

# City News

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## City Incorporates Social Media to Increase Community Access



If you rely on social networking as your primary source of news and information, you'll be excited to learn that last month the City incorporated official Twitter and Facebook accounts into its arsenal of communication tools.

Through the use of these popular social networking tools, the City hopes to increase the community's access to information it currently disseminates via its website, channel, and newsletters (both print and electronic).

This information includes capital improvement projects, public safety alerts, City event details, City Council actions, ordinance reminders, and answers to frequently-asked questions.

In addition to posting regular updates, the City plans to use Twitter and Facebook during emergencies to post safety instructions as necessary.

To locate the official City accounts, be sure type "City of Diamond Bar" into Facebook's search box and "DiamondBarCity" into Twitter.

For assistance or more information, contact the City's Public Information Division at 909.839.7059.

## Introducing our Community Heroes!

Two Diamond Bar individuals are among the handful of volunteers chosen by the L.A. County Fair Association to be honored as "Community Heroes" during its 2010 Community Days program.

Mei Lien Chang and Yolanda Gone were selected from a deserving pool of adult and youth volunteers for their contributions dedicated community service to Diamond Bar.

Mei Lien, a Diamond resident for over 25 years, is credited with helping establish and maintain various nonprofit programs in the community, including the Diamond Bar Chinese American Association. Her other contributions include actively volunteering and donating to Friends of the Diamond Bar

Library and the Diamond Bar High School Brahma Foundation. A strong advocate of promoting literacy and education, Mei Lien currently serves as Vice Chair of the Cal Poly Partners in Education and most recently held the roles of Vice President of the Mount San Antonio College Foundation, and member of the Board of Trustees for West University of Health and Sciences.

Yolanda Gong is described as an energetic

individual who is "always willing to help others." Her volunteering spirit has had a chance to blossom through her membership in the Lions-sponsored Leo Club, created to inspire volunteerism and leadership in young people. Throughout her four years at Diamond Bar High School, Yolanda has successfully maintained a distinctive scholastic track record while volunteering hundreds of community service hours benefiting a great number of fundraising efforts and nonprofits, including the

Diamond Bar Library, Inland Valley Humane Society, American Cancer Society, and the Walnut Valley Unified School District.

In recognition of their selection, Mei Lien and Yolanda will enjoy "Hero"

status for the next twelve months, and be treated as VIP guests on "Diamond Bar Day at the Fair" set for Thursday, September 16.

Watch for the September issue of City News or visit the City website [www.CityofDiamondBar.com](http://www.CityofDiamondBar.com) for more details about Diamond Bar Day at the Fair, including how to obtain a "Buy One-Get One Free" admission coupon.



Concerts are held at Sycamore Canyon Park starting at 6:30pm and are followed by a movie as noted on the schedule. Free parking and shuttle service to the park is available at the Diamond Bar Golf Course starting at 5:30 pm. For more info, call 909.839.7070.

### Don't miss out on the remaining events!

- August 4**  
**Cold Duck (70s Top 40)**  
**Movie: Cloudy with a Chance of Meatballs**
- August 11**  
**Sound Bytes (Pop 60s - 90s)**  
**Movie: Where the Wild Things Are**
- August 18**  
**Hot August Night**  
**(Neil Diamond Tribute Band)**  
**(Concert sponsored by the Diamond Bar Community Foundation)**  
**Movie: The Princess and the Frog**

## Business of the Month And the Winner is...



### Red Dragon Karate Champions Training Center

341 S. Diamond Bar Blvd.  
909.396.7906

[diamondbar@redragonkarate.com](mailto:diamondbar@redragonkarate.com)  
[www.reddragonkarate.com](http://www.reddragonkarate.com)

Karate Instruction  
Monday - Friday, 2 pm to 9 pm  
Saturday, 10 am to 2 pm

## Be Aware of Red Imported Fire Ants

Most people would agree that ants are pesky insects that interfere with outdoor activities, like picnicking, gardening, or simply spending time with family and friends.

But it's a particular type of ant – the Red Imported Fire Ants (RIFA) – that may be more of a concern than a nuisance.

RIFA are 1/8" to 1/4" in length and have a red colored heads and thoraces and black abdomens. They are very aggressive by nature and will repeatedly sting anything that disturbs them or their colony. Though not usually life threatening, RIFA stings are known to cause a burning sensation and become easily infected. They may cause complications for individuals who are hypersensitive to the venom.



To help reduce the chance of being stung, wear closed-toed shoes and gloves when gardening; teach children in your household about fire ants and their potential hazards.

Fire ant mounds can reach 18 inches in height and are similar to gopher mounds, except soil

deposited is of finer texture.

Suspicious mounds on private property should be reported to local County Agricultural Commissioner's Office by calling 626.575.4251; while those located in local parks or parkways should be reported to the City's Community Services Department at 909.839.7060.

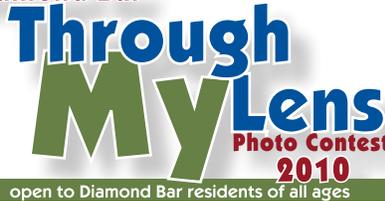
Additional RIFA information can be obtained by visiting [www.acwm.co.la.ca.us](http://www.acwm.co.la.ca.us).

## Playing Fields Closed for Maintenance

Residents and sports organizations are advised that the playing fields at Pantera Park and Lorbeer Middle School are closed for routine turf maintenance. Fields at Pantera Park will be open for use mid August, while the field at Lorbeer Middle School will be available early September.

For more information, contact the City's Community Services Department at 909.839.7060.

### Diamond Bar



Entries for the City's annual community photo contest are due at Diamond Bar City Hall before 4:30 pm on Friday, October 1.

Co-sponsored by the Diamond Bar Community Foundation, "Diamond Bar Through My Lens" is open to Diamond Bar residents of all ages and there is no cost

to enter. Entrants may submit one photo in each of the contest categories – People, Pets, Places, Nature, Black and White, and Historical Reference (prior to 1989).

Mail entries to Diamond Bar City Hall, c/o Photo Contest, 21825 Copley Drive, Diamond Bar, CA 91765 or email to [photocontest@ci.diamond-bar.ca.us](mailto:photocontest@ci.diamond-bar.ca.us) or in person. Additional details and contest entry forms are available at City Hall, the Diamond Bar Center, and on the City's website at [www.CityofDiamondBar.com](http://www.CityofDiamondBar.com).

To request a contest entry form by mail, contact the City's Public Information Division at 909.839.7059 or [publicinfo@ci.diamond-bar.ca.us](mailto:publicinfo@ci.diamond-bar.ca.us).

## Calendar Key

- City Council Meeting\* - starts at 6:30 pm
- Planning Commission Meeting\* - starts at 7 pm
- Traffic & Transportation Commission Meeting\* - starts at 7 pm
- Parks & Recreation Commission Meeting\* - starts at 7 pm
- Transit Late Night - City Hall open until 7 pm
- Street Sweeping Week
- \*Concerts in the Park/Movies Under the Stars - 6:30 pm at Sycamore Canyon Park

## August 2010

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29	30	31				

\*All meetings take place at the AQMD/Government Center, 21865 Copley Drive. Additional event and meeting details are available at [www.CityofDiamondBar.com](http://www.CityofDiamondBar.com).

## Free Roadside Service

Los Angeles County freeway motorists are reminded that they can use a nearby call box or dial #399 on their cell phone to obtain free non-emergency roadside assistance from Metropolitan Transportation Authority's Freeway Service Patrol.

Metro's Freeway Service Patrol (FSP) comprises a team of private tow operators contracted to patrol Los Angeles County freeways during the morning and afternoon commute hours in search of motorists experiencing car trouble.

FSP drivers are authorized to change flat tires, fill radiators, tape leaky hoses, provide jump starts, and fuel empty gas tanks with a gallon of gas. If neither of these quick repairs are the solution, FSP drivers will tow the inoperable car to a safe, predefined location off the freeway.

The FSP program, established in collaboration with Caltrans and the California Highway Patrol, is aimed at assisting stranded motorists before their stalled car results in congestion or accidents due to impatient drivers and onlookers.



Orange County Transportation Authority (OCTA) has a comparable program; however roadside assistance can only be requested by using freeway call boxes. The agency plans to have a non-emergency phone number for roadside assistance established later this year.

Motorists should continue using 9-1-1 when requesting medical, fire or law enforcement response or reporting a hazard on a freeway travel lane; and dial #399 only when requesting non-emergency auto repair assistance.

More information about Freeway Service Patrol Program is available at [www.metro.net](http://www.metro.net) and [www.octa.net](http://www.octa.net).

## Armed Forces Honored

Residents who have a loved one on active duty are reminded that they are eligible to participate in the City's Armed Forces Banner Program at no cost.



The program, created in April 2006, has transformed several of the City's busiest thoroughfares into patriotic displays of banners honoring members of the U.S. Armed Forces.

Those interested in participating in the program may obtain an application in person at City Hall, 21825 Copley Drive, or via the City's website at [www.CityofDiamondBar.com](http://www.CityofDiamondBar.com).

Completed applications, along with proof of City residency, can be mailed to City of Diamond Bar, Attn: Armed Forces Banner Program, 21825 Copley Drive, Diamond Bar, CA 91765, faxed to 909.612.4580, or emailed to [lorry.meyer@ci.diamond-bar.ca.us](mailto:lorry.meyer@ci.diamond-bar.ca.us).

For more information or to request an application by mail, call Community Services Coordinator Lorry Meyer at 909.839.7068.

## Read Together Diamond Bar



The popular "Read Together Diamond Bar" program, sponsored by Friends of the Diamond Bar Library, returns in October with a new novel, a new program of events, and a new challenge for the community to read and share the same book.

Copies of this year's featured book, the classic bestseller "Fahrenheit 451" by Ray Bradbury, are available for checkout at both the Diamond Bar and Pomona libraries.

Read Together Diamond Bar is aimed at promoting literacy and strengthening the City's sense of community by encouraging children and adults alike to read the same book at the same time. This year's program was made possible thanks in large part to the generosity of the Friends of the Pomona Library, which was recently awarded a grant from the National Education Association for its BIG READ program.

For information about Read Together Diamond Bar, contact the Friends at 909.594.9954, or visit its website at [www.dblibraryfriends.org](http://www.dblibraryfriends.org).



## Ask City Hall

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

Q How do I reserve a picnic area at a Diamond Bar park? Are there any fees or requirements involved?

A Picnic areas and shelters in Diamond Bar parks are available for reservation on a first-come/first-serve basis at no cost to residents and \$25 to non-residents. They must be reserved at least 14 days prior to the event, and require submission of a completed "Application for Use of Facilities."

In addition to this application, a \$50 refundable security deposit is required for groups of 30 or more. If the group exceeds 49 people, proof of compliance with liability insurance requirements will also be needed.

Application, related rules and regulations, as well as photos of the picnic areas can be located on the City website by clicking on the "I Want To" tab and "Reserve" button.

To reserve a picnic facility, or for more information, call 909.839.7070.



Picnic areas are equipped with tables and a barbecue grill, and can accommodate parties of up to 150 people.

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

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## Find it Fast Phone Directory

<b>City Services</b>	<b>909.839.7000</b>
City Council	909.839.7010
Building & Safety	909.839.7020
City Clerk's Office	909.839.7010
City Manager's Office	909.839.7010
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
<b>Business Information:</b>	
Business Licenses	909.839.7030
Chamber of Commerce	909.860.1904
<b>School Districts:</b>	
Pomona Unified	909.397.4700
Walnut Valley Unified	909.595.1261
<b>Utilities:</b>	
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
<b>Public Safety:</b>	
Animal Control	909.623.9777
Fire (LA County)*	909.629.9671
Police (LA Co. Sheriff)*	909.595.2264
<b>24-Hour Hotlines:</b>	
Building Inspection Hotline	909.839.7027
Graffiti Hotline	800.794.7384
Job Hotline	909.612.4636 x 1410

\*For emergencies, dial 9-1-1

## Snapshots Around The Community

**BUDDING ENGINEERS...** Aided by engineering-savvy instructors, 24 youngsters ages 7 to 12 spent a week of their summer vacations using over 100,000 colorful Lego pieces to manufacture everything from cities and bridges to motorized race cars and planes. This is the first year the City offered this "Lego Engineering Camp" for children ages 5 and 6, and youth ages 7 to 12. Due to its overwhelming popularity, City staff anticipates bringing back the camp next summer.



### HAPPY BIRTHDAY AMERICA...

Picnic games, concession stand favorites, live band music, and a dazzling aerial fireworks show were the order of the day at the City's annual 4th of July Blast held on July 4. Uncle Sam on stilts, face painters, and balloonists were also on hand to entertain revelers. Additional photos of the patriotic event are available for viewing on the City website [www.CityofDiamondBar.com](http://www.CityofDiamondBar.com) by clicking on the "Photo Gallery" link located at the top right corner of the homepage.



**"SUMMER IN THE CITY" ...** Last month saw the return of the City's popular Concerts in the Parks and Movies under the Stars combo series to Sycamore Canyon Park.

In addition to musical entertainment and family-friendly movies, each event includes free arts and crafts for children, trivia games, information booths, and giveaways. See front page of this newsletter for this month's schedule.

Among the many Diamond Bar families who enjoyed the launch of the cool evening concerts on July 7 were the Fuentes family, from left, Alex, Melissa and their children Juliana (age 1), and Isaac (age 3).