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A Dazzling Fireworks Show Will Light Up the Diamond Bar Night Sky

The City will hold its annual 4th of July Blast event on Friday, July 4 at Lorbeer Middle School.

The event commemorating America's birthday will kick off at 5 pm with a musical performance by top 40 Latin band Bumptown, and close out with a 25-minute fireworks show starting promptly at 9 pm. Blankets or chairs are encouraged for this lawn-seating event.

Admission and parking is free and concessions will be available for purchase from community nonprofits. Due to the loud and crowded nature of the event, pets are discouraged (registered assistance dogs are exempt).

Lorbeer Middle School is located at 501 Diamond Bar Boulevard. Parking is limited; however, there will be complimentary shuttle service from 4 pm to 10 pm from various points in the vicinity of the school.

More information about the event is available by calling 909.839.7070.

4th of July Blast!



Gabriel Perez 2011 DB Through My Lens Photo Contest Winner

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TRIBUTE TO TREES

In what's become an annual tradition, students from Pantera Elementary School came together on Friday, May 9 for an outdoor assembly honoring trees through a series of recital, songs, and skits. The event, aimed at commemorating National Arbor Day, concluded with the planting of several drought-tolerant camphor trees donated by West Coast Arborists. The City of Diamond Bar was awarded its first Tree City USA designation by the Arbor Day Foundation in 2001, and has since earned recertification every year due to its effective urban forest management. More photos of the event are posted at www.diamondbarca.gov/photogallery and www.facebook.com/cityofdiamondbarca.



Anniversary Items on Sale

A coffee mug, travel thermos, and t-shirt customized with the City's commemorative 25th anniversary logo are available for purchase at Diamond Bar City Hall.

These limited-run items are a fun and practical way of showing off your community pride during casual-dress days or while enjoying your favorite beverage at home or on the go.

T-shirts are available for men, women, and youth in assorted sizes for \$15 each or two for \$25. The coffee mug and travel thermos are available for \$6 each.

To inquire about available t-shirt sizes, call Diamond Bar City Hall at 909.839.7000 or stop by 21810 Copley Drive between the hours of 7:30 am to 5:30 pm Monday through Friday or Friday from 7:30 am to 4:30 pm.



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Free Concerts and Movies Series

Diamond Bar's popular summertime duo is back again and, this year, features an extra evening of family fun in honor of the City's 25th anniversary.

The 2014 Concerts in the Park and Movies under the Stars series kicks off on June 18 and runs through August 13 on Wednesday evenings, except July 2.

Musical entertainment begins at 6:30 pm and lasts approximately an hour and a half, followed by a family-friendly movie on a 10-foot inflatable movie screen.

Festivities during the concerts include **free children's arts and crafts, concession goods sold by local nonprofits, and information and giveaways from the City and other service organizations.**



Outside food and beverages are welcome; however, barbecue grills and gas appliances are not permitted. Also, for their own safety and comfort, and that of others, it is recommended that pets be left at home.

Free parking and shuttle service from the Diamond Bar Golf Course parking lot,

22751 E. Golden Springs Drive, is available starting at 5:30 pm until the end of the movie.

Here's this year's stage lineup and movie roster:

- June 18** Band: Neon Nation (80s Tribute)
Movie: The Little Mermaid
- June 25** Band: Soo-Wah Riders (Country)
Movie: Monsters University
- July 9** Band: The Skinny Little Twits (Rock Variety)
Movie: Frozen
- July 16** Band: Retro Soul (Dance Music)
Movie: Honey, I Shrunk the Kids
- July 23** Band: The Answer (Classic Rock)
Movie: The Great and Powerful OZ
- July 30** Band: Box Car 7 (Blues, Soul, R&B)
Movie: Free Birds
- August 6** Band: Cold Duck (70s Top 40)
Movie: The LEGO Movie
- August 13** Band: Little Lies Band (Fleetwood Mac Tribute)
Movie: Despicable Me 2

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

Community Hero Awards

The search is on for a few good men and women whose contributions of time and talent are translating into a better life for others.

As part of its Community Days program, L.A. County Fair (LACF) is teaming up with the City to honor a senior, adult, and teenager with a reception, parade, and onstage presentation during Diamond Bar Day at the Fair.

Also, since Diamond Bar Day at the Fair lands on Thursday, September 11, LACF will be issuing an additional Community Hero award to a nominee who has a service connection to the attacks of September 11, 2001.

Friday, June 20 is the deadline for nominations. For more information or to download the form, visit www.diamondbarca.gov/fair. Hard-copy forms are also available at Diamond Bar City Hall (21810 Copley Drive), the Diamond Bar Library (21800 Copley Drive), and the Diamond Bar Center (1600 Grand Avenue).

Community Hero Award-related questions should be directed to Community Relations Coordinator Shanell Fuquay at 909.865.4075 or Fuquay@fairplex.com.

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DISTINGUISHED DELEGATION

On March 21, 2014, the SR 57/60 Grand Avenue Confluence Project area received personal attention by U.S. Transportation Secretary Anthony Foxx. During the course of half an hour, Secretary Foxx was able to view first-hand the dangerous weaving conditions experienced by drivers in the congestion and collision-prone two-mile stretch of Diamond Bar state route where the 57 and 60 come together,



in the vicinity of Grand Avenue. He also had the opportunity to hear from his Washington D.C. colleagues, Representatives Ed Royce and Grace Napolitano, as well as elected officials and head staff from the Cities of Diamond Bar and City of Industry about the proposed solution

and the need to secure federal funding for the third and most expensive phase of the project. The 57 and 60 freeways have been included in the preliminary draft of the Department of Transportation's Primary Freight Network – a network of highways established by Congress to help states determine how best to direct future resources – and, in 2008, the Confluence Project specifically was included in the Metropolitan Transportation Authority's Long Range Transportation Plan, however funds will not be available until 2029.

Protect Against West Nile

Increased mosquito activity due the warmer weather season has the Greater Los Angeles Vector Control Department urging individuals to take proper precautions against West Nile virus.

Chances of contracting the mosquito-borne illness can be greatly reduced by taking a few simple steps:

- Avoid going outdoors during DAWN AND DUSK; if you must go outside during this time, wear pants and long-sleeve shirts and apply an insect repellent containing EPA-registered active ingredients such as DEET, Picaridin, IR3535, and Oil of lemon eucalyptus (PMD).
- If you are going to open your doors or windows for an extended period of time, make sure the SCREENS ARE IN GOOD WORKING ORDER to prevent mosquitoes from going into your home.
- Regularly look for and EMPTY SOURCES OF STANDING WATER such as flowerpots, buckets, and bird baths to discourage mosquito breeding.

For more tips or to report a current or potential mosquito breeding source, visit www.glacvcd.org or call GLACVCD at 562.944.9656.



April

Business of the Month

The Whole Enchilada Restaurant

1114 S Diamond Bar Boulevard
www.wholeenchilada.com
909-861-5288

Menu features traditional Mexican fare such as enchiladas, tacos, burritos, fajitas, and quesadillas. Full-service catering and fundraising opportunities also available.

Open: Mon-Thurs 11 am – 9 pm; Fri 11 am – 10 pm; Sat 9 am – 10 pm, Sun 9 am – 9 pm



Proper Trash Bin Storage

Trash bins left at the curb long after being emptied look unsightly and are in violation of the Diamond Bar City Code (CBMC 8.16.100). As a reminder, bins must be placed at the curb by 6 am on the designated collection date and must be returned to their storage area – away from public view – by 10 pm. To view the City's Municipal Code, visit www.diamondbarca.gov/municode.



EGGS-PERT HUNTERS

With family members rooting for them from the sidelines, hundreds of youngsters armed with colorful baskets and bags took to the field to score as many treat-filled eggs as possible. The 11,000 eggs spread across the Pantera Park field for the City's 31st Easter Egg Hunt were scooped up in a matter of minutes. Additional photos of the April 19 event



sponsored by the City of Diamond Bar and the Diamond Bar Breakfast Lions Club are available for viewing online www.diamondbarca.gov/photogallery and on the City's Facebook page <http://www.facebook.com/cityofdiamondbarca>.

Emergency Preparedness Fair

A free community emergency preparedness fair is scheduled to take place on Saturday, June 21 from 10 am to 2 pm at Schabarum Regional Park. The event is open to the public and will feature valuable life-saving information, informative lectures, emergency response vehicles displays, children activities, and food truck concessions. Attendees will have the opportunity to learn how to make a plan, assemble a kit, and stay informed during an emergency. The event is sponsored by Los Angeles County Fourth District Supervisor Don Knabe, Los Angeles County Department of Parks and Recreation, Los Angeles County Fire Department, and Los Angeles County Sheriff's Department. Schabarum Regional Park is located at 17250 E. Colima Road in Rowland Heights. For more information, call 626.854.5560.

City of Industry Development Project

Majestic Realty Co. has begun pre-construction work to make way for one of two possible development projects in nearby City of Industry.

The project site – an undeveloped 529-acre parcel of land – is owned by the City of Industry and situated near Grand Avenue, along the north side of the Pomona and Orange freeways, and south of Valley Boulevard.

Initial mass grading and infrastructure work currently underway will accommodate either an Industry Business Center (IBC) or an NFL stadium-anchored project, both of which are approved uses for the site.

In 2004, the City of Industry City Council approved the IBC Plan of Development, which called for nearly 4.8 million square feet of built space for office, retail and industrial uses, with an area set aside for open space preservation. Four years later, the Plan was revised to position an NFL stadium as the anchor to the development with office, retail and entertainment uses taking a secondary or ancillary role, while retaining some of the 2004 aspects such as open space preservation.

Both scenarios will contribute money to the City of Diamond Bar's general fund by way of traffic mitigation funds, with a stadium-anchored project yielding more revenue due to the settlement agreement negotiated by City staff in 2009 to ensure Diamond Bar receives enhanced project mitigation and additional community benefits.

Majestic Realty Co. is the largest, privately-owned industrial developer in the nation. It currently holds a portfolio of approximately 70 million square feet that includes industrial, office, and retail space, as well as sports, entertainment and hospitality projects.

Questions related to construction activity on the project site should be referred to City of Industry's Planning Department at 626.333.2211.



NATURE NOTES

Free Smart Gardening Workshop

Want to learn how to spruce up your lawn or garden and reduce your yard and kitchen waste in the process?

If so, plan on attending a free smart gardening workshop on Saturday, June 28 from 9:30 am to 11:30 am at the Diamond Bar Center.

The workshop, sponsored by the County of Los Angeles, will provide hands-on instruction on composting, worm composting, grasscycling, and water- and fire-wise gardening. Compost bins will be available for purchase at discount - \$40 each for a backyard compost bin and \$65 each for a worm compost bin (includes 1/2 lb. of worms).

Event is free and open to the public; no reservations required. Diamond Bar Center is located at 1600 Grand Avenue in Diamond Bar. For more information, call 909.839.7013.

SR 57/60 Grand Avenue Confluence Project

Relief on its way for one of the most congested highway segments (3rd in California, 7th in the nation)

This time next year, work is set to begin on a multi-phased, multi-year, multi-million dollar freeway improvement project.

The SR 57/60 Grand Avenue Confluence Project – a partnership between the City of Diamond Bar, City of Industry, and the Metropolitan Transportation Authority (MTA) – aims to improve safety and capacity along a two-mile freeway segment where the Pomona and Orange highways meet in the vicinity of Grand Avenue and 17 lanes are funneled into 14.

This convergence of lanes creates bottleneck conditions and weaving and merging nightmares for drivers attempting to exit at Grand Avenue or get or stay on the "right" freeway. This "Confluence" area alone experiences an average of more than 600 accidents annually, and has been rated as the third most congested segment statewide, and seventh worst bottleneck in the nation.

The three-phase \$256-million approach, proposed under the SR 57/60 Grand Avenue Confluence Project, aims to address the area's weaving and merging

issues through a series of improvements that include ramp and interchange configurations, as well as bypass connectors.

More than \$50 million in funding from a combination of MTA competitive grants and local matching funds have already been secured and will cover the first and second phases.

In brief, these two phases will construct a westbound on-ramp from Grand Avenue; construct a westbound freeway off-ramp and auxiliary to Grand Avenue; and rebuild the intersection and make street widening improvements in the vicinity of Grand Avenue and Golden Springs Drive.

Mainline freeway improvements such as the construction of bypass connectors, lane extensions, and the Grand Avenue Bridge over the SR60 are part of the third and most expensive phase of the project at \$205 million. This final phase remains unfunded as of now, but City staff will continue to work with City of Industry to secure any available local, state, and federal grants.

More details, diagrams, and a timeline related to the project can be found at www.diamondbarca.gov/confluence.



School

Happenings

Story contribution by the Walnut Valley Unified School District

Earth Kids

Evergreen kindergarteners learn about our planet

Evergreen Elementary kindergarten students celebrated Earth Day during a spring program held April 25. Families gathered in the amphitheater as the children sang about the land and sea and springtime blossoms. Teacher Mona Warren strummed her guitar during their Octopus song. After the music, several Common Core activities were held in the kindergarten play yard.

Teacher Sam Li gave a Float or Sink Jellyfish science lesson. Families posed for "Jaws" keepsake photos and estimated the length of a blue whale with string, yardsticks, and wrapping paper tubes.

A creative visual display included recycled artwork and Earth Kids replicas created by each student with a personal pledge of how they can take care of the planet

Inside classrooms, families worked together to fill in an ABC Earth Day word search and make pledges to take care of Mother Earth.

Dedicated kindergarten teachers, Mona Warren, Kathy Riddle, Melody Fernandez, Julie Jeon and Sam Li designed the program to create experiences that foster creativity, critical thinking, and collaboration.

"This is an excellent example of the new Common Core State Standards and STEAM – Science, Technology, Engineering, Arts, and Math - instruction that our students need to be successful in college, career and beyond!" said Principal Carolyn Wills.

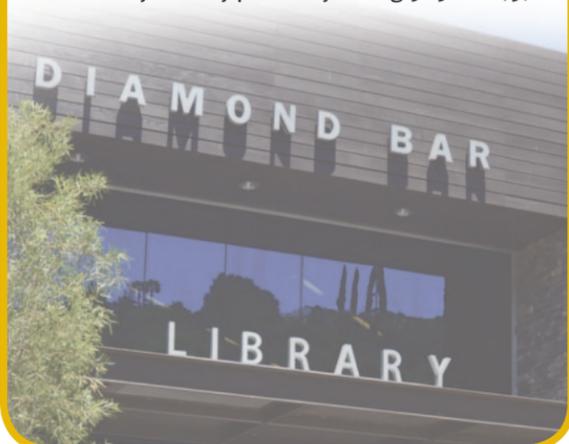
"And here at Evergreen, it starts with our kindergarteners!"



Evergreen Earth Kid Austin Teng, age 6, shown with his dad Kenny, promised to recycle and pick up trash to help the Earth.

Summer Reading Program

Reading fans of all ages are encouraged to take part in the summer reading program at the Diamond Bar Library. Themed "Paws to Read," this year's program celebrates the animal kingdom with a host special activities and events that run from June to August 16. By signing up, you are able to set reading goals, get book recommendations, and enter drawings to win prizes. For more information or to sign up, visit the Diamond Bar Library online www.colapublib.org/libs/diamondbar or in person at 21800 Copley Drive in Diamond Bar. You may also reach Library staff by phone by calling 909.861.4978.



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Chamber of Commerce	909.869.0701		

*For emergencies, dial 9-1-1



Check out DiamondBarCA.gov/db25 for more anniversary-related happenings

June 2014

S	M	T	W	T	F	S
1	2 Street Sweeping	3 Street Sweeping	4 Street Sweeping	5 Street Sweeping	6 Street Sweeping	7
8	9	10 City Council Meeting	11	12 Traffic & Transportation Commission Meeting	13	14
15 Father's Day	16 Street Sweeping	17 Street Sweeping	18 Street Sweeping	19 Street Sweeping	20 Street Sweeping	21
22	23	24 City Council Meeting	25 Transit Late Night	26 Street Sweeping	27	28
29	30 Street Sweeping					

Calendar Key

- City Council Meeting* - starts at 6:30 pm Planning
- Plannin 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 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 www.DiamondBarCa.gov/eventcalendar

