

# NEIGHBORHOOD NEWS

A community based newsletter brought to you by the Monrovia Area Partnership team

### YOUR MAP TEAM



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# Introduction

We are delighted to extend a warm welcome to the latest edition of our Monrovia Area Partnership Newsletter! In these pages, you'll discover a treasure trove of information on upcoming events, volunteer opportunities and initiatives designed to strengthen the bonds that unite us. From department highlights and tips to community celebrations, there's something here for every resident to engage with and contribute to.

It's vital to stay connected and informed about the myriad ways we can come together to create positive change. This newsletter serves as a vital link, providing you with the tools, resources and inspiration needed to make a difference in your community.

But our newsletter isn't just about sharing information, it's about amplifying voices, uplighting stories, and celebrating the unique spirit of our city. We invite you to share your experiences, insights and ideas with us, as we strive to create a space that reflects the collective strength of our community. Together, let's continue to build a future where every resident thrives and every voice is heard.

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# MEET OUR NEW NEIGHBORHOOD SERVICES EMPLOYEES

#### WELCOME OUR DIVISION MANAGER, JOSLYN BLAKELY



particularly those where her family members showcase their talents on the field, court, or stage. Her children are actively involved in a diverse range of extracurricular activities including track, band, soccer, basketball, football, volleyball, dance, and theater, reflecting a vibrant family dynamic centered around community engagement and performance.

Joslyn's passion for community involvement aligns seamlessly with her current role, which blends her extensive experience in public service with a background in social work. She thrives in collaborative environments and are excited to be part of a community-based program that fosters cooperation between residents, City staff, and resources.

Meet Joslyn, a dedicated professional with a rich history in public service spanning over 24 years. Her journey began as an intern for the City of Long Beach's Neighborhood Service Bureau in 2000 and has since traversed through various domains including Community Development, Public Safety, and Public Works.

In 2023, Joslyn achieved a significant milestone by earning a Master's Degree in Social Work, a testament to her perseverance and commitment to personal growth. Despite completing her undergraduate degree in Public Administration 18 years prior, she embraced the opportunity to further their education, embodying the belief that it's never too late to pursue one's dreams.

Outside of work, Joslyn finds joy in attending

concerts, plays, and sporting events,

With a dedicated team comprising the Monrovia Area Partnership, Code Enforcement, and Business Services programs, Joslyn looks forward to each day's challenges and opportunities to make a positive impact. Her theme song, "Strength, Courage, and Wisdom" by India. Arie, embodies her personal ethos, reflecting resilience and determination in the face of adversity. While she doesn't have a favorite movie, Joslyn approaches life with an open mind and a readiness to embrace new experiences.

Having recently attended their first MAP conference, Joslyn is eager to immerse herself in the Monrovian community, learn its intricacies, and contribute to its growth and development. Her enthusiasm shines through as she anticipate upcoming events like the block party on June 22nd, embodying a proactive spirit and a genuine commitment to serving others.

# MEET OUR NEW NEIGHBORHOOD SERVICES EMPLOYEES

**WELCOME. PAULINA REYES** 



Meet Paulina Reyes, our newest addition to the team!

A graduate from California State University Fullerton with a degree in Public Relations, Paulina brings a wealth of expertise in social media, marketing, and community outreach to our team. With a passion for crafting engaging content and connecting with our community, she's ready to make a meaningful impact.

Outside the office, you'll find Paulina sweating it out in various workout classes or indulging in feel-good movies (though she'll always argue that the books are better!)

Paulina treasures every moment spent with her family, boyfriend, and friends, cherishing each opportunity for quality time together. She's enthusiastic about meeting everyone in the community and can't wait to make meaningful connections. Let's give her a warm welcome!

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# Check out what MAP has been up to!

#### 14TH ANNUTAL NEIGHBORHOOD CONFERENCE | APRIL 27, 2024

MAP hosted their 14th Annual Neighborhood Conference which is aimed at empowering the community with valuable knowledge and resources. Held right here in the community, the conference attracted a diverse crowd eager to explore the wealth of information and services on offer. From educational opportunities to a free yoga session, the conference featured an array of booths, each dedicated to providing attendees with essential information and support. Local organizations, government agencies and community groups came together to showcase their initiatives and programs, fostering a sense of connectivity and collaboration among participants.

One of the standout features of the conference was the series of informative workshops conducted throughout the day. Covering topics ranging from Development in Monrovia to SB1383 Organic Waste Recycling, these sessions provided attendees with practical insights and actional strategies to enhance their lives and contribute positively to our city's development.

The Neighborhood Conference served as a platform for fostering dialogue and engagement between residents and local organizations. Attendees had the opportunity to interact directly with representatives from various organizations, ask questions, and share feedback, fostering a sense of community. It is evident that the Neighborhood Conference had achieved its objective of empowering residents with knowledge and resources to lead fulfilling lives. The overwhelming turnout and positive feedback from attendees underscored the importance of such initiatives in promoting community well-being and cohesion.

We extend our sincere gratitude to all the organizations, participants, and volunteers who contributed to making our 14th Annual Neighborhood Conference a resounding success. Together, we have taken a significant step towards building a more informed, connected and resilient community for all. We look forward to future editions of the conference and the continued empowerment of our community.





#### MAP 2024 Events Calendar

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X HOLIDAY

- Adult Leadership Academy - 7 weeks
- Youth Leadership Academy - 7 weeks
- Newsletters Quarterly (4)
- MAP-edu -Quarterly (4)
- Neighborhood Conference
- Anniversary **Block Party**

# MAP Upcoming Events

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 EVENTS WE HAVE COMING UP DOWN BELOW!



#### 18TH ANNIVERSARY BLOCK PARTY

our 18th Anniversary Block Park is just around the corner, and we can't wait to see the community come together to celebrate our amazing city. The MAP Anniversary Block Party have been bringing the community together for 17 years! Our goal is to bring neighbors, city officials, and local organizations together, to foster a sense of community. If you like fun-filled evenings full of music, food, games, and community spirit, you don't want to miss out! Bring your friends, family and everyone you know! For more information, please visit our website <a href="https://example.com/here/block/park)">here</a>.

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. CATCH UP WITH THE CITY MANAGER'S OFFICE AND SEE WHAT IS HAPPENING!

#### **COMMUNITY SERVICES - LIBRARY**

The Monrovia Public Library enriches lives by fostering life-long learning. This is achieved by ensuring every member of the community has access to a range of ideas and information, in a variety of formats, to meet the educational, informational, and recreational needs of the community. Staff provides a variety of programs and services to meet the needs of the community and patrons of all ages. The library includes several areas of service: Circulation, Youth, Adult, Literacy, Veterans, and the Monrovia Reads Mobile Literacy Program. Most importantly, the library is a place for the community to meet, discover, and learn.

#### **Circulation Services**

Circulation Services is the first point of contact for the public. Staff greets customers as they enter the building, answers directional and informational questions, supports patrons and directs incoming calls. Staff creates new library accounts for patrons, checks materials in and out of the library, processes new library materials, and manages overdue fines and payments.

#### **Youth Services**

Youth Services presents programs and activities to support educational, recreational, and developmental needs of children through literacy and STEAM programs. Types of programming include story times, Innovation Lab workshops, class visits, and outreach events. Staff provides reference and reader's advisory services to youth of all ages, parents, caregivers, and people who work with children. The library team develops a collection of resources in both print and non-print formats to support 21st century job skills, literacy development, educational and recreational needs, and local school curriculum.

#### **Adult Services**

Adult Services provides reference and reader's advisory services to adults using the collection in a variety of formats including digital, print, and non-print resources. Educational and cultural programs and activities support life-long learning for adults of all ages, including music programs, outreach to senior facilities, and game nights. Preservation of local history resources supports the community's rich heritage.

**COMMUNITY SERVICES - LIBRARY (CONT.)** 

#### **Literacy Services**

The Adult Literacy Program provides one-to-one or small group instruction by trained volunteer tutors. Resources include digital and print materials and instruction is based on each individual's goals and supports English speaking adults with basic reading and writing skills. As a result, adult learners can reach their potential as workers, parents, community members, and life-long learners.

Staff is responsible for managing the Adult Literacy Program, as well as recruiting, hiring, and training volunteer tutors. This is the only program dependent on donations and grants, and the staff is responsible for grant writing and reporting statistical information to the State Library in support of the California Library Literacy Services Grant. The Monrovia Public Library Foundation supports Literacy Services through annual contributions to provide materials, software, and technology for Adult Learners.

#### **Veterans Services**

The Veterans Resource Center provides assistance to local veterans and their families. An on-site Veterans Services Officer as well as a representative from local nonprofit, Veterans Peer Access Network, offer one-on-one appointments to discuss benefits and local service information for veterans and their family members.

#### **Monrovia Reads Mobile Literacy Program**

The new, literacy-focused version of the Monrovia Reads & Plays program was relaunched as the Monrovia Reads Mobile Literacy Program (or Monrovia Reads Van) in March 2018. The Library oversees and staffs the van with funding from the City and the nonprofit Monrovia Reads as well as their corporate sponsors. During the academic year, the van visits each of the schools in the district, from preschool to high school, providing: library books for check out, creating library cards for parents and families, as well as literacy rich activities. During the summer, the Monrovia Reads Van offers mobile library services for summer school programs and local community events.

#### **COMMUNITY SERVICES - LIBRARY (CONT.)**

#### Year in Review: 2023

·Community members borrowed 179,799 items from the library ·Staff answered 42,989 reference questions

·Patrons saved \$1,783,670 by using their library card to borrow items instead of purchasing them

·The Veterans Resource Center staff had 1,307 interactions with veterans and their family members, connecting them with benefits and services

•The Adult Literacy Program offered 104 programs for 768 Adult Learners •Youth Services staff provided 234 programs for 12,863 children, families, caregivers, and teens

·The library catalog was searched 124,168 times

·Staff provided a total of 414 programs for 14,813 attendees of all ages ·The Monrovia Reads Van supported 7,253 students at local schools, who borrowed 2,148 books

•The online Legacy Project local history resource had 9,569 searches for photos, directories, articles, and oral histories documenting Monrovia's past
•Patrons borrowed 15,869 ebooks via the library's Overdrive Libby platform

#### **Upcoming Events**

**Community Picnic to Celebrate Veterans**: Saturday, June 1 from 11am-1pm in Library Park

Everyone is welcome to enjoy some good food, games, and music while showing their support for Monrovia's local veterans. Information and resources from local organizations for veterans and their families will be available.

#### Summer Reading Program 2024: June 1-July 31

The library's annual summer celebration is fun for all ages with prizes, programs, and contests.

**Summer Reading Kickoff Party**: Saturday, June 8 from 12-4pm in Library Park Start the summer off right with activities, games, crafts, and fun for all ages at the Summer Reading Kickoff Party!

**COMMUNITY SERVICES - LIBRARY (CONT.)** 



# Community Activist Policing Tip

#### IT'S ALWAYS SUMMER SOMEWHERE!



As we approach the summer months, the Community Activist Policing Officers want to make sure Monrovia residents spend the hot days of summer splashing in a pool, safely. Whether at your home or a family friend's house, swimming is a great way to make the most of the hot weather but remember to not let all the fun overshadow the importance of water safety.

Remember to follow these pool safety tips:

-Supervise children: Always watch children in or near water and never leave them unattended.

-Learn to swim: Teach children how to swim.

-Install safety devices: Install barriers, gates, and door alarms.

-Get certified: Know how to perform CPR on children and adults. For more pool safety tips and to take the pool safely pledge,

visit <a href="https://www.poolsafety.gov/pledge">www.poolsafety.gov/pledge</a>.

QUESTIONS? Contact the MPD Non-Emergency Line at 626-256-8000

# Code Enforcement Tip

THE GOAL OF THE CODE ENFORCEMENT PROGRAM IS TO WORK WITH RESIDENTS, BUSINESSES, AND PROPERTY OWNERS TO ACHIEVE COMPLIANCE AND ENHANCE OUR COMMUNITY!

#### KEEPING OUR CITY SAFE: VECTOR CONTROL CODE ENFORCEMENT TIPS

As part of our ongoing efforts to maintain a clean and healthy environment for all members of our community, we would like to share some important code enforcement tips for vector control. Vector-borne diseases transmitted by insects like mosquitoes and ticks pose a significant public health concern, and proper enforcement of regulations plays a crucial role in preventing their spread.

#### 1. Maintain Your Property:

Regularly inspect and maintain your property to eliminate potential breeding grounds for mosquitoes and other vectors. Keep your yard free of standing water, which serves as a prime breeding site for mosquitoes.

#### 2. Proper Waste Disposal:

Dispose of all waste, including yard debris and discarded items, in designated containers. Avoid leaving trash bags or containers uncovered, as they can collect water and attract pests.

#### 3. Maintain Swimming Pools and Spas:

If you have a swimming pool or spa, ensure that it is properly maintained and chlorinated to prevent mosquito breeding. Regularly clean and treat water features to eliminate potential habitats for mosquitoes.

#### 4: Address Standing Water:

Identify and eliminate sources of standing water around your property, such as clogged gutters, birdbaths, or unused containers. Mosquitoes can breed in even small amounts of stagnant water, so be vigilant in removing these sources.

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# Code Enforcement Tip

#### 5. Report Code Violations:

If you notice any violations of vector regulations in your neighborhood, such as abandoned properties or standing water on public grounds, report them to the appropriate authorities promptly. Together, we can ensure that our city remains a safe and healthy place to live.

#### 6. Educate Others:

Spread awareness about the importance of vector control and encourage your neighbors to take proactive measures to prevent the spread of vector-borne diseases. By working together, we can make a significant impact in protecting public health.

If you have any questions or concerns regarding vector control or need to report a code violation, please contact our Code Enforcement Department at

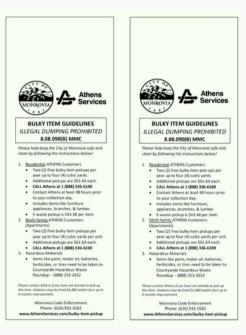
Thank you for your cooperation in maintaining a clean and healthy environment for everyone in our community. Together, we can effectively combat vector-borne diseases and create a safer, more livable city.



## #CleanMonrovia

CLEAN MONROVIA IS A MULTI-DEPARTMENT STRATEGY FOCUSED ON ENHANCING THE WELL-BEING OF OUR COMMUNITY AND LONGEVITY OF OUR PLANET. WHETHER IT'S ILLEGAL DUMPING OR WASTE REDUCTION, WE'RE DEDICATED TO PROVIDING A SOLUTION TO POLLUTION.





#### **YELLOW TAGS**

In an effort to reduce illegal dumping and encourage proper disposal of bulky items, the City of Monrovia launched the #CleanMonrovia campaign. This is a multi-department strategy to provide educational resources to residents and to curb illegal dumping.

Code Enforcement Officers will be placing a yellow tag on dumped items and at the front door of the property if they are unable to make contact with the resident. These "yellow tags" have a step-by-step process to schedule a bulky item pickup with Athens Services so it does not become illegal dumping.

If you receive a yellow tag and did NOT schedule with Athens, please remove the item from public view and schedule a pickup with Athens. It will typically be the same day as your trash service. If you DID schedule a pickup you can disregard the yellow tag.



For more information, visit <a href="https://www.cityofmonrovia.org/cleanmonrovia">www.cityofmonrovia.org/cleanmonrovia</a>

### Hidden Gems in Monrovia

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

#### THE 1886 GEORGE H. ANDERSON HOUSE

Step back in time to the late 1800s at Monrovia's Anderson House. Just in the door you'll get to see a parlor. We don't usually have parlors anymore, but you'll get to wander through one, learn what they were like and what they were for. And how did people cook in those days? And sleep? Visit the Anderson House and find answers to these questions and more.



John C. Anderson came to Monrovia in 1886 as a contractor to build a hotel for William Mills, named the Mills Hotel, not surprisingly. Anderson liked the new little town, bought the property at what is now 215 E. Lime Ave. and built a house for himself, wife Lizzie, and two sons, one on the way. Son George, born in 1886, was a lifelong bachelor, spent his entire life in the house, and when he died donated the house so future Monrovians could connect with their city's past. Today the non-profit Monrovia Historical Society preserves the house for Monrovians to enjoy and learn about their history. The Anderson House is open on the third Sunday of each month, from 1 to 4 p.m. Also, for more information, see the Society's website at monroviahistoricalsociety.org

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THE 1886 GEORGE H. ANDERSON HOUSE (CONT.)



# Local Small Business Spotlight

IF YOU HAVE ANY NOMINATIONS FOR A LOCAL SMALL BUSINESS SPOTLIGHT IN MONROVIA, PLEASE EMAIL US AT MAP@CI.MONROVIA.CA.US

#### STAVELEY THERAPY



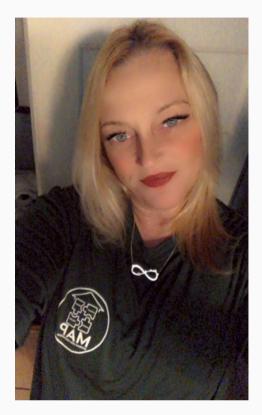
Staveley Therapy, located at the corner of Lemon and Myrtle in Old Town Monrovia, offers in-person and virtual mental health services for teenagers and adults. Katie (Caitlin) Staveley, LMFT 88835 has over 10 years of experience as a therapist and is deeply committed to guiding individuals on their path towards emotional well-being and personal growth.

Staveley Therapy focuses primarily on the treatment of anxiety, depression, trauma, issues related to substance use, and challenges of emerging adults and adolescents. Through evidence-based techniques and individualized treatment plans, individuals are empowered to overcome challenges and live more fulfilling lives. Katie Staveley, LMFT is certified in Individual Cognitive Behavioral Therapy

and is a diplomate of the Academy of Cognitive Therapy. She also provides Eye Movement Desensitization and Reprocessing (EMDR) therapy as an alternative to traditional talk therapy. In-network mental health services are covered through several insurance plans including Cigna, Aetna, and some Blue Shield of California plans. Staveley Therapy also offers private pay options for out-of-network clients including reduced fee options. To schedule a free 15-minute consultation, visit StaveleyTherapy.com

# MAP Leader Highlight

AN HONORABLE MENTION FOR OUR MAP LEADERS WHO CONTINUE TO MAKE AN IMPACT ON THE COMMUNITY AFTER GRADUATING THE ACADEMIES



#### AMY CASTRO | 2023 ADULT LEADER

My journey to becoming a MAP leader stemmed from my love for this community and my desire to give back. The decision to relocate to Monrovia in 2014 with my children was prompted by a variety of factors. Some possible reasons include: 1. Better quality of life: I was attracted to Monrovia's family-friendly community, low crime rates, and access to parks and recreational activities, all of which can contribute to a higher quality of life for me and my children. 2. Educational opportunities: Monrovia is known for its excellent schools and educational programs, which was a key factor in my decision to move here in order to provide my children with access to quality education.3. Housing affordability: Monrovia offered more affordable housing options compared to our previous location, making it a more attractive place to raise my children. I was also seeking a stronger sense of community and social support for my family and I definitely found that here. Form 2015-2019 I held many positions at Monrovia High School.

Form 2015-2019 I held many positions at Monrovia High School. I was appointed VP of Fundraising after I was able to beautify the Highschool with trees and flowers through the generosity of OSH Garden and Landscape. As the VP of fundraising for Monrovia High school I was responsible for leading and coordinating all fundraising efforts for the school. This included developing fundraising strategies, organizing fundraising events, and working with other members of the fundraising committee to meet fundraising goals. As the VP of fundraising I was afforded many opportunities to build relationships with donors, sponsors, and community partners to support the school's fundraising efforts. I was successful in achieving our goals of increasing student and parent involvement in school, supporting teachers and students to achieve academic success, and promoting community awareness and involvement in the high school.

In addition to my work on the PTSA I became the Head Parent Cheer volunteer where I was able to use a variety of tools to reach such as; newsletters, websites, Facebook, Twitter, autocalls, morning school news, etc. to help raise the funds needed for cheer events, state championships etc. Many of the local businesses help to support our students.

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(cont.) My favorite spots in Monrovia to hangout/shop is Charlies House, the water fountain at Library Park, the Friday night street fair, the Dog Park, and the movie theater where I have mother-son time. Cooking and gardening are a couple of my hobbies. I also enjoy painting, swimming and Football. I'm currently giving back to the community in a few small ways through a nonprofit called lasagna Love which is global nonprofit and grassroots movement that aims to positively impact communities by connecting neighbors with neighbors through homemade meal delivery. They also seek to eliminate stigmas associated with asking for help when it is needed most. The mission is simple: feed families, spread kindness, and strengthen communities. I also volunteer at Fellowship Monrovia which is the church that my family and I attend. My desire to do more in community since my children are now in college led me to enroll in the MAP course. I have had the opportunity since my graduation, to clean up a neighbor's property, supported events and activities sponsored by MAP. I get to connect with other like-minded individuals, and we work on projects together that benefit the community. I am currently working on hosting a summer block party so that my neighbors can be informed and even join.



# Get Involved in the Community

**COMMUNITY SERVICES** 

## **VOLUNTEER AT THE LIBRARY**



Monrovia Public Library provides many services that promote literacy, learning and leisure. Volunteers are an integral part of the Library and help us serve our diverse and vibrant community. The library is always trying new things, so if you have unique skills, we want to know! 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. To learn more about volunteering for the Friends of the Library, click here. To volunteer for the Adult Literacy program, email

#### <u>literacyservices@ci.monrovia.ca.us</u>

Teens may talk to the Youth Services department for volunteer opportunities through membership in the <u>Teen Advisory Board (TAB)</u>.

# **MAP**connect

#### **ABOUT**

MAPconnect is an initiative to retain, grow, and connect MAP Leaders. MAPconnect begins upon graduating from the MAP Leadership Academy. It is a multifaceted approach to incentivize volunteerism, provide resources, and encourage leaders to build networks.

# **MAP Leader Levels**



**Bronze:** 35 points



Silver: 100 points



Gold: 200 points

#### **POINT OPPORTUNITIES**

Events	Volunteering	Bonus
Volunteer/Attend MAP Conference (6 pts)	City Volunteer (CERT/PD/Fire/Code) (1pt/1hr)	Become a Zone Coordinator (10 pts)
Make a Difference Day (4 pts)	Volunteer Center (1 pt/1 hr)	Refer Someone to the Academy (10 pts)
Volunteer/Attend MAP Block Party (3 pts)	Foothill Unity (1 pt/1 hr)	Become a Zone Asst. Coordinator (5 pts)
Attend a MAP-Edu (2 pts)	Volunteer at MAP Block Party/Neighborhood Mtg. (1 pt/1 hr)	Host a Neighborhood/Park Clean Up (5 pts)
Attend Neighborhood Treasure (2 pts)	YMCA (1 pt/1 hr)	Host a Block Party (5 pts)
Speak at a Leadership Academy (2 pts)	Library Story Time (1 pt/1 hr)	Provide Gift to New Neighbor or Baby (5 pts)
Help with Holiday Parade (1 pt/1 hr)	Boys & Girls Club (1 pt/1 hr)	Participate in City's Holiday Decorating Contest (5 pts)
Attend Neighborhood Watch Meeting (1 pt/1 hr)	KGEM Volunteer (1 pt/1 hr)	Bring a Neighbor to a MAP Event (1 pt)
	Community Services (1 pt/1 hr)	Wear Your MAP Shirt to an Event (1 pt)
MAPconnect	Community Garden (1 pt/1 hr)	Write a Newsletter Highlight (1 pt)
	Participate in Regional Activities (1 pt/1 hr)	Follow MAP on Social Media (1 pt)
* NAAA		Like a Social Media Post (1 pt)
Bridging Neighborhoods Together		Re-post a Social Media Post (1 pt)
		Confirm Your Status as Active (1 pt)

## **MAP**connect

#### THE STEPS



#### LOG YOUR HOURS

Track it Forward is the program we use to track volunteer efforts. Volunteers can log hours via the web or mobile app, as well as sign up for events and track their progress for requirements.

Step 1: Go to

<u>www.monroviaareapartnership.com/leg=hours</u> and scroll down until you see the Track It Forward widget.

Step 2: Create an account by clicking on 'Click Here to Register'. Fill out the information.

Step 3: Log your hours by filling in the number of hours volunteered, date volunteered, activity, and bonus points (if any), and click 'Submit Time'.

#### **GOALS**

- Increase participation of MAP Leaders at events, social media, and in their neighborhoods.
- Provide toolkits to encourage networking amongst neighbors in the different zones.
- Honor those MAP Leaders who climb the tiers and dedicate their time to the community.
- Encourage MAP Leaders to recruit their neighbors and get involved.

#### **COMMUNITY SERVICE HOURS**

- In addition to earning points to climb the tiers, MAP Leaders will earn hours for the time they spend volunteering at activities.
- MAP will then award the Leader with the United States Presidential Volunteer Service Award (National Award)
- Bronze (100 hrs), Silver (250 hrs), and Gold (500+ hours)
- Receive a pin, certificate, and letter from the President of the United States.

#### **HONORING LEADERS**

Once a year, MAP will make a presentation to City Council honoring all the MAP Leaders who moved up a tier or were awarded a Presidential Volunteer Service Award. MAP Leaders will receive pins for each tier and can proudly display them on their lanyards or clothing.

# Upcoming Events

CLICK ON THE FLYER BELOW TO RSVP

