

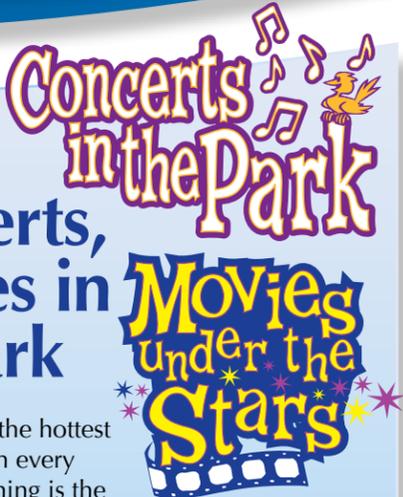
City News

Published Monthly For Residents & Businesses in Diamond Bar



This year's event has been cancelled due to facility construction. Look for event return in 2014!

Free Concerts, Movies in the Park



This summer, the hottest ticket in town every Wednesday evening is the City's Concerts in the Park and Movies under the Stars series.

The popular back-to-back series runs for seven consecutive Wednesdays from July 10 through August 21 at Sycamore Canyon Park, 22930 Golden Springs Drive.

Bumptown (Latin) and the movie *Hotel Transylvania* kicks off the series on July 10, followed by The Ravelers (Rock n' Roll)/ *Madagascar 3* on July 17, The Answer (Classic Rock) and *Brave* on July 24, Upstream (Caribbean) and *Jumanji* on July 31, Cold Duck (70s Top 40) and *Rise of the Guardians* on August 7, Kelly Rae Band (Country Pop) and *The Lorax* on August 14, and The Ultimate Stones (Rolling Stones Tribute) and *Who Framed Roger Rabbit?* on August 21.

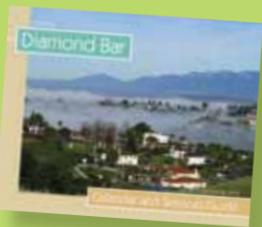
In addition to live music, these evenings feature free activities for children, information booths, and giveaways from 6:30 pm until 8:00 pm. The family-friendly movie on a 20-foot screen follows at dusk.

Event-goers are encouraged to bring a blanket or chairs for lawn seating, and either a picnic meal or cash to purchase dinner from a local nonprofit food vendor.

For safety reasons, personal barbeque grills are not allowed, and pets (excluding registered assistance animals) are strongly discouraged.

Free parking and shuttle service is available at the Diamond Bar Golf Course parking starting at 5:30 pm. For more information, call the Recreation Services Division at 909.839.7070 or visit www.diamondbarca.gov/specialevents.

New Calendar and Services Guide



A new edition of the City's 18-month Calendar & Services Guide with a July 2013 start date is now available for pickup at all City facilities. In addition to showcasing the latest Diamond Bar Through My Lens photo contest winning entries, this tabletop size calendar contains a dozen pages worth of information regarding City services and community amenities.

To have a free copy mailed to your Diamond Bar home or business address, submit your request online www.diamondbarca.gov/calendar or call 909.839.7054.

2013-14 City Budget Approved

To Include Enhancements, Improvements & Reserves



Enhancements in service levels, an investment in capital improvement projects, and a modest addition to the General Fund Reserves are key components of the City's 2013-14 Budget, which went into effect July 1.

The \$21.4 million budget was adopted by the Diamond Bar City Council during its regular meeting of May 21, 2013.

Among the planned enhancements to service levels is the establishment of a new women's fast pitch softball program, and a boost to the Los Angeles County Sheriff's Department S.T.A.R. (Success Through Awareness and Resistance) program which teaches students in grades four through six how to resist peer pressure, avoid conflicts, set and meet goals, and make healthful food choices.

This fiscal year, there is also approximately \$5.7 million budgeted for new capital improvement projects, which include residential and arterial slurry seal/overlay work in portions of the city, the reconstruction of Morning Canyon Road, a median modification project at Diamond Bar Boulevard and Kiowa Crest Drive, the design and construction of the Grandview Trail and Trail Link, several traffic signal infrastructure upgrades, as well as ADA access improvements along several sidewalks and at Bark Park @ Pantera.

The City's budget is available for viewing at Diamond Bar City Hall, 21810 Copley Drive during the business hours of 7:30 am to 5:30 pm Monday through Thursday and 7:30 am to 4:30 pm on Friday, as well as online at diamondbarca.gov/budget.

Temporary Relocation of City Council Meetings

During the months of July through September, Diamond Bar City Council meetings normally held in the South Coast Air Quality Management District (AQMD) will instead be held in the Windmill Community Room of City Hall, 21810 Copley Drive.

This temporary relocation of meetings is necessary due to a facility-wide audio-visual system scheduled to get underway this month at the AQMD. Once the upgrade is complete, City Council meetings will return to being held in the AQMD auditorium, 21865 Copley Drive.

Also, due to a lack of infrastructure needed to broadcast live, the meetings that take place at City Hall will not air live on DBtv nor will they be available online through live video streaming. They will however be taped and broadcast on DBtv every alternate Tuesday at 8 pm, as well as Saturday and Sunday at 9 am, and available for streaming on demand at www.diamondbarca.gov/dbtv as early as the Thursday following every meeting.



As a reminder, City Council meetings are held the first and third Wednesday of every month starting at 6:30 pm. Agendas are made available for public review the Friday afternoon prior to every meeting, with posting locations including the City website, City Hall, and Diamond Bar Library.

DBTV – the City's government access channel – is found on Time-Warner cable channel 3 and Verizon FiOS channel 47. For more information, contact the Public Information Division 909.839.7055.



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It's rattlesnake season, learn how avoid one! **PAGE 3**



Enjoy a day in the park during national park month. **PAGE 3**



June 2013 Business of the Month

Diamond Fresh Farmers Market

21168 Golden Springs Road • 909.595.1300
diamondfresh001@gmail.com

Grocer selling organic and conventional produce international dairy items, nuts and dry goods, bread and groceries from the Middle East and Asia, as well as fresh flowers, garden accessories and pottery

Open: Monday - Sunday, 8 am to 8 pm



New Business of the Month Hot Dog Pops

808 N Diamond Bar Blvd
www.hotdogpops.com

Serving breakfast, lunch, and dinner – specializes in hot dogs and sandwiches, stocks more than 100 varieties of root beer, pops, wine and beer; restaurant is also available for private party rental

Open: Monday - Thursday, 11 am to 9 pm
Friday & Saturday, 11 am to 11 pm
Sunday 11 am to 8 pm

Shopping Center Bulletin Boards



Chances are you are familiar with most of the City's communication vehicles, which include a website, government access channel, print and electronic newsletters, and social media spaces.

But did you know that the City also maintains bulletin boards within several Diamond Bar shopping centers that it uses for the promotion of upcoming City and community nonprofit events?

These wall-mounted bulletin boards are located near Albertsons, CVS, Cherry on Top, and inside the Oak Tree Lanes Bowling Center; they are managed by the City's Public Information Division, and updated at the start of every month.

Diamond Bar-based nonprofits are encouraged to submit event flyers for posting consideration by contacting the Public Information Division by phone at 909.839.7056 or email publicinfo@diamondbarca.gov. Due to limited posting space, requests for postings will be processed on a first-come, first-served basis.

Welcome New Sheriff's Captain, Lieutenant, and Deputy

A recent reorganization of the Los Angeles County Sheriff's Department and a retirement saw the City welcoming three new public safety leaders to Diamond Bar.

Jeff Scroggin, a 28-year veteran of the Department, became Captain, while Anthony Tachias was appointed Diamond Bar's Service Area Lieutenant and Aaron Scheller was assigned the community's new Special Projects/Crime Prevention Deputy.

Captain Jeff Scroggin's career with the Sheriff's Department began in 1984. He worked through the ranks and in 2000 was promoted to sergeant and assigned to Industry Station and the Training Bureau. Five years later, Captain Scroggin was promoted to Lieutenant and worked in the Lakewood Station, where he served as the Service Area Lieutenant for the City of Bellflower. In 2008, Captain Scroggin became the Operation's Lieutenant for Norwalk Station, and in October 2012, he was assigned to the Executive Offices of the Sheriff, as the Undersheriff's Executive Aide. Captain Scroggin earned his Master's Degree in Criminal Justice from the University of Cincinnati.

Lieutenant Anthony Tachias started his career with the Sheriff's Department in 1984, after serving four years in the U.S. Navy and working a brief stint in the private sector. He was promoted to sergeant in 1996 and to lieutenant in 2003.

Throughout his career with the Sheriff's Department, Lieutenant Tachias has worked at several stations and in various capacities, most recently as the Lakewood Station Detective Bureau Lieutenant and prior to that City of Paramount's Service Area Lieutenant.

As of May 2013, he is now Diamond Bar's Service Area Lieutenant. In his new role, Lieutenant Tachias is responsible for leading the Diamond Bar law enforcement team,

and oversee the Diamond Bar-Walnut Sheriff's Station's Detective Bureau. Deputy Aaron Scheller was hired with the Los Angeles County Sheriff's Department in 1999. After completing the Sheriff's Academy in 2000, Deputy Scheller began his career at the Clara Shortidge Foltz Criminal Justice Center in downtown Los Angeles. He has been with the Diamond Bar-Walnut Sheriff's Station since 2006 working initially as a patrol specialist, and now as Special Projects/Crime Prevention Deputy. As part of his new duties, Deputy Scheller will be overseeing the City's Neighborhood Watch and Business Watch programs, and promoting disaster preparedness throughout the community.

For more information about the Diamond Bar-Walnut Sheriff's Station and the services it provides, visit <http://shq.lasdnews.net/pages/patrolstation.aspx?id=WAL>.



From left, Captain Scroggin, Deputy Scheller, and Lieutenant Tachias.

School Happenings

Story contributed by the Walnut Valley Unified School District

Graduation Day for DBHS

Commencement ceremonies for the thirtieth graduating class at Diamond Bar High School were held on May 30. Class of 2013 flag bearers Evan York and Mi So Kwak proudly led over 800 graduating Brahmans into Holmes Memorial Stadium. York was recently awarded the 1st Annual Principal's Recognition Scholarship and DBHS Super Star Student Award. Kwak, an inspirational blind flutist, marched with the elite Bands of America Honor Band in the 2013 Tournament of Roses Parade.

The Thundering Herd Band, under the direction of Steve Acciani, performed "Pomp & Circumstance" during the procession.

"When I think of the Class of 2013, two words come to mind - resolve and determination. These words have been the defining tenet of which you have set your self apart as a graduating class. Seniors you have shown the ability to choose what you believe in, the resolve to stand up for your beliefs and the determination to achieve your goals - you have been amazing," Principal Catherine Real said.

Valedictorians Joshua Chen, Casey Lam, Christopher Lee and Udodiri Okwandu delivered the commencement address. The theme was "The way is long - let us go together. The way is difficult - let us help each other. The way is joyful - let us share it. The way is ours alone - let us go in love. The way is open before us - let us begin."

The speakers thanked grade level coordinators, teachers, family and friends for helping their dreams and aspirations come true.

"For the seniors of the Class of 2013, we must face this change with the same dedication, resilience and confidence that we have demonstrated these past four years of high school," Okwandu said.

"The memories and experiences that we hold dearly in our hearts will act as bridges between the separate journeys that we set out upon," Lee said.

"The fireworks begin today. Each diploma is a lighted match and each one of you is a fuse. So rejoice, celebrate, Hakuna Matata - we did it!" exclaimed the foursome.

Congratulations to DBHS Valedictorians: Deedee Chao, Joshua Chen, Genevieve Cheung, Jimmy Cheung, Stephanie Chow, Favian Ho, Brittani Kellogg, Casey Lam, Alice Lee, Christopher Lee, Joyce Lee, Sowbhagya Nalla, Udodiri Okwandu, Jonathan Phan, Zephan Walters, Adrienna Yan and Jason Yang. IB Diploma Certificates: Hajra Bawany, Jonathan Chandrasekhar, Deedee Chao, Stephanie Chow, Joshua Fachtmann, Eric Huang, Alexander Jeon, Irene Jeon, Daniel Chanyoung Kim, Kevin Kuhlman, Haelynn Kwon, Laurie Lee, Che-Hsuan Liao, Jackson Lu, Gwyneth Mallari, Katharina Miyoshi, Dylan Nguyen, Lauren Pak, Audrey Phone, and Adrienna Yan.

City Demographics Online

Investors looking for development opportunity sites in town, or individuals simply curious about Diamond Bar demographics will now find it easier to locate this and more information on the City website.

Visiting www.DiamondBarCA.gov/demographics turns up a single web page containing key demographic, socioeconomic, and housing statistics, as well as traffic counts and spec sheets for retail and commercial developments. For those who prefer hard copies, it is also possible to print PDF copies of the information.



Rattlesnake Season is Here

If you recreate on the city's trails, chances are you've seen the signs alerting you to the possible presence of snakes.



Photo by Allys Reginaldo
2008 Photo Contest
Youth-Nature Winner

Here's another reminder that warm weather months are the time of year when you'll be most likely to encounter a variety of members of our native reptile community, including rattlesnakes. When it comes to avoiding conflicts with rattlesnakes, the advice from the California Department of

Fish and Wildlife (DFW) is simple – give them respect and plenty of space. Rattlesnakes are not aggressive, but they will strike out if they feel threatened.

To reduce the likelihood of being bitten while hiking, remember to:

- Wear long loose-fitting pants and over-the-ankle boots;
- Stick to well-used trails and avoid tall grass, weeds, and heavy underbrush where snakes may hide;
- Always watch your step and look ahead several yards in front of you – you're looking for dark oval patterns that may blend in with rocks on the trail;
- Watch where you put your hands; don't reach into areas obscured by brush, and look for hidden snakes before picking up sticks; and
- Don't assume a snake isn't poisonous if it doesn't rattle; baby rattlesnakes don't have rattles and adult rattles can break off.

If you do come across a rattlesnake snake, freeze or move back slowly to give it space so that it can get away and you'll be out of striking range – rattlesnakes can strike only a distance equal to half their own length.

If bitten, the California Poison Control Center advises you to stay calm, wash the bite area with soap and water, immobilize the affected area and remove watches or rings which may constrict swelling, and have someone seek emergency medical help. If you are alone, don't panic or run; instead walk to your car and drive yourself to the nearest hospital.

Depending on how near your home is to open space, it's possible for snakes to make their way onto your private property.

According to the DFW, the best protection against rattlesnakes is fence that is at least three feet high with the bottom buried a few inches in the ground. It is also useful to reduce the number of places where snakes seek shelter such as brush and piles of boards or rocks, and controlling rodent populations.

Park & Recreation Month



July has been the Nation's official Park and Recreation Month since 1985. The National Recreation and Park Association started this commemorative month to help promote the importance of establishing and maintaining healthy lifestyles and communities.

Here are a few ideas on how to celebrate Park & Recreation Month:

Pack a picnic lunch and enjoy it at your nearest neighborhood or community park... for park locations and amenities, visit www.diamondbarca.gov/parks.

Lace up your sneakers or boots and walk, hike, or bike one of the several community trails, located within city parks, open space areas, and along utility easements... trail descriptions, difficulty ratings, slope grades, and a downloadable map are available online www.diamondbarca.gov/trails.

Take your dog to the Bark Park for some off-leash fun and exercise... the park is located on the south side of Pantera Park, near the basketball courts – 738 Pantera Drive. www.diamondbarca.gov/barkpark

Break up the week with a free concert or movie at Sycamore Canyon Park... the fun begins at 6:30 pm and continues well into the evening... visit www.diamondbarca.gov/specialevents for this summer's lineup.

For even more ideas of fun activities to take part in this month, check out the summer Community Recreation Guide available at all City facilities and online at www.diamondbarca.gov/recguide.

Trail Tours Online

Outdoor enthusiasts, you can now tour Diamond Bar trails from the comfort of your home, office, or anywhere with an Internet connection! The City's newly-launched interactive tour tool features 360-degree views of the City's four trails and all their amenities, including the new par course along the Sycamore Canyon Park trail.



Take a moment to visit www.diamondbarca.gov/trails; the 27 tours include brief descriptions and tips such as how to access the best vista points.

Social Security Goes Mobile

The Social Security Administration has a new mobile-friendly website, specifically designed for people visiting www.socialsecurity.gov, via smartphone.

This mobile version includes a tool to help people identify documents needed for a new/replacement SSN card, as well as information on how to obtain an electronic Social Security statement.

Edison Construction Project Notice

This summer, Southern California Edison will undertake construction work in several areas throughout Diamond Bar. The work, aimed at enhancing residential service, will involve installing new conduit and electrical vaults in the neighborhoods surrounding Chaparral Middle School, as well as Maple Hill, Diamond Point, and Castle Rock elementary schools.

Additional related work will also take place along Diamond Bar Boulevard from Grand Avenue to Brea Canyon Road.

Construction is expected to take eight to eleven weeks from start to completion. Also, there is a strong likelihood that power will need to be interrupted intermittently during construction hours; Edison will send out notices to the affected addresses five to ten days prior to the planned power outage occurring.

To learn more about the planned power outages, contact Edison's 24-hour hotline 800.655.4555 or visit www.sce.com.

Once construction commences, additional project information will be posted online at www.diamondbarca.gov/construction.

For Your Safety...

Free Credit Report Once A Year

Under the Fair Credit Reporting Act, everyone is entitled to one free credit report every year. Reviewing your credit report will not only help you get an idea of what your credit score may be, but will also allow you to confirm that all the information is accurate. In response to this Act, the three nationwide consumer reporting companies — Equifax, Experian, and TransUnion — have set up one central website, toll free telephone number and mailing address through which you can order your free credit report. Note: Several websites claim to offer "free credit reports," "free credit scores" or "free credit monitoring" but are not part of the legally mandated free annual credit report program. To make sure you order your free credit report online from the official authorized source, be certain to go through www.annualcreditreport.com.

Diamond Bar/Walnut Sheriff's Station 909.595.2264
LA County Fire Department 909.629.9671
(dial 911 for all EMERGENCIES)

Find it Fast Phone Directory

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City Council	909.839.7010
Building & Safety	909.839.7020
City Clerk's Office	909.839.7010
City Manager's Office	909.839.7010
Community Development	909.839.7030
Community Services	909.839.7060
Facility Reservations	909.839.7070
Finance	909.839.7050
Human Resources	909.839.7018
Library	909.861.4978
Neighborhood Improvement	909.839.7030
Planning	909.839.7030
Post Office	909.860.2469
Public Information Office	909.839.7055
Public Safety Services	909.839.7076
Public Works/Engineering	909.839.7040
Recreation Services	909.839.7070
Senior Services	909.839.7068
Transit Information	909.839.7045
Voter Registration	562.462.2748
Business Information:	
Business Licenses	909.839.7030
Chamber of Commerce	909.869.0701
School Districts:	
Pomona Unified	909.397.4700
Walnut Valley Unified	909.595.1261
Utilities:	
So Cal Edison (electric)	800.611.1911
So Cal Gas (gas)	800.427.2200
Time Warner (cable TV)	888.892.2253
Verizon (telephone)	800.483.5000
Walnut Valley Water	909.595.7554
Waste Disposal:	
Valley Vista (businesses)	800.442.6454
Waste Management (residents)	909.599.1274
Public Safety:	
Animal Control	909.623.9777
Fire (LA County)*	909.629.9671
Police (LA Co. Sheriff)*	909.595.2264
Vector Control	562.944.9656
24-Hour Hotlines:	
Building Inspection	909.839.7027
Employment Opportunities	909.348.8300
Field/Weather	909.348.8310
Graffiti Removal	800.794.7384

*For emergencies, dial 9-1-1

Calendar Key

During the months of July through September, City Council meetings normally held in the AQMD/Government Center will instead be held in the Windmill Community Room of City Hall, 21810 Copley Drive.

-  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

 For the specific day and time your street is swept, refer to the "No Parking" sign on your block.



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SNAPSHOTS AROUND THE COMMUNITY

PROUD PARENTS... Vanessa and Armando Aguirre (holding 10-month old son, Ryder) are beaming with pride, and for good reason. Their three-year old son, Roman, created several of the masterpieces that adorned the Pantera Park Community Room on Thursday, May 30, and they got to see them on display as part of the City's Tiny Tots Open House event. Also as part of the event, parents got to take home a special portfolio packed with assignments and photos of their children taking part in fun activities. Tiny Tots is designed to encourage the intellectual, physical, and social growth of children ages 3 to 5 for a positive transition into kindergarten. More details about Tiny Tots, including registration cost, are available on page 5 of the summer Recreation Guide or by calling 909.839.7070.



COFFEE AND A CHAT... Friends Mary Woolf, Jan Parker, and Frances Jessop took a detour on their way to their aerobics class on May 29 to meet Los Angeles County Assistant Fire Chief Dave Stone as part of the City's inaugural "Coffee with the Chief" event. The informal one-hour "meet and greet" was meant to give residents an opportunity to ask questions related to fire services in Diamond Bar. Some of the questions asked related to pool safety, wild land safety, emergency medical services (EMS), brush clearance, and the number and type of service calls responded to within the city. The City is planning a second "Coffee with Chief" event this coming fall; details will be provided in future editions of City News.

THANK YOU, EILEEN!... Longtime Diamond Bar resident, Eileen Tillery, was recently honored by the Friends of the Diamond Bar Library for her more than five decades of philanthropic and volunteer efforts on behalf of the community. Always willing and ready to lend a hand when and where needed, it's no surprise that Eileen was among the founding members of several community groups which include the Diamond Bar Woman's Club and Northminster Presbyterian Church, and that she has made a significant impact to local literacy through her contribution of time, talent, and resources to the Friends' organization. To recognize and record Eileen's singular contributions, the Friends held a special reception on May 7 during which she was presented with certificates of commendation and a plaque that is now installed in the Friends Reading Garden, near the fountain. *Best wishes, Eileen, for continuing success and happiness in all your future endeavors!*



July 2013

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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