



MONROVIA AREA PARTNERSHIP

NEIGHBORHOOD NEWS

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A NEW LOOK



We're excited to share that our newsletter has had a fresh update, and we can't wait for you to see it! This year is full of new opportunities, and we are thrilled to bring you along on this journey. We've set some exciting goals for the year ahead, and with the help of our dedicated MAP Leaders, we're confident we can accomplish them together.

We hope everyone is staying safe and healthy. There's no better time than now to strengthen the bonds in our community, and we look forward to the events, activities, and moments we'll share as we come together once again.

Stay tuned for more updates, and as always, thank you for being part of this amazing neighborhood!

Upcoming Events



NEIGHBORHOOD
CONFERENCE
APRIL 26, 2025



NUSA CONFERENCE
MAY 2025

Volunteer Opportunity

State of the City Block Party

We are excited to invite you to be part of an incredible community event! On Tuesday, February 11th, from 6:00 PM to 7:00 PM, we'll be hosting the State of the City Block Party utilizing the MAP Block Party Trailer. This is a great chance to make a difference in your community while having fun and meeting new people!

We'd love to have you join us in making this event a success. Volunteering is a fantastic way to connect with others and contribute to a lively and engaging community.

To sign up, please email map@mponroviaca.gov



Department & Division Highlights

OUR FIRST RESPONDERS

As we step into a new year, we want to take a moment to recognize and express our deepest gratitude to the dedicated men and women of our Fire Department and Police Department. In times of crisis, in moments of uncertainty, and every day in between, our first responders are there for us—working tirelessly to keep our community safe, secure, and thriving.



FIRE DEPARTMENT

Our local Fire Department continues to provide exceptional service, responding to emergencies with bravery and expertise. Whether it's battling a blaze, rescuing those in danger, or providing emergency medical services, our firefighters are true heroes. Their commitment and quick response ensure that our neighborhood remains safe and protected, and we are forever thankful for their courage and selflessness.



Hidden Gems in Monrovia

CARE SOLACE

Care Solace is a resource hub that connects residents to mental health and social services in our community. They simplify the process by navigating complexities like specialization, insurance, and eligibility, ensuring that access to care is easy, inclusive, and dignified for everyone.



City of Monrovia has partnered with Care Solace to provide free and confidential care coordination services for:

-  **Mental Health Providers**
-  **Substance Use Treatment**
-  **Food & Housing Programs**
-  **Low Cost Medical & Dental**
-  **Community Based Programs**



If you or someone you know is in need of mental health or social services, Care Solace is here to help. Their easy-to-use platform connects you to the right resources and supports you through the process, making access to care simple and stress-free. Don't hesitate to reach out—Care Solace is dedicated to ensuring every resident receives the support they need with dignity and ease.

Code Enforcement Tip

We've Got Something to Address

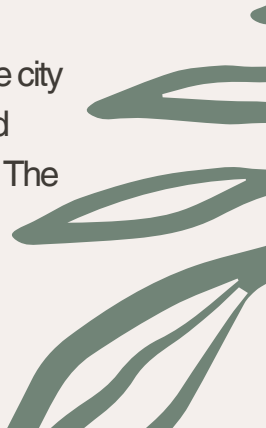
While this subject may not be glamorous, it is an important topic and one that can be lifesaving. I'm talking about Address Numbers! Address numbers are included in Monrovia's municipal code (MCC), California building code, and the California fire code. Why are they important? Because it helps emergency and medical responders, as well as safety personnel to identify the correct address quickly. If you, your loved one, or your neighbor is having a medical emergency, or any other type of emergency wouldn't you want the responders to be able to identify your address quickly?

You may ask why can't we use the numbers on the curb? Well, trash cans and cars can block the numbers or the paint could be worn off. Monrovia code requires the height of the numbers to be 6 inches and that they are contrasting colors to the structure (See below for Monrovia's Municipal Code requirements for address numbers).

Remember, seconds count when responding to emergencies. Ensure you do your part and have the appropriate numbers on your house visible from the street, and share this information with your neighbors. Check to see if your house has been painted, that the numbers may have been painted over and not visible from the street. Check to ensure that there aren't obstructions, like trees or shrubs, blocking the address numbers. Last, for those that have an alleyway, consider adding address numbers to the rear of your property, it can also help in an emergency. Thank you, be safe and have a wonderful holiday season.

Monrovia | 8.14.050 ADDITIONAL REGULATIONS AND PROVISIONS.

(A) Required building numbers. Existing residential buildings of any type in all areas of the city and those that are constructed after the effective date of this chapter, shall have approved address numbers affixed to the structure in a location that is clearly visible from the street. The numbers shall be of contrasting color to the structure and six inches in height



Community Activist Policing Tip

NEIGHBORHOOD WATCH: ENHANCING SAFETY AND BUILDING COMMUNITY

A NEIGHBORHOOD WATCH PROGRAM CAN BE ONE OF THE MOST EFFECTIVE WAYS TO ENSURE THE SAFETY AND WELL-BEING OF OUR COMMUNITY. BY PARTNERING WITH NEIGHBORS AND LOCAL LAW ENFORCEMENT, WE CAN CREATE A MORE SECURE ENVIRONMENT AND FOSTER A STRONGER SENSE OF UNITY.

KEY BENEFITS OF NEIGHBORHOOD WATCH:
INCREASED SECURITY: NEIGHBORHOOD WATCH GROUPS ARE A GREAT DETERRENT TO CRIME. WHEN POTENTIAL CRIMINALS SEE ACTIVE NEIGHBORHOOD INVOLVEMENT, THEY'RE LESS LIKELY TO TARGET HOMES OR VEHICLES IN THE AREA. BY KEEPING AN EYE OUT FOR SUSPICIOUS ACTIVITY AND SHARING INFORMATION WITH EACH OTHER, NEIGHBORS HELP PROTECT EACH OTHER'S HOMES AND FAMILIES. IT'S NOT ABOUT CONFRONTATION, BUT ABOUT STAYING AWARE AND ALERT.

STRONGER SENSE OF COMMUNITY:
A NEIGHBORHOOD WATCH PROGRAM ENCOURAGES COMMUNICATION AND COOPERATION AMONG NEIGHBORS. IT HELPS BUILD RELATIONSHIPS AND TRUST, WHICH MAKES EVERYONE FEEL MORE CONNECTED AND INVESTED IN THE SAFETY OF THE AREA.

FASTER EMERGENCY RESPONSE: BY WORKING WITH LAW ENFORCEMENT, THE COMMUNITY BECOMES A VALUABLE SOURCE OF INFORMATION, HELPING THE POLICE RESPOND QUICKLY TO SUSPICIOUS ACTIVITIES OR EMERGENCIES.

PEACE OF MIND: KNOWING THAT YOU HAVE A NETWORK OF NEIGHBORS LOOKING OUT FOR EACH OTHER PROVIDES A SENSE OF COMFORT AND SAFETY. IT'S REASSURING TO KNOW THAT YOU'RE NOT ALONE WHEN IT COMES TO PROTECTING YOUR HOME AND FAMILY.



MAP Leader Highlight



Amara Ononiwu

When I found Monrovia, I felt like I had discovered a hidden gem. Since then, I've been eager to contribute to this amazing city. One of my favorite spots is the Friday night market, which has become my happy place and respite after a full work week. The warmth and charm of downtown Monrovia, along with the opportunity to connect with local vendors and surrounding business owners, has made it a special part of my life.

Professionally, I have a background in organizational psychology and leadership coaching, and I'm also an entrepreneur, running an event design company for the past 10 years serving non-profit, private, and corporate clients. Outside of work, I'm deeply involved in my church, where I have the honor of

serving as one of the pastors. My faith is a core part of my life, guiding both my personal and professional endeavors. Traveling and drumming (learned right here in Monrovia!) are my favorite hobbies.

Community is everything to me. So I value making sure others have that as well. I spend much of my time advocating for homelessness prevention and policy change, with a special focus on uniting the faith community to help end homelessness. I'm proud of taking on the role as chair of the Faith Collaborative to End Homelessness, and what we have accomplished to help coordinate efforts across the county to more strategically address the needs of those experiencing homelessness leveraging the depth of care faith communities can give.

I'm excited to be a MAP Leader and to continue finding ways to serve this incredible community.

MAPconnect

At MAP, we believe in celebrating the amazing contributions of our volunteers! Our MAPconnect program offers a unique way for participants to get involved in their community while earning points based on the number of hours they volunteer. The program is designed to reward your hard work with three achievement tiers: Silver, Bronze, and Gold. The more you give, the higher your tier, and the more recognition you receive!

As an exciting new addition, we are now proud to offer the Presidential Volunteer Service Award for those who go above and beyond! Volunteers who reach 500+ hours will receive this prestigious recognition, honoring their dedication and exceptional commitment to service.

Whether you're helping at local events, assisting with community programs, or supporting various initiatives, your time and effort will be acknowledged and rewarded. It's a fantastic way to stay motivated and make a real impact!

Interested in joining the MAPconnect program? Contact map@monroviaca.gov to get started and track your hours. We can't wait to see how you make a difference in the community!

