

City News

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Concerts in the Park

Sycamore Canyon Park Rocks with Hot Musicians and Cool Flicks!



The popular seven-week Concerts in the Parks and Movies under the Stars combo series returns to Sycamore Canyon Park this month with a star studded lineup of hot musicians and cool flicks. Concerts start at 6:30 pm, followed by the family-friendly movies at dusk.

In addition to great music and movies, event-goers can learn about City programs and services, get promotional freebies, participate in a variety of kids' activities, and support local nonprofits selling food and snacks.

July 8

Concert: **The Answer** (Classic Rock)
Movie: **Open Season 2**

July 15

Concert: **Thornbird** (Contemporary Rock)
Movie: **Journey to the Center of the Earth**

July 22

Concert: **Upstream** (Caribbean)
Movie: **Igor**

July 29

Concert: **Present Tense** (Jazz)
Movie: **Stuart Little**

August 5

Concert: **Cold Duck** (70's Top 40)
Movie: **The Spiderwick Chronicles**

August 12

Concert: **The Wiseguys** (Big Band)
Movie: **Little Giants**

August 19

Concert: **Hollywood U2 – U2 Tribute**
(Concert sponsored by the Diamond Bar Community Foundation)
Movie: **Bolt**

Free parking and shuttle service to the park is available from the Diamond Bar Golf Course starting at 5:30 pm.



For more information, call the Community Services Department at 909.839.7070.



City Council Adopts New Operating Budget

The City Council's newly adopted 2009-2010 operating budget can be described as a financially responsible plan designed to place tight controls on expenditures while maintaining delivery of programs and services at existing levels.

This is due in large part to Diamond Bar's track record of fiscal discipline and the recent implementation of several money-saving measures such as freezing four vacant staff positions and not issuing a cost of living adjustment to employee compensation.

It, however, does not mean the City is escaping unscathed from California's continuing economic slump. Over the past three years, the City has noted a shrinking flow of tax revenue generated from resources that include properties, sales, hotel stays, and franchises. As an example, this year's \$20 million in estimated resources is almost 4 million less than those in the 2006-2007 fiscal year.

Making matters worse, Sacramento continues efforts to divert more property and gas tax dollars away from local government to help balance the state's books. This year, such raids of critical City revenue sources could potentially translate to a loss of \$1 to \$2.3 million of City funds.

Despite the amount of funds the City stands to lose to the State, the City Council remains determined to maintain programs and services to residents at their current levels by committing to a 2009-2010 operating budget that does not lay off any City staff, does not reduce law enforcement services, and does not cancel planned maintenance of city streets and public facilities.

This fiscal year's general fund operating budget of nearly \$20 million includes enhanced law enforcement services, and the completion of several capital improvement projects on city streets, roads, sidewalks, medians, and recreational facilities.

Along with the budget, the City Council also approved a list of goals and objectives comprising its priorities for the coming fiscal year and beyond in the areas of traffic mitigation, fiscal responsibility, economic development, and communications.

Both the budget and list of goals and objectives are available for viewing at City Hall, 21825 Copley Drive.

As of the date of this publication, the State has not adopted its budget or officially informed the City of its revenue takeaway proposal. Residents are encouraged to visit the City's website www.cityofdiamondbar.com regularly to learn of the latest updates.

Public Meeting on Parks Master Plan

The City will be hosting a public presentation on its draft Citywide Comprehensive Parks Master Plan on Saturday, August 8 from 9 to 11 am at the Diamond Bar Center. Residents are encouraged to stop by to review and comment on the Plan that defines specific improvements to be made over the next ten years to the city's parks, recreational buildings, and open areas. The Plan is expected to be finalized and approved later this year. For more information, call the City's Community Services Department at 909.839.7070.

City Channel Now on FiOS

The City's cable channel, DBTV, can now be found on both Time Warner channel 3 and Verizon FiOS channel 47. The same programming, including City Council meetings, public service announcements, and information slides will be broadcast on both channels. Check the City's website www.cityofdiamondbar.com for the schedule of DBTV's current programming. It is expected that over 4,000 Diamond Bar homes will be equipped with FiOS by the end of this summer, with the remainder of homes completed no later than December 2010. For more details about DBTV, call the City's Public Information Division at 909.839.7059. For information about Verizon FiOS or to find out about service availability, visit www.verizon fios.com/verizon.

Businesses of the Month

And the winners are...



May - New Business of the Month

Koba Tofu Grill

2839 S. Diamond Bar Blvd, Unit A
909.839.2898
Hours: Mon – Sun 11am – 10 pm



June - Business of the Month

Good Care

Adult Day Care Center

23401 Golden Springs Drive
909.612.0331

Pet Vaccination Clinic



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

The clinic will be set up at Pantera Park, 738 Pantera Drive, on Thursday, July 30, from 7 to 8 pm. In addition to administering rabies shots to dogs for \$6 and cats for \$10, IVHS staff will also be offering 5-in-1, corona and bordatella 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.

Clinic attendees will be served on a first-come, first-serve basis. Dogs must be on leashes and cats in carriers. For more information, call IVHS at 909.623.9777.



Four County Fire Drill

Several hundred personnel from fire and law enforcement agencies representing four counties came together for a drill last month at Tonner Canyon with one thing in mind – preparing for the next wildland fire.

The drill, conducted annually by the Los Angeles County Fire Department, was of special significance this time around because of the recent Freeway Complex Fire that made its way through several of the region's counties consuming more than 30,000 acres and destroying almost 200 homes before being

contained in Tonner Canyon just south of Diamond Bar city limits.

Armed with recent real-live knowledge, personnel representing all ranks within the firefighting service worked cooperatively over a three-day period to address the lessons reinforced during the Fire, including the importance of effective communication and resources coordination in zones such as Tonner Canyon where various fire protection agencies share the functional responsibility.



Pool Safety Tips

With school-grade children now enjoying summer break, the Diamond Bar/Walnut Sheriff's Station would like residents with pools in their backyard to keep in mind the following safety procedures.

- Never leave children alone in or near the pool without adult supervision, regardless of their swimming skills.
- Keep rescue equipment such as a shepherd's hook, life preserver ring, and cordless telephone near the pool at all times.
- Clear your pool of toys, balls, or floating devices that attract toddlers and cause them to fall into the water.
- Limit access to pool area with self-latching door or gates when pool use cannot be supervised.
- Teach your children good pool safety habits that include no unsupervised use of the pool, and no playing with rescue equipment. For more tips, visit the City's website at www.cityofdiamondbar.com.
- At least one person certified in CPR should be responsible for keeping a close watch on the children and swimmers at all times. The American Red Cross San Gabriel Pomona Valley Chapter offers a range of health and safety classes, including CPR, through its Arcadia Chapter. Call 626.447.2193 for more information.
- Contact the City's Building & Safety Division at 909.839.7020 to obtain a copy of fencing standards before installing a new pool or spa.
- In case of a drowning, call 911 immediately and provide your name, telephone number, and details about your emergency.

Also, from now through the end of August, you can watch a three-minute video on pool safety by tuning in to DBTV (channel 3 on Time Warner and channel 47 on Verizon FiOS cable Monday through Friday at 5 pm and Saturday and Sunday at 1 pm, or by visiting the City's website and clicking on Public Safety.

New Parking Fines in Effect

Diamond Bar parking violators are advised that increased citation fines took effect July 1.

Under a revised schedule adopted by the City Council at its regular May 19 meeting, parking fines were increased across the board by \$10.

In addition to addressing the longstanding State-mandated assessments totaling \$6.50, which the City has been paying to the State out of the base fine amounts collected from parking violators, the increase reflects an additional \$3.00 in State assessments that went into effect January 1, 2009 per Senate Bill (SB) 1407.

The assessments currently applied to every citation are as follows: \$2.50 to the local Courthouse Construction Fund, \$2.50 to the local Criminal Justice Facilities Construction Fund, and \$4.50 to the State Court Facilities Construction Fund, of which \$3.00 goes into the California Immediate and Critical Needs Account.



Revenue from parking citations issued within Diamond Bar cover court-imposed fees and administrative costs related to processing citations, with the remainder of funds going into the City's General Fund for provision of such things as law enforcement services.

To view the revised parking penalty schedule, visit the City website www.cityofdiamondbar.com and click on the "For Residents" tab. For more information about SB 1407, visit the California State Senate website www.sen.ca.gov.

Take Part in the Housing Plan

Residents are encouraged to stay involved in Diamond Bar's Housing Element Plan process as the City continues preparation of its 2008-2014 update.

Initiated last year, the update identifies strategies and programs to address the existing and anticipated future housing needs of Diamond Bar residents.

A revised draft of the update was submitted to the State Department of Housing and Community

Development (HCD) for review last month, with a public hearing planned for September.

Copies of the plan are available for review at City Hall, 21825 Copley Drive, and on the City's website www.cityofdiamondbar.com.

For more information or to comment on the plan, contact the City's Community Development Department at 909.839.7030 or email planning1@ci.diamond-bar.ca.us.

City Chosen to Test-Drive Electric Car

The City has taken yet another step towards sustainability, thanks to a special pilot project conducted by the BMW Group.

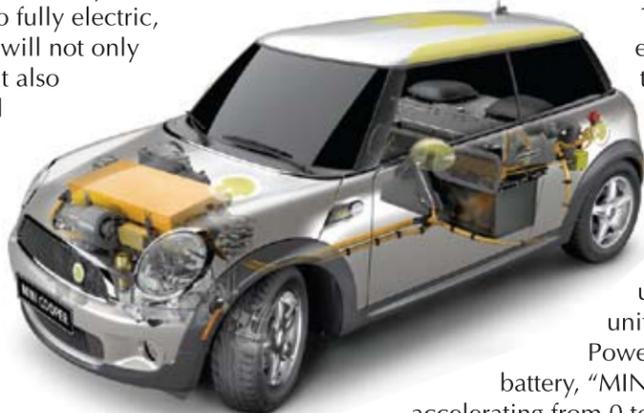
For the next twelve months, the City's business fleet of cars will include two fully electric, zero emission vehicles that will not only contribute to cleaner air, but also save the City money on fuel costs.

In May, Diamond Bar learned about the opportunity to participate in the pilot project from the South Coast Air Quality Management District and after further researching the offer, entered its name into a lottery pool.

As luck would have it, Diamond Bar was chosen and is now one of only four Cities in the region that temporarily owns the battery-powered BMW Mini Cooper electric vehicles.

The two-seater metallic-dark-silver "MINI-E's" will

be used by staff for business-related travel in and around town, and will be available for residents to view during City special events, including this summer's Concerts in the Park series.



The one-year lease of the electric vehicles will cost the City a total of \$240, with BMW covering all needed vehicle maintenance costs.

Recharging the battery in the "MINI-Es" will take less than three hours using a dedicated charging unit installed at City Hall.

Powered by a lithium-ion battery, "MINI-E's" is capable of accelerating from 0 to 62 mph in about 8.5 seconds, reaching a top speed of 95 mph, and traveling up to 150 miles on one-battery charge. BMW plans on releasing them for sale to the public in 2012.

More details about the vehicle's features can be found on www.miniusa.com/minie-usa/.

Senior Volunteers Honored



Following the awards program, the City's Senior Coordinator Lorry Meyer (second from left) posed for a photo with the volunteers Mangal Gulshan, Beverly Mayerski, Wengfong Wu, and Athena Chu.

The volunteer efforts of four of our community's seniors recently earned them back-to-back honors from County of Los Angeles Fourth District Supervisor Don Knabe and the Diamond Bar City Council.

Beverly Mayerski, Mangal Gulshan, Athena Chu, and Wengfong Wu (pictured above) were among the seniors honored during the County of Los Angeles annual Older Americans Recognition Day Awards Program on May 21.

Less than two weeks later, the group again received commendations, this time during the June 2 City Council meeting.

Ms. Mayerski, Mr. Gulshan, Ms. Chu, and Ms. Wu were nominated for recognition by members of their respective senior clubs.

The County has been hosting the awards program for the past 44 years to recognize senior volunteers from the 88 cities within its five supervisorial districts. The event, which includes a special luncheon, is held every May in conjunction with Older Americans Month.



Ask City Hall

Answers to commonly asked questions about City services, codes, and other matters pertaining to living and working in Diamond Bar.

Q: Is it true the City has free compost bins? If so, how can I get one?

A: Yes, as part of a special partnership between the City and Waste Management, residents are eligible to receive one free 80-gallon capacity starter compost bin.

If you're interested in obtaining one, all you have to do is stop by City Hall, 21825 Copley Drive, during business hours and ask to borrow the Smart Gardening DVD that demonstrates the process for making compost.

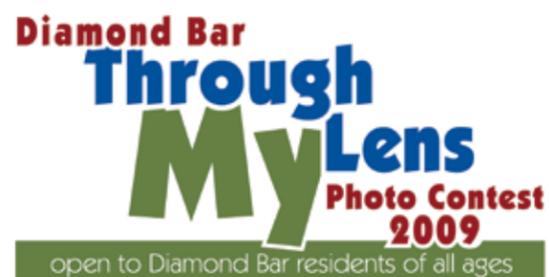
Compost, as you probably already know, is the result of the natural process of organic material decomposition. It can be used as a top dressing on lawns or flowerbeds to help retain water in the soil and improve soil texture. Grass clippings, leaves, brush and branches are some of the ingredients that can be utilized to make compost.

The DVD covers that information and much more, and upon returning it to City Hall, you'll receive a compost bin close to 3 feet high, at no cost to you.

Additional composting tips are available at www.smartgardening.com. For more information, call the Public Works Division at 909.839.7040.



Give Us Your Best Shot!



The City's community photo contest is now well underway, and although the October 2 submission deadline may seem like a long way out, you know the expression "time flies."

So, don't put it off until tomorrow – take some time today to enter your favorite Diamond Bar photos into the City's Through My Lens Photo Contest.

There's no cost to enter and winners score a spot in the City's popular annual Calendar & Services Guide as well as spending cash.

Co-sponsored by the City and the Diamond Bar Community Foundation, this year's categories are People, Pets, Places, Nature, Black & White, and Historical Reference.

Entries can be submitted by email to photocontest@ci.diamond-bar.ca.us or by standard mail to Diamond Bar City Hall, c/o Photo Contest, 21825 Copley Drive, Diamond Bar, CA 91765.

Complete guidelines and entry forms are available online www.cityofdiamondbar.com, or in person at City Hall, Diamond Bar Center, and Diamond Bar Library. You may also request that a form be mailed out to you by calling the City's Public Information Division at 909.839.7059



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Community Services	909.839.7060
Facility Reservations	909.839.7070
Finance	909.839.7050
Human Resources	909.839.7015
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	909.839.7075
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	909.860.1904

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 Hotline	909.839.7027
Graffiti Hotline	800.794.7384
Job Hotline	909.612.4636 x 1410

*For emergencies, dial 9-1-1

Postal Customer

Elected Officials

Mayor	Ron Everett
Mayor Pro Tem	Carol Herrera
Council Member	Wen Chang
Council Member	Jack Tanaka
Council Member	Steve Tye
City Manager	James DeStefano

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Snapshots Around The Community

Open House...

Several hundred individuals took advantage of the Diamond Bar/Walnut Sheriff's Station recent Open House to meet the officers who look after their community. Attendees also got a chance to tour the 20,000 square-foot facility, learn about the different services the Station provides, and even check out the inside of several of its vehicles, including the squad car, inmate transport bus, and DUI trailer.



Tree-Rific...

Armed with colorful shovels and a little elbow grease, close to 100 Armstrong Elementary School students came together last month to help with the planting of several Brisbane Box trees on their campus grounds. The trees, donated by West Coast Arborists, were planted throughout the school as well as on the slope along Clear View Crest Drive. Pictured planting one of those trees are sixth-graders (from l) Nicholas Uly, Evan Yang, Peter Filimaua, Joshua Hernandez, Bo Valencia, and Shoyo Inokuchi.

Fire Season...

The introduction of a new Wildfire Action Plan was the focus of the 2009 Open Fire Season Press Conference hosted by the Los Angeles County Fire Department on May 27 outside the Diamond Bar Center. Led by Fire Chief P. Michael Freeman and representatives from several wild land fire protection agencies throughout Southern California, the conference also included a display of various emergency vehicles and apparatus, ground suppression crew demonstrations, and helicopter water drops. The new plan titled Ready! Set! Go! is available for download on the City's website www.cityofdiamondbar.com.



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
- Independence Holiday - City Offices closed
- 4th of July Blast - 5-9 pm at @ Diamond Bar High School
Fireworks show at 9pm
- Concerts in the Park/Movies under the Stars

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*All meetings take place at the AQMD/Government Center, 21865 Copley Drive. Additional event and meeting details are available at www.cityofdiamondbar.com.