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Outdoor Concerts and Movies Continue



Fun alfresco continues this month with the City's popular series of concerts and movies Wednesday evenings at Sycamore Canyon Park

From July 9 until August 13, everyone is invited to stop by for a live concert that begins at 6:30 pm followed by a family-friendly film at 8:00 pm. Pre-movie activities include arts, crafts and games for younger attendees, and giveaways and literature from the City and local nonprofit groups.

As a reminder – for safety purposes, barbecue grills and gas appliances are not allowed and bringing pets is discouraged. Arrive early with low beach chairs or blankets for first-come seating.

The Diamond Bar Golf Course, located at 22751 E. Golden Springs Drive, is the designated free off-site parking location for this event, with frequent complimentary shuttle service to and from the park beginning at 5:30 pm until the end of the movie.

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

Bands and movies for July and August are:

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

New Operating Budget

The City's annual operating budget for fiscal year 2014-2015 went into effect July 1.

As in previous years, the budget is balanced and provides for \$24.4 million to be spent on service delivery and a variety of public projects, and \$1.3 million to be stored in the City's General Fund Reserves, which are anticipated to total \$16.9 million by the end of the fiscal year.

Capital improvement projects provided for in the budget include rehabilitation work along two stretches of residential and collector roads, enhancements at three key city intersections, and improvements to ADA accessibility, landscaping, play areas or parking lots at seven public parks.

The budget also calls for the expansion of the City's Special Projects Team, which was recently created to allocate law enforcement resources based on current and emerging crime trends and patterns. A reallocation of two currently vacant motor deputy positions within the City's Sheriff's Department contract will bring up the number of members on the team to four patrol deputies who will work together to target specific crime issues such as burglaries in addition to ongoing traffic-related concerns.

For more information or to view a complete copy of the budget, visit diamondbarca.gov/budget.

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HOT DOG!

Who says you can't teach an old dog a new trick? Diamond Bar dogs proved wrong the common saying when they participated in several non-traditional activities as part of the City's Bow-Wow Bash held on Saturday, May 31 at Bark Park @ Pantera. Pictured is Rob Hilburn, senior event manager, with James Event Productions supervising a bobbing for hot dogs contest. Other competitions available to the 75 four-legged event-goers included musical chairs,



and red light/green light. When the dogs were not competing or exercising on the agility course, indulging at the doggie treat bar, trying on paint tattoos, or taking a selfie in the photo booth, their owners had a chance to visit vendor booths selling a variety of pet products and services, and consult with popular dog trainer Kenyon Evers on how to fix dog behavior troubles.

The event also resulted in the adoption of three dogs previously in the temporary care of the Inland Valley Humane Society/S.P.C.A. Additional Bow-Wow Bash photos can be seen online at diamondbarca.gov/photogallery as well as on the City's Facebook page at facebook.com/CityofDiamondBarCA. A brief video recapping the event is also posted on the City's YouTube channel at www.youtube.com/diamondbarca.

Fourth of July Fireworks Show

Get your dancing shoes and blankets and head over to Lorbeer Middle School for the City's 4th of July Blast event on Friday, July 4. Top 40 Latin band Bumptown will infuse fun into the evening starting at 5 pm with a spirited musical performance. Then at 9 pm, it's all eyes to the sky for a dazzling fireworks show that will last 25 minutes. You may bring a picnic dinner or patronize local nonprofits selling food and beverages on site. Parking will be available at five offsite locations, with complimentary shuttle service operating from 4 pm to 10 pm. Lorbeer Middle School is located at 501 Diamond Bar Boulevard. More details are available online diamondbarca.gov/4thofjuly or by phone at 909.839.7070.

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City Council Goals & Objectives

Along with a new operating budget, July 1 also brings updated City Council Goals & Objectives which outline the steps that will be used to address high-priority items by the City during the fiscal year 2014-2015.

These items fall within the categories of traffic mitigation, fiscal responsibility, economic development, communication, quality of life, and community building. Some of the objectives are attainable within a one-year time frame, while others are multi-year projects.

Among the items that make up the 2014-2015 City Council Goals & Objective are advocating for transportation solutions that are equitable in the distribution of goods movement-related traffic, creating a long-term city-wide financial plan for preservation of the City's public property, and developing a branding plan to create a consistent, unified look for the city.

To read the Goals & Objectives in their entirety, visit diamondbarca.gov/councilgoals.

Burglary Suspects Caught, Reward Paid Out

Two more criminals have learned the hard way that it does not pay to attempt a home burglary in Diamond Bar, and the resident who helped identify the suspects is now \$500 richer.

The attempted burglary occurred last May on the 300 block of San Leandro Drive. A resident was working from home on a Wednesday morning when he noticed an unfamiliar vehicle pulling up in front of a neighbor's home. Moments earlier he had seen his neighbor drive off, so he knew the home was empty.

He watched as the driver exited the vehicle and casually walked up to the front door. As he continued to watch, the suspect appeared to knock and ring the doorbell. After getting no response, the suspect made his way to the side yard of the home where the neighbor saw him peer through the windows and eventually move to the back of the house and out of view.

The resident immediately called the Diamond Bar-Walnut Sheriff's Station with a description of the suspect and vehicle. He was still providing an account of events to the station dispatcher, when he heard a Sheriff's helicopter circling overhead. Through his office window he saw the suspect run from behind the house and got into a car. He then saw him drive toward Golden Springs Drive.

A team of Sheriff's personnel pursued the vehicle and stopped it in the City of Pomona at which time they found out of a second suspect seated in the front passenger seat. They also found a worn tire iron and a black fleece glove; the matching glove fell from the suspect's clothing during the pat down search.

Based on the initial statements and positive identification by the witness resident, Sheriff's deputies arrested the suspects for attempted burglary and possession of burglary tools, and transported them to the Diamond Bar-Walnut Sheriff's Station for booking.

Under the City's newly implemented Report for Reward program, the witness resident was nominated for and last month presented with a \$500 reward.

Report for Reward aims to help combat residential and vehicular crimes within city limits by providing members of the public with a monetary incentive of up to \$500 for information leading to the arrest of individuals who damage or destroy property while attempting or executing a residential or vehicular burglary. The program is open to everyone. However, City and Sheriff's employees are not eligible for a reward.

A phone call to the Sheriff's Station at 909.595.2264 (9-1-1 if the burglary incident is in progress) is currently the only way to report suspicious activity as part of the Report for Reward program.

More information about the program, visit diamondbarca.gov/RFR.



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FROM THE GROUND UP



Temporary perimeter fencing now surrounds a corner lot at Diamond Bar Boulevard and Cold Spring Lane where work crews are carrying out grading activity to ready the site for an America's Tire service facility. The nation's largest tire and wheel retailer, with more than 135 locations in California, is expected to open its Diamond Bar facility at 2875 Diamond Bar Boulevard by the end of fall 2014.

Curb Appeal

Address Repainting Effort Underway

The City has issued permits for citywide residential curb address painting to a couple of local nonprofits.

These permits stipulate that Canning Hunger and Care for the Children are authorized to repaint curb address numbers on the condition that they paint all curb addresses within city limits and that they perform the work at no cost to the homeowner. Donations, while not obligatory, will be accepted from those who wish to support the nonprofits. Per the City-issued permit, collection days and times for donations are restricted to Monday through Saturday from 10 am to 7:30 pm.

The citywide residential curb address repainting effort is currently underway and expected to continue into August. Canning Hunger work crews are working on address numbers south of Grand Avenue, while those representing Care for Children are covering the area north of Grand Avenue. To reach a Canning Hunger representative, call 562.690.3035. The phone number for Care for the Children is 562.980.6395.

Workers from both nonprofits carry a copy of the City work permit as well as company identification. If approached by an individual asking for payment for curb painting services, residents are encouraged to ask to see both of these documents.

As a reminder, there is no obligation to pay for unsolicited services. If the individual performing curb address painting services is demanding payment instead of just asking for a donation or if they cannot produce a copy of the permit and company identification, the Diamond Bar-Walnut Sheriff's Station should be contacted through its non-emergency line at 909.595.2264



Reporting City Appearance and Maintenance Issues

From neighborhoods to shopping centers and public parks to city roads, it can be agreed that Diamond Bar is largely a good-looking, well-functioning city thanks in great part to responsible residents and businesses owners, as well as proactive and responsive City staff.

When issues do arise, it is important to know whom to turn to for assistance. Following are a few examples of areas that deal with quality of life issues pertaining to maintenance of public areas and health, safety, and zoning matters as covered in the Diamond Bar City Code.

Broken Water Main - Walnut Valley Water District 909.595.7554

Graffiti on Public Property or in Public View - 800.794.7384 (24-hour hotline)

Parks, Trails, and Medians - (maintenance or irrigation of landscaping, tennis court or sports field lighting, malfunctioning playground equipment) Community Services Department 909.839.7060

Property and Neighborhood Maintenance - (abandoned and inoperable cars, accumulation of junk and/or trash on the lawn, illegal signs, overgrown grass or tall weeds) Community Development Department 909.839.7030

Streetlights - (outages, flickering power, downed or damaged electrical wire or pole) Edison 800.611.1911

Streets, Roads, and Traffic Signals - (potholes, uneven sidewalks, standing water, damaged street signs, debris or low-hanging tree branches blocking street signs or impeding pedestrian sidewalk access, fading curb painting, clogged catch basins, traffic signal outages) Public Works Department 909.839.7040

As an alternative to calling, the City maintains a convenient online tool, "At Your Service," that allows you to submit and check the status of a request for service: diamondbarca.gov/servicerequests. Smart phone users may also report issues through the City's mobile app, which works on both Android and Apple devices and is available for free download through the Google Play and Apple app stores.

Issues in progress or that require immediate attention such as graffiti; illegal dumping; and peddling, vending, or soliciting on a city street or public right-of-way should be reported to the Diamond Bar-Walnut Sheriff's Station for a prompt response by calling 909.595.2264.

Additional topics relating to living or operating a business in Diamond Bar are part of the City's website and can be found in the Frequently-Asked-Questions section at diamondbarca.gov/faqs.

**Non-stop
D.J. music:
Check.
Games: Check.
Prize-Incentive
Competitions:
Check. Snacks
and Beverages:
Check**

DB4YOUTH "IN ACTION"
PRESENTS
**Teen
Night
Out**

Planned by DB4Youth, "In Action," this year's Teen Night Out has all the makings of an excitement-packed event. The fun, teens-only event takes place on Friday, July 18 from 7 pm to 10 pm at Sycamore Canyon Park, 22930 Golden Springs Drive.

Top 40 pop hits will play in the background while event-goers enjoy participating in a variety of fun activities that include air tag, a human sphere ball, and other inflatable games.

Admission is free and open to all teen-aged Diamond Bar residents and students.

Snacks, keepsake photographs, and glow necklaces will be available for purchase.

DB4Youth "In Action" is a City-sponsored group formed in 2006 to encourage an active and community-oriented teen population. Aside from planning teen-geared special events, the group regularly volunteers with local non-profits.

For more information, call Community Services Coordinator Alison Meyers at 909.839.7062.

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FUTURE FIREFIGHTERS

Proving that it's never too early to start thinking about careers, the Thong brothers took joy in learning hands-only CPR from Los Angeles County Fire Department Engineer Rick Murrieta. In just ten minutes, Elliot (left) and Isaac learned the proper method of



administering hands-only CPR while practicing on a mannequin. While the informal training did not result in CPR certification, Elliot and his brother are well on their way to building essential life-saving skills and potentially pursuing future careers as firefighters. The hands-only, drop-in CPR training was organized by the Los Angeles County Fire Department and held in the Diamond Bar City Hall Building lobby on June 5, in recognition of National CPR Week. To learn about the warning signs of heart attacks, strokes or cardiac arrests, or watch a video on how to perform compressions using the Hands-Only CPR technique, visit heart.org/HEARTORG.

Anniversary Time Capsule

As part of its 25th anniversary commemoration events, the City is planning to put together a time capsule to be opened in 2039 when Diamond Bar reaches 50 years of cityhood.

Some of the items to be included the capsule are the City's annual budget for fiscal year 2014-2015, an array of 25th anniversary logo branded memorabilia, newspaper clippings, home sale brochures, and photos of City buildings and public parks.

If you would like to suggest additional items to include in the capsule, please send an email to info@diamondbarca.gov by Friday, September 19.

An event is planned in October 2014 to seal and secure the time capsule inside the Diamond Bar City Hall building. For more information, call the City's Public Information Division at 909.839.7055.

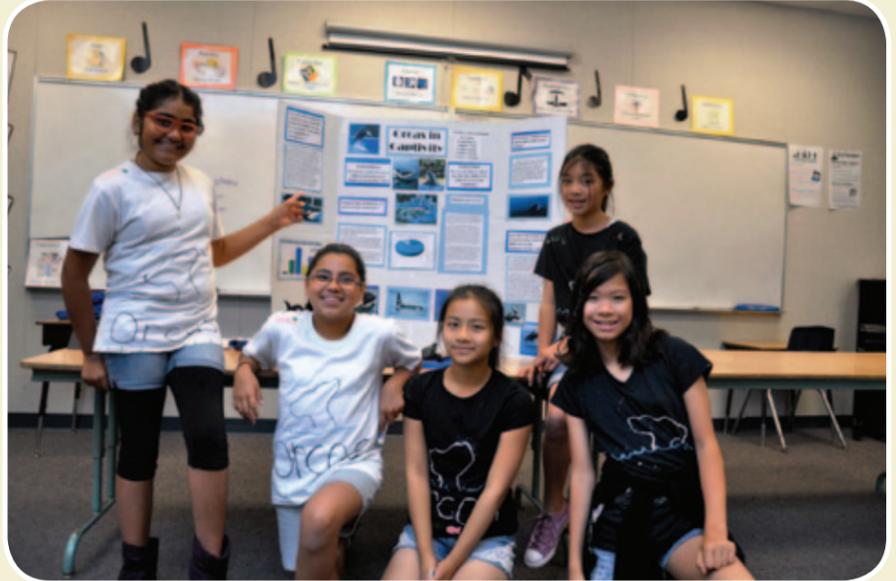
**School
Happenings**

Story contribution by the Walnut Valley Unified School District

Students Show Their IB Skills

Castle Rock Elementary 5th graders presented "Sharing the Planet" inquiry-based research projects during an I.B. Exhibition on May 22. The special event is the culmination of the students' K-5 learning experience at the international school. Eighty-six students used their IB skills, attitudes, and attributes acquired in the elite program.

Fifteen groups researched topics of their choice based on modern-day issues ranging from zoos to renewable energy and global warming. Presentations included display boards, technology and artistic components, mathematical data to support their findings, and action plans. Students created videos, hosted live debates, and were eager to answer questions after the program.



Castle Rock students researched Orcas in Captivity for their I.B. Exhibition.

June

New Business of the Month

Paris Baguette

21050 Golden Springs Drive, C105
parisbaguetteusa.com
parisbaguette20@gmail.com
909.598.0404

bread • pastries
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Open: M-Th 7:30 am - 9 pm; F-Sun 7:30 am - 10 pm



**NATURE
NOTES**

**Free Recycling Bins for
Businesses**

Recycling at the workplace is easier and more convenient when bins are located at strategic locations such as desk side and in common areas. For a limited time and while supplies last, the City is providing free bins to Diamond Bar businesses looking to improve recycling habits amongst employees and visitors. To be eligible for recycling bins, businesses must submit a recycling plan. Bins are available in three capacities: 7, 23 and 50-gallon. For more information, call 909.839.7013, email green@db.diamondbarca.gov or visit diamondbarca.gov/green@db to download the application form.



Sheriff's Volunteers Wanted



Diamond Bar-Walnut Sheriff's Station is looking for individuals 18 years of age and older, to improve public safety in the community and carry out critical but non-hazardous law enforcement functions through its Volunteers on Patrol (VOP) program.

As a VOP, individuals have the opportunity to familiarize themselves with law enforcement work by committing to work schedules of a minimum of 16 hours per month.

Tasks taken on by VOPs include patrolling of park and school zones, conducting vacation checks, issuing disability parking violation citations, and other directed patrol assignments.

To qualify to become a Volunteer on Patrol, interested individuals must pass a background investigation, have a valid California driver license, and must not have been convicted of a felony or serious misdemeanor.

For more information or to obtain a VOP application, email wal/dbvolunteeremail@lasd.org or call 909.859.2859.

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WELCOME, DEPUTY THORN

In a move to further bolster the fight against property crime in the city, a 16-year veteran of the Los Angeles County Sheriff's Department has been reassigned to the City's recently created Special Projects Team. For the last eight years, Deputy Nicholas Thorn has worked patrol and several special crime suppression operations out of the Diamond Bar-Walnut Sheriff's Station. In his new capacity, Deputy Thorn will be working with two other deputies to proactively and aggressively target perpetrators of burglaries and other crimes within Diamond Bar city limits. He will also assist with community education efforts to raise awareness about protecting against property crimes, as well as ongoing street-level policing and traffic enforcement.

Deputy Thorn is a graduate of Cal Poly Pomona with a Bachelor of Science degree in Finance. He is also a certified intermediate traffic investigator and licensed pilot.



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City Council	909.839.7010	Pomona Unified	909.397.4700
Building & Safety	909.839.7020	Walnut Valley Unified	909.595.1261
City Clerk's Office	909.839.7010		
City Manager's Office	909.839.7010	Utilities:	
Community Development	909.839.7030	So Cal Edison (electric)	800.611.1911
Community Services	909.839.7060	So Cal Gas (gas)	800.427.2200
Facility Reservations	909.839.7070	Time Warner (cable TV)	888.892.2253
Finance	909.839.7050	Verizon (telephone)	800.483.5000
Human Resources	909.839.7018	Walnut Valley Water	909.595.7554
Library	909.861.4978	Waste Disposal:	
Neighborhood Improvement	909.839.7030	Valley Vista (businesses)	800.442.6454
Planning	909.839.7030	Waste Management (residents)	909.599.1274
Post Office	909.860.2469	Public Safety:	
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
Senior Services	909.839.7068	24-Hour Hotlines:	
Transit Information	909.839.7045	Building Inspection	909.839.7027
Voter Registration	562.462.2748	Employment Opportunities	909.348.8300
		Field/Weather	909.348.8310
		Graffiti Removal	800.794.7384

*For emergencies, dial 9-1-1



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

July 2014

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- City Council Meeting* - starts at 6:30 pm Planning
- 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 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



Correction Notice: The following clarifications relate to the article titled "City of Industry Development Project" printed in last month's edition of DBConnection: 1 -Majestic Realty is not carrying out the pre-construction work; the preliminary infrastructure work is being done by the City of Industry's Successor Agency to its Redevelopment Agency; 2 -Majestic Realty is the lessee not the owner of the property. The property was owned by City of Industry's Redevelopment Agency, but it is now under the control of the Successor Agency; and 3 - Under the Industry-Business Center scenario, the City of Diamond Bar will receive one-time funds restricted for spending on specific traffic mitigation efforts instead of unrestricted money for spending on general City services.