART OF WHAT MAKES MONROVIA GREAT! TO GET INVOLVED IN THE CITY OR ITS COMMUNITY PARTNERS, SEE THE OPPORTUNITIES THAT THE MONROVIA PUBLIC LIBRARY OFFERS BELOW!



MONROVIA PUBLIC LIBRARY PROVIDES MANY SERVICES THAT PROMOTE LITERACY, LEARNING AND LEISURE. VOLUNTEERS ARE AN INTEGRAL PART OF THE LIBRARY AND HELP SERVE OUR DIVERSE AND VIBRANT COMMUNITY. THE LIBRARY IS ALWAYS TRYING NEW THINGS, SO IF YOU HAVE UNIQUE SKILLS, THE LIBRARY IS A GREAT PLACE TO USE THEM!

THE MINIMUM AGE FOR VOLUNTEERS IS 18. DEPENDING ON THE POSITION, YOU'LL GENERALLY BE ASKED TO WORK A MINIMUM OF 6 HOURS PER MONTH FOR 6-12 MONTHS. TEENS MAY TALK TO THE YOUTH SERVICES DEPARTMENT FOR VOLUNTEER OPPORTUNITIES THROUGH MEMBERSHIP IN THE TEEN ADVISORY BOARD (TAB).

TEEN ADVISORY BOARD (TAB)

THE MISSION OF THE TEEN ADVISORY BOARD IS TO PROVIDE TEENS A PLACE TO EXPRESS THEIR OPINIONS, MAKE FRIENDS, AND CONNECT WITH THE COMMUNITY, WHILE VOLUNTEERING AT THE LIBRARY. TEENS COME TOGETHER TO ASSIST THE LIBRARY IN DEVELOPING AND IMPLEMENTING PROGRAMS WHICH SERVE LOCAL TEENS AND THE COMMUNITY, AND CREATE A FUN AND COMFORTABLE ATMOSPHERE FOR TEENS AT THE LIBRARY.

THE MONROVIA PUBLIC LIBRARY'S TEEN ADVISORY BOARD (TAB) IS A GROUP OF TEENS IN 6TH – 12TH GRADE COMMITTED TO HELPING THE LIBRARY AND THE COMMUNITY.

TO JOIN, COMPLETE THE [TAB APPLICATION](#), SIGN AND SCAN IT, THEN EMAIL IT TO ANUSH BALAYAN, TEEN SERVICES LIBRARIAN, AT ABALAYAN@CI.MONROVIA.CA.US. OR YOU CAN MAIL YOUR APPLICATION TO: MONROVIA PUBLIC LIBRARY, ATTN: ANUSH BALAYAN, 321 S. MYRTLE AVE, MONROVIA, CA 91016.

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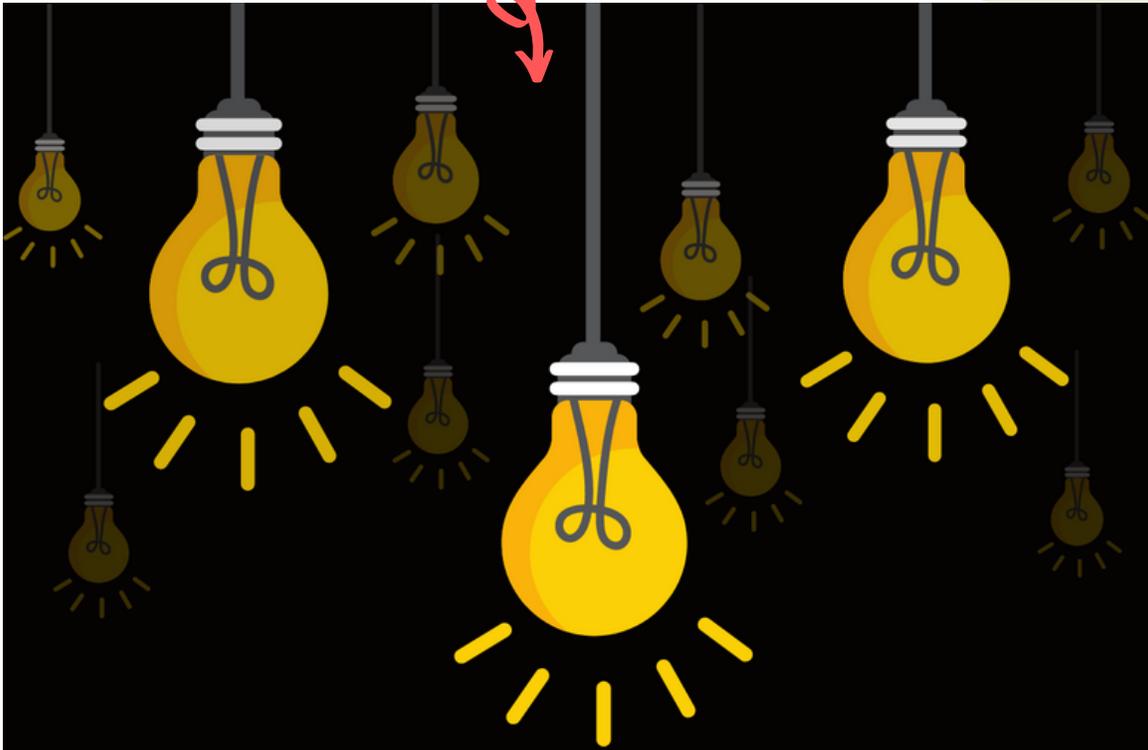
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