

# City News

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## See You at the County Fair on September 15!

Get your new or gently-used book ready because on Thursday, September 15 it's all you need to get into the popular L.A. County Fair for FREE.



That's because September 15 is Diamond Bar Day at the Fair, which means the

fairgrounds will feature a host of activities honoring the city, including a parade and high school marching band competition, horserace, Community Hero presentation, and live entertainment.

The "book donation = free admission" promotion is available only from noon to 6 pm and valid only at the Fair gates. Donations benefit a national nonprofit book organization.

For more information, contact Fairplex Community Relations Coordinator Shanell Santee at 909.865.4075 or [santee@fairplex.com](mailto:santee@fairplex.com).

## New City Hall and Library Under Construction

By this time next year, residents will have access to improved and expanded City Hall and County Library services.

Construction and remodeling work is currently underway on a building purchased by the City in September of 2010, with the dual goal of addressing space needs for City operations and creating a new home for the nearly 40 year-old library branch.

With two levels, 57,000 square feet of space, and 300 parking stalls, the building located just across the street from the South Coast Air Quality Management District (AQMD) campus is well-suited to meet this goal.

The future and permanent Diamond Bar City Hall will be located on the second story and feature a larger and more efficient front-counter public service area, a dedicated Emergency Operations Center (EOC), and additional office space for Sheriff's Department personnel. It will also create an on-site storage of City documents, eliminating the need for rental storage units.

Relocating from its existing location on Grand Avenue, the County branch library will occupy the first floor. It will be triple its current size and include separate children, teen, and adult reading sections, an outdoor reading garden, and office space for "Basically BOOKS," the Friends of the Diamond Bar Library bookstore.

Taking advantage of the fact that it is reconstructing the first floor, the County Library will be seeking a LEED (Leadership in Energy and Environmental Design) Silver certification for the library portion of the project.

Since the second level is being renovated rather



than reconstructed, the City will not be seeking LEED certification for the City Hall portion of the project, but will follow some LEED standards such as repurposing existing windows, doors, and fixtures, and installing rooftop solar panels.

From the earth tone finishes to the life-sized horse lamp to be located on the first floor in the children's reading area, the planned design elements aim to capture Diamond Bar's ranching and rural past.

It is anticipated that City Hall operations will transfer into the new building early January 2012, while the library is scheduled to open by September 2012.

Construction progress reports and photos are available on the City website [www.DiamondBarCA.gov/civiccenter](http://www.DiamondBarCA.gov/civiccenter) under the "Residents" tab in the "Construction Projects" section. To speak to someone about the project, contact the City's Public Information Division at 909.839.7055.

## USPS Survey Reminder

Here's a reminder to Diamond Bar residents and businesses within the "Walnut 91789 ZIP Code" to complete and return a USPS survey when it arrives in their mailbox.

The survey results, when tallied by the USPS later this year, will determine whether city addresses remain split between two postal code boundaries or unified under the "91765 ZIP Code" boundary that currently comprises nearly 85 percent of

**Q:** Will I have to notify all my service providers?

**A:** The major utility companies, (SCE, Gas Company, Walnut Valley Water District, Valley Vista), will automatically update their databases so notification is not necessary.

Diamond Bar households and businesses.

If the change is approved, residents will be notified and the Diamond Bar 91765 ZIP Code will go into use starting July 1, 2012.

To view more questions and answers related to this 91765 ZIP Code consolidation effort, visit the City website [www.DiamondBarCA.gov](http://www.DiamondBarCA.gov) and locate "ZIPCode Survey" under the Residents tab.

## Diamond Bar Through MyLens Photo Contest

open to Diamond Bar residents of all ages

### Deadline Approaching!

Friday, September 30 is the last day for Diamond Bar residents to submit entries into the City's annual community photo contest calendar.

Photos must be taken within city limits, and fall into one of these two divisions: Youth or Adult, and any or all of these six categories: People, Pets, Places, Nature, Black & White, and Historical Reference (taken prior to 1989).

Now in its fourth year, "Diamond Bar Through My Lens," is co-sponsored by the Diamond Bar Community Foundation (DBCF) and aims to showcase the photography talents of residents while raising community pride.

Contest winners will receive cash prizes and special recognition by the Diamond Bar City Council. Top entries will also be featured on the City website and channel, with some also published in City and DBCF publications.

For complete contest guidelines or to see previous winning photos visit [www.DiamondBarCA.gov/photocontest](http://www.DiamondBarCA.gov/photocontest).

For more information, call the City's Public Information Division at 909.839.7059.

## National Emergency Preparedness Month

The first 72 hours following a large-scale emergency, first responder resources will be stretched thin and services will be directed to areas where the need is the greatest – be prepared to be self-sufficient. [More on page 3.](#)



### Back-to-School Safety Reminders



Whether on foot or wheels, pedestrian safety is everyone's responsibility. With a new school year now underway, the City reminds pedestrians and motorists who travel through school zones to do so in a conscientious and courteous manner to reduce the risk of potential serious injury or fatality. [More on page 2.](#)

## MyDB App Now Available for iPhones

See it, Snap it, Send it!

Take photo or video of issues (potholes, graffiti, unkempt parkway, broken water main, etc.) that need addressing in our community!

Additional features include:

 Maps and directions to City and County facilities

 Access to news, meeting, and event calendar sections of the City website

 Library of informational and educational videos

 One-touch phone/email connection to City Hall

Download Search "DiamondBar" in the iTunes app store



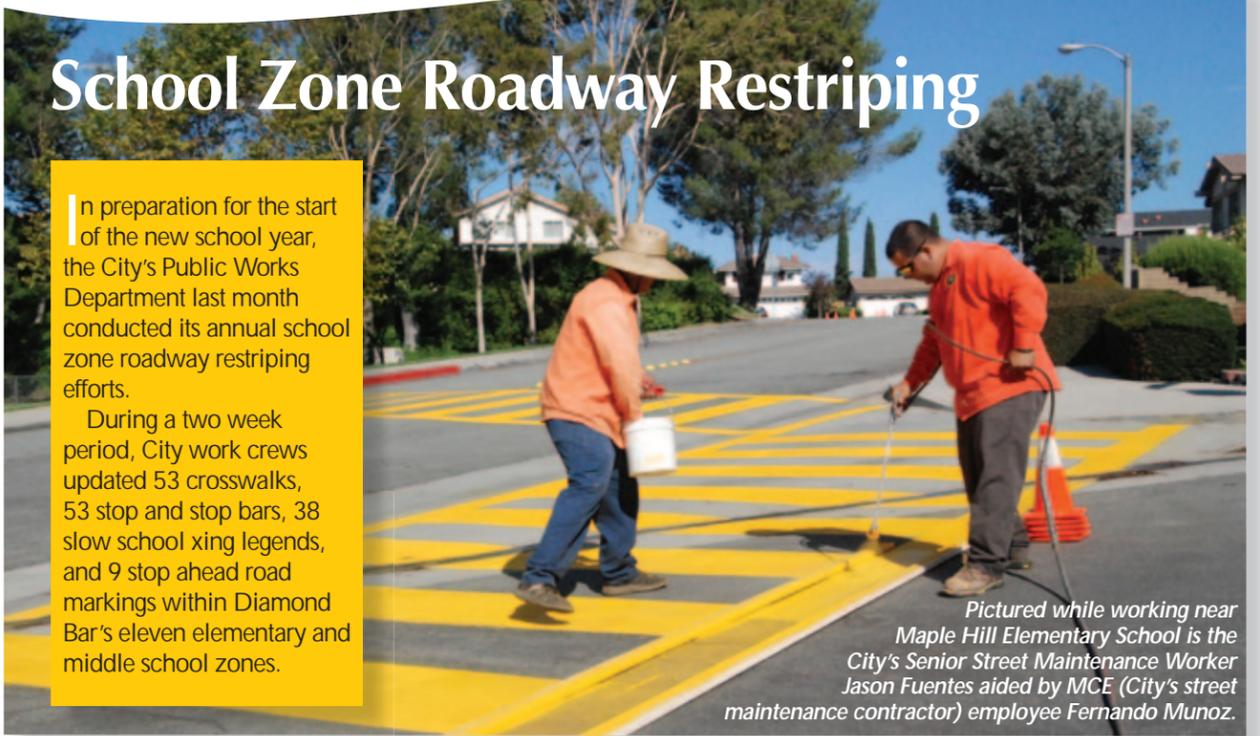
**MyDB App**

Soon coming to other mobile phone platforms!

## School Zone Roadway Restriping

In preparation for the start of the new school year, the City's Public Works Department last month conducted its annual school zone roadway restriping efforts.

During a two week period, City work crews updated 53 crosswalks, 53 stop and stop bars, 38 slow school xing legends, and 9 stop ahead road markings within Diamond Bar's eleven elementary and middle school zones.



Pictured while working near Maple Hill Elementary School is the City's Senior Street Maintenance Worker Jason Fuentes aided by MCE (City's street maintenance contractor) employee Fernando Munoz.

## School Zone Safety Tips

With school back in session, the City joins the Diamond Bar/Walnut Sheriff's Station in urging readers to exercise safe driving and walking behaviors within and near school zones.

### If on foot:

- Walk, don't run, across the street.
- Never dart onto the road or cross mid-block or from between parked cars.
- Look left, right and left again before crossing; and make sure drivers see you before crossing in front of them.
- Whenever possible cross where there are traffic signals or crosswalks, and always look to see if cars might be turning into your path.
- Avoid getting distracted by not using cell phones, music devices, or hand-held games.

### If behind the wheel:

- Drive at a safe speed in and around school zones – 25 mph is the maximum speed when children are present.

- Yield to pedestrians using marked or unmarked crosswalks; and allow them time to clear the crosswalk before proceeding.
- Do not pass the school bus while it is stopped with flashing red lights and stop sign out – children are either boarding or getting off the bus.
- Do not block other traffic – avoid u-turns in congested areas or close to an intersection.
- Do not park, even temporarily where it is illegal or block other vehicles – use designated areas to drop off or pick up your child.

As a measure to help ensure the safety of young pedestrians, the Sheriff's Station will enhance its presence within school zones and during school hours to enforce traffic safety laws, including speeding, cell phone use, illegal parking, jaywalking, and non-seatbelt use.

## CITY HALL ONLINE

24 hours a day, 7 days a week  
[www.DiamondBarCA.gov](http://www.DiamondBarCA.gov)

### "Document Central"

Hover over the "Home" tab on the City homepage and the third button down is "Document Central." Something like an online document filing system, this feature stores all the documents found on the City website in one central location to allow visitors to easily locate the information they want. Documents can be searched for by name or category.

## AAUW Invites New Members

The Diamond Bar/Walnut Branch of the American Association of University Women (AAUW) is extending a membership invitation to all local college graduates.

Now in its 30th year of incorporation, the local branch carries out activities to further the mission of AAUW of "Advancing equity for women and girls through advocacy, education, and research."

Some of these activities include supporting the "Legal Advocacy Fund" that combats discrimination in the workplace and the "Education Fund" that offers scholarships to further educational goals. On a local level, the Diamond Bar/Walnut branch annually sponsors several local middle school girls to attend "Tech Trek", a hands-on Science and Math summer camp at UC Irvine.

Having recently returned from camp, this year's Tech Trek participants will share their experiences during the branch's next dinner meeting on Tuesday, September 13.

Individuals interested in attending the dinner meeting, or obtaining more information about AAUW, may call 909.861.4822. More information about the national AAUW organization is available at [www.aauw.org](http://www.aauw.org).

## Calling all Former Service Members!

In honor of all Diamond Bar residents who are currently serving or have previously served in the U.S. Armed Forces, the City is preparing to hold its annual Veterans' Recognition Ceremony in November.

### Recognition of Former Service Members

The City is seeking the public's help in identifying all former service members who have not previously been honored by the Diamond Bar City Council so that they may be properly recognized during this ceremony. Retired or discharged Service members are presented with a special plaque, while participants of the City's Armed Forces Banner Program who are no longer actively deployed are presented their personalized streetlight pole banner.

### Veterans Memorabilia Display

Also needed is the loan of photographs, correspondence, medals, or any other items from the U.S. Civil War to present day wars. These items will be used to create a special Veterans Memorabilia Display that will be available for viewing at the ceremony, planned for November 9, from 9 am to 11 am at Diamond Bar Center.

To have your family member, friend or neighbor included in the ceremony or to contribute to the display, please contact Special Events Coordinator Andee Tarazon at 909.839.7067 or [atarazon@diamondbarca.gov](mailto:atarazon@diamondbarca.gov).

## City Office Closure

City offices and facilities will be closed Monday, September 5 in observance of the Labor Day holiday. Regular office hours resume at 7:30 am on Tuesday, September 6. Street sweeping services will not be affected, however refuse collection will be delayed by one day.

Story contributed by the Walnut Valley Unified School District

## Teachers of the Year Honored

Congratulations are in order for several Walnut Valley Unified School District teachers who earned "Teacher of the Year" recognition for their contributions during the 2010-11 school year.

The teachers, eight of whom teach at Diamond Bar schools, will be honored during the District's annual celebration of teaching "Salute to Teachers," scheduled for October 19 at the Walnut High School Performing Arts Center.

One of these honorees, Anna Landi, has also been named 2010-11 District Teacher of the Year and consequently will be representing the District in the Los Angeles County Teacher of the Year program.

The City joins the District in congratulating all of this year's honorees, with a special thank you to those who are Diamond Bar teachers:

Lori Stokes – 5th grade, Castle Rock Elementary; Sandy Moritz - 3rd grade, Evergreen Elementary; Sue Kanstul – 3rd grade, Maple Hill Elementary; Norma Morales – 1st grade, Quail Summit Elementary; Anna Landi - Social Studies, Chaparral Middle School; Shelly Yamashiro- Science, South Pointe Middle School; and Deborah Clifford-English, Diamond Bar High.

For more information, contact Kelli Gile, Office of Community Resources at 909.595.1261 ext. 31204 or email [kgile@walnutvalley.k12.ca.us](mailto:kgile@walnutvalley.k12.ca.us).



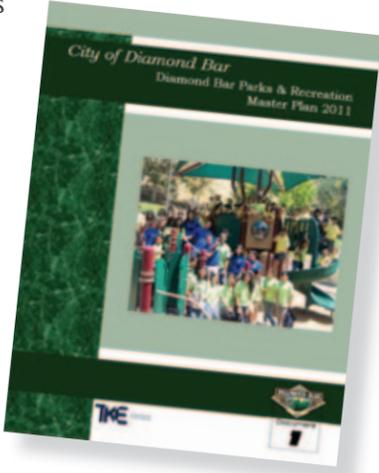
Walnut Valley Unified School District 2010-11 District Teacher of the Year, Anna Landi

# Parks Master Plan Adopted

Shaped by more than two years worth of public review and input, the City's Parks & Recreation Master Plan Update is now in operation.

The Plan, officially adopted by the Diamond Bar City Council at its July 19 meeting, will serve as a 10-year guide for improvements to be made to city parks, recreational facilities, and open areas. It also identifies opportunities for future joint-use agreements with local service providers, and recommends parcels of land for possible acquisition to expand City-owned park acreage.

To view the Plan, visit the City website [www.DiamondBarCA.gov](http://www.DiamondBarCA.gov).



# New Mini Park Coming Soon



Of symbolic importance to families who live near the park will be the incorporation of tiles on the rock-seat wall featuring the art of the park's neighborhood children. Photo is an example of a similar rock-seat wall project.

Work starts later this fall on a construction project that when completed will add to the community's stock of developed parks.

When completed, this project will create a new mini park on a vacant parcel of land at the corner of Washington Street and Lincoln Avenue.

Covering 15,000 square feet of land, the park will feature amenities suggested during two public meetings held by the City in 2009 to obtain input from neighboring residents.

These amenities include a small turf area, tot lot, shade tree, picnic tables and benches, decomposed granite pedestrian walkways, rock-seat walls and a small wood bridge.

Completion of this new park is estimated for late spring of 2012. For more information, contact the Public Information Division at 909.839.7055.

# New Signalized Intersection

Construction of a new signalized intersection, at Brea Canyon Cutoff Road where the southbound State Route 57 on- and off-ramps are located, is expected to be completed later this month.

In addition to a new traffic signal, the new intersection will be further improved with new traffic signing and pavement markings and curb ramps reconstructed to Americans with Disabilities Act safety standards.

Aimed at improving left-hand turn access from the 57 freeway onto Brea Canyon Cutoff Road and vice versa, this project is being funded with Traffic Mitigation Fees.

This new traffic signal will be operated and maintained by Caltrans.

## September is National Emergency Preparedness Month



# Are you Ready? Prepare, Plan, and Stay Informed

This month, the City is joining government agencies nationwide in a concerted effort to encourage everyone to take three simple but important steps to turn emergency preparedness awareness into action.

### Step One:

#### Develop a Family Emergency Preparedness Plan

Set aside time when all family members are available to discuss a strategy for reaching each other in the event that you are apart when the next emergency occurs.

Your discussion should include the designation of a central contact (preferably out of state) and meeting place (outside your home); the location of safe spots and escape routes in your home; and the creation of wallet-sized emergency contact sheets to be posted near telephones and carried by every family member.

### Step Two:

#### Assemble a Disaster Supply Kit

Check your home before going shopping – you may already have most of these items:

**WATER** – one gallon per person, per day for at least three days, for drinking and sanitation

**FOOD** – at least a three-day supply of non-perishable food

**RADIO** – battery-powered or hand crank, and a NOAA Weather Radio

**FIRST-AID KIT** – Include prescription medications and eyeglasses

**IMPORTANT DOCUMENTS** – copies of insurance policies, identification and bank account records, and cash (place them in a waterproof container or sturdy zip-lock bags)

**HYGIENE ITEMS** – hand sanitizers, towelettes, garbage bags, and plastic ties

**CLOTHING** – Change of clothing for each family member, including a long sleeved shirt, long pants and sturdy shoes.

**HOUSEHOLD LIQUID BLEACH**

**AND MEDICINE DROPPER** – When diluted nine parts water to one part bleach, bleach can be used as a disinfectant. Or in an emergency, you can use it to treat water by using 16 drops of regular household liquid bleach per gallon of water. Do not

use scented, color safe or bleaches with added cleaners.

**PASTIME ACTIVITIES** – books, games, puzzles, and paper and writing utensils

**ADDITIONAL ITEMS** – plastic sheeting and duct tape to shelter-in-place; and a wrench or pliers to turn off utilities at the main switches, if necessary.

### Step Three:

#### Stay Informed

Depending on the emergency, local news media outlets (radio & television) will be providing details of a regional or national scope. To get localized emergency information, such as evacuation orders, safety advisories, shelter locations, and road closures pertinent to Diamond Bar, you'll want to visit the City website

[www.diamondbarca.gov](http://www.diamondbarca.gov) or tune in to the City channel (Time Warner Ch. 3 or Verizon FiOS Ch. 47).

Also, if you haven't already, register for the City's free emergency alert system. Known as Connect-CYT, the system is designed to alert subscribers via text, email, or recorded message of impending or in-progress emergency situations affecting Diamond Bar.

### IMPORTANT REMINDERS

- ✓ Don't forget your pets – animals are not allowed in emergency shelters and may or may not be welcome in hotels.
- ✓ Already have an emergency kit? Check it to make sure the batteries work, food and water has not gone past its expiration date, and important family records (including medical prescriptions are current)
- ✓ Remember to also stock your disaster supply kit with spare batteries for your radios, flashlights, etc.
- ✓ Only shut off your gas if you see, smell, or hear it escaping and do not turn it back on yourself; instead call your utility company.

# LACoFD Secures Critical Aerial Fire-suppression Resource

Effective September 1, the Los Angeles County Fire Department begins a new five-year lease renewal with the Government of Quebec for two highly specialized amphibious firefighting aircraft.

Known as CL-415 SuperScooper, the aircraft has the ability to carry up to 1,620 gallons of water, be airborne in five minutes, fly three hours before refueling, and land on unpaved runways, lakes or rivers. They can scoop water from a lake in just 12 seconds, as well as inject it with fire-resistant foam – a combination up to three times more effective than water alone.

The lease renewal was approved by the County Board of Supervisors during its regular meeting of July 19. Through the terms of the lease, the Fire Department will be able to request the SuperScoopers on an as-



needed basis, and only incur operational expenses if the equipment is requested.

For more information about the SuperScoopers and other Fire Department firefighting resources, visit this link <http://fire.lacounty.gov/AirWildland/AirWildlandWorkingWithOtherPersonel.asp>.

# 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	909.869.0701
<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
Vector Control	562.944.9656
<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



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**Council Member**..... Ron Everett  
**Council Member**..... Carol Herrera  
**Council Member**..... Jack Tanaka  
**City Manager**..... James DeStefano

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## Snapshots Around The Community



**EYES ON THE BALL...** Set on getting to the ball before anyone else, Volunteer Justin Jong darts slightly ahead of Volunteer Alex Silva, camper Katelyn Rivera, and camper Aaron Romero during a friendly game of "Foam Frisbee Dodgeball." A camp favorite, this game is reminiscent of "Nation Ball," except Frisbees are added making the object of the game slightly more challenging: to hurl the balls and foam Frisbees at opposing players without their throw being caught. To view more photos from the City's 2011 Summer Daze Camp, visit the City website [www.diamondbarca.gov](http://www.diamondbarca.gov) and locate the "Photo Gallery" link at the top right corner.

**TEEN TIME...** More than 200 local teens came together recently for an evening of playing and socializing as part of the City's annual Teen Night Out. The popular event hosted by the City-sponsored teen club – DB4Youth in Action – took place on Friday, July 15 at Sycamore Canyon Park from 7 pm to 10 pm. All three hours were packed with fun activities, including Air Tag, Rock Band, an inflatable obstacle course, and various field games. For more information about teen-focused events, visit the City website and locate "Teen Programs" under the Recreation tab or call the City's Community Services Department at 909.839.7060.



**JUST US GIRLS...** They may be too young to realize it, but four month-old twins Abigail and Aubrey were having a "Girls Night Out" with mom Diana Torres and big sis Marina, 4 years old. The happy bunch were photographed at one of the City's Summer Concerts in the Park enjoying a cool spot and hot tunes by 80s Rock band The Cords. To catch a rebroadcast of the last concert by Journey tribute band "Lights," tune into DBtv (ch. 3 on Time Warner and ch. 47 on Verizon FiOS) every Monday and Thursday at 8 pm and on Saturday and Sundays at 1 pm and 6 pm. This year's entire seven concert series is also available for viewing on the City website [www.diamondbarca.gov](http://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
- Fall Fun Festival - 4:30-8:30 pm at Heritage Park recommended for ages 2 to 8
- Hall of Horrors - 6-9 pm at Heritage Park recommended for age 8 and older

### September 2011

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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](http://www.DiamondBarCA.gov).