

City News

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Fourth of July Celebration

Spectacular fireworks displays are set to glow against the Diamond Bar night skies when the City holds its annual 4th of July Blast event.

The patriotic event commemorating the nation's independence takes place Monday, July 4 from 5 to 9:30 pm on the Diamond Bar High School playing field. Admission and parking is free.

Live music by Sound Bytes (Pop 60s – 90s), picnic games, face painting, and arts & crafts activities for children will provide non-stop family fun, with the fireworks show starting at 9 pm sharp.

Concession goods will be available for purchase, with proceeds benefiting local nonprofits. Event-goers should bring their own blankets or chairs for grass seating.

As a reminder, the sale, purchase, or discharge of any fireworks, including those labeled "Safe and Sane" is not permitted within city limits.

Diamond Bar High School is located at 21400 Pathfinder Road. For more information, call the City's Recreation Services Division at 909.839.7070.

Road Resurfacing Project

The life of nearly 20 miles of residential and arterial roads will be extended this summer as part of the City's ongoing road preservation efforts.

These efforts involve a variety of corrective, preventative, and rehabilitation techniques such as slurry seal, cape seal, and grind & overlay. The extent of the maintenance work is determined by pavement condition data obtained from the City's Pavement Management System.

The residential roadways are bounded by the Armitos Place, High Crest Drive, and Gold Rush Road on the north, Grand Avenue to the south, Diamond Bar Boulevard to the west, and city limits to the east, while the arterial roadway segments are Brea Canyon Road between Pathfinder Road to southern city limits, Diamond Bar Boulevard between Sunset Crossing Road and Temple Avenue, Golden Springs Drive between Diamond Bar Boulevard and Grand Avenue, and Pathfinder Road between N. Brea Canyon Road and S. Brea Canyon Road.

Work is expected to begin early this month and last through mid-September. Construction work takes place Monday through Friday between 7 am and 5 pm.

Businesses and residents who will be affected by construction will be notified with a two-week advanced door notice and 48-hour advanced "No Parking" signs along roadways within work zones. For more information, contact the City's Public Works Department at 909.839.7040.



Slurry Seal – A mixture of well-graded fine aggregate, mineral filler and slow setting asphalt emulsion. It is wet when it is laid and takes approximately 3-4 hours to cure.

Cape Seal – A thin layer of emulsion placed over existing pavement followed by a layer of aggregate applied over the emulsion. A slurry seal follows to create a "cape seal".

New Online Browsing Tool

It is now easier to electronically browse through popular City publications.

Last month, the City set up an account with Yudu (www.yudu.com), a free online reader tool that mimics flipping pages, and also includes search, bookmark, note, and email functions.

To access the City's Yudu-enhanced publications, visit the City's website www.DiamondBarCA.gov and locate "Browse" under the "I Want To" tab.

Downloadable PDF versions of City publications will continue to be available via the City website. For more information, contact the City's Public Information Division at 909.839.7059.



New Web Address Extension for City

In a move to be more consistent with other government agencies, last month the City switched its website and employee email addresses from the .com and .us domain extensions to .gov.

The .gov domain extension is available only to governmental entities thereby readily identifying the City website as an official government site, whereas the former .us and .com platforms, like many others, have no registration restrictions.

Existing City print materials, including letterhead, business cards, and brochures reflecting the former extensions will continue to be used until depleted, with the .gov domain extension introduced in new orders.

While the former www.CityofDiamondBar.com address remains active, residents are encouraged to take a minute to update their bookmarks and shortcuts with the new www.DiamondBarCA.gov address.

For more information, call the City's Public Information Division at 909.839.7055.

See's Candies is Coming to Town!



A long established premiere chocolate candy store is preparing to set up shop in Diamond Bar. If all goes as planned, See's Candies will officially join retailers and eateries in the Towne Center Village (Grand Avenue West of Diamond Bar Boulevard) in late fall of 2011.

Incorporated in November 1921, See's Candies has over 200 shops and offers more than 100 varieties of candies and chocolates.



BE EMERGENCY READY

FIND US on Facebook & Twitter **REGISTER/UPDATE** your phone, cell phone, or email for Emergency Alerts www.DiamondBarCA.gov

Emergency in Progress:

LOG ON www.DiamondBarCA.gov

TUNE IN to Ch. 3 (Time Warner)/Ch. 47 (Verizon FiOS)

Free Property Vacation Checks

If out-of-town vacationing is in your plans this summer, the Diamond Bar/Walnut Sheriff's Station encourages you to take advantage of its Vacation Check service.



This free service involves a Sheriff's deputy or trained Volunteer on Patrol monitoring your property at least once a day while you are away.

As part of its courtesy property inspection, the uniformed Sheriff's representative checks for unlocked windows or doors, evidence of possible forced entry, and any other suspicious activity.

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.

Vacation Check Request Forms can be completed over the telephone by calling the Sheriff's Station at 909.595.2264 or in person at 21695 E. Valley Boulevard in Walnut.

Backyard Pool Safety Tips



A backyard swimming pool may be a summer staple for families with small children, but without the proper safety measures, it can also pose a great danger. The City joins the Diamond Bar/Walnut Sheriff's Department in reminding residents that drowning is a major cause of serious injury and death among children.

To help prevent a water-related tragedy, backyard pool owners are urged to ensure that they have in place the following layers of protection:

- ✓ Enclose the pool area with a self-closing and locking fence, and do not leave furniture that can be used by children to climb over the fence.
- ✓ Never leave children alone in or near the pool without adult supervision, regardless of their swimming experience; at least one person should be CPR-certified. 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.
- ✓ Have lifesaving equipment, including a pole and personal flotation device, on hand as well as a wireless phone so that help can be quickly requested should it be necessary.
- ✓ 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.
- ✓ Post Emergency numbers and CPR instructions near the pool.

A three-minute video on pool safety produced by the City in collaboration with the Diamond Bar Sheriff's Team is available for viewing on the City's website and on the DBtv3 (Time Warner Ch.3 and Verizon FiOS Ch. 47) every weekday evening, except for Tuesday.

Mosquito Season is Here

Is Your Backyard a Mosquito Breeding Ground?

The Greater Los Angeles County Vector Control District (GLACVCD) reminds residents to eliminate areas of unnecessary standing water around their properties that can potentially be breeding sources for mosquitoes, such as unused swimming pools and bird baths, and empty containers. Water in pet dishes and plant containers should be changed out weekly. Also, since wild birds serve as the main source of virus for mosquitoes, dead bird sightings should be reported to the Department of Public Health by calling 1.877.WNV.BIRD (1.877.968.2473) or submitting an online report via www.westnile.ca.gov.

Fight the Bite

To minimize your chances of being bitten by mosquitoes, avoid outdoor activities at dawn or dusk, when mosquitoes are most active. If it is necessary to be out at these times, wear pants and long-sleeved shirts, and apply insect repellent containing EPA-registered active ingredients such as DEET, Picaridin, IR3535, and Oil of lemon eucalyptus (PMD).

GLACVCD Art Contest Winner

Congratulations to Jessie Lau, a fifth grade student at Mt. Calvary Lutheran School, for her winning artwork that took first place in GLACVCD's Second Annual "Bite Back Against Mosquito Attacks!" Student Poster Contest this past April. Aside from scoring a \$100 U.S. Savings Bond and a pizza party for her classroom, courtesy of GLACVCD Education Program Coordinators LeShawn Simplis and Andrew Pak, Lau's artwork will be featured on approximately 40 Los Angeles County Metro buses this summer as part of GLACVCD's mosquito awareness campaign.



(from left) Principal Claudia Randall, Jessie Lau, Education Program Coordinators LeShawn Simplis and Andy Pak, and teacher Peggy Trotter.

City Secures Grant For Local Trail Enhancements

City officials and staff are elated by recent news that the City was one of only a few organizations selected to receive a grant from the State of California's Natural Resources Agency. This grant totaling \$61,063 was secured by the City's Community Services Department via the Agency's highly competitive Nature Education Facilities Grant Program, funded through Proposition 84 approved by California voters in 2006.



Grant monies will go toward the construction of educational/interpretive exhibits, benches and recycle and refuse receptacles along the Sycamore Canyon Trail. The exhibits will include a description of the flora and fauna found in Sycamore Canyon, the history of the area and points of interest and views available along the trail.

"Our hope is that this new signage will not only add to every trail user's experience, but also serve as a reminder to park visitors that we all play an important part in the preservation of our natural resources," Rose added.

It is anticipated construction on the project will get underway mid-winter 2011, and be completed by spring 2012.

Aimed at filling a need for community-based public nature education, the \$93 million grant program sought projects that could successfully demonstrate a means to increase public understanding of local natural resources while inspiring environmental stewardship. Over 300 projects were proposed requesting nearly \$1 billion; only 44 projects, including the City's, were successful.

Community Services Director Bob Rose said the grant is a welcome boost for the City's ongoing community trails' enhancement efforts.

"It goes without saying that the trails within Diamond Bar are near and dear to our community's heart, so naturally we get excited any time we are able to secure grant funding to further enhance them," Rose said.

Water Conservation Tips

While the arrival of warm weather naturally leads to an increase in water use, there are simple steps we can take to conserve this valuable resource. These include:

Indoors

- ✓ Running clothes and dish washers only at full loads.
- ✓ Soaking pots and pans instead of scraping them clean under running water.
- ✓ Keeping a bucket in the shower to catch water wasted during warm-up; use this water for a variety of purposes, including flushing toilets or watering plants.

Outdoors

- ✓ Using a broom instead of a hose to clean your driveway and sidewalk.
- ✓ Watering the lawn in the early morning or late evening to minimize evaporation.
- ✓ Mulching plant bases to keep roots cool and reduce moisture loss, and removing weeds that compete for water.

For additional water-saving tips, visit www.bewaterwise.com.

Summer Reading For All Ages

Book Enthusiasts, Get Ready!

Starting Monday, June 20, the Diamond Bar Library will begin taking registrations for the County's annual summer reading program, this year themed "One World, Many Stories."

This popular annual reading program, which last year was expanded to include teen and adult readers as well as the option to participate online, continues through the end of July and features a slew of fun activities and chances to win prizes.

Here's a sampling of programs taking place this summer at the Diamond Bar branch:



June 20 - July 25 (Mondays at 2 pm):

Around-the-Globe Art activities for children, including Grecian urns, Egyptian cartouches, and Russian-decorated eggs.

June 23 - July 28 (Thursdays at 2 pm):

Exciting family-friendly performances by magicians, puppeteers, storytellers, and musicians.

Art activity programs especially for teens will be held every Tuesday, and special events for adults that includes a workshop on how to make great barbecue will also be part of this summer reading program.

For more details or

to join the online reading program, visit www.CoLAPublic.org.



Hey kids!
Want to learn simple things you can do to protect our environment, and earn a cool prize pack?

Rocky the Recycling Raccoon is extending a special invitation to all Diamond Bar residents and students in grades Kindergarten through sixth grade to complete his fun activity section found on page 4 of the 2011 EnviroLink, the City's annual environmental newsletter.

To obtain a copy of EnviroLink, visit City Hall (21825 Copley Drive in the AQMD Government Center) or visit the City website www.DiamondBarCA.gov. For more information, call the City's Environmental Services Division at 909.839.7035.



Armed with his newly-acquired eco smarts, Christian Figueroa, Kindergartener at Castle Rock Elementary School visits City Hall to accept his prize pack from Senior Office Specialist Rebecca Siu.

Community Hero Nominees Sought

The City again joins L.A. County Fair Association in soliciting nominations for its annual Community Hero Program.

The program, aimed at recognizing individuals whose volunteer efforts contribute to the quality of life of Diamond Bar residents, is part of the festivities planned for Diamond Bar Day at the Fair, this year scheduled for Thursday, September 15.

Chosen nominees are honored throughout the day with free valet parking and admission to the Fair, reserved seat at a horse race, float/car ride along with the fairgrounds' main thoroughfare, live entertainment, and a special "Community Hero" 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 any City facility or download a copy via the City website www.DiamondBarCA.gov.

The deadline for nominations is Friday, June 17. For more information, contact the L.A. County Fair Association at 909.865.4075.

Energy Bill Relief

The latest partnership effort between So Cal Edison and The Gas Company have resulted in a one-stop online shop for homeowners interested in taking advantage of up to \$4,500 in available rebates and incentives to complete various energy-saving upgrades to their homes.



Administered by the California Public Utilities Commission, "Energy Upgrade California," connects homeowners to available financing options, and pre-approved contractors to perform work.

Eligible upgrades include insulation, air and duct sealing, combustion safety testing, low flow control devices, energy-efficient windows, tankless water heaters, and HVAC upgrades.

To participate, visit www.EnergyUpgradeCA.org, request a home energy assessment from a participating contractor, and select the improvements you wish to make. Your contractor will then complete the work and file the rebate paperwork on your behalf.

The program is currently open only to single-family homeowners; it is anticipated non-residential buildings and multi-family residential buildings will later be added to the program.

2011 Relay for Life



American Cancer Society's signature annual Relay for Life event will be held in Diamond Bar on Saturday and Sunday, June 11 and 12 from 9 am to 9 am at Lorbeer Middle School.

During the 24-hour event, participants will walk laps around the school's athletic track to raise awareness about and funds for cancer prevention, detection, and treatment services.

Lorbeer Middle School is located at 501 S. Diamond Bar Boulevard. For information on how to participate, visit www.relayforlife.org/diamondbarca or send an email to DiamondBarRFL@gmail.com.

New Metrolink Pass

Rail riders are reminded that effective July 1, Metrolink is discontinuing its 10-trip ticket and replacing it with a 7-day pass.

Due to its brief validity period, this new 7-day pass will not be available for purchase as part of the City's Discounted Transit Pass Sales Program.

For more information, contact City's Transit Services Division at 909.839.7045.

Hazardous & E-Waste Roundup

L.A. County's popular one-day drive-through Household Hazardous and Electronic Waste Roundup makes its way to neighboring city Pomona this month.

Residents with unwanted hazardous and electronic items are encouraged to safely dispose of them by visiting the Fairplex (Gate 23, Arrow Highway in Pomona) on Saturday, June 11 between 9 am and 3 pm.

More details, including a complete list of acceptable and unacceptable items, are available online at www.CleanLA.com or by phone 800.238.0172.



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Community Development	909.839.7030
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	909.869.0701
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 Hotline	909.839.7027
Graffiti Hotline	800.794.7384
Job Hotline	909.612.4636 x 1410

*For emergencies, dial 9-1-1



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Snapshots Around The Community



EGGS' SCRAMBLE... With parents cheering them on, hundreds of youngsters raced to collect as many of the 11,000 plastic eggs up for grabs as part of the City's annual Easter Egg Hunt. Co-sponsored by the Diamond Bar Breakfast Lions Club, the Hunt took place April 23 at Pantera Park and featured a pancake breakfast hosted by the Fire Explorers Post 19, age-designated egg hunting areas, and photos with the Easter Bunny. To view additional event photos, visit the City website photo gallery www.DiamondBarCA.gov.

GIVING GROUP... Six individuals, three community club members, and a couple make up the latest batch of volunteers to earn recognition for their contributions to Diamond Bar as part of the City's annual Outstanding Volunteer Award Program. The individuals (from left), Patsy Wilson, Atharshna Singarajah, Katrina Chan, Melanie Rodriguez, Joseph Maa, Raul Galindo, and Rick Rogers were publicly recognized during the City's 22nd Annual Birthday Party on April 16. Award recipients not pictured are Hoi Wong, Steven Wang, and Richard & Rose Donohue. The Award Program aims to recognize Diamond Bar residents of all ages who demonstrate a commitment to community service through exceptional volunteer effort and dedication. Additional City Birthday Party photos are posted on the City website photo gallery www.DiamondBarCA.gov.



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
- 4th of July Blast - 5-9:30 pm at Diamond Bar High School
Fireworks show at 9 pm (See page 1 for details)
- Concerts in the Park/Movies Under the Stars - 6:30 pm at Sycamore Canyon Park



TREE-MENDOUS TALENT... Jonathan Peng knows the worth of trees, and his creative depiction of a world where trees serve as the focal point for relaxing, nature watching, and recreating scored him first place in the City's inaugural Arbor Day Poster Contest. The contest, which was held in conjunction with the City's annual Arbor Day Celebration, was open to all Pantera Elementary School students. Jonathan was rewarded with a \$50 Target gift card and a framed copy of his first place entry.

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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.DiamondBarCA.gov.