

City News

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Two Park Celebrations Planned and You're Invited!

Two Saturday morning events are slated to take place this month to mark the addition of a new park and the completion of ADA upgrades at another.

Washington Park

First, on June 2 the public is invited to attend the dedication of Washington Park – the city's newest neighborhood park.

This 15,000 square-foot mini-park is located at the corner of Lincoln Avenue and Washington Street and features a tot lot with rubberized surfacing, a picnic area, decomposed granite walkways, lush landscaping, and rock walls that double as seating and feature the art of several dozen Diamond Bar children.



The dedication event takes place from 10 am until noon and includes brief remarks by City officials followed by fun children activities. Refreshments and snacks will be provided, and attendees will take home an environment-friendly souvenir.

Silvertip Park

Then, on June 16 the festivities shift over to Silvertip Park which reopens after undergoing a series of upgrades to meet current accessibility and safety standards.

These upgrades included the retrofit of existing walkways, construction of a new wheelchair-accessible path, installation of a new rubberized surface within play areas, and addition of two ADA-compliant playgrounds – one geared for 2- to 5-year-olds and another for 5- to 12-year-olds.



At the dedication event scheduled from 10 am to noon, complimentary refreshments and snacks will be provided, and children will have access to a variety of art and craft activities. Silvertip Park is located at 904 Longview Drive.

For more details about either of these events, contact the City's Public Information Division at 909.839.7055.

A dazzling array of fireworks will bring to life Diamond Bar's patriotic spirit when the City holds its annual Independence Day celebration on Wednesday, July 4 at Lorbeer Middle School.

Festivities kick off at 5 pm with a musical performance by top 40 Latin band Bumptown, and close out with an aerial fireworks show starting promptly at 9 pm sharp. Blankets or chairs are encouraged for this lawn-seating event.

Admission and parking is free. For safety reasons, only registered assistance dogs will be admitted; no pets will be allowed.

Please note that the fireworks show will require the implementation of temporary traffic control patterns in the vicinity of Golden Springs Drive and Diamond Bar Boulevard.



NEW Location!

Lorbeer Middle School is located at 501 Diamond Bar Boulevard. More information about the event, including planned road closures and suggested detours is available by visiting www.diamondbarca.gov/4thofjuly or calling 909.839.7070.



The Coolest Way to Break up the Week is Back Next Month!

Sycamore Canyon Park will again be the place to be to enjoy fresh air and live music with family and friends every Wednesday from July 11 through August 22.

Concerts are free, open to the public, and start at 6:30 pm; blankets or chairs for lawn seating are encouraged. Concert-goers may bring a picnic dinner or purchase food items on site from community nonprofits.

This year's sizzling lineup opens on July 11 with Platinum Rockstars playing super hits of the 70s and 80s, followed by classic rock band *The Answer* on July 18, country variety band *The Silverados* on July 25, and *Cold Duck* playing 70s top 40 on August 1. Doo wop band *The Alley Cats* take the stage on August 8 followed by the *Mike Sullivan Band* playing acoustic melodies on August 15. Rounding up the series on August 22 will be *Cash Up Front*, a tribute band to Johnny Cash.

Following each concert performance at dusk, the attention shifts from the stage to the silver screen.



This year's Movies under the Stars series opens with *Zookeeper* on July 11. It is followed by *Grease* on July 18 and *Winnie the Pooh* on July 25. *The Muppets* fill the screen on August 1, *Cars 2* on August 8, and *Tin Tin* on August 15. The series closes out with *Puss in Boots* on August 22. All movies are rated PG.



Dogs and other pets, with the exception of registered assistance guide dogs, are discouraged due to safety issues and expected large crowd and loud noise conditions.

Sycamore Canyon Park is located at 22930 Golden Springs Drive; free parking and shuttle service to and from the park will be available beginning at 5:30 pm at the Diamond Bar Golf Course, 22751 Golden Springs Drive.

For more information, visit www.diamondbarca.gov/specialevents or call 909.839.7070.



New Recycling Mandates

Effective July 1, businesses and multi-family complexes (five or more units) that generate four cubic yards or more of waste per week, will be required to recycle under a new State Bill (AB341) directed by CalRecycle. The goal of AB341 is to increase statewide recycling rates to 75 percent by year 2020 with aims of reducing greenhouse emissions by diverting commercial solid waste. Currently, State law requires local governments to reduce waste disposed in landfills by 50 percent. To learn more, visit www.calrecycle.ca.gov and enter "ab341" in the search field.



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Students perform a surprise flash mob dance at Family Literacy Night! **PAGE 3**

Welcome, Assistant Fire Chief Stone!

The local Fire Division has a new Assistant Fire Chief at its helm.



Dave Stone, a 29-year veteran of the Los Angeles County Fire Department, assumed duties as Division 8 Assistant Fire Chief in April 2012.

In his new post, he oversees fire services for Diamond Bar and four neighboring cities as well as several unincorporated areas. Division 8 is responsible for the day-to-day operations of three Battalions, nine fire stations, and approximately 300 personnel.

Previous to his promotion, and for the past 18 years, Chief Stone served several communities as Battalion Chief and held staff assignments in the Fire Department's Camps/Heavy Equipment and Public Affairs sections.

Chief Stone is a Deputy Operations Chief on one of the Fire Department's three Incident Management teams, a member of the Urban Search and Rescue Team CA-TF-2, and a Task Force Leader/Plans Manager. He has been deployed to Hurricanes Katrina, Gustav, and Ike, and was part of the urban search and rescue team sent to Haiti and Japan to assist with relief efforts.

Mosquito Awareness



With summer just around the corner, the Greater Los Angeles County Vector Control District (GLACVCD) is increasing its efforts to raise public awareness about mosquitoes and the importance of identifying and eliminating their breeding sites.

The one quarter-inch long Asian tiger mosquito – characterized by its distinctive black and white stripes on its thorax, abdomen, and legs – is at the forefront of GLACVCD's public outreach efforts this year.

Since first identified last September in El Monte, GLACVCD has worked relentlessly to assess and control potential infestation through mosquito control and surveillance efforts, but requires the public's assistance to eradicate the invasive species.

Unlike other mosquitoes, which tend to bite between dusk and dawn, Asian tiger mosquitoes are aggressive daytime biters. They require very little water to breed, and are a competent transmitter of many serious diseases such as dengue, yellow fever, chikungunya and other encephalitis viruses.

Simple steps the public can take to prevent this

mosquito from breeding in their property include:

- ✓ Searching for and discarding any containers, cans, buckets, and old tires from around the home;
- ✓ Dumping and draining any standing water around the home, and thoroughly wiping down containers with a rag to remove any mosquito eggs;
- ✓ Emptying bird baths and small fountains completely or cleaning them out thoroughly every three days; and
- ✓ reporting daytime mosquito bites or sightings to the District by phone 562.944.9656 or online at www.glacvcd.org (a State-certified vector control specialist will respond to service requests within 48 business hours).

New Surface for City Roads

As part of the City's ongoing road maintenance and preservation program, this summer more than 10 miles of residential and arterial roads will undergo a variety of resurfacing treatments.

Designed to extend the service life of the city's asphalt pavement in an effective and cost-efficient manner, this annual Slurry Seal program divides the city's residential and arterial roads into seven areas, and every year one residential and one arterial area are evaluated for treatment.

Now in the first year of the residential program and sixth year of the arterial program, work is set to rehabilitate 8.3 miles of residential roadways – bounded on the north and west by city limits, and on the south and east by the 57 freeway – and 2.2 miles of arterial road along Golden Springs Drive from Diamond Bar Boulevard to Temple Avenue.

The extent of the resurfacing treatment, as determined by the City's Pavement Management System, calls for a variety of corrective, preventative, and rehabilitation techniques that include slurry seal, cape seal (a chip seal treatment in addition to the normal slurry treatment), edge grind, asphalt concrete (AC) overlay, and localized (remove and replace) R&R.

Construction is anticipated to begin early June and continue through the end of August, with work taking place Monday through Friday from 7:30 am to 5 pm.

Project-affected residents and businesses will be notified by mail ten days prior to the start of the project, and again 48 hours before the start of construction via door notices and "No Parking" signs along work zone roadways.

For more information, contact the City's Public Works Department at 909.839.7040.

Drainage Project

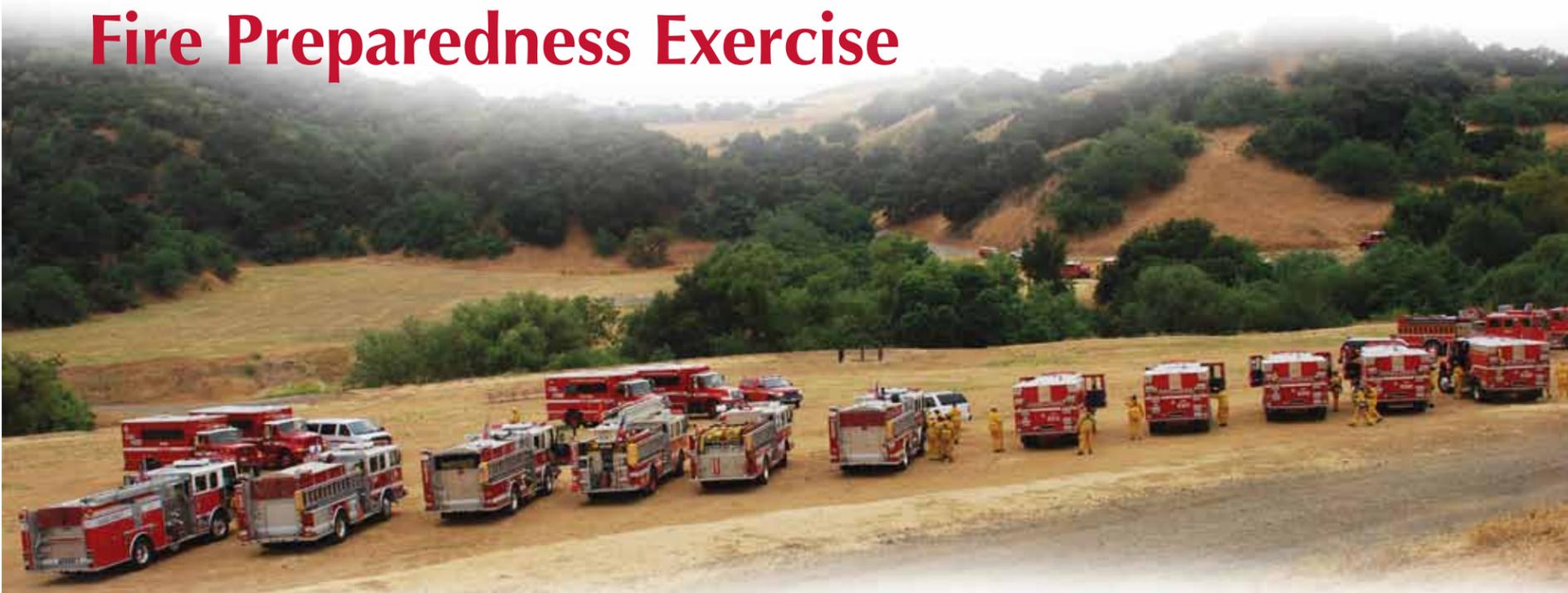
Work is set to get underway this month to improve drainage along Golden Springs Drive in the vicinity of Lavender Drive through the construction of new catch basins and underground lateral drain lines.

Road access within the work zone will remain open at all times, but eastbound traffic will be periodically reduced to a single lane during the construction period, which is anticipated to start mid-June and be completed by late-August.

Construction hours are set for 8:30am to 3:30pm Monday through Friday; message boards will be put in place to alert motorists of planned traffic pattern changes. Motorists are reminded to drive with caution and follow posted speed limits when passing through construction work areas.

For more information, contact the City's Public Works Department at 909.839.7040.

Fire Preparedness Exercise



Los Angeles County Fire Department last month joined emergency crews from several neighboring counties for an annual exercise simulating a joint response to a wildfire in Tonner Canyon. This three-day exercise, held May 9 through

May 11, gave emergency personnel the opportunity to sharpen their firefighting skills while strengthening their communication and coordination of resources in the event of a multi-jurisdictional emergency.

SCHOOL HAPPENINGS!

Story contributed by the Pomona Unified School District

Armstrong Elementary School Earns State Recognition

The California Department of Education announced that Armstrong E.S. is a 2012 California Distinguished School. Armstrong is one of 387 California public elementary schools identified and honored as the state's most exemplary and innovative public schools that encourage students to learn and help close the achievement gap.

"I am extremely proud of our school for being acknowledged as a California Distinguished School," said Principal Cynthia Sanchez. "Our faculty, staff, and families have worked very hard to ensure that students are given the best education possible, and this award very well reflects our efforts."

To be invited to apply for Distinguished School honors, schools must meet a variety of eligibility criteria including

designated federal and state accountability measures based on the Elementary and Secondary Education Act and the Academic Performance Index requirements.

According to the press release by the California Department of Education, the application process includes an extensive site visit and validation process. Schools earning the Distinguished School title agree to share their signature practices with other schools and serve as mentors to other educators who want to replicate their work.

"This recognition is a true testament to the high expectations, focused approach, and commitment to academic excellence by Armstrong's school community," said Superintendent Richard Martinez.



Story contributed by the Walnut Valley Unified School District

Evergreen's Family Event is a 'Great Night to Read'

Students perform surprise flash mob dance!

It was a good, good night as Evergreen Elementary families gathered in the amphitheater for an evening together.

During the Family Literacy Night held on May 2, they dined picnic-style on blankets spread on the grass, listened to their children read, and enjoyed entertainment provided by the school band and kindergartners. Parent Claire Ou enjoyed a delicious dinner from one of the gourmet food trucks at the school while eagerly awaiting to see her son Hans perform with the kindergartners. Third grader Noor Bokobaigoy and sister kindergartner Minna enjoyed snuggling up with their mother Dalia while reading the books they brought. Fourth grade friends Johnny Yang, Jacob Pisetsky, and Kyle Zhang said they liked the food and reading best.

"This is great!" said Jacob's mother Jessica.

First grader Matthew Yeung got a chance to practice reading the Magic School Bus Fights Germs.

"This event lets us know what's going on in the school and we've enjoyed the family time together," said Matthew's mother Andrea Lim.

Students also planned a special surprise for their



families at the end of the event held from 5 p.m. - 8 p.m. Throughout the evening, the excited youngsters kept their "big secret" about performing a first ever school-wide flash mob dance.

"The best part about tonight is the surprise flash mob performance!" exclaimed 5th grader flutist Karen Liu who brought *Wayside School Gets a Little Stranger* to read.

At Principal Dr. Don Trimmer's signal, they all grabbed their books and gathered together to perform the choreographed song and dance *It's Going to Be a Great Night to Read* - a revised version of the popular Black-Eyed Peas song *I Gotta Feeling*.

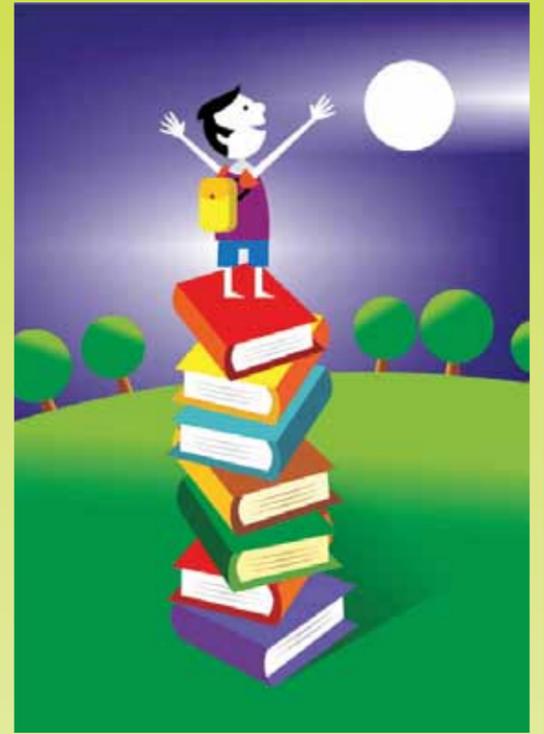
The 500 students in grades kindergarten through fifth grade sang "It's going to be a good book to read! I've got my book, do you have yours?"

Event organizer 4th grade teacher Lily Chang said the Family Literacy Night provided a fun way for families to be together and celebrate reading at the same time.

Students practiced the flash mob dance every day the week prior to the event.

"They just loved it!" she said.

Summer Reading Program



Sign-up Begins Monday, June 18

Book aficionados at all reading levels - picture book, emerging, and experienced - are invited to sign up for the Diamond Bar Library's 2012 Summer Reading Program.

Scheduled to run from June 21 through July 26, the program is open to both drop-in and online participation and incorporates the nighttime themes:

Dream Big - READ to Me
(age newborn to 5)

Dream Big - READ
(ages 5 - 13)

Own the Night
(ages 13-18)

Between the Covers
(age 18 and up)

Aimed at encouraging individuals of all ages to retain and enhance their reading skills during summer months, the program offers prize incentives for tracking reading efforts, and also features art activity workshops as well as performances by magicians, puppeteers, storytellers, and musicians.

All the fun culminates with a family-friendly "Finale Party" for all Summer Reading Program participants on Saturday, August 11 starting at 2 pm at Pantera Park, located at 738 Pantera Drive.

To view the planned performance schedule visit diamondbarca.gov/SRP. To sign up for the reading program, visit the Diamond Bar Library in person at 1061 S. Grand Avenue or online at www.colapublib.org/libs/diamondbar on or after June 18.

Volunteer Nominations Sought

Here's a reminder that Friday, June 15 is the last day to turn in your nominations for the L.A. County Fair Association's 2012 Community Hero Program.

The recognition program aims to recognize individuals whose volunteer efforts contribute to the quality of life of Diamond Bar residents and is organized as part of Diamond Bar Day at the Fair,

which this year is scheduled for Thursday, September 6.

Community Heroes are honored throughout the day with free valet parking and admission to the Fair, float/car ride along with the fairgrounds' main thoroughfare, live entertainment, and a special recognition award.

Nominees may be of any age and may include family members, neighbors, teachers, students, work

colleagues, or business owners. To obtain a nomination form, stop by City Hall or download a copy via the City website www.DiamondBarCA.gov/communityhero.

For more information, contact the L.A. County Fair Association at 909.865.4075.

Find it Fast Phone Directory

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*For emergencies, dial 9-1-1



Calendar Key

- City Council Meeting* - starts at 6:30 pm
- Planning Commission Meeting* - starts at 7 pm
- Parks & Recreation Commission Meeting* - starts at 7 pm
- Traffic & Transportation Commission Meeting* - starts at 7 pm
- Transit Late Night - City Hall open until 7 pm
- Street Sweeping Week
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*City Council meetings take place at the AQMD/Government Center (21865 Copley Drive), while City Commission meetings are held at Diamond Bar City Hall (21810 Copley Drive). Additional event and meeting details are available at www.DiamondBarCa.gov/eventcalendar



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Snapshots Around The Community

ARBOREAL ARTWORK... Brooke Crosby knows the benefits of trees are numerous, and it was her vibrant depiction of a dozen examples that made her the winner of Pantera Elementary School's 2012 Arbor Day Poster Contest. Brooke was recognized and presented with a framed version of her poster during the City's annual Arbor Day Celebration. The event, held at Pantera Elementary on April 27, featured tree-themed presentations by students of all grades and the planting of five new trees on school grounds. A representative of the Forestry Division of the County of Los Angeles Fire Department was also on hand to give each student a pine tree seedling along with planting and caring instructions to take home. Special thanks goes to West Coast Arborists, Inc. for its donation of three camphor and two strawberry trees to the event.



IT'S WHAT'S ON THE INSIDE... On the face of it, the street name signs at the intersection of Grand Avenue and Longview Drive appear to be like any other, but they are not. The internal lighting of these signs and several others located near four of the city's entry and exit points was recently retrofitted to LED technology. Funded with federal energy efficiency and conservation block grant stimulus funds, this switch will save the City money on electricity costs for these signs since LED fixtures operate on half the wattage of conventional incandescent lighting. Also, since LED lights don't have to be changed as often, money will also be saved on maintenance costs.

SCENIC SERENITY... Guided by the interpretive panel before him, Kushal Sonwala can easily identify the names and elevations of the peaks along the north face of the San Gabriel Mountains range. Kushal and his family were among the several nature enthusiasts who attended the City's May 5th dedication of the Sycamore Canyon Park mesa. The morning event celebrated the recent completion of upgrades to the trail, which included the installation of five educational interpretive panels, rest areas, exercise stations, as well as the restoration of the area's native flora habitat. These upgrades were funded almost fully by way of three grant sources – Nature Education Facilities Grant (10 percent), Rivers and Mountains Conservancy Grant (15 percent), and Recreation Trails Grant (70 percent).



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