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Free Outdoor Concerts and Movies

A Wednesday pairing of music and movies will again create the perfect way to break up the week when the City's Concerts in the Park and Movies Under the Stars series returns to Sycamore Canyon Park on June 15 and continues through August 3.

Event days will feature a live musical performance that starts at 6:30 p.m. and lasts approximately an hour and a half, followed by a showing of a family-friendly film.

Additional festivities available during the concert include free games and activities for children, information and giveaways for adults, and food and other concessions sold by Diamond Bar nonprofits.

Here are some things to keep in mind:

- As a safety precaution and a courtesy to others, barbecues or other portable cooking appliances will not be permitted. Also, no pets – only registered service animals will be allowed.
- Beach blankets or low-back chairs are encouraged for open grass seating, and outside food and non-alcoholic beverages are allowed.
- Free parking and frequent shuttle service to and from the Diamond Bar Golf Course parking lot and Sycamore Canyon Park will be available starting 5:30 p.m. and through the end of the movie.

Sycamore Canyon Park is located at 22930 Golden Springs Drive, and the Diamond Bar Golf Course is situated near the intersection of Golden Springs Drive and Grand Avenue.

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

Concert & Movie Lineup:

- June 15 – Band: The Answer (Classic Rock)
Movie: Minions
- June 22 – Band: Upstream (Caribbean)
Movie: Goosebumps
- June 29 – Band: Stone Soul (Soul)
Movie: Cinderella (2015)

No Event on July 6

- July 13 – Band: Saved by the Band (90s Pop/Rock)
Movie: Hotel Transylvania 2
- July 20 – Band: Yard Sale (Classic Rock)
Movie: Inside Out
- July 27 – Band: Hot August Night (Tribute to Neil Diamond)
Movie: Mary Poppins
- August 3 – Band: Cold Duck (70s Top 40)
Movie: The Good Dinosaur



A spectacular fireworks display is slated to light up the night skies over Diamond Bar on Monday, July 4 as part of the City's annual 4th of July Blast celebration.

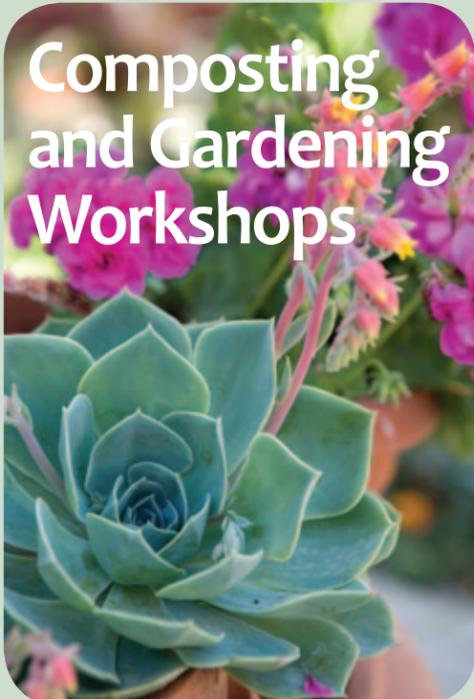
Festivities will take place at Diamond Bar High School starting at 5:00 p.m. with a live musical performance by the popular 70s Top 40 band, "Cold Duck." The fireworks show closes out the event and starts at 9:00 p.m.

Event-goers are welcome to bring food and beverages, or purchase light concessions sold on site by local nonprofits. Blankets and low-rise chairs are encouraged for this open grass-seating event.

For the safety and comfort of all guests, only registered assistance dogs will be admitted; pets will not be allowed.

Diamond Bar High School is located at 21400 Pathfinder Road. Parking will be available on surrounding neighborhood streets, with free and frequent shuttle service provided to and from the school starting at 4:00 p.m. and until the end of the event.

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



Composting and Gardening Workshops

If you are interested in learning how to turn your yard and kitchen waste into rich soil amendment or how to eliminate grass from your home's outdoors without sacrificing curb appeal, then you may be interested in attending one of four free workshops the City is offering this summer.

The workshops will be held at the Diamond Bar Center, located at 1600 Grand Avenue, from 1:00 p.m. to 2:30 p.m. on the following Saturdays: June 25, July 9, July 23 and August 13.

Among the topics that will be covered in these workshops are traditional and worm composting methods; native plant selection, planting and care; as well as outdoor water saving tips and techniques.

Also, following each of the workshops, attendees will have the option to purchase a regular composting bin or a worm composter at a reduced price of \$45 or \$65, respectively.

All four workshops are free to attend and open to all Los Angeles County residents, however space is limited and registration is required. To hold your space, send an email with your contact information and the date you wish to attend to green@diamondbarca.gov.

If you have any questions or prefer to register by phone, you may call the City's Environmental Services Division at 909.839.7015.



2 City's Free App

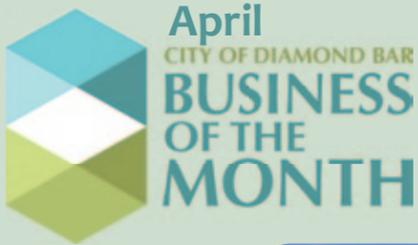


3 Volunteer for Diamond Bar Day



4 Free CPR Training





Encore Teppan

23525 Palomino Drive
909.861.8278
www.encoreteppan.com

Hours of Operation:

Sunday to Thursday: 11:30 a.m. – 10:00 p.m.

Friday and Saturday 11:30 a.m. – 10:30 p.m.

Teppanyaki-style restaurant featuring a sushi bar and a menu consisting of a variety of steak, chicken and seafood dishes.

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



Get The City's App

Use keyword "Diamond Bar" to locate and download

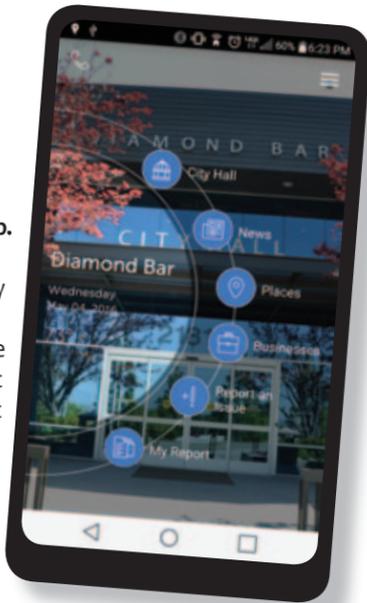
You can now report issues and submit requests for services to City Hall with the convenience of a mobile app.

Available for free download via the iTunes or Google Play stores for use on both phones and tablets, the Diamond Bar App enables individuals to utilize built-in mobile device technology such as GPS, camera and video to quickly alert City staff to areas that need attention such as a streetlight outage, defective sprinkler head, abandoned vehicle or graffiti.

The app also makes it easy to:

- Contact City departments and City Council members with one click to call or email
- Obtain photos, maps and directions to all city parks, trails and facilities
- Access the City's latest news, social media posts and videos without having to visit an external website

For more information, contact the City's Public Information Division at 909.839.7055 or info@diamondbarca.gov.



Water Conservation Reminder

Mandatory water use restrictions in place until October 2016

From washing vehicles and irrigating lawns more frequently to filling backyard pools for enjoyment, summer months tend to result in higher water use than any other time of the year.

Here are some ways to help make it less challenging to adhere to the State-mandated water conservation regulations and restrictions, in effect until the end of October:

- Take advantage of rebates available to Diamond Bar residential and commercial water customers through the SoCal WaterSmart program. A number of appliances and devices are currently eligible for rebates, including clothes washing machines, toilets, rain barrels, nozzles and irrigation controllers. You can view a list of all rebates available, estimate your rebate and apply online by visiting <http://socialwatersmart.com>.
- Replace your irrigated lawn with water-wise landscaping. You can learn how to design and maintain a garden with drought tolerant or native plants by attending one of the free composting and gardening workshops the City is offering this summer (details on page 1) or go online to www.bewaterwise.com for helpful tips and videos.
- Request a free home water survey from the Walnut Valley Water District. Aimed at helping individuals conserve water in their homes and cut water costs, the survey involves a visit by a Water District representation who will check faucets, showers, toilets and the irrigation system to identify leaks that should be investigated. The irrigation test will also show the customer if the lawn is being watered properly and if the sprinkler system is distributing water evenly on the grass, plants and shrubs. Call the Water District at 909.595.7554, ext. 327 to request your survey.

Walnut Valley Water District Watering Restrictions

- Outdoor watering is limited to 2 days per week and sprinkler use is limited to no more than 15 minutes per irrigation station
 - Lawn or landscape watering is also prohibited between 8 a.m. to 5 p.m.
 - Washing down hard or paved surfaces such as sidewalks or driveways is prohibited
 - Watering any landscaped area cannot cause excessive water runoff onto hardscape
 - All leaks in water users' plumbing systems must be repaired within 48 hours
 - Using a hose to wash a vehicle is prohibited unless the hose has a shut-off nozzle
 - Customers are not allowed to irrigate landscape during and 48 hours following measurable precipitation
 - Operating a water feature that does not use recirculated water is prohibited
 - Filling ornamental lakes or ponds is prohibited except as needed to sustain life
 - Refilling pools and spas more than one foot with potable water is prohibited
- Report water waste to the Walnut Valley Water District by calling its hotline at 909.348.8228 or email savewater@wvwd.com.

Protect Yourself and Your Property Against Mosquitoes

The Greater Los Angeles County Vector Control District (GLACVCD) continues to urge residents to join the fight against disease-carrying mosquitoes.

While mosquitoes that carry the West Nile virus have not been detected so far within Diamond Bar city limits, it has been confirmed in other parts of Los Angeles County as have three other species: the Asian tiger mosquito, yellow fever mosquito and Australian backyard mosquito, which have the potential to transmit viruses such as dengue, yellow fever, chikungunya and Zika.

Unlike mosquitoes that carry the West Nile virus and are most active between dusk and dawn, the Asian tiger mosquito, yellow fever mosquito and Australian backyard mosquito tend to bite during the day.

To prevent mosquito bites and keep properties clear of these invasive species, GLACVCD offers the following tips:

- When outdoors where mosquitoes may be present, wear insect repellent containing DEET, Picaridin, IR 3535, or oil of lemon eucalyptus
- Eliminate standing water in clogged rain gutters, rain barrels, discarded tires, buckets, or anything that holds water for more than a week
- Ensure rain barrels are properly sealed. Thousands of eggs can be laid inside rain barrels
- Cover trash cans, toys and recycle bins, and keep unneeded items out of the rain
- Ensure that swimming pools, outdoor spas, and ponds are properly maintained
- Change the water in pet dishes, birdbaths and other small containers weekly
- Request FREE mosquitofish from GLACVCD to place in ornamental ponds
- Report neglected (green) swimming pools in your neighborhood to your vector control district.

For more mosquito prevention tips and information, visit www.glacvcd.org. To report black-and-white, daytime-biting mosquitoes in your property and request a free inspection and treatment, call 562.944.9656 or fill out an online request at www.ReportMosquitoes.org.



Mosquitoes can lay their eggs in stagnant water sources as small as a bottle cap. The invasive, black-and-white mosquitoes can lay their eggs individually along the waterline of any container, reducing the effectiveness of "dump and drain."



Safe Surrender Celebrates 14 Years, 145+ Lives

This month marks the 14th anniversary of the Safe Surrender Program in Los Angeles County.

Initiated by Fourth District Supervisor Don Knabe and approved by the County Board of Supervisors in June of 2002, the Safe Surrender Program aims to discourage the discarding or abandonment of newborns by offering parents and legal guardians a safe, legal and confidential alternative.

Created in line with the Safely Surrendered Baby Law that was signed into law by former California Governor Davis in

September, 2000 and went into effect on January 1, 2001, the Program designates fire stations and hospitals throughout the county as Safe Surrender sites. Newborns no older than 72 hours may be taken to these sites and handed over to an employee, without fear of arrest or prosecution for child abandonment as long as the baby does not show visible signs of abuse or neglect.

Since the inception of the Safe Surrender Program, more than 145 newborns have been surrendered and adopted through the Department of Children and Family Services or other licensed adoption agency.

In 2014, Supervisor Knabe teamed up with the nonprofit public charity Long Beach Community Foundation to create a scholarship fund to ultimately benefit the children of the Safe Surrender Program. Children will be eligible to request a scholarship to aid in their pursuit of a college or higher education degree during their senior year of high school.

More information about the Safe Surrender Program can be found at www.BabySafeLA.org. Tax-deductible donations to the Don Knabe Safe Surrender Scholarship Fund are accepted online or by mail, with details available at www.longbeachcf.org/Safe%20Surrender.



Members Sought For New Fairplex Committee

In keeping with tradition, Diamond Bar is once again among the Cities scheduled to be honored by Los Angeles County Fair Association as part of its annual Community Days program.

The program honors participating government entities with a host of festivities, including recognition of volunteers, discounted fair admission for residents, and a parade featuring local community groups, sports teams and first responders.

New this year, the Association is seeking Diamond Bar residents to form a volunteer committee that will be tasked with helping plan, promote and execute various aspects of Diamond Bar Day.

- Responsibilities to be fulfilled by volunteer committee members include:
- Working in partnership with Fairplex staff to generate leads for potential donors and raise funds to help offset school bus transportation costs for Diamond Bar students to participate in the FairKids Field Trip Program
 - Promoting the FairKids program to school districts and schools by distributing information and making presentations
 - Raising public awareness and working with news media outlets to help promote the Community Hero Award program and helping with the nomination and selection of awardees
 - Helping with the coordination of a parade by planning entertainment and enlisting the participation of community-based groups

This year's Diamond Bar Day at the Fair takes place on Thursday, September 15. For more information or to join the committee, contact Fairplex Community Relations Coordinator Shanell Fuquay by calling 909.865.4075 or emailing fuquay@fairplex.com.



July 1 Deadline For Community Hero Nominations

Do you know someone who dedicates his or her spare time volunteering for an organization or performing other acts of kindness to improve the lives of others within the community?

Members of the Los Angeles County Fair Association need your help to identify a senior, adult and youth that they can recognize for their volunteerism as part of this year's Diamond Bar Day at the Fair festivities, taking place on Thursday, September 15.

Friday, July 1 is the deadline for nominations. If selected, your nominee will receive free admission into the Fair and be honored with a special reception, parade and awards presentation.

For more information or to nominate someone for the Community Hero award, visit <http://lacf.com/communitydays/diamond-bar>.

Questions regarding this Community Hero award recognition program may be directed to Fairplex Community Relations Coordinator Shanell Fuquay by email at fuquay@fairplex.com or phone at 909.865.4075.



Garden Plots For Rent

Lack of gardening know-how or suitable space at home are not be obstacles for growing your own produce.

The Diamond Bar Community Garden, which has been open since July 2015, offers plots and raised beds for rent as well as free year-round classes and lectures on gardening topics that range from soil preparation and irrigation installation to fertilizer selection and pest and disease management.

The Garden is operated and maintained by volunteers, and located at the corner of Morning Canyon Road and Diamond Bar Boulevard. It also includes a communal plot and orchard maintained and enjoyed by all plot renters.

Space rental fees start at \$50 and are valid for one year from the date of registration. For more information, visit www.diamondbarcommunitygarden.com or call 909.861.4735.

School

Happenings

Story contribution by the Walnut Valley Unified School District

And the winner is....

Castle Rock hosts 'Oscar' ceremony for favorite books

Castle Rock Elementary students recently walked the red carpet at their very own Academy Awards.

Fifth graders hosted a Hollywood-style awards show for their favorite books, authors, series, illustrators, and more during the annual Oscars for Books, coined the "B'Oscars."

Parents lined the walkway like proud paparazzi clapping and snapping photos as honorees entered the Diamond Bar High School theatre.

"Reading at Castle Rock means a lot to all students. It is a passport to distant lands!" said 5th grader Rachel Yang.

Classmates costumed as the winning characters and bookish peeps took to the stage to accept the tiny gold statues in twelve categories.

"The B'Oscars is such a fantastic way to excite not only our 5th grade students but our entire school with the love of reading.

They can't wait to hear who the winners are!" said Principal Dr. Resma Byrne.

Classes nominated five books in each category in preparation for the celebration of reading. Teacher Jorge Arauz combined all the submissions and organized the student voting.

Students auditioned for their roles in the show as presenters and book characters and wrote clever descriptions and comments to deliver on stage.

Characters Pippi Longstocking, Annabeth Chase, Amy Cahill, Hermione Granger, and Ramona were nominated in the Best Female Protagonist category.

"Ramona Quimby is anxious, curious, and tends to annoy people. You've got to love the little pest!" said Charlene Hsu.

"What I love about the B'Oscars is how it transforms reading for every single student!" said teacher Julie McClain. "Even if they weren't up on stage, students were all rooting for their favorite book to win."



"Adventures in Wonderland" won for Best Classic Book during Castle Rock Elementary's B'Oscars. Shown; students Natalie Schaffer and Jolie Escalante accept the gold award.

Story contribution by the Pomona Unified School District

Mentorship Through Robotics

Students at Diamond Ranch High School's Upper Echelon Robotics Club are writing code and rewriting the standards for supporting underclassmen.

High School Senior Kevin Ting, president of Diamond Ranch's robotics club, is ensuring that budding engineers from Lorbeer, Diamond Point, Pantera and Decker remain engaged with Pomona Unified School District's STEAM focus.

The Upper Echelon Robotics Club secured \$2,500 in funding directly from the Superintendent and Pomona Unified's PUPIL Foundation to advance their cutting-edge program onto Diamond Bar and Philip's Ranch elementary and middle school campuses.

"It is exciting to see how thoughtful and brilliant the minds of our young students are," exclaimed Superintendent Richard Martinez. "We are not only committed to funding the PUSD robotic competitions which have become wildly popular among students from ours and neighboring districts, but we have gone a step further and recently solidified a program which will create a pipeline from our schools directly to the nation's top engineering programs."

Pomona Unified continues to invest in the future of tomorrow's leaders. In addition to ample advanced placement (AP) courses, the District remains focused on creating innovative opportunities for students in areas that are directly related to the focus of future economies.



Free Drop-In "Hands-Only" CPR Training



June 2 is Sidewalk CPR Day in Los Angeles County. Take advantage of this free, once-a-year opportunity to learn from firefighters or medical professionals the Hands-Only method of administering CPR. The drop-in training only takes a few minutes and will be provided at libraries, fire stations, medical facilities and other convenient locations throughout the county of Los Angeles. Appointments are not necessary. To locate the nearest training sites and times, visit www.fire.lacounty.gov/sidewalkcpr.



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HHW & E-Waste Collection

The popular County of Los Angeles mobile Household Hazardous Waste and Electronic Waste Collection event is coming to nearby Pomona on Saturday, June 11. The collection will be stationed from 9:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m. inside 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.



For more information and a complete list of what you can and cannot bring, call 800.238.0173 or visit <https://dpw.lacounty.gov/epd/hhw/>.

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 - Pomona Unified 909.397.4700
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 - **Utilities:**
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 - So Cal Gas (gas) 877.238.0092
 - 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
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 - Employment Opportunities 909.348.8300
 - Field/Weather 909.348.8310
 - Graffiti Removal 800.794.7384
- *For emergencies, dial 9-1-1

Summer Reading Program

Readers of all ages are encouraged to take part in the County of Los Angeles 2016 Summer Reading Program, "Read for the Win."

Walk-in registration for this year's program begins at the Diamond Bar Library on Monday, June 13. After registering, all you have to do is keep track of the books you read in order to earn a number of prizes.

In addition to reading for prizes, the summer reading program also features fun age-appropriate activities that include comedy and puppet shows for children, science experiments and cool chemistry crafts for teens, and workshops and demonstrations for adults.

Anyone interested in participating in the reading program must have a free County of Los Angeles Library Card. To obtain a card, fill out an application (available for download online at www.colapublib.org/aboutus/librarycard.php) and take it along with valid identification to any County library. There is no minimum age requirement to apply for a library card, however if the applicant is age 17 or younger, a parent or guardian signature will be required.

For more information, call the Diamond Bar Library at 909.861.4978 or stop by during its open hours of 11:00 a.m. to 9:00 p.m. Monday through Thursday, and 10:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m. Friday and Saturday. The library is located at 21800 Copley Drive.



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Calendar Key

- City Council Meeting* - starts at 6:30 p.m.
- Planning Commission Meeting* - starts at 7 p.m.
- Parks & Recreation Commission Meeting* - starts at 7 p.m.
- Traffic & Transportation Commission Meeting* - starts at 7 p.m.

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

