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Celebrate America's Independence Day

A dazzling array of fireworks will once again light up the sky over Diamond Bar High School when the City holds its annual 4th of July Blast on Saturday, July 4, 2015.

This free event opens at 5:00 pm with a musical performance by the classic rock band Yard Sale and concludes with a 25-minute fireworks show that starts at 9:00 pm sharp.

Event-goers may bring a picnic dinner, or purchase snacks and drinks from Diamond Bar nonprofits operating concession stands on site. Blankets or low-back beach chairs are acceptable for grass-area seating.

Off-site parking with complimentary shuttle service to and from Diamond Bar High School will be available starting at 4:00 pm and continue throughout event hours with surrounding neighborhood streets and the SR 57 & Pathfinder Park n' Ride Lot serving as pickup and drop-off points.

Free parking and shuttle service will be available starting at 5:00 pm. Diamond Bar High School is located at 21400 Pathfinder Road.

As a reminder, the sale, purchase and use of personal fireworks is prohibited within Diamond Bar city limits. If you hear or observe fireworks being set off in your neighborhood, you may report the violation to the Diamond Bar-Walnut Sheriff's Station by dialing its non-emergency line at 909.595.2264 and providing an address or approximate location.

For more information about the 4th of July Blast event, visit www.diamondbarca.gov/4thofjuly or call the City's Community Services Department at 909.839.7070.

Summertime Fun

If you enjoy concerts and movies alfresco, be sure to block out Wednesday evenings on your calendar from June 24 through August 12.

That's when the popular annual Concerts in the Park and Movies under the Stars combo series will be held at Sycamore Canyon Park, with concerts starting at 6:30 pm and movies playing at 8:00 pm.

During each of the concerts there will also be free games and activities for children, a City information and giveaways booth, and the opportunity to support Diamond Bar nonprofits by purchasing meals and snack sold on site.

Concert-goers are welcome to bring their own food and beverages as well as blankets or low-back beach chairs for grass seating, however, barbecue grills and gas appliances are not permitted. Also, for their own safety and comfort, and that of

others, it is strongly recommended that pets be left at home.

Free parking and frequent shuttle service from the Diamond Bar Golf Course parking lot (22751 Golden Springs Drive) to Sycamore Canyon Park (22930 Golden Springs Road) will be available starting at 5:30 pm and continuing until the end of the movie.

This year's concerts and movies roster comprises the following:

June 24 – Southland Band (rhythm and blues, classic rock) **Movie:** Alexander and the Terrible, Horrible, No Good, Very Bad Day

July 8 – The Kings of 88 (piano rock) **Movie:** Maleficent

July 15 – Stone Soul (soul) **Movie:** The Box Trolls

July 22 – Southern Caliber (country rock) **Movie:** Big Hero 6

July 29 – Last Chance (classic rock) **Movie:** 101 Dalmatians

August 5 – Cold Duck (70s top 40) **Movie:** Alice in Wonderland (2010 version)

August 12 – Surfin' (Tribute to Beach Boys) **Movie:** Finding Nemo

Please note that as a result of the City's 4th of July Blast event planned for Saturday, July 4, a concert and movie event will not be held on Wednesday, July 1. For more information, visit www.diamondbarca.gov/specialevents or call the City's Recreation Services Division at 909.839.7070.



New Budget Adoption

Diamond Bar City Council last month adopted a \$26 million balanced general fund budget for the coming fiscal year.

Considered one of largest budgets in the City's 26-year history, the budget provides for ongoing operations with no cuts in service levels and an anticipated year-end \$1 million surplus.

City Council also approved nearly \$20 million for capital improvement expenditures that include \$5.7 million to cover projects carried over from the current fiscal year and \$4.1 million of City of Industry funds for the Lemon Avenue Interchange Project. The remaining capital improvements outlined in the new budget include three street improvement projects, six traffic management projects, several groundwater drainage improvements, several park and trail enhancements, and the creation of a the City's first comprehensive sewer master plan.

Also planned for this coming fiscal year is the use of one-time monies acquired from building fees related to the construction of the master-planned, gated residential community of Willow Heights to replenish reserves in six specific City funds. These monies, which add up to more than \$3 million, will help establish new balances or restore funds that have been drawn from over the years in the areas of traffic mitigation, park development, City fleet vehicle maintenance and replacement, equipment replacement, City building maintenance, and the City's General Plan Update.

In keeping with the City Council's tradition of managing finances in a prudent manner, the anticipated \$1 million fiscal year-end surplus will be deposited into the General Fund reserve, bringing the total to \$15 million which translates to 60 percent or six months of the City's annual operating expenses.

The City's new fiscal year runs July 1, 2015 to June 30, 2016. A copy of the complete budget document is available for viewing at City Hall, 21810 Copley Drive, and on the City website at www.diamondbarca.gov/budget.

Restaurant Guide



A revised edition of the Diamond Bar Restaurant Guide will be arriving in your mailbox soon. If you would like another copy, you may pick one up at City Hall (21810 Copley Drive) or the Diamond Bar Center (1600 Grand Avenue). First published in 2012, the City's restaurant guide is aimed at highlighting the many and varied dining options available in town as a means of increasing community pride and encouraging patronage of local businesses. In addition to providing restaurant addresses and phone numbers, the guide also indicates the average entrée price and notes if delivery services are available.

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Visit the City's official YouTube channel at www.youtube.com/DiamondBarCA to check out a quick promotional clip on QTC.



Grand Avenue Beautification Underway

Come fall, Grand Avenue will boast a more attractive and welcoming atmosphere. The long-anticipated \$2 million beautification project at the intersections of Diamond Bar Boulevard and Longview Drive got underway last month and is expected to be completed in August.

Referred to as the Grand Avenue Beautification Project, the work consists of incorporating thematic streetscape elements into the area's crosswalks, parkways, medians and entry points. These elements include decorative traffic signals, interlocking pavers, timber rails and steel panels, pedestrian and accent lighting, landscaping, and a new entry monument at Longview Drive.

The material and color palette as well as thematic patterns used in this project will form part of the City's Streetscape Beautification Guidelines to ensure that future beautification efforts at other key commercial sections and entry points contribute to a consistent, cohesive citywide identity program.

Federal SAFETEA-LU funds amounting to \$699,000, local Surface Transportation Program funds totaling \$333,964, as well as funding from Prop C, TDA, and Prop A Exchange funds are being used to finance this project.

More details, including a projected construction timeline, visit www.diamondbarca.gov/grand.



New Market To Open

Diamond Bar shoppers will have one more option when stocking up on groceries when Walmart opens a Neighborhood Market within the Diamond Bar Towne Center later this month. Scheduled to open mid-June, the market will occupy a nearly 40,000-square-foot space previously filled by Ralph's supermarket, which closed in the summer of 2011 due to low sales and corporate downsizing. Walmart Neighborhood Markets feature a wide variety of products, including fresh produce, meats and dairy products, frozen foods, dry goods and staples, deli foods, bakery items, canned and packaged goods, condiments and spices, pet supplies, household supplies and a full-service pharmacy. Diamond Bar Towne Center is located at 1100-1188 Diamond Bar Boulevard near Grand Avenue.

Mandatory Water Conservation

Stage 3 of the WWD Water Supply Shortage Ordinance in Effect

The prolonged drought coupled with the Governor's April 1, 2015 Executive Order that mandates a 25% reduction of urban water consumption has prompted Walnut Valley Water District to join water agencies statewide in setting stricter restrictions on water use.

On May 1, the Water District Board of Directors declared a Stage 3 Water Supply Shortage condition and voted to implement the following emergency conservation measures:

Limits on Watering Hours: outdoor water is limited to 2 days per week and prohibited between the hours of 8:00 am and 5:00 pm as well as during and 48 hours following measurable precipitation. If an irrigation system is used, watering is limited to no more than 15 minutes per day.

No Washing Down Hard or Paved Surfaces: Washing down hard or paved surfaces, such as sidewalks or driveways is prohibited.

No Excessive Water Flow or Runoff: Watering any landscaped area cannot cause excessive water flow or runoff onto the sidewalk or street.

Obligation to Fix Leaks, Breaks, or Malfunctions: All leaks, breaks, or other malfunctions in the water user's plumbing or distribution system must be repaired within 48 hours.

Limits on Washing Vehicles: Using a hose to wash a vehicle is prohibited, unless the hose is equipped with a shut-off nozzle.

Drinking Water Served Upon Request Only: Eating or drinking establishments, including but not limited to a restaurant, hotel, cafe, cafeteria, bar, or other public places, will not provide drinking water to any person unless expressly requested.

Option to Decline Daily Linen Services at Commercial Lodging Establishments: Hotels, motels, and other commercial lodging establishments are encouraged to provide customers the option of not having towels and linen laundered daily.

Ornamental Water Features: Operating a water fountain or any other decorative water feature that does not use recirculated water is prohibited, as is the filling of an ornamental lake or pond except as needed to sustain life.

Pools and Spas: Refilling pools and spas with more than one foot of potable water is prohibited.

Learn more about rebates, conservation tips and devices available to reduce water use by visiting the Water District website at www.wvwd.com.

Reporting Water Waste And Broken Sprinklers

Help prevent wasteful water use or accidental water loss by reporting violations or malfunctions in the city's irrigation system.

Broken sprinkler heads, stuck irrigation valves or other watering irregularities within public right-of-ways may be reported to the City's Community Services Department by calling 909.839.7060 or emailing commsrvcs@diamondbarca.gov.

All other water waste related concerns should be reported to the Walnut Valley Water District by calling 909.348.8228, sending an email to savewater@wvwd.com or using the "REPORT WATER WASTE" link on the Water District homepage www.wvwd.com. Please be ready to provide information regarding the incident, including the date of observation, the address or location and a description. Your name and contact information is optional and will be kept confidential.

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AS GOOD AS NEW



Three Diamond Bar parks are sporting spruced up children's play areas after receiving new rubberized safety surfaces this past spring. Testing of the 17- to 20-year-old surface material at Pantera Park, Maple Hill Park and Ronald Reagan Park indicated that replacement was overdue and result in safer playground fall zones as well as smoother wheelchair access. The photographed tot lot is part of Ronald Reagan Park, which is located at 2201 Peaceful Hills Road and also features 1 lighted basketball court, 3 lighted tennis courts, covered picnic tables and BBQ stations.

Plastic Bag Ban On Hold

A statewide ban on single-use plastic bags in grocery stores that was set to go into effect July of this year is now on hold until the November 2016 election, after opponents secured enough signatures to qualify the mandate to go before voters.

Notwithstanding this suspension, there are various municipalities in California that have their own plastic bag bans in place. Among them is Los Angeles County which since 2012 mandates that stores throughout unincorporated areas not issue any single-use plastic bags, leaving customers to decide whether they want to bring their own reusable bags or pay the 10-cent minimum fee per paper bag.



Summer Reading Program

Book aficionados of all reading levels – picture book, early and experienced – are invited to sign up for the Diamond Bar Library's 2015 Summer Reading Program.

Scheduled to run from early June through mid-August, the program is open to both drop-in and online participation and incorporates the Read to the Rhythm theme.

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.

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.

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OFF THE CHARTS



Cassie Nam's artistic impression of trees and their diversity made her the winner of Pantera Elementary School's 2015 Arbor Day Poster Contest. Organized by Pantera Elementary to coincide with the City of Diamond's annual Arbor Day Celebration, the contest invited students to describe through art why "Trees are terrific

... in all shapes and sizes." Also as part of the Arbor Day Celebration, Pantera Elementary students entertained schoolmates, administrators and parents with earth-themed performances and spruced up their campus by helping plant 5 new camphor trees donated by West Coast Arborist. Representatives from the Los Angeles County Fire Department, Forestry Division, gave each student a free tree seedling to plant at home along with care instructions. Visit the City website photo gallery at www.diamondbarca.gov/photogallery to view additional 2015 Arbor Day Celebration photos.

Teen Night Out

Hey, teens! DB4Youth "In Action" invites you to come out to Sycamore Canyon Park on Friday, July 24 for its annual Teen Night Out get-together.



Planned by teens for teens, this annual event runs from 7:00 pm to 10:00 pm and features D.J. music and an assortment of fun group and solo activities that include inflatable obstacle courses, Big Foot and Zorb Ball races, dance and limbo contests, and balloon tosses. Admission is free and limited to Diamond Bar residents age 12 to 19.

DB4Youth "In Action" is a City-sponsored teen group for Diamond Bar residents age 12 to 18. Club meetings are open to the public and held on the last Tuesday of every month at 6:00 pm in the Diamond Bar Center.

Sycamore Canyon Park is located at 22930 Golden Springs Drive. For more information about the event or DB4Youth, call 909.839.7062.

LOCAL SWIM PROGRAMS

If your summer plans include instructional or recreational swimming, here is a list of local swimming pool venues that offer a variety of programs for all ages and skill levels:

YMCA

1673 Maple Hill Road, Diamond Bar
www.pomonaymca.org
909.861.3424

Deane Home Swim Club

1010 Overlook Ridge Road, Diamond Bar
909.860.3418
www.deanehomesswimclub.com

Diamond Bar High School

(program operated by the City of Walnut)
21400 Pathfinder Road, Diamond Bar
www.ci.walnut.ca.us
(enter "summer aquatics" in the Search box)
909.594.2263

The Brea Plunge

(owned & operated by the City of Brea)
440 S. Walnut Avenue (off Brea Blvd.)
www.cityofbrea.net
714.529.6233

Ganesha Park Community Center

(owned & operated by the City of Pomona)
1575 N. White Avenue, Pomona
www.ci.pomona.ca.us
909.629.0828

Washington Park Community Center

(owned & operated by the City of Pomona)
865 E. Grand Avenue, Pomona
www.ci.pomona.ca.us
909.620.2305

Mt San Antonio College

1100 North Grand Ave, Walnut
<http://communityed.mtsac.edu>
909.594.5611 x3562

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ANNUAL BRUSH-UP

Several hundred personnel from fire and law enforcement agencies throughout the region came together for a drill last month at Tonner Canyon with one thing in mind – preparing for the next wildfire. Organized every year in May, this drill stages a massive wildfire in Tonner Canyon, which is located on the southern edge of Diamond Bar city limits, south of The Country Estates gated community. It is designed to bring together the several firefighting agencies (San Bernardino, Orange, Los Angeles, and Riverside Counties) who share jurisdiction over the area for a three-day exercise that tests and sharpens the four counties' ability to respond in a unified manner and coordinate

firefighting resources in the most effective manner. The City also participated in the Tonner Canyon scenario by simulating activation of its Emergency Operations Center and practicing scenarios that included coordinating evacuation orders, opening emergency shelters, and deploying field staff for traffic control. In the event of a real emergency, the City will notify residents via phone call, text or email using its Blackboard Connect emergency alert system. If you are not registered or would like to update your contact information, visit www.diamondbarca.gov/alerts.

School

Happenings

Article contribution by the Walnut Valley Unified School District

Diamond Bar High Named Grand Champions at Orchestra Cup

The Diamond Bar High School Symphony Orchestra has been crowned the best in the nation.

The 140-member orchestra won the National School Orchestra Finals at New York's Lincoln Center. As Grand Champions, Diamond Bar High received the prestigious Orchestra Cup award. Guest conductor Sey Ahn and instrumental music director Steve Acciani led the stellar performance of Brahms 4th Symphony.

The top eight schools in the country were invited to compete in the Finals held in the Alice Tully Hall.

"Just to be invited is fantastic," Acciani said. Two years ago DBHS came in 2nd place.

"This year we picked a very difficult piece. Every person in the entire group has to be at a very high level just to even attempt it," the orchestra director explained.

The elite musicians at Diamond Bar High were up for the challenge.

"We had the right combination of great wind players, great string players, and great percussion players," said Acciani, a 2015 Grammy Music Educator Finalist.

"At the beginning we all knew the Brahms was a super difficult piece and we've played difficult pieces before," said senior violinist Grace Chin.

Diamond Bar High School is the 2014 National Grammy Signature School.

Leading up to the festival the dedicated musicians put in weeks of after-school and Saturday rehearsals.

"It was a really good moment for us because we had put in so much work," shared junior cellist Eric Zhu.

"Eventually it all paid off," Chin added.

"The kids were just phenomenal. To be able that pull it off at the level they did is remarkable," Acciani said.

The DBHS performance earned a standing ovation from the other competitors and high praise from the judging panel.

"The judges commented that it was one of the finest orchestras they've ever heard," Acciani said.

The 40-minute presentation was everything the group hoped it could possibly be.

"When we played in the big hall it sounded really amazing. Everything was on point and it felt like it was like worth the time and effort we put into it," Zhu stated.

"It was one of those moments where everything connects. You're able to take what the composer intended and communicate that to the audience. It was something pretty spectacular," Acciani added.

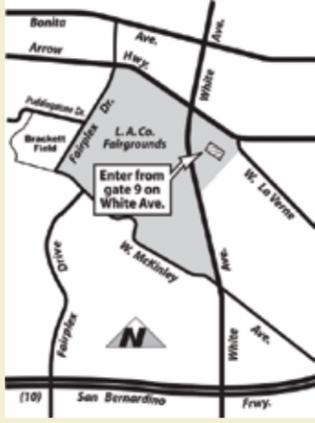


The 140-member Diamond Bar High School Symphony Orchestra celebrate their 1st place Orchestra Cup award while sightseeing at New York City's Rockefeller Center.



Free Hhw & E-Waste Collection

Los Angeles County's mobile Household Hazardous Waste and Electronic Waste Collection event is coming to nearby Pomona on Saturday, June 27. The collection will be stationed from 9:00 am until 3:00 pm within the County Fairgrounds in the Hotel & Exposition Complex, Gate 9, White Avenue, Pomona.



To participate, simply load your items (if liquid, in original or non-leaking sealed containers) into your trunk. Once at the collection site, you will be directed to a drop-off location where event staff will retrieve your items from your car, without you having to get out.

As a reminder, there is a limit of 15 gallons or 125 pounds of hazardous waste per trip and white goods (refrigerators, stoves and washing machines), tires, ammunition, explosives, and radioactive materials are not accepted. For more information or a complete list of what you can and cannot bring, call 800.238.0173.

Pet Vaccination Clinic

Inland Valley Humane Society's traveling vaccination clinic is back in town this month to help residents safeguard their pets against rabies.

The clinic will be set up on Tuesday, June 30 from 7:00 to 8:00 pm outside the Pantera Park community center, located at 738 Pantera Drive. In addition to administering rabies shots to dogs for \$6 and to cats for \$10, IVHS staff will also be offering DHPP, Bordetella, and FVRCP vaccinations for \$15 each.

As a reminder, rabies vaccinations are required by state law for all dogs four months and older, and necessary for the licensing of both dogs and cats.

Services will be provided on a first to arrive, first to be served basis. Dogs must be on leashes and cats in carriers. For more information, call IVHS at 909.623.9777.

POP UP CITY HALL

City staff is taking Pop-Up City Hall to the Diamond Hills Plaza on Tuesday, June 4.

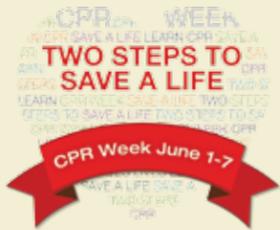
If you happen to be in the shopping center between 11:00 am and 1:00 pm, be sure to drop

by for City information and giveaways. Staff will be joined by several Los Angeles County firefighters who will be offering free Hands-Only CPR training in observance of National CPR and AED Awareness Week. Pre-registration is not required and the training takes only a few minutes.

Diamond Hills Plaza is located at 2825 S. Diamond Bar Boulevard, between Fountain Springs Road and Cold Spring Lane.

Pop-Up City Hall is a new program launched by the City earlier this year as a means to expand its community outreach efforts. The program involves City staff and community partners traveling to different places around town every quarter to reach Diamond Bar residents and business owners who don't frequent City Hall during its normal business hours.

For more information, visit www.diamondbarca.gov/popupcityhall or call 909.839.7056.



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| Finance | 909.839.7050 | Verizon (telephone) | 800.483.5000 |
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| Public Information Office | 909.839.7055 | Animal Control | 909.623.9777 |
| Public Safety Services | 909.839.7076 | Fire (LA County)* | 909.629.9671 |
| Public Works/Engineering | 909.839.7040 | Police (LA Co. Sheriff)* | 909.595.2264 |
| Recreation Services | 909.839.7070 | Vector Control | 562.944.9656 |
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| Business Information: | | Graffiti Removal | 800.794.7384 |
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| Chamber of Commerce | 626.810.8476 | | |

*For emergencies, dial 9-1-1

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- Planning Commission Meeting* - starts at 7 pm
- Parks & Recreation Commission Meeting* - starts at 7 pm
- Traffic & Transportation Commission Meeting* - starts at 7 pm

Street Sweeping Street sweeping is taking place somewhere within the city; see neighborhood signage for your street's designated day and time.

*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 DiamondBarCa.gov/eventcalendar

