



From the City Manager's Desk

a weekly report from Scott Ochoa, City of Monrovia



November 9, 2007

Station Square EIR and General Plan Update

The community's five-year-long, long-range land use planning process is now nearing its culmination: A public hearing before the Monrovia City Council in January 2008.

Just this past Wednesday, the City Council held a special study session to engage in a Visual Preference Survey exercise that would help City staff and consultants further define the Council's vision for this land use program.

The process began with the Redevelopment Project Area Amendment in 2002. The 25 acres around the proposed Gold Line station (located to the northwest of the intersection of Myrtle Avenue and Duarte Road) – bounded by Myrtle Avenue to Magnolia Avenue and Evergreen Avenue to Duarte Road – was seen as a potential site for a "transit village." The project area also extended eastward, between Evergreen and Duarte, all the way to Shamrock Avenue. The proposed Transit Village project was seen as a chance to combine residential, commercial and retail uses in one relatively small area – and all centered around a light rail mass transit system.

The following year, the City Council invited the renowned Urban Land Institute (ULI) to perform an independent assessment of the proposed Transit Village project and to make suggestions regarding its connectivity to the rest of Monrovia. ULI interviewed scores of community leaders, local business leaders, development professionals and other stakeholders to gather feedback and insights. Ultimately, ULI published a booklet on the proposed Transit Village, in which it recommended naming the new neighborhood "Station Square," and that the proposed mixed-use project incorporate both sides of Myrtle Avenue, between Evergreen and Duarte, increasing the total proposed project size.

From 2004 on, the City has concentrated on a two-pronged process that focused on environmental review/impact and developer qualification. The City/Redevelopment Agency essentially assumed the role of "master developer" by coordinating the Environmental Impact Review (EIR), as well as the accompanying General Plan Amendment for the Land Use Element & Circulation Element. The General Plan is the overall land use plan for a city. Its land use and circulation elements are components of the General Plan, the former dealing with different types of uses (residential/commercial/ retail/industrial) and the latter with traffic patterns and managing congestion.

In terms of developer selection, after an exhaustive qualification process the City awarded exclusive negotiation agreements to both Samuelson Fetter and The Olson Company. Currently, these firms are analyzing various combinations of land uses, their relative economics and their respective investments in public improvements and infrastructure. Following the adoption of an amended EIR and General Plan (or concurrent with the process), the developers may submit their specific project proposals.

Obviously, public input is critical to this process. To this end, the City has held numerous meetings with a wide variety of stakeholders. From large public gatherings such as the Transit Summit and Station Square Scoping Sessions, to on-line comment solicitation, to more intimate meetings with

small groups of impacted individuals, the City has sought out meaningful feedback from the community.

Coming up next week will be the next step in this process, as we take public comments on the draft EIR at the November 14 Planning Commission meeting. Following that, the City Council will receive another formal update on the review process at its regular December 4 meeting. Following the conclusion of a mandated 45-day comment period, the Planning Commission will conduct a formal Public Hearing on the EIR and make recommendations to the City Council. The Council will then take up the matter, along with the proposed General Plan Amendment, at its regular January 15 meeting.

While there is quite a bit of work still to be done, the formal consideration and decision by the Council is fast approaching. For more detailed information on this overall process, please scroll down to the Community Development Department section of this report or follow the link on the www.cityofmonrovia.org home page.

Fire Station No. 1 Re-Dedication

On Thursday afternoon, a large group of folks gathered in front of Fire Station No.1 to re-dedicate the building. As part of the City Council's commitment to maintain infrastructure and City facilities, this 43-year-old structure received a much-needed facelift. Kudos to the men and women of the Monrovia Fire Department for maintaining morale and enthusiasm during their nine-month stay in trailers and temporary quarters; and special thanks to the Public Works Department's Operations Division for bringing this project in on-budget and ahead of schedule. Lastly, credit goes to the Council for making the common sense decision and sustaining the commitment over the long term to set monies aside to pay for building rehabilitations.

Library Relocation Only Days Away

From buildings we are able to rehabilitate to buildings that must be torn down...the existing Monrovia Public Library building will close its doors for good on Saturday afternoon. When the Library staff returns to work on Tuesday, it will be to begin preparing for the move to the temporary library being prepared at the Mary Wilcox Youth Center, located at the corner of Olive and Mountain Avenues. As reported previously, our library operations will be closed for approximately five weeks. The actual demolition of the library building will likely take place in the second/third week of December.

Articles Attached

- **Monrovia Closing Book on Old Library**

COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT UPDATE

AVAILABILITY OF DRAFT EIR

A Draft Environmental Impact Report has been prepared for the City's Update of the General Plan Land Use and Circulation Elements and is now available for public review and comment.

This public review period covers the Draft Environmental Impact Report and General Plan Update, and is one the final stages of a five-year-old planning process undertaken by the City to ensure the preservation of our existing neighborhoods and limit growth to areas of the City that can accommodate new development.

The process began in 2002 when the City Council brought in the Urban Land Institute (ULI) to study Monrovia and present recommendations that would allow the community to successfully manage growth. More than 100 Monrovia residents, business owners and civic leaders participated in the study. The ULI team concluded that Monrovia has a great tradition of success and that the city used good community planning and smart economic development to reverse the economic and social decline it experienced in the 1960s and 1970s. In the process, it turned itself into an attractive, livable, and prosperous community.

The study confirmed that the future Gold Line light rail station at Station Square presents a significant opportunity to build on that tradition of success, and that a new and well-designed mixed-use development at Station Square, coupled with redevelopment along the Myrtle Avenue and Huntington Drive Corridors, will diversify the housing stock of the city, introduce new office and retail uses and create a strong, pedestrian-friendly axis of opportunity between Old Town and the new Station Square.

The ULI study was incorporated into the current General Plan update. The Land Use portion of the update will establish land use policies and design criteria for three new planning areas: the West Huntington Drive Corridor, the South Myrtle Avenue Corridor and the Station Square Transit Village. A Circulation Element update is also included to address anticipated future traffic volumes and circulation patterns associated with the land use plans.

In preparing the General Plan Update and its accompanying Draft Environmental Impact Report, the City conducted a series of community meetings over the past two years. In the fall of 2006, the City held a Transportation Summit that focused on utilizing existing transportation corridors and the planned Gold Line extension as ways to manage future growth. In March, 2007 property owners in the planning areas were invited to participate in a discussion of future development. Finally, the City conducted a Town Hall meeting in May of this year to solicit comments from the public on proposed changes to the Land Use and Circulation Elements.

Draft EIR and General Plan updates are available for public inspection at the City of Monrovia Planning Division, 415 South Ivy Avenue, Monrovia; the Monrovia Public Library, located at 321 South Myrtle Avenue in Monrovia, where documents may be reviewed during regular business hours.

The documents are also available on the City's website at <http://www.ci.monrovia.ca.us/>, linked from the home page.

COMMENTS REQUESTED : Comments on information in the Draft Program EIR are invited from all agencies and individuals. Where possible, those responding should endeavor to provide the information they feel is lacking in the Draft Program EIR, or should indicate where the information may be found. All comments on the Draft Program EIR should be sent to the following City of Monrovia contact:

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City of Monrovia, Planning Division
415 South Ivy Avenue
Monrovia, CA 91016
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Following a 45-day period of circulation and review of the Draft Program EIR (October 26, 2007 to December 10, 2007), all comments pertaining to environmental issues and the City's responses to the comments will be incorporated into a Final Program EIR prior to certification of the document by the City Council. A 10-day public comment period in which the Final Program EIR will be made available

for public review will precede certification of the document by the Council. The following meetings have been scheduled for review and action on the planning documents:

Planning Commission	Receive Comments on Draft EIR	November 14, 2007
City Council	Receive documents and review timeframe for adoption of Revised Land Use and Circulation Elements	December 4, 2007
Planning Commission	Conduct Public hearing and make recommendations to City Council	December 12, 2007
City Council	Conduct public hearing and make determination on Final EIR and Land Use and Circulation Elements	January 15, 2008

Planning Commission Meeting. On November 14, 2007, the Planning Commission will be conducting its regularly scheduled meeting. The following items will be considered:

- **Tentative Tract Map No. 069456/Conditional Use Permit CUP2007-17 located at 706 West Duarte, ANC Investments, LLC, applicant.** This is a request to construct a nine-unit, two-story condominium development with subterranean parking in the RH (Residential High Density) Zone.
- **Conditional Use Permit CUP91-09 (amendment) located at 531 East Maple Avenue, Second Baptist Church, applicant.** This application is a request to expand a parking lot onto a vacant lot that will add approximately 19 spaces in the RM 3000/PUD Zone.
- **Conditional Use Permit CUP2007-19, located at 110 East Lemon Avenue, Swiss Partnership, LLC., applicant.** This application is a request to allow the beer and wine to be served indoors and outdoors (in a seating area in front of the restaurant) in the HCD (Historic Commercial Downtown) Zone.
- **Conditional Use Permit CUP2007-20 at 108 East Lime Avenue, Roland Munoz, application.** This is a request to allow beer and wine to be served indoors and outdoors (in a seating area in front of the restaurant) in the HCD (Historic Commercial Downtown) Zone.
- **Appeal of DRC2007-135, 428 West Chestnut Avenue, Omnipoint Communications, Inc.** This application is an appeal of the Development Review Committee's decision approving roof mounted wireless telecommunication panels with a mansard roof design in lieu of the applicant's proposal to screen the roof-mounted equipment with a partial parapet design in the M (Manufacturing) Zone.
- **Ordinance No. 2007-16/Zone Change 2007-04/Planning Commission Resolution No. 2007-15/Historic Commercial Downtown Zone.** The Planning Commission will review the amendment to the Monrovia Municipal Code specifically, replacing the HCD/O (Historic Commercial Downtown/Office) Zone with the HCD (Historic Commercial Downtown) Zone and amend Title 1 (Zoning), Chapters 17.04 and 17.08 pertaining to the HCD/O and HCD Zones.
- **Under New Business, there will be public comment on the Draft Environmental Impact Report regarding the General Plan Land Use and Circulation Element Updates.**

Filming

October Road will be filming, most likely for the last time this year due to the "no holiday" filming rule in the Old Town and the writer's strike. Filming will take place on Wednesday, November 14, at 519

S. Myrtle Avenue and in the 100 block of East Lemon where they will be closing the street off for all of their activities from 11 a.m. to 10 p.m. They will also be filming on Thursday, November 15 between 8 a.m. and 10 p.m. – driving shots on Duarte Road, the 100 block of East Colorado, 119 Rose Lane and the rear of Café Mundial, 514 S. Myrtle Ave. On Friday, November 16, they will be filming scenes at 272 & 243 N. Encinitas from 10 a.m. to 1 a.m.

COMMUNITY SERVICES HAPPENINGS

RECREATION DIVISION

Monrovia Reads and Plays Hours Change

Due to daylight savings time, the Monrovia Reads and Plays program hours of operation are 3:30 to 5 p.m. The Monrovia Reads and Plays program is a mobile literacy and recreation program designed to build self esteem, promote positive behavior and provide residents with access to city services. Recreation activities include arts & crafts, active/passive games and health and wellness education. Literacy activities include story times, tutoring and educational programs for youth and adults. The program operates five days a week (Monday-Friday) and is located on Sherman Avenue Mondays, Wednesdays and Fridays and on Ivy Avenue Tuesdays and Thursdays. For program information contact the Department of Community Services at 626.256.8246.

Senior Health Fair and Flu Clinic

This year's Senior Health Fair & Flu Clinic will be held at the Monrovia Community Center on Thursday, November 15 from 9 a.m. to noon. Health Department nurses will dispense flu vaccine to people over the age of 50, adults with chronic conditions, children and caregivers of all ages. The 'Leven Oaks Senior Living Facility will host a free pancake and sausage breakfast for all attendees. Various vendors will distribute information regarding medical insurance, senior health-care, local transportation and community service programs to senior participants. For more information on this free event, contact Monrovia Community Services at (626) 256-8246.

LIBRARY DIVISION

Library Move. The Monrovia Public Library will be closed to the public from Tuesday, November 13 through Saturday, December 15 for a move to temporary quarters at the Mary Wilcox Youth Center. The Youth Center will serve as the temporary library for 18 months while the new library is built in Library Park.

During the closure, the library's November 15 Thursday Afternoon Special, "I Wanna Be a Dog" with storyteller Karen Rae Kraut will be held at 3:45 p.m. at Bradoaks Elementary School, 930 E. Lemon Avenue. The November 17 Saturday Special "Thanksgiving Bookfeast" will be held at the Santa Anita Family YMCA Day Care Center on Mountain Avenue, behind the YMCA building. Pre-arranged Literacy Services and tutoring will continue at the Monrovia Community Center, 119 W. Palm Avenue. Books may be returned to the library's parking lot book drop until further notice.

The library will reopen to the public at its temporary location on Monday, December 17. The temporary facility will house all of the library's current children's collection, most of the adult collection and both the adult and children's public use computers. Most of the library's regular programs will also continue at the temporary location or at pre-advertised venues in Monrovia.

FROM THE FIRE DEPARTMENT

Personnel responded to 65 emergency calls from 0800 hours October 31 to 0800 hours November 7. Significant incidents include:

Structure Fire. On Thursday evening firefighters responded to a report of smoke coming from a building in the 700 block of south Shamrock. Upon arrival firefighters found one room of the structure partially involved in fire. Firefighters forced entry into the building and quickly extinguished the fire. Damage was confined to one room of the structure.

Vehicle Accident with Major Trauma. On Friday evening firefighters responded to the 900 block of south Fifth for a reported single vehicle accident into a tree. Prior to the arrival of firefighters, the driver exited the vehicle and left the scene. The driver reportedly ran behind a building and jumped over a fence, falling into the flood control channel. Paramedics treated the patient and he was transported to Huntington Memorial Hospital with injuries to his head, back and legs.

OPERATIONS

On Monday afternoon, the fire department's dispatch center will be transitioning to a new radio system called ICIS. Verdugo Fire Communications Center will transition to the Interagency Communications and Interoperability System. This communication system will change from the current analog transmission technology to a new digital transmission technology.

FIRE PREVENTION AND NEW CONSTRUCTION

It's November and we're all thinking about turkey and all the trimmings. The popularity of turkey fryers have increased over the years. With that, there has been an increase in fires across the nation resulting in approximately 500 fires and \$6.8 million in damage in one year. If using a turkey fryer is a must, the following safety guidelines are recommended:

- Keep fryer in FULL VIEW while burner is on.
- Place fryer in an open area AWAY from all walls, fences, or other structures.
- Never use IN, ON, or UNDER a garage, breezeway, carport, porch, or any structure that can catch fire.
- Raise and lower food SLOWLY to reduce splatter and avoid burns.
- COVER bare skin when adding or removing food.
- Check the oil temperature frequently.
- If oil begins to smoke, immediately turn gas supply OFF.
- If a fire occurs, immediately call 911. DO NOT attempt to extinguish fire with water.

For safest operation, it is recommended that these guidelines be followed in using a turkey fryer:

- Make sure there is at least two (2) feet of space between the liquid propane tank and fryer burner.
- Place the liquid propane gas tank and fryer so that any wind blows the heat of the fryer away from the gas tank.
- Center the pot over the burner on the cooker.
- Completely thaw (USDA says 24 hours for every 4 to 5 pounds) and dry turkey before cooking. Partially frozen and/or wet turkeys can produce excessive hot oil splatter when added to the oil.
- Follow the manufacturer's instructions to determine the proper amount of oil to add. If those are not available:
 - Place turkey in pot
 - Fill with water until the turkey is covered by about 1/2 inch of water
 - Remove and dry turkey
 - Mark water level. Dump water, dry the pot, and fill with oil to the marked level.

Have a Happy and Safe Thanksgiving!

TRAINING AND EMERGENCY PREPAREDNESS

On Tuesday, November 6, the CERT (Certified Emergency Response Team) volunteer program was recognized by the City Council. A number of graduates from the first CERT class were present to accept thanks for being proactive in the community and making a difference.

On Wednesday, November 7, CERT volunteers were provided training on terrorism and their roles in such an event. This training is an important part of keeping connected with the CERT volunteers, as well as ensuring their continued training. Periodic training for graduates is vital to ensure their skills remain sharp. This also provides a great networking opportunity for graduates from different classes.

SPECIAL ACTIVITIES

As a reminder the Monrovia Fire Department would like to encourage you to change the batteries in your smoke detector now that we have changed the clocks for day light savings. If you do not have a smoke detector, please contact the Fire Department at (626) 256-8110 for information on receiving a smoke detector.

ADMINISTRATIVE ITEMS

This week the Fire Department hosted the Grand Re-opening Celebration at Fire Station 101. The City Council, City Manager, Department Directors, City Staff and many local residents and business owners were on hand to partake in the events. A ribbon-cutting ceremony was held, tours of the fire station were given, tee shirts were handed out to select people who answered questions about fire station life, and delicious desserts were enjoyed by all! It was a great way to celebrate the success of the fire station renovation, to acknowledge and thank those responsible for making it a reality and to take pride in our new state-of-the-art, professional, customer friendly facility that will provide decades of fire and life safety service delivery to the constituents of Monrovia.

FD Attachment:

- **Attachment: Letter of Appreciation from Poway High School**

ON THE POLICE BLOTTER

During the last seven day period, the Police Department handled 594 calls for service resulting in 130 investigations. Following are this week's highlighted issues and events:

Felony Hit and Run. On November 1 at 5:45 p.m., a driver heading eastbound on Foothill went through the left turn bay in an attempt to run the red light at Mayflower. The driver struck a northbound vehicle, which in turn struck a stopped vehicle in the westbound left turn bay. The suspect vehicle drove to a parking lot in the 400 block of West Foothill. The driver and front seat passenger fled and left the two rear seat passengers inside the suspect vehicle. One of the rear seat passengers is the registered owner of the vehicle. Both rear seat passengers claimed they do not know the name of the driver or front seat passenger. The investigation continues. The driver of the northbound vehicle was injured in the crash but is expected to make a full recovery.

Witness Intimidation. On November 1 at 5:32 p.m., officers were dispatched to a location in the 300 block of South Madison after the victim of a recent assault called to report the suspect was outside her residence. Officers arrived and found the suspect in front of the location. She was detained while the officers investigated. The suspect was later arrested and taken to the station where she was booked for witness intimidation and committing a felony while out on felony bond.

Fight in a Public Place. On November 2 at 4:20 p.m., two female subjects were involved in a pushing match in the 800 block of Colorado Boulevard. One of the females was pregnant. Officers arrived to break up the disturbance. The pregnant female originally refused medical attention, but was later taken to the hospital and treated. There was no apparent injury to mom or baby.

Hit and Run Traffic Collision. On November 2 at 7:18 p.m., a solo traffic collision occurred in the 900 block of South Fifth. A Dodge SUV collided with the curb on Fifth. The vehicle proceeded onto the west side of fifth and hit a tree. The driver ran from the vehicle, climbed a fence, and unknowingly jumped into a wash with a 30 foot drop. The subject sustained multiple fractures to his face. Once officers found the driver, he was transported to the hospital for treatment. It is unknown why he fled the scene of the accident. Investigation continuing.

Grand Theft Auto Recovery On November 4 at 4:20 a.m., an officer was on patrol in the 200 block of East Pomona when he saw a parked vehicle with its engine running and occupied by a male subject. The officer turned his unit around to further investigate when he realized the occupant was now gone, but the car was still idling. A computer check of the license plate revealed the car was stolen. An area search for the suspect was conducted, but he was not located. The car was recovered and printed for evidence.

Burglary / Shoplifting Arrest. On October 4 at 12:20 p.m., security at a business in the 500 block of West Huntington called to report a female suspect inside the store concealing store items on her person. Officers arrived at the store and waited for the suspect to exit. When the suspect exited the store, she was detained. The suspect admitted to the officers she went into the store with the intent to steal store property. The suspect was arrested for burglary and an outstanding warrant.

Assault with a Deadly Weapon. On October 4 at 1:58 p.m., dispatch received a 9-1-1 call from a female in the 300 block of Pine Tree stating a female friend of hers was assaulted by two suspects and was bleeding from the head. The assault happened several hours prior to them calling the police. The female victim heard a knock at her front door and looked out her upstairs window. The victim saw a white pickup truck parked in front of the residence. The victim answered the front door and was abruptly hit in the face with a fist or an unknown blunt object. The victim said she was dazed and could not see anything, but could hear a female voice as she was being kicked and punched. The suspects carried the victim into another room, where they continued to physically assault her. Investigation continuing.

Burglary / Battery on a Peace Officer / Resisting Arrest. On October 4 at 4:08 p.m., an officer was dispatched to a business in the 500 block of West Huntington regarding a female shoplifter in custody. As the officer was attempting to handcuff and take the suspect into custody, she became combative and bit him on the finger. The suspect struggled in an attempt to get free, but was eventually taken into custody.

Attempted Robbery. On November 4 at 8:34 p.m., while an employee of a business in the 900 block of West Huntington was outside on a break, a white Chevrolet Suburban drove up next to him and stopped. A male subject wearing a full-face ski mask exited from the passenger side and approached the employee brandishing a handgun. The suspect demanded the employee give him all his money, but when the employee showed the suspect he had no money, the suspect got back into the vehicle and the suspects fled the parking lot in the vehicle. There were two other suspects in the vehicle. Investigation continuing.

Arrest for Violation of Court Order. On November 5 at 11:45 a.m., officers responded to a subject's house to see if he was there in violation of a court order. The subject's father responded home and allowed the officers to search the residence. The subject was found hiding in the attic. Officers were able to talk the subject into coming down from the attic and surrendering to an arrest. He was transported to the Monrovia Police Department jail, where he was housed on the possibility of the incident reoccurring.

Murder / Suicide. On November 5 at 10:44 p.m., dispatch received a report of a shooting in the 800 block of West Walnut. A 14-year-old girl was upstairs when she heard her mother arguing with her boyfriend. After hearing gunshots, the girl ran downstairs and found both her mother and her mother's boyfriend on the floor with gunshot wounds. It appears the man shot the woman and then turned the gun on himself. Relatives responded to take care of the children and a chaplain was requested by the family.



ENGINEERING:

Colorado Commons Street Improvements: Bids were opened on November 7 ranging from \$650,000.00 to \$892,189.50. Staff will be recommending the award of contract for the project at the November 20 Council meeting. The work is scheduled to begin in early December, and any work impacting Myrtle Avenue will be scheduled after the holiday.

Grading Plan Check Projects

- 482 Patrician Way - single family room addition
- 731 E. Huntington Drive - food court

Approved Grading Plans:

- 303 Elfwood - single family hillside residence
- 466 Patrician Way - single family hillside residence

Public Works Inspections:

- Colorado Commons: Alley retaining wall foundations.
- Duarte Road between 5th and Encino - AT&T cabinet and electrical panel installations, underground conduit inspections
- 1825 10th Avenue, Preparation of project punch list
- 1402 S. California, Erosion control measures for site demolition activities.
- California/Monrovia/Duarte, Grading operations have begun, water and sewer utility abandonments are progressing. Building pads being compacted and graded. Edison pole removal beginning.
- 1419/1425 S. Myrtle, Grading operations have begun. Building pad being compacted and graded

Construction Documents:

- Chantry Flats Road Repair - Preliminary design analysis is being completed. Staff met with the engineers and geologists to confirm the design analysis.
- 5th and Huntington Wash Cover - design work commencing with subsequent preparation of construction documents
- Handicap Access Ramp Construction - Preparation of plans and specifications for the construction of 20-30 handicap access ramps, sidewalk repairs and audible pedestrian signals

OPERATIONS – Environmental – Facilities – Parks:

America Recycles Day. Thursday November 15 is America Recycles Day when millions of Americans pledge to increase their recycling habits at home and work and to buy recycled content products. The purpose is to promote the environmental, economic and social benefits of recycling and encourage more people to help create a better environment. To learn more about America Recycles Day, log onto www.nrc-recycle.org/americanrecycles.aspx.

That same day, Environmental Services will staff a booth at the Senior Health Fair at the Community Center (Kay Dalton Room) from 9 a.m. to noon. Stop by and receive information on expired prescription drug disposal, sharps disposal, storm water prevention, our free household hazardous waste collection program (Curbside, Inc.), recycling and “going green.”

Free Household Hazardous Waste/E-Waste Event. On Saturday November 17, Los Angeles County will host a free household hazardous waste/e-waste (HHW/E) event at the L.A. County Sheriff Department’s STAR Training Center (11515 South Colima Road, South Whittier). The event accepts household hazardous waste and e-waste items including batteries, fluorescent light bulbs and tubes, fertilizers, household cleaners, paint, old computers, televisions, game systems and other items. For additional information, log onto www.888cleanLA.com then scroll down to *Household Hazardous and Electronic Waste Collections Events*. Informational fliers are also available at the City Hall front lobby, the Public Works front counter, Fire Station #1 and #2 and the Police Station.

Continued Discussions with Intergy Corporation. Facilities staff met with Intergy Corporation, a local Monrovia organization, for continued discussion regarding the proposed San Gabriel Energy Wise Partnership Resolution that would help accomplish many of the Monrovia Environmental Accords’ Energy Action Items.

Holiday Preparations: This week, our Parks and Facilities staff started transforming Old Town into a winter wonderland with the installation of holiday garlands, banners, and wreaths in preparation for the holiday season.

Graffiti on the Rise: Graffiti calls were extraordinarily high this week. The City’s Graffiti Removal Contractor received 82 calls and our Parks staff added an additional 20 hours of graffiti removal at City Parks, with Recreation Park being the hardest hit.

UTILITIES:

Customer Service

- 720 water meters were read and recorded
- 72 work orders were completed
- 2 service requests were completed
- 180 Shut-off notices were distributed
- 16 backflow notices were sent out
- 10 water meters were replaced
- 2 water services were reactivated

Water Production

Water consumption is 51.7 millions gallons, a decrease of approximately 3% compared to last week’s water usage.

Department of Health Services Required Water Samples:

- 31 water system samplings
- 15 well samplings
- 5 water treatment facility samplings

Utility Maintenance

- 2 water services were repaired
- 40 water main system valves were inspected and operated
- 16 underground service alert’s utility location requests were completed
- 8,200 feet of sewer mains were cleaned

Have a great weekend!

FOR YOUR CALENDARS:

<i>Monday, November 12</i>	<i>VETERAN'S DAY OBSERVED, CITY HALL CLOSED</i>
Tues., Nov. 20, 7:30 p.m.	City Council Meeting
Tues., Dec. 4, 7:30 p.m.	Regular Council Meeting
Thurs., Dec. 6, 6 p.m.	Tree Lighting Ceremony, Library Park
Thurs., Dec. 6, 7 p.m.	Holiday Parade; Myrtle Avenue
Tues., December 18, 7:30 p.m.	Regular Council Meeting

CMO ATTACHMENTS:

Monrovia closing book on old library

By Emanuel Parker, Staff Writer

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MONROVIA - The Monrovia Public Library will close Nov. 13 and move to its temporary site at the Mary Wilcox Youth Center, 843 E. Olive Ave., on the southeast corner of Recreation Park.

The Youth Center will serve as the library for the next 18 months, beginning Dec. 17. Meanwhile, a new 28,000-square-foot library will be built in Library Park, 321 S. Myrtle Ave.

The new library is scheduled to be completed in spring 2009.

The temporary facility will house the library's children's collection, most of the adult collection and all the public-use computers.

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Closure of the old library will clear the way for its demolition.

The new library will be twice the size of the current structure. It will feature expanded technology and work and study areas, a community room, and more stacks for books, periodicals, DVDs and tapes. The new library also will offer more seating, adult, teen and children's areas, a heritage room, family restrooms and literacy training rooms.

A parcel tax that Monrovia voters approved March 6 is paying for the library. The tax is scheduled to raise \$15.5 million for the project.

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FIRE DEPARTMENT ATTACHMENTS:



Poway High School

Scott Fisher, Principal

November 5, 2007

Christopher Donovan, Fire Chief
Monrovia Fire Department
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Monrovia, California 91016

Dear Chief Donovan:

In August of 1940, England's Prime Minister Winston Churchill stated, "Never... was so much owed by so many to so few." This tribute was made to the Royal Air Force, who had saved England from enemy air attack. During the past week, when Poway was under siege by the Witch Creek fire, Churchill's quote was apropos in acknowledging the efforts of heroic firefighters who saved our community.

Although Poway lost ninety homes and almost our entire community was evacuated, the Monrovia Fire Department came to our rescue. Specifically, our school was saved from destruction, thanks to the brave efforts of your team.

Your firefighters arrived on our campus, darkened with soot after battling this fire with the same intensity that they would have shown in their own community. I was particularly impressed with both their sense of professionalism and camaraderie. I represent the entire Poway staff and student body in recognizing your efforts in saving our school and community, and hope you will share this letter with those assigned to our area. It was our distinct honor to spend time with your firefighters during this crisis.

With appreciation,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Scott Fisher".

Scott Fisher, Principal
Poway High School

cc: Mayor Rob Hammond

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