



NEIGHBORHOOD NEWS

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

YOUR MAP TEAM



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Introduction

We're thrilled to launch our latest edition of the MAP Neighborhood Newsletter, designed to keep you informed and engaged in our shared journey to strengthen our neighborhood. This quarter, we have exciting opportunities lined up to bring us all together and make a meaningful impact.

Looking ahead, we have a calendar packed with upcoming events that promise to bring us all together. Whether it's attending our MAP-EDU community meeting or joining our Leadership Academies, there's something for everyone to participate in and enjoy.

At the heart of our MAP program is the belief that together, we can achieve great things. By participating in our events and initiatives, you're not just making a difference today; you're helping to build a community that thrives for generations to come.

Thank you for being a part of our journey. Let's continue to connect, collaborate, and create positive change together.

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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.

Check out what MAP has been up to!

MAP 18TH ANNIVERSARY BLOCK PARTY

We're thrilled to share the highlights from our recent 18th Anniversary Block Party—a fantastic event that brought our community together in celebration. The day was filled with joy and excitement, featuring free food, a variety of booth vendors, and raffles prizes. Our foam party for the kids was a standout hit, creating countless smiles and lasting memories!

A heartfelt thank you goes out to all the city departments who joined the festivities and contributed to the success of the event. Your support and enthusiasm made the day even more special. We also extend our deepest gratitude to the booth vendors who participated and supported our program. Your presence and engagement are truly appreciated and play a vital role in the success of our community events.

Thank you all for making our 18th anniversary celebration such a memorable occasion. Here's to many more years of community spirit and collaboration!



MAP 2024 Events Calendar

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-  Adult Leadership Academy - 7 weeks
-  Newsletters Quarterly (4)
-  Neighborhood Conference
-  HOLIDAY
-  Youth Leadership Academy - 7 weeks
-  MAP-edu - Quarterly (4)
-  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!



**MAP-EDU
Community Meeting**

Public Works: From E-Waste to Organics

August 15, 2024
6:30 PM - 8:00 PM



Library Community Room
321 S Myrtle Ave. Monrovia, CA

MAP-EDU Community Meeting

Your voice matters! Join us for our Map-EDU community meeting on **Thursday, August 15th at 6:30 pm - 8:00 pm**, where we discuss and plan initiatives that directly impact our neighborhood. Together, we can shape a brighter future for everyone.



Monrovia Area Partnership 

**YOUTH & ADULT
LEADERSHIP ACADEMIES**

NOW OPEN FOR REGISTRATION

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| <p>YOUTH Grades 8-12 Every Wednesday September 4 - October 16</p> |  |
| <p>ADULT 18+ Every Thursday September 5 - October 17</p> | |
|  | <p>Open & Free to the Entire Community</p> <p>SUCCESS</p>  |

Youth & Adult Leadership Academies

Our academies are back by popular demand! Whether you're a seasoned leader or someone looking to develop new skills, these academies offer a unique chance to grow and contribute to our community. [Register now!](#)

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

CITY MANAGER'S OFFICE

Earlier this summer, the City of Monrovia was named a **2024 All-America City winner!** Every year, the National Civic League recognizes 10 cities across the United States that have created unique programs that meet this year's theme, "Strengthening Democracy through Local Action and Innovation."

While there are so many incredible programs and services across our organization and community, this year, the City of Monrovia focused on three programs that met the goals of what it meant to strengthen our democracy through local action. They are:

MAP - MAP was created to help address criminal activity and restore the blighted conditions in neighborhoods. In trying to understand how to address these issues, the City's strategy team quickly learned that residents did not trust local government, were unsure if conditions could truly change, and did not want to be involved in local government. The MAP team was created to build a bridge between citizens and the government. The first block party was held, and well over 500 residents attended! The MAP team reduced Code Enforcement cases, reduced crime activity, and secured grants to continue the efforts community-wide. With the success of the MAP program, they developed the MAP Leadership Academy, which offered a seven-week course covering topics such as public speaking and governmental

positions in hopes of graduates entering government and local leadership roles. MAP also expanded its academy to the youth of Monrovia, and to this date, over 200 people have graduated from the academy.

KGEM—Since 1996, the City of Monrovia has operated a public access channel to provide residents with direct news, updates, and information about the City. Our current partnership with Community Media of the Foothills provides more than public education and government access; it creates a space for community-led civic engagement. Initially focused on covering city council, planning commission meetings, and city events, KGEM's partnership with CMF broadened content to include community-driven programming. This includes interviews with local election candidates, election coverage, and public service announcements. Additionally, community activists and citizen journalists committed to engaging marginalized groups have access to CMF's studio for filming and broadcasting. In 2023 alone, CMF produced 187 videos, broadcast 85 municipal meetings, and provided 62 pieces of field equipment to volunteer producers. They recently launched an internship program to educate youth about civic engagement and media.

Monrovia Unified School District Partnership

The third-grade field trips began in 2023 after students at Bradoaks Elementary School returned from Christmas break to discover that the rose bushes on their campus had been removed without consultation.

Department & Division Highlights

CITY MANAGER'S OFFICE

been removed without consultation. Concerned, they wrote a letter to the principal seeking an explanation. As part of the project, students visited city hall and the community center, meeting with the city manager, city councilmember, and various city departments. Each department explained its services and engaged students in interactive activities. Since then, the City has hosted over 900 students and continued the voting theme by creating mock elections for students, ballots, and polls! We aim to teach students the importance of democracy, familiarize them with voting, and ensure their voices are heard! We know the future is promising when we see our youth understand these concepts and apply them to their school.

For many years, the City of Monrovia has found a way to empower residents, engage its community, and educate our youth for a promising tomorrow. Receiving an All-America City award demonstrates that in Monrovia, we are better together!

Community Activist Policing Tip

A NEW SCHOOL YEAR MEANS NEW BEGINNINGS...AND NEW CHALLENGES.

As we approach the new school year, the Community Activist Policing Officers want Monrovia Parents to know that our top priority is to ensure your children's safety and well-being. That is why we are providing the following three back-to-school safety tips, for parents to remember.

First, keep an open line of communication with your child. Encourage them to share concerns about safety, interactions with their peers, or any abnormal incidents. Being aware will help you address issues immediately and offer guidance.

Second, educate your child about internet safety. Teach them to protect their personal information, avoid sharing sensitive data and photographs, and to recognize potential online threats. Installing parental control software isn't a bad idea.

Lastly, discuss bullying with your child and emphasize the importance of treating others with kindness and respect. Encourage them to report bullying to School Officials, whether they are a victim or a witness of it.

For more school safety tips, visit www.centerforsafeschools.org.

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

Code Enforcement Tip

Private Property Vehicle Regulations

In Monrovia, many residents own vehicles, including campers and boats. These vehicles enhance our daily transportation and leisure activities, but to maintain safety and the town's aesthetic appeal, specific rules and codes must be followed.

For vehicles parked on private property, property owners must adhere to specific rules to ensure proper parking. This includes guidelines for inoperable vehicles, parking on lawns or unpaved surfaces, and recreational vehicle parking requirements.

Guidelines for Parking on Private Property

Inoperable Vehicles: Vehicles that are abandoned, inoperable, dismantled, or wrecked cannot be parked or stored outdoors in public view. Such vehicles pose safety hazards and are considered unsightly. They must be either repaired or stored inside a garage or in a rear driveway area out of public view.



Parking on Lawns: Parking a vehicle on the lawn or unpaved surface is prohibited. This practice is unsightly and can diminish property value.



Code Enforcement Tip

Recreational Vehicles: Recreational vehicle, camper shell, trailer, boat or similar vehicle shall be parked in an entirely closed building. If stored outside, they must be kept in the rear or side yard, screened from view from the street, alley and adjacent properties, and the storage surface must be paved.

Recreational vehicles are allowed to be stored on the street with a permit issued by the Monrovia Police Department.



Street Parking Enforcement: For any complaints regarding vehicles parked on the public street, please contact Monrovia Parking Control at (626)256-8000.

#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.



CITY OF MONROVIA Athens Services

BULKY ITEM GUIDELINES
ILLEGAL DUMPING PROHIBITED
8.08.090(B) MMC

Please help keep the City of Monrovia safe and clean by following the instructions below!

- Residential ATHENS Customers**
 - Two (2) free bulky item pickups per year up to four (4) cubic yards.
 - Additional pickups are \$61.64 each.
 - CALL Athens at 1 (888) 336-6100
 - Contact Athens at least 48 hours prior to your collection day.
 - Includes items like furniture, appliances, branches, & lumber.
 - E-waste pickup is \$43.48 per item.
- Multi-Family ATHENS Customers (Apartments)**
 - Two (2) free bulky item pickups per year up to four (4) cubic yards per unit.
 - Additional pickups are \$61.64 each.
 - CALL Athens at 1 (888) 336-6100
- Hazardous Materials**
 - Items like paint, motor oil, batteries, herbicides, or tires need to be taken to Countywide Hazardous Waste Roundup - (888) 253-2652

Please contact Athens if you have not already to pick up this item. Violators may be fined \$1,000 and/or face up to 6 months imprisonment.

Monrovia Code Enforcement
 Phone: (626) 932-5582
www.AthensServices.com/bulky-item-pickup

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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 www.cityofmonrovia.org/cleanmonrovia



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 FARMER'S MARKET



We're excited to highlight a brand-new addition to our city's vibrant community scene: the **Monrovia Farmers Market!** Every Saturday from 9 am to 2 pm at Station Square (1629 S Myrtle Ave, Monrovia, CA 91016), this market promises to be a local treasure.

At the Monrovia Farmers Market, you'll discover a delightful array of fresh, locally grown produce, artisanal products, and a sense of community spirit. Whether you're hunting for crisp fruits, fresh vegetables, delectable cheeses, or homemade baked goods, this market has it all. Plus, it's the perfect spot to connect with neighbors and learn about the origins of your food.

Parking & Transportation:

Metro Garage Parking: Just \$3 all day! Available via cash, card, or Apple Pay, with EV charging stations on-site.

Go Monrovia: Easily travel to the market using Go Monrovia (gomonrovia.com).

Lyft Ride: Enjoy a \$3 ride for up to 4 passengers within the service area.

Support Local and Eat Fresh! The Monrovia Farmers Market is a hub for the best local food and products, thanks to our passionate vendors. Come see why this market is quickly becoming the heart of the community!

See you at the Monrovia Farmers Market—where fresh meets community!

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

Makers & Clay

This month, we're excited to shine a light on Makers & Clay, a vibrant community ceramics studio nestled in the heart of Old Town Monrovia. If you're passionate about pottery or curious to explore the craft, this is your destination!

Makers & Clay offers a rich ceramic arts experience with their diverse range of memberships, pottery classes, and workshops. Whether you're a beginner or an experienced potter, their mid-fire ceramics setup features a variety of clay bodies and glazes to inspire your creativity.

Their facility is equipped with an impressive array of tools and resources, including 18 pottery wheels spread across two banks, a dedicated classroom studio, and an exclusive members-only studio. For those interested in hand building, the studio boasts dedicated tables, a slab roller, and an extruder to help bring your designs to life.

Additionally, Makers & Clay's retail shop is a treasure trove for pottery enthusiasts, stocked with top-notch supplies from respected brands like Mud tools, Kemper, Xie, and Speedball.

Whether you're looking to join a class, explore new techniques, or simply purchase quality supplies, Makers & Clay is a cornerstone of our local creative community. Visit them in Old Town Monrovia and let your artistic journey begin!

Be sure to check out Painter Samson, who is located right in front of Makers & Clay!



Code Enforcement Highlight

AN HONORABLE MENTION FOR OUR CODE ENFORCEMENT OFFICERS WHO CONTINUE TO
MAKE AN IMPACT ON THE COMMUNITY



We're excited to introduce Ernesto, who has recently joined our team as a Code Enforcement Officer. Hailing from Monrovia, Ernesto is thrilled to return to his hometown and contribute his deep local knowledge to our organization.

With a passion for Halloween, Ernesto might not have a favorite costume, but he certainly excels in decorating! He also enjoys indulging in his favorite movie, *The Texas Chainsaw Massacre*, which reflects his love for all things spooky.

Outside of work, Ernesto is an avid nature enthusiast who loves hiking, camping, and exploring the great outdoors.

One of his key strengths is his intimate familiarity with Monrovia, which he leverages to bring valuable insights and a unique perspective to our team. Ernesto is eager to grow both professionally and personally here, and he is committed to becoming a highly competent and valued member of our organization.

Welcome to the team, Ernesto! We're excited to have you on board.

Art in Public Places *Christmas Ornament Sale*



Get ready to deck the halls early and celebrate the season in the summer with a special offer from the city's art program! We're excited to announce a sale on our Christmas ornaments from 2022 and 2023. This is your chance to own a piece of our community's festive spirit at a reduced price!

Here's what you need to know:

Ornaments Available: 2022 and 2023 designs

Discount: Reduced prices!

Availability: Limited quantities—shop early to get your favorites!

These unique ornaments not only add a special touch to your holiday decor but also represent our vibrant, All-American city. Show your community pride and bring a piece of our city's charm to your home.

Don't miss out—visit [City of Monrovia Store](http://www.cityofmonroviastore.org) to browse and purchase. We look forward to seeing you celebrate with these delightful keepsakes!

Get Involved in the Community

FIRE DEPARTMENT

Become a Community Emergency Response Team (CERT) Member!

Are you searching for a fulfilling second career or eager to contribute more to the Monrovia community? If you're retired, working part-time, or simply looking to gain experience in a new field, the City of Monrovia has a rewarding opportunity for you! Join our Community Emergency Response Team (CERT) and make a significant impact in your community.

As a CERT volunteer, you will be part of a dedicated team that prepares for and responds to disasters in Monrovia. CERT volunteers play a crucial role in providing assistance when professional responders are not immediately available. You will support emergency response agencies by participating in local preparedness projects and initiatives, and receive training in vital disaster response skills, including:

Fire safety

Search and rescue

Team organization

Disaster medical operations

Through this program, you'll learn how to prepare for various hazards and help ensure the safety and well-being of our community members before, during, and after emergencies.

***Must reside or work in the City of Monrovia.**

Complete the CERT Basic course and provide a copy of your certification.

Commit to volunteering a minimum of 2 hours per week for a six-month period.

Ready to make a difference? [Apply today](#) and become an integral part of our community's emergency response efforts!

MAPconnect

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) |
| | 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) |
| | | Like a Social Media Post (1 pt) |
| | | Re-post a Social Media Post (1 pt) |
| | | Confirm Your Status as Active (1 pt) |

MAPconnect

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 www.monroviaareapartnership.com/leg=hours 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

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NOW OPEN FOR REGISTRATION

YOUTH

Grades 8-12

Every Wednesday

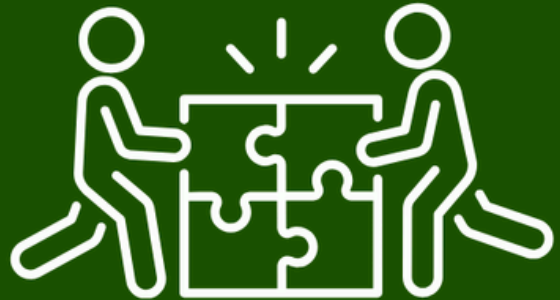
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