

City News

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Trail Loop A Step Closer

Good news, recreationists!



Thanks to a couple grants recently awarded to the City by the Land & Water Conservation Fund, the long-planned trail loop within the Summitridge Park Trail System is one step closer to becoming a reality.

These grants will help fund construction of a new trail from the lower parking lot of the Diamond Bar Center to the Grand View trail that connects with the Canyon Loop Trail.

Once completed, the half-mile stretch of trail will connect to three other existing trails within Summitridge Park to form a 2.75-mile loop that ends on the western parking lot of the Diamond Bar Center. Summitridge Park Trail System is known for its amazing panoramic views of the San Gabriel Valley – Mount Baldy to the north, Los Angeles Civic Center to the west, and Chino Hills and Tres Hermanos to the east.

Trail construction is currently in the design phase, and is expected to get underway by spring of 2014. The cost of constructing this new trail is estimated at \$355,000. Already-secured grant funding covers half of this cost; the remainder cost will be funded with General Fund monies.

For more information including a trail map, visit www.DiamondBarCA.gov/trails or call 909.839.7060.



Free Concerts & Movies Return in July



There's a good reason why you'll want to keep your calendar clear on Wednesday nights from July 10 to August 21. It's when Sycamore Canyon Park, 22930 Golden Springs Road, comes alive with free concerts, children activities, and family-friendly movies.

Now in its 22nd year, the popular Concerts in the Park/Movies under the Stars series is a fun way to break up the week. Concerts begin at 6:30 pm and last approximately an hour and a half, followed by the evening's featured presentation.

Festivities during the concert include arts and crafts activities for children, and giveaways from the City and local service agencies.

Event-goers are encouraged to bring a blanket or beach chair for lawn seating, and either bring a picnic dinner or support a local nonprofit by purchasing food and drinks sold on site. Barbecues and gas-powered grills are not permitted.

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

Free parking and shuttle service from the Diamond

Bar Golf Course parking lot, 22751 E. Golden Springs Drive, will be available from 5:30 pm until the end of the movie.

For more information, visit www.DiamondBarCA.gov/events or call 909.839.7070.

This year's concert/movie lineup:

- July 10** Band: Bumptown (Latin)
Movie: *Hotel Transylvania*
- July 17** Band: The Ravelers (Rock n' Roll)
Movie: *Madagascar 3*
- July 24** Band: The Answer (Classic Rock)
Movie: *Brave*
- July 31** Band: Upstream (Caribbean)
Movie: *Jumanji*
- August 7** Band: Cold Duck (70s Top 40)
Movie: *Rise of the Guardians*
- August 14** Band: Kelly Rae Band (Country Pop)
Movie: *The Lorax*
- August 21** Band: The Ultimate Stones (Rolling Stones Tribute)
Movie: *Who Framed Roger Rabbit?*



Bark Park to Close Temporarily

Dog owners, be advised that Bark Park @ Pantera Park will be closed this month to allow for the installation of several new amenities, including shade structures, benches, and drinking fountains for dogs. Detailed closure notices will be posted at the front entry of the walkway in advance of the start of construction.

For more information, visit www.diamondbarca.gov/barkpark or call the Community Services Department at 909.839.7060.

Fourth of July Celebration Suspended

This year's Fourth of July celebration is suspended until next year due to the lack of a location suitable for event logistics.

Fourth of July Blast was first held in 2001, and moved to Diamond Bar High School in 2006 when it outgrew its original location at Sycamore Canyon Park. Due to construction work at the high school, last year's event was held at Lorbeer Middle School.

Both Diamond Bar High School and Lorbeer Middle schools are currently undergoing construction and therefore unavailable for this year's event.

City staff evaluated seven alternate locations but all were deemed unsuitable for the event because they lacked adequate safe spectator areas and pyrotechnic lighting and fallout zones.

Fourth of July Blast will be brought back in 2014 in time for the year-long series of events planned to commemorate the 25th anniversary of Diamond Bar's incorporation as a City.

For more information, contact the City's Community Services Department at 909.839.7060.



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Business of the Month

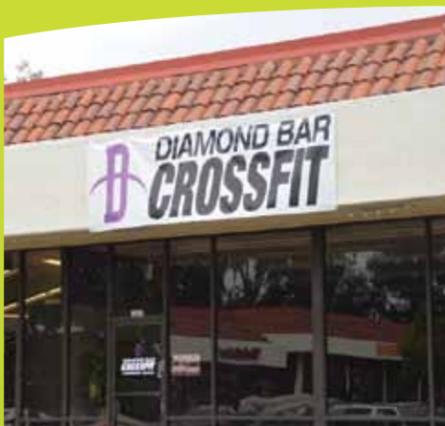
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Open: Monday - Friday 5:45 am to 10:30 am and 3:30 pm to 8:30 pm; Saturday 9:00 am to 12 pm

2013 Outstanding Volunteers Named

Several more individuals now form part of a special list of volunteers whose contributions to the Diamond Bar community have been recognized with the City's coveted "Outstanding Volunteer" award.

The awardees – adults Tulsı Savani, Kathy Chen, Bridget Reynolds, and Paul Vessov, as well as teens Ashley Xie, Jerry Chu, and Daniel Aley – were presented with their awards during the City's 24th annual Birthday Party on April 13.

Mr. Salvani was recognized for his volunteer work with the Sunshine Senior Association, while Mrs. Chen was acknowledged for her many years' worth of time and talent contributions to the Diamond Bar Chinese American Association. Ms. Reynolds earned her award because of her help to organizations that include the Diamond Bar Community Foundation and the American Cancer Society. Mr. Vessov was thanked for using his own car to facilitate the donation of day-old bread from local grocers to three local senior center food banks.

Ashley was recognized for adeptly managing her high school workload and her involvement in DB4 Youth "In Action" and several other student clubs and service-oriented activities that included serving meals to financially-limited individuals.



Posing for a photo following the awards ceremony are (from left) Tulsı Savani, Paul Vessov, Kathy Chen, Bridget Reynolds, Daniel Aley, Jerry Chu, and Ashley Xie.

Jerry and Daniel were acknowledged for their membership in the Diamond Bar High School Leo Club, and spending the greater portion of their free time giving back to the community through a variety of fundraising events and clean-up efforts.

The City's Outstanding Volunteer Award Program aims to recognize individuals of all ages who demonstrate a commitment to community service through exceptional volunteer effort that benefits Diamond Bar residents. For more information, visit www.DiamondBarCA.gov/ova.

Irish Soccer Camps

Recreation offerings for youth this summer include soccer camp taught by Irish coaches from the popular Coast 2 Coast (C2C) organization. Camp is open to ages 4 to 14, with players grouped by age and ability. The one-week camp will be offered July 22-26 and again August 5-9 at Peterson Park from 9am to 2pm. Registration fee is \$149 per participant, per week; all players receive a free C2C Irish Soccer jersey, soccer ball, wristband, and Certificate of Completion. For more information or to register a child, call the City's Recreation Services Division at 909.839.7070.

Summer Reading

Everyone is invited to satiate their appetite with good reads by signing up to participate in the Los Angeles County Library's Summer Reading Program, this year themed "Reading is sooo Delicious!"



Teens and adults may register for the program as early as Saturday, June 1, while sign-ups for children begin on Monday, June 17.

Once registered, all you have to do is read or listen to books, keep track of the book titles or time read, and take part in fun programs taking place all summer long at the Library.

Here's what's happening in June:

Tuesday, June 11 at 2 pm: Travel Mug Design Workshop – participants get to individualize their own blank canvas mug for hot or cold beverages on the go (open to incoming sixth through twelve-grade students)

Tuesday, June 18 at 2 pm: Make your own Soap Workshop – participants will make cold-pressed soap to look and smell like a cupcake (open to incoming sixth through twelve-grade students)

Thursday, June 20 at 2 pm: Annie Banannie's Balloon Storytelling (open to toddlers through fifth graders and their parents)

Friday, June 28 at 2 pm: Rafael & Katia Comedy Magic/Illusion Show (open to toddlers through fifth graders and their parents)

Saturday, June 29 at 2 pm: Wine and Food Pairing Workshop – Professional sommelier Ian Blackburn will teach participants the fundamentals of pairing wine and food, specifically what to look for when selecting a wine to complement the flavors of a meal. This class is instructional only; wine will not be served (open to adults age 21 and older)

For more information or to register, visit the Diamond Bar Library online www.colapublib.org/libs/diamondbar or in person at 21800 Copley Drive in Diamond Bar. You may also reach Library staff by phone by calling 909.861.4978.

School Happenings

Story contributed by the Walnut Valley Unified School District

Quail Summit Marks 25th Anniversary



Quail Summit's chorus under the direction of Judy Brunelle, performed during the anniversary celebration. Brunelle, who was also one of the first parents at the school "when there was dirt everywhere," she said.

Quail Summit Elementary School celebrated their 25th anniversary with a jog-a-thon fundraiser, commemorative assembly, and In N Out family picnic. On February 22, students, staff, and parents walked, jogged, and raced during the annual jog-a-thon fundraiser that kicked off at 8:30 am. The Diamond Bar High Drum Line entertained the energetic participants as they circled the grassy course and then enjoyed frozen treats after the morning jaunt!

At 10:15 am, the school gathered in the amphitheater to commemorate the 25th anniversary of service to students. Student Council

President Debbie Yim led the flag salute and former Quail Summit student Jennifer Gallego sang the national anthem. The program also included a choral performance and traditional Chinese lion dance.

Mascot Quincy the Quail joined Principal Dr. Alysia Hobbs-Odipo on stage as she acknowledged special guests in attendance including former principals Dr. Carolyn Haugen and Mrs. Geri Mullen, original staff members, and dedicated community friends.

"What a wonderful day! Our 25th anniversary is a very big deal and we're pausing today to celebrate this extraordinary journey. We have so many people here that have filled our community and have made it the wonderful place for you and me today," Dr. Hobbs said.

"Boys and girls we see you bright and early in the morning, with your backpacks, and you are committed to learning. We care so much about you and do our very best for you," she said.

Quail Summit has been acknowledged for excellence with the California Distinguished School Award and National Blue Ribbon Award.



Pool Safety Urged

If you own a pool and children make up part of your household, here are sobering statistics to consider:

Drowning is the leading cause of injury death for young children ages 1 to 4; and three children die every day as a result of drowning according to the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention.

Fortunately, there are several simple measures you can take to reduce the chance of pool-related injuries or fatalities. These measures include:

Installing Layers of Security

- Put a fence or wall around your pool that is at least five feet high and installed completely around the pool. Gates must be self-closing and self-latching, and open outward away from the pool. A copy of the City's pool/spa installation standards is available online www.diamondbarca.gov/poolstandards or by calling the City's Building & Safety Division at 909.839.7020.
- Keep a phone and essential rescue equipment, such as a life preserver and Shepherd's Hook, poolside at all times.
- Install a pool alarm with remote receivers so that the alarm can be heard inside the house or in other places away from the pool area.
- For added protection, install an electrically-operated or manual-track style safety cover for your swimming pool.

Reviewing Key Safety Rules with Children

- Always walk; never run around the pool.
- Never engage in rough play in or around the pool.
- Put away all the pool toys; young children may see a toy in a pool, try to reach it, and fall in. Pool steps and ladders should also be secured and locked when not in use.

Other Important Reminders

- If a child is missing, look in the pool first.
- Ensure that a responsible adult is always supervising pool use; ideally he or she will have CPR and first aid training, and know how to use the rescue equipment.
- Never leave children unsupervised in or near the pool, even for a moment. If you must walk away to check on dinner, answer the phone, or any other "quick" task, be prepared to get your child out of the pool to do so.

For more pool safety tips, watch a three-minute video on pool safety produced by the City and the Diamond Bar Sheriff's Team; it is available for viewing on the City website www.diamondbarca.gov/videos and Youtube channel www.youtube.com/diamondbarca.



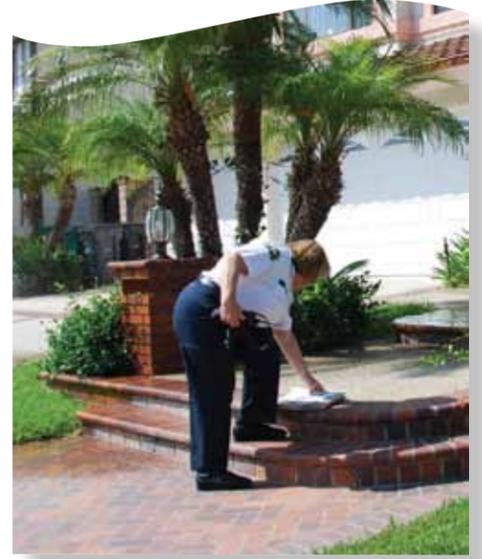
Free Property Vacation Check

If your summer plans include vacationing, here's a reminder to make sure you call the Diamond Bar-Walnut Sheriff's Station as part of your pre-travel preparation.

Upon request, the Sheriff's Station offers free vacation checks that involve a Sheriff's deputy or trained Volunteer Patrol member performing a security inspection outside your home during the days you will be away. The inspection includes checking doors and windows for signs of forced entry and disposing of unsolicited commercial flyers lying on driveways and porches.

To further protect your home while you are away, the Sheriff's station suggests postponing delivery or having one of your neighbors pick up your mail or newspapers to prevent it from piling up; and installing exterior lights that operate on a dawn-to-dusk or timer function to create the illusion that you are home.

To learn more about this service or to request a vacation check, contact the Sheriff's Station by phone 909.595.2264 or in person at 21695 E. Valley Boulevard in Walnut.



Teen Night Out

Teens, mark your calendars!

Members of DB4Youth "In Action" are now busy preparing for Teen Night Out, scheduled for Friday, July 19 from 7 pm to 10 pm at Sycamore Canyon Park.

This popular event is open to high school-aged teens and features cool activities that in the past have included Air Tag, Big Foot racing, Sumo wrestling, dance competitions, and water balloon toss. Admission is free; snacks, glow necklaces, and photos will be available for purchase.

DB4Youth "In Action" is a City-sponsored group formed in 2006 to encourage an active and community-oriented teen population. In addition planning teen-gear special events, the group's members regularly volunteer with local non-profits.

Sycamore Canyon Park is located at 22930 E Golden Springs Drive. For more information about the event or to learn more about DB4Youth, visit www.diamondbarca.gov/db4youth or call 909.839.7062

HHW/E-Waste Collection



Residents are encouraged to take advantage of the Los Angeles County's mobile, one-day collection events to properly dispose of their household hazardous and electronic waste free of charge.

The collection event will next be held in Pomona on Saturday, June 15

from 9 am to 3 pm in the L.A. County Fairplex – Hotel & Exposition Complex, located on Arrow Highway through Gate 23.

This is a drive-thru event where you remain in your car while trained personnel remove the items from your trunk, so it is advised that your trunk be free of items you don't wish to discard.

As a reminder, there is a transportation limit of 15 gallons of 125 pounds of waste per trip and white goods (refrigerators, stoves and washing machines), tires, ammunition, explosives, and radioactive materials are not accepted.

For more information, call 800.238.0172.

For Your Safety...

Preventing I.D. Theft with a Security Freeze

Tip – One way to protect your identity is through a service known as Security Freeze. This service is offered by the three major credit bureaus (Equifax, Experian, TransUnion), and will prevent potential creditors and other third parties from accessing your credit report, unless you lift the freeze. Please note that each of the credit bureaus will charge a processing fee of \$10 (\$5 or free for adults age 65 or older) for each request to add or lift the freeze. The fee is waived for individuals who have been victims of identity theft. To learn more, visit www.equifax.com, www.experian.com, and www.transunion.com and type "security freeze" in the search field.



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Library	909.861.4978
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Waste Disposal:	
Valley Vista (businesses)	800.442.6454
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Employment Opportunities	909.348.8300
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Graffiti Removal	800.794.7384

*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
- ** Concerts in the Park/Movies Under the Stars - Details on page 1
- Street sweeping is taking place somewhere within the city; see neighborhood signage for your street's designated day and time.

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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

MEETING OF THE MINDS...

A ceiling-to-floor, wall-to-wall length mural on the first floor of the City Hall building depicting noteworthy events in the history of Diamond Bar was the topic of discussion during a recent gathering of History Project Club members. The team of volunteers met with a graphic designer to discuss their ideas for the mural, which will feature a photographic time line that starts in the pre-1800s and ends with the incorporation of Diamond Bar in 1989. Plans also call for the installation of cases along the walls to display a rotating collection of historical Diamond Bar items donated by current and former residents. Items donated to date include aerial maps, photographs, newspapers, and a branding iron from the Diamond Ranch days. For more information about the City's ongoing history project and how to join the club, call 909.839.7055.



MIND OVER MATTER... Siblings Andre Monzon, 11, and Sebastian Monzon, 6, are photographed taking a spirited try at Bottle Up – one of 29 prize incentive games available at the City's annual Birthday Party. The popular celebration marking Diamond Bar's 24th anniversary as an incorporated city was held at Pantera Park on Saturday, April 13, 2013. In addition to games, the event featured several amusement rides, live entertainment, a car show, business showcase, and information booths. More City Birthday Party photos are available online www.diamondbarca.gov/photogallery.

TREE-MENDOUS TEAMWORK...

Proving that every small effort truly does add up to big results, the students at Pantera Elementary each pitched in a kid-sized shovelful of dirt around five newly planted camphor trees throughout their school campus. The tree planting was the culmination of the City's annual Arbor Day Celebration held on Friday, April 26, 2013 to commemorate Diamond Bar being named a Tree City USA for the 12th consecutive year. Diamond Bar's urban forest comprises 14,183 trees that total an estimated value of \$37,000,000; the most popular tree is the crape myrtle. A photo album containing additional photos of this event can be found on the City website www.diamondbarca.gov/photogallery.

