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Springing Into Action to Preserve Diamond Bar

Diamond Bar Mayor Steve Tye



As we transition into the vibrant month of March, I am reminded of the spirit of renewal this season brings. Spring is a time for fresh beginnings, and in Diamond Bar, we have many opportunities and events to look forward to this season.

First, I want to remind you that while Diamond Bar is financially stable today, rising costs and slower revenue growth mean we must plan ahead to protect the services and quality of life our community expects. Through the City's Preserve DB community conversation, we are sharing clear information about our financial outlook and inviting residents, businesses, and nonprofits to help shape the path forward.

Community presentations are already underway and will continue twice a month on select Monday evenings and Saturday mornings

through mid-May. Each presentation covers the same information, including the City's budget challenges, options under consideration, and potential service impacts if no action is taken. This is a listening phase, not a decision-making one. The City Council is committed to transparency and thoughtful planning so that, together, we can preserve what makes Diamond Bar a safe, vibrant, and family-friendly community. For more information, contact the City at 909-839-7016 or visit www.diamondbarca.gov/preserveDB to view presentation dates, register for an upcoming presentation, and access additional background information.

Secondly, I want to invite you to participate in the many events and activities offered this spring. Mark your calendars and join us on Saturday, April 4, from 9-11 a.m., for Breakfast with the Bunny at the Diamond Bar Center (1600 Grand Avenue). This family-friendly, spring-themed event consists of breakfast, fun crafts and games for children ages 2 to 8, interactive dancing, and plenty of photo opportunities with the Spring Bunny. The cost to attend is \$20 per individual, including parents or guardians accompanying children. Advanced registration is required and can be completed by visiting www.diamondbarca.gov/register or in person at the Diamond Bar Center (1600 Grand Avenue). For more information, contact the Parks and Recreation Department at recreation@diamondbarca.gov or 909 839-7070.

In an effort to maintain a Safe, Sustainable and Healthy Community, join us on Saturday, April 25, from 10 a.m. – 2 p.m., in the South Coast Air Quality Management District Parking Lot (21865 Copley Drive) for the City's Earth Day Celebration. The event includes a variety of educational presentations, workshops, vendor booths, and community performances, making it a day filled with fun and learning for the entire family. The event will also include free drive-thru services for paper shredding, textile recycling, and electronic waste drop-off. For more information, contact the City's Environmental Services Division at greendb@diamondbarca.gov or 909-839-7015.

Remember, you are the eyes of our community, and the City Council values your feedback, concerns, and questions. Please feel free to reach out to me or any other council member by calling 909-839-7010 or using the links to our email addresses available on the City Council Member web pages of the City's website. ■



Preserve Diamond Bar

A Community Conversation About Our City's Future

Get involved. Share your input.
Attend a community presentation. Stay informed.



The City of Diamond Bar's budget is balanced this year, but only through one-time savings. Without those, the City would already face a deficit of over \$700,000. By 2030, that shortfall is expected to grow to \$3.15 million annually, and by 2036 it could exceed \$7 million annually.

For now, residents will not see immediate cuts to services. Public safety, parks, and public works remain priorities. But with costs rising faster than revenues, the City must plan ahead to keep services reliable and protect the quality-of-life residents expect.



Community Feedback Form

The City is dedicated to maintaining the services residents value. Scan the QR code to share your input on the City services that matter most to you, indicate your communication channels, and provide feedback on how the City is doing. Take a moment to complete the feedback form.



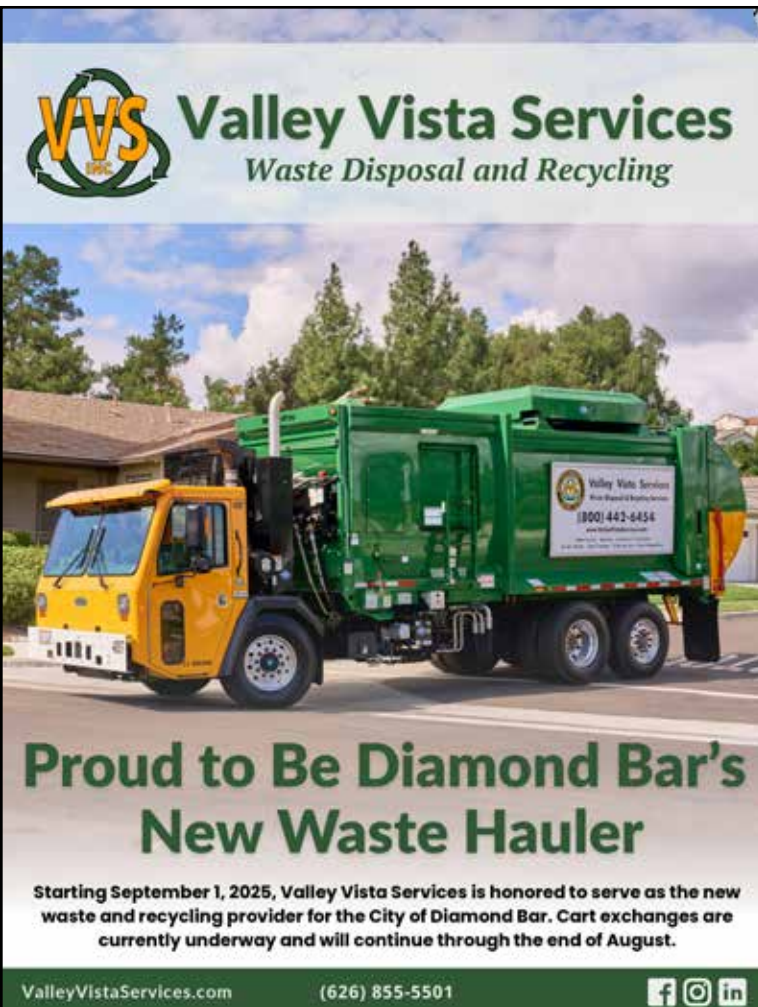
Together we can ensure Diamond Bar remains a safe, vibrant and family-friendly community for years to come.

Community Presentations

Residents are invited to attend an informational presentation on the City's financial condition and projected structural deficit. All presentations will share the same information and be held in the Windmill Room at City Hall, 21810 Copley Drive.

- February 7 | 9-11 a.m.
- February 23 | 6:30-8:30 p.m.
- March 9 | 6:30-8:30 p.m.
- March 21 | 9-11 a.m.
- April 13 | 6:30-8:30 p.m.
- April 18 | 9-11 a.m.
- May 11 | 6:30-8:30 p.m.
- May 16 | 9-11 a.m.

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Community Spotlight Diamond Bar Community Foundation Board Member Stuart Pompel:

Building Community Through Music and Leadership

For nearly four decades, Stuart Pompel has dedicated his career to strengthening communities through the performing arts. His work reflects the very mission of the Diamond Bar Community Foundation — strengthening and enriching the quality of life for local residents.

Stuart’s connection to Diamond Bar began in 1987, when he started teaching percussion for the Diamond Bar High School Marching Band. For more than 15 years, he worked with local students, helping them grow not only as musicians, but as disciplined, confident young adults. Those early years laid the groundwork for what would become a lifelong commitment to youth development in the region.

In 1993, Stuart was a founding instructor of Pacific Crest Youth Arts Organization. The organization was founded in Diamond Bar and now also represents the City of Industry and larger Southern California region. While its flagship program is a nationally touring drum and bugle corps – and a member of Drum Corps International’s World Class, Pacific Crest is a nationally recognized leader in providing performing arts programs, education, and outreach to more than 5,000 youth each year.

Stuart served as part-time Executive Director of Pacific Crest from 1996 to 2018 and was appointed as full-time CEO in 2019. Under his leadership, Pacific Crest evolved from a small startup ensemble into a respected performing arts education organization that serves students from across the country.

While Pacific Crest now tours nationally, its partnership with Diamond Bar remains foundational. For more than 30 years, Diamond Bar High School and the Walnut Valley Unified School District have provided rehearsal facilities during the pre-season — a collaboration that exemplifies how local institutions can work together to expand cultural and educational opportunities for young people.

Through Pacific Crest, hundreds of students each year gain access to high-level music education, leadership development, and performance experiences. Thousands more participate in our education and outreach programs. These programs reflect the Foundation’s commitment to enhancing the cultural and social fabric of Diamond Bar and the surrounding region.



Stuart brings a strategic lens to the Diamond Bar Community Foundation’s efforts. He works alongside board members, contributing his extensive expertise in nonprofit fundraising and governance. His leadership extends beyond the local level, as well, where he serves on the Board of Directors for Drum Corps International, helping oversee the business for the league. Over the years, he has chaired the DCI Audit Committee, Governance Committee, and has served on the Finance Committee and various taskforces – contributing steady oversight and long-term vision to the broader music education community.

A graduate of Chapman University with a Bachelor of Arts in Social Sciences and a teaching credential, Stuart approaches leadership through an educator’s lens — focused on mentorship, sustainability, and opportunity. His work consistently bridges vision and execution, pairing big-picture strategy with practical implementation.

Stuart lives in Placentia with his wife Ann Luecha of 25 years, where they raised their two daughters, Maya and Tahlia. Reflecting on his years of service, he shared:

“Being part of a community that invests in its young people is something I deeply value. Partnering with the region’s community leaders for more than 30 years to create opportunities through music continues to bring me great joy!” ■

Being Water Wise Photo Contest

By Katrina Lumague, featuring Kammi Han and Allison Teo

Every year, Walnut Valley Water District (WVWD) invites students in their service area to participate in the annual “Being Water Wise Is...” Art Contest. Students are encouraged to express their creativity while learning about the importance of water conservation in our communities. Winning artwork is featured on WVWD’s website and social media platforms. Students and their teachers are also honored at a special recognition ceremony every Spring.

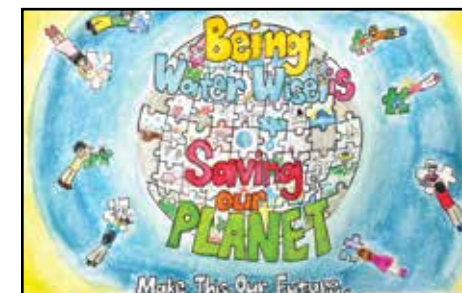
In 2025, Jeremy Han was chosen as WVWD’s First place winner in the 7th–8th grade category “Being Water Wise Is...” Art Contest. His artwork is featured in Metropolitan Water District’s 2026 student art calendar. Of the hundreds of pieces submitted from across Southern California, only thirty-nine were selected for publication in the annual calendar of art.



2025 First Place Winner Jeremy Han

Past winners include Kammi Han and Allison Teo. Kammi participated in the WVWD poster contest from 2022–2024. “I won 1st place twice and 2nd place the first time I entered. I’ve wanted to join the contest since 5th grade, to raise awareness of water conservation. It challenged me to create different art pieces to show why we must save water and how we must be water-wise.” stated Kammi.

Allison submitted art to the Walnut Valley Water District poster contest in 2025, winning third place. “After being encouraged to participate in this contest at school, I realized that this was an opportunity to spread awareness of climate change and the importance of water through art. By participating in this competition, I learned that anyone could make a difference in conserving water.



2025 3rd Place Allison Teo

Allison Teo (7th grade) Lorbeer Middle School was awarded third place in the Walnut Valley Water District poster contest in 2025. Her artwork showcases a globe with puzzle pieces connecting ways of conserving water. This piece demonstrates her quote of how “Being Water Wise is Saving our Planet” and all acts of water conservation lead to a better future.

Kammi Han (9th Grade) placed 1st Place in the 7th–8th Grade category in 2024. Her piece showcases various ways to be waterwise, arranged within a sphere held in human hands. The piece “The future is in our hands,” symbolizes how our choices shape the world’s future, and that the wellbeing of our planet rests in our hands.



2024 1st Place Kammi Han



2023 1st Place Kammi Han

In 2023, Kammi Han placed 1st in the Middle School Category, with her piece “Honor water, save each little drop in the earth.” A water facility is drawn in the center representing the heart of our water system, distributing water through pipes to homes, schools, and recreational areas. This artwork illustrates the importance of conserving and protecting water through sustainable choices. ■

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A Stage for the Future: DBHS Seniors Forge a Sustainable Community Space

By Ashlie Fang, 10th Grade, DBHS

Diamond Bar High School is poised for a stunning transformation, spearheaded by four senior leaders, Aston Fang, Nicolas Heng, Dylan Rosen, and Nathan Yu, who turned a simple student need into a groundbreaking community project.

The Genesis: From Golden Horseshoe to Golden Opportunity
The idea began four years ago. As freshmen, these students appreciated the move from the old band room (affectionately dubbed the "Golden Horseshoe") into the spacious new facilities. "We recognized how fortunate we were to have this new building," Aston (12th grade) shared. "But we also knew we needed a space for the students who spend so many hours here."

With nearly 700 students in the music program attending lengthy rehearsals and events, the need for a dedicated, nearby place to relax and do homework was evident. What started as a simple idea for benches quickly grew in scope. After initial consultations with the project advisor, Mr. Acciani, and the architect for the music building, Pasquale Guttierrez, the students recognized the lot's potential to become a Greek-style amphitheater environment, offering tiered seating and a collaborative space.

Collaboration Cultivates a Sustainable Design

A pivotal moment came with the involvement of the Landscape Architecture Department at Cal Poly Pomona. This collaboration took the project from a student fix to a sustainable community effort. The Cal Poly department chair, Ms. Claire Latané, helped the students realize they could turn challenges into assets. For instance, she pointed out the need to manage existing trees on the lot. The creative solution: repurpose the wood into benches and seating, a cost-reductive way to honor the environment and provide natural seating. The design prioritizes sustainability, emphasizing drought-resistant landscaping and preserving the natural habitat to ensure minimal long-term maintenance costs for the school.

Community Spirit: Sponsorship and Water Reclamation

Crucially, this project will not draw upon the school's regular financial resources. The students are currently securing community support through outreach and collaboration. They reached out to Instrumental Music Director Mr. Acciani, who enthusiastically agreed to involve future music leadership in maintaining the area, ensuring the project's longevity.



Their efforts brought in external partners willing to consult and sponsor. A major win was engaging the Walnut Valley Water District to explore the environmentally friendly irrigation design such as use of reclaimed water. Generous support and consultation have been secured from sponsors including Valley Vista Services, SoCal Gas, SAT Professionals, and the Diamond Bar Community Foundation just to name a few.

The perfect alignment of their goal was solidified when the Chair of the Cal Poly Pomona Landscape Architecture Department, gifted the students a book she authored, Schools That Heal. One senior noted: "It truly fits our mission to create a healing and inspiring space for the student body."

A Legacy of Student Partnership

The project fosters a cross-generational partnership, serving as the Spring Showcase project for Cal Poly Pomona's second-year landscape architecture students. DBHS students will actively collaborate, providing crucial community surveys to ensure the design meets the needs of the wider Diamond Bar community. Construction led by both groups of students is planned for the later part of spring after the Cal Poly showcase.

These seniors feel immense gratitude: "We are fortunate to be the first class in this music building to have this opportunity to reciprocate our gratitude to the school and community. We hope this project will inspire future students to find their own ways to make a lasting, positive impact." The students appreciate the guidance from the school administration and the overwhelming support from the Diamond Bar community, proving that a student-led vision can truly become a reality. ■

Diamond Bar Community Foundation News

Happy Spring from The DBCF!

The DBCF Winter Gala was a wonderful event thanks to our supporters who helped make the evening very special. The highlight of the night was honoring Diamond Bar High School's Instrumental Music Director Steve Acciani for providing beautiful music at our DBCF Galas since the very beginning 20 years ago and his close to 40 years making a difference at DBHS. The full 120 member Symphony Orchestra from DBHS delighted attendees with music from Romeo and Juliet. It was a truly beautiful performance and wonderful tribute to our beloved Steve Acciani.

The Winter Gala brought together community members, neighbors and friends



Zach Cannon playing with Soto Band at the Gala

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who were there to help raise money for Art, Culture and Recreation programs in the City of Diamond Bar. This year's proceeds have been designated for Diamond Bar's Stevens Fields, now owned by the City. Special thanks to Tricia Cannon for all her hard work on The Gala.

We are very grateful to our generous sponsors!

Golfing Fore the Kids

Please join us for The DBCF's Golfing Fore the Kids on Monday, May 11 at Western Hills Country Club in Chino Hills. Individual golfers are \$175.00 with sponsorships available. We are also looking for donations for the silent auction. Contact tricia.dbcf@gmail.com for more information or to sign up. ■



DBC Board Members Gil Rivera and Ruben Torres enjoying the Gala



DBC Board at Winter Gala



Ed and Pearl Hilden celebrating Ed's birthday at the Gala



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Diamond Bar High School Wins 2026 National Orchestra Cup in New York

By Megan Liu, DBHS Symphony Orchestra Student

For students in Diamond Bar High School's Symphony Orchestra, our recent trip to New York symbolized more than a national competition; it was a celebration of hard work and dedication. As the students performed Prokofiev's Romeo and Juliet at Alice Tully Hall, one of the nation's most prestigious stages, the school's orchestra delivered a first-place victory to mark the final competitive season for longtime director Steve Acciani.

Led and conducted by Heeseong Lee, an internationally recognized choral conductor and DMA candidate in choral music, Diamond Bar High School's students competed against student orchestras from across the nation, delivering a meaningful performance.

Reflecting upon the countless hours spent on weekends and weeknights preparing for this competition, students cherished this opportunity to deliver a heartfelt perfor-



Diamond Bar Symphony Orchestra Presidents with Trophies (Left) Eric Wang, (Middle) Conductor Heeseong Lee, (Right) Scott Matsumoto



Group Photo with Diamond Bar High School Symphony Orchestra, Conductor Heeseong Lee, Director Steve Acciani, and Instrumental Music Coaches

mance. The victory for Diamond Bar held special significance for music director Steve Acciani, who has led the music program and orchestra for 19 years, total of 37 years with teaching, coaching and directing, and will retire at the end of this school year.

Under his leadership, the program grew in size and the student's appreciation for music, through his determination to provide students with the highest level of music education and opportunity.

As a large part of Diamond Bar's community, this win was celebrated by students and families as a truly proud moment for both the school and the community. While the school year continues to progress, this achievement stands as a memorable chapter in Mr. Steve Acciani's career, and a legacy for Diamond Bar High School's Symphony Orchestra, as they represent a bright future in music for the youth. ■



Group On-stage Photo (Alice Tully Hall)

Lorbeer Robotics Students Compete in Regional Championship

The Lorbotics Team: Zoey Ching, Elisa Cheung, Leland Chung, Kaelyn Lam, Kydan Lam, Liam Nguyen, Allison Teo, and Angelina Wu put in an incredible amount of time and effort this year. With the guidance of their coaches, Mr. Nguyen and Mrs. Tang, and the support of their dedicated parents, they worked their way to the Regional Championship in engineering, coding, and teamwork.

Throughout the year, students met regularly to design, build, and program a robot capable of completing complex autonomous missions. There were multiple prototypes along the way and plenty of trial and error. Students learned that when something did not work, it was not "failure," but rather part of the process. Along with building the robot, they sharpened their block-based coding skills and developed match strategies to make the most of the fast-paced, two-and-a-half-minute competition rounds.

Making it to the Regional Championship was a huge accomplishment. While they did not advance to the next level, the experience was invaluable. They competed against some of the top teams in the region, handled technical hiccups calmly under pressure, and spent the day collaborating and learning alongside other talented students.

For those unfamiliar with FIRST LEGO League, it is much more than just playing with bricks. This year's theme focused on archaeology, and teams were challenged in several areas:

- Innovation Project: The team developed a custom app prototype addressing real-world archaeological challenges and presented it to a panel of judges within a strict time limit.



- Robot Game: Students programmed a robot to complete specific tasks, such as moving and picking up items or triggering levers.
- Core Values: Key concepts including Discovery, Inclusion, Fun, Innovation, Teamwork, and Impact.
- Their hard work throughout the 2025–2026 season truly paid off. We are proud to share that the Lorbotics Team earned several honors at the Regional Championship:
- 1st Place – Robot Design: Awarded for their exceptional engineering and programming.
- 1st Place – Core Values Award: For demonstrating extraordinary teamwork and support for one another.
- Coach/Mentor Award – Mr. Nguyen: Recognizing his leadership and dedication to student growth.

This was truly a team effort. A huge thank you to Mr. Nguyen and Mrs. Tang, along with the parents who handled logistics, gathered materials, and kept spirits high during the inevitable ups and downs of the season, and to the diligent members of the Lorbotics Team.

You showed what it means to be a Longhorn, representing our school with pride, perseverance, and skill.

Written by the Lorbotics students, Mrs. Chelsea Frazier (Lorbeer Teacher), and Mr. Vuthy Tim (Lorbeer Teacher Specialist). ■



Diamond Bar Resident Inducted into the Softball Hall of Fame

Kimberly Jones, who grew up in Diamond Bar, was recently inducted into the Softball Hall of Fame. Kim started playing when she was 7 in the Diamond Bar Softball League. By 11 years old, she was competing on travel ball teams. She attended Bishop Amat High School where she played on the varsity team as a freshman and was chosen Most Valuable Player before she graduated.

Kim toured Japan with Team USA playing against teams in Tokyo, Kyoto, and Osaka. She attended Cal Poly Pomona from 1989-1991 and played for Invasion, a women's travel team where she was their youngest player, being selected when she was 18.

In 1991 Kim received a scholarship to Chaminade University of Hawaii where she played for two seasons. She was then recruited to play Internationally for Lazio Softball in Rome, Italy, competing during the summer months. After playing for Scripps College and the CMS Athenas for two years, Kim became an assistant coach



Kimberly Jones pictured in center of back row on CMS Team

at CMS. In 1997 Kim moved to Hong Kong where she played softball leisurely at Hong Kong Softball Association. ■



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Say it Now Day!

By Joe Shim, Jingtong Yang, Kaylee Gee, and Vida Enriquez

On December 17th, Pantera Elementary was one of three schools nationally recognized for its involvement in the “Say it Now” movement, founded by Walter Green, which promotes expressing gratitude immediately. <https://justsayitnow.org/>

Sixth grade students at Pantera created special webpages to share gratitude with a chosen family member who made a difference in their lives. Jingtong, Kaylee, and Vida volunteered to share their work nationally to inspire others.

Vida Enriquez, wrote her page for her dad, noting the positive emotional impact of sharing her gratitude. Kaylee Gee, created her project for her mom, emphasizing the importance of showing thanks and planning to share it on Mother’s Day. Jingtong Yang, expressed gratitude for his three sisters—Nicole, Elsa, and Ella—highlighting their funny moments and happy memories.

Posted on Say it Now’s official Instagram account they highlight our students’ work to inspire others. https://www.instagram.com/reel/DUYUtZmES8B/?utm_source=ig_web_button_share_sheet

Kids should always show gratitude to their loved ones because they have done so much for them. You should not only show gratitude on special days, but every day. I wrote this website for my dad because he has always been there for me, and I just wanted to share it.
-Vida Enriquez, 6th grade

Reflection: I gave my Gratitude page to my dad on Christmas. It made my dad very emotional. He was happy to have me as his daughter. I was glad to have a father who appreciates what I do for him and what he does for me. It made me happy to see him joyful.

When there is someone you love who has done so much for you in your life, you would probably want to do something to show thanks. This gratitude project is to show that person how much they mean to you. It’s to help that person know that you are grateful for the things they did for you. My mom has been an important part of my life so I want to show her how thankful I am. I think other people should share their gratitude to that one person that has been there for them.
-Kaylee Gee, 6th grade

There is a reason why people say things about gratitude. Whether it is for Thanksgiving or a Say It Now project. The reason we



Say it Now participants Jingtong, Kaylee and Vida with their teacher Mr. Shim

do this is to express our feelings to people about the good times. Think about the times they made you laugh, or the memories you enjoyed. What were some things you liked about each other? A trio of people that I’m grateful for are Nicole, Elsa and Ella, who are my sisters. The reason I’m grateful for them is because they have funny moments, and happy memories. Send them to a park and they’ll have fun. Although Ella and Elsa might look the same, one of them might give you a sticker as a gift with the other playing games together. Nicole can get silly when she least expects it. Just take a picture of a funny pose and she’ll be sure to laugh with you.
-Jingtong Yang, 6th grade

Published on Youtube these students were recognized by the PUSD school board at the March meeting. Walter Green’s new book Gratitude Express was given out free to classrooms across the country to inspire action. ■



SR 57/60 CONFLUENCE CHOKEPOINT RELIEF PROJECT

WHAT’S GOING ON IN DIAMOND BAR?

Recent



The new SR-60 bypass bridge is steadily taking shape as it nears its future connection with the 60 Freeway.

Recent



Construction crews recently completed work on the new on- and off-ramp, laying the foundation for a rock-solid base! Work continues in the surrounding area.

Goal



The proposed bypass bridge will create a much smoother transition onto the eastbound 60 Freeway. This new design eliminates the ‘chokehold’ caused by left-side merges. It also provides a dedicated lane for local exits, allowing drivers to exit safely without having to weave and cross multiple lanes of high-speed traffic in a short distance.

Goal



The reconfigured on- and off-ramp (in yellow) is designed to improve traffic flow and safely manage higher vehicle volumes.



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Celebrating Excellence: WVUSD 2025 Cornerstone Awards Banquet

Congratulations to Walnut Valley Unified School District's 12 Outstanding Classified Employees, who were recognized as monthly honorees throughout 2025 and celebrated at the 27th Annual Cornerstone Awards Banquet on February 12, 2026. Each Cornerstone honoree has been selected for going the "extra mile" to support the students, teachers, and schools in Walnut Valley!

Congratulations to the following 2025 Cornerstone Award Recipients:

- January – Nicholas Smith, Maintenance Worker II, Maintenance, Operations, Transportation, & Facilities
- February – Hsiu-Feng "Tina" Lee, Instructional Aide II - Bilingual/Bicultural, South Pointe Middle School
- March – John Rodriguez, Campus Security Officer, Diamond Bar High School (2025 Classified Employee of the Year)
- April – Dustin Kim, Morning and Noon Aide, Maple Hill Elementary School
- May – Natalie Johnson, Office Assistant, Quail Summit Elementary School
- June – Alice Zaiantz, Instructional Materials Center Technician, Educational Services
- July – Nelson Hou, Network Engineer, Technology
- August – Deanna Rizzo, Health Clerk, Evergreen Elementary School

- September – Corinne Liao, Instructional Aide II - Bilingual/Bicultural, Suzanne Middle School
- October – Roxana Arce, Instructional Aide III - Special Education, HARTT Center/RHA
- November – Joaquin Guzman, Mechanic II, Transportation
- December – Jacobo "JC" Corona, Custodian II, Colledge-wood Elementary School



John Rodriguez, 2025 Classified Employee of the Year, with WVUSD Board of Trustees

Congratulations to John Rodriguez, Campus Security Officer at Diamond Bar High School, for being named the 2025 Classified Employee of the Year! He was surprised with the exciting announcement during the 27th Annual Cornerstone Awards Banquet.

John is celebrating an incredible 30 years of service to Walnut Valley Unified School District. He demonstrates a "Kids First" philosophy every day through his dedication to student safety and support - whether at school events, athletic competitions, or after-school programs. A trusted and respected presence on the Diamond Bar High School campus, he consistently goes above and beyond to ensure students feel safe, supported, and cared for. We thank him for his decades of service, professionalism, and unwavering commitment to students. He truly embodies the spirit of the Cornerstone Award. ■



The 12 Cornerstone Award recipients with the WVUSD Board of Trustees

Rotary Club of Walnut Valley, 4-Way Speech Contest

The Rotary Club of Walnut Valley invited High school students to participate in the 4-Way Speech Contest on February 7, 2026. This was an opportunity for students to share their thoughts while demonstrating their public speaking skills. With each year's contest, Rotary reaffirms its commitment to youth by acquainting students, parents, schools and the community with Rotary's 4-Way Test and by recognizing, encouraging and rewarding hard work and accomplishment among the students. All the speakers were bright, thoughtful, articulate and engaging.

Speakers at Rotary's contest expanded on the theme of "Unite for Good" and "Rotary's 4-Way Test." They spoke about education, climate change, compassion, unity, leadership, diversity, love of good food, understanding and appreciating cultural differences and music. Each of the student participants was well informed, organized, poised and effective. The top three participants received cash prizes, and the winner of the speech contest will advance to the Area Level contest for an opportunity to win the regional prize. All the participants in both contests were excellent orators. Congratulations to the winners, and we wish them great success as they move to the next level of competition.

The winner of this year's Speech Contest is Scarlett Li from Rowland High School. First runner up is Nathan Kung from Walnut High School. Second runner up is Camilo Magallon from Santana High School. ■



The Diamond Bar librarians along with Friends of the Library Membership Chair Lee Mao celebrated Lunar New Year at Diamond Bar High School by offering free books and Red Envelopes filled with goodies.

The librarians were excited to share about the programs at the library, including celebrations of Black History Month, Valentine's Day, Presidents' Day and Lunar New Year. Each month, the library has many special programs for everyone. All these programs are free and are sponsored by the Friends of the Library.

The Annual Wine Soirée Fundraiser

The Friends of the Library will be hosting the 32nd Annual Wine Soirée at the Diamond Bar Center on Sunday, June 7th from 3-7 p.m. This is a once-a-year event that raises money for the library's special programs, books and materials. All the funds raised directly benefit our Diamond Bar Library.



This fun event is an afternoon of enjoying wonderful food, refreshing beers, delicious wines and having fun bidding on exciting live and silent auction items. The theme this year is Sippin' on the Ritz. It's the best party in town! Please visit <https://dblibraryfriends.org> for more information and tickets. Save the date!

Read Together Diamond Bar is back!

Read Together Diamond Bar month is April 2026. Read Together Diamond Bar is a month-long program to unite our community, include everyone of all ages and backgrounds, and to encourage reading.

This year's theme looks at a recent sad historical moment: the internment of Americans of Japanese descent during World War II. The teen/adult book is "They Called Us Enemy" by George Takei. "Stealing Home" by J. Torres is the book selection for ages 8 to 12, and "My Lost Freedom", also by George Takei, is the picture book selection for young children.

Our librarians will be providing many activities and programs related to these books for adults, teens, and children throughout the month of April.

Get Ready for The Essay Contest

Our annual student essay writing contest, "How a Book Changed My Life" is taking essay submissions until Saturday, April 11, 2026. Here's an opportunity to share about a favorite book and what that book meant to you. Three essay winners will each receive a \$300 award and bragging rights! Entries must be mailed or dropped off at the Diamond Bar Library.

The awards presentation will be at the finale of Read Together Diamond Bar on Saturday, April 25th at 2 p.m. in the Windmill Room. ■

Join The Diamond Bar Woman's Club in Making a Difference This Spring!

The Diamond Bar Woman's Club is excited to announce a wonderful upcoming event aimed at raising funds to benefit our community.

Mother and Daughter Brunch and Fashion Show – May 2

Save the Date: Celebrate Mothers Daughters with brunch on May 2 at Mountain Meadows Golf Course. This festive gathering is a perfect way to celebrate mothers and daughters while contributing to a great cause. Enjoy delicious food, delightful company, music, and entertainment.

Scholarship Application Period Now Open

We are pleased to announce that the application period for the Diamond Bar Woman's Club scholarships is now open. All high school seniors residing in Diamond Bar or attending high schools in Diamond Bar are eligible and encouraged to apply. This is an excellent opportunity for students to receive financial support as they pursue higher education.

Application Deadline: April 17

For more details about scholarship eligibility, requirements, and the application process, please visit the Diamond Bar Woman's Club website.

How You Can Help

Your involvement makes a difference! We invite everyone in the community to support our community by attending our Mother and Daughter Brunch and Fashion Show. By joining us, you're helping to build brighter futures for Diamond Bar's young scholars.

Let's come together to make this season unforgettable for our students. Mark your calendars, spread the word, and show your support! ■



Woman's Club's Abbey Howell with Councilman Chou and wife Jennifer

The Diamond Bar Renaissance

The Diamond Bar Woman's Club presents The Diamond Bar Renaissance: a free Open Mic, where art meets community. The microphones are calling you. Come showcase your artistry in a great indoor venue with stadium seating and great acoustics. We welcome poets, musicians, singers, comics, dancers, artists of all genres. It is a warm, friendly and welcoming environment. The community is welcome to come showcase your talent or come be a member of the audience and support the artists with your smiling faces, listening ears and positive attitude. The location is South Coast AQMD Building, 21865 Copley Drive, Diamond Bar, CA 91765. Please contact The Diamond Bar Woman's Club: Arts & Culture Chairman, Marriyan Hill via email at marriyan@msn.com for more details. Please follow us on Facebook at: Marriyan ThePoet, or Diamond Bar Woman's Club for more details for date and time of the monthly event. We look forward to seeing you all there to enjoy great entertainment, friends and community. ■



SAVE THE DATE

Sippin' on the Ritz

**Diamond Bar Friends of the Library
32nd Annual Wine Soirée
June 7, 2026**

**Join us at the Diamond Bar Center
1600 Grand Ave., Diamond Bar
June 7, 2026 | 3-7pm**

All proceeds directly benefit the Diamond Bar Library
Tickets - \$75 each | Must be age 21 or older to attend
Reserve early - limited tickets

To purchase tickets or for more information
visit dblibraryfriends.org or call 951-318-3340



Upcoming Events 21

Check Out Diamond Bar Events in 2026!

Please send community events you would like to add to jodymroberto@gmail.com

April	
1-30	Join the Windmill Hunt for a month long scavenger hunt that the whole family can participate in! Register to participate. Visit www.diamondbarca.gov for details.
1	Passover
1	April Fool's Day
5	Easter Sunday
12	Breakfast with the Bunny at Diamond Bar Center from 9:00am - 11:00am. This spring-themed event includes breakfast, crafts and games for ages 2-8, interactive dancing and a photo with the Bunny. Advance registration required. Register online at www.diamondbarca.gov/recregister or at the Diamond Bar Center.
12	Wedding & Event Expo from 11:00am - 3:00pm at the Diamond Bar Center. See page 14 for details.
16-17, 23-25	Diamond Bar High School Performing Arts presents Beetlejuice at 7:00pm. Additional performance on April 25 at 2:00pm. Tickets are \$12 for students / kids & \$15 for adults.
17	Diamond Bar Woman's Club Scholarship application deadline. See page 20 for details.
19	Diamond Bar Woman's Club Diamond Bar Renaissance Open Mic at South Coast AGMD Bldg. See page 20 for details.

April	
22	Earth Day
25	Earth Day Celebration at AQMD parking lot from 9:00am - 2:00pm. Includes paper shredding, e-waste, textile recycling, workshops and activities.

May	
2	Diamond Bar Woman's Club Mother and Daughter Brunch and Fashion Show. See page 20 for details.
10	Mother's Day
11	Diamond Bar Community Foundation Golfing "fore" Kids at Western Hills Country Club. See page 10 for details.
25	Memorial Day

June	
7	The Friends of the Library will be hosting the 32nd Annual Wine Soirée at the Diamond Bar Center from 3:00pm - 7:00pm. See page 19 for details.
10	Concerts in the Park & Movies from 6:30pm - 8:00pm at Summitridge Park. Concert: Funk Station. Movie: The Lion King (1994).

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<p>Closed 1.15.26 @ \$1,735,000</p> <p>Walnut, 21853 E. Snow Creek Dr. 4 bedrooms, bonus room, 3 baths, 2704 sf., blt 1988, 9741 sf lot. 1 bed and bath downstairs. Walnut High School.</p> <p>\$1,612,888</p>	<p>Closed 12.19.25 @ \$1,488,000</p> <p>Chino Hills, 2155 Camino Largo Dr. 4 bedrooms, loft, 3 baths. 2811 sf., built 1988, 8112 sf lot. Possible downstairs 5th bedroom is currently an oversized family room. Extensive remodel. N. Chino Hills</p> <p>\$1,480,000</p>	<p>Closed 10.31.25 @ \$1,308,000</p> <p>Diamond Bar, 1739 Shadehill Pl. 4 beds 3 baths, bonus room, 2334 sf., built in 1978, 7821 sf. cds lot. Downstairs bed and bath. Walnut Valley School Dist.</p> <p>\$1,249,800</p>	<p>Spacious CDS Lot</p> <p>Phillips Ranch, 12 Franciscan Pl. 4 beds, 4 baths, 2706 sf., built in 1987, usable 19,088 sf lot, 1 bed/bath downstairs, pool, spa, gated RV parking. Make it beautiful, fix and save! Schools shared w/Diamond Bar.</p> <p>\$1,199,800</p>
<p>Closed 3.10.26 @ \$1,130,000</p> <p>Phillips Ranch, 53 Westbrook Ln. 4 beds 3 baths, 2298 sf., built 1987, 14720 sf lot. Newer roof. Possible RV parking. Remodeled kitchen/baths.</p> <p>\$1,175,000</p>	<p>View Deck and RV Parking</p> <p>Diamond Bar, 24224 High Knob Dr. 4 bedrooms, 3 baths, Appx 2394 sf (450 sf is a 2 bedroom out building). Built 1984, spacious 10079 sf lot. 1 bed & bath downstairs. Walk to Peterson Park.</p> <p>\$998,000</p>	<p>Closed 10.31.25 @ \$940,000</p> <p>Chino, 6730 Harrington Ct. 4 bedrooms, bonus room, 3 baths, 2616 sf, built in 1990, 6545 sf lot. Quiet cul de sac, main floor bedroom. Excellent schools</p> <p>\$949,800</p>	<p>Quiet Cul De Sac</p> <p>Phillips Ranch, 5 Navajo Trail Ln. 4 bedrooms, 3 bath, 2020 sf., built 1981, 5131 sf lot. Tri level, downstairs bedroom. Beautiful yard and move in condition.</p> <p>\$919,000</p>
<p>Move in Ready!</p> <p>Chino, 12973 Arlington Ln. 3 beds and a retreat, 2.5 baths, 1710 sf., built 1985, 7400 sf corner lot, large granite spa (spool), covered patio, paid for solar. Original owner pride of ownership.</p> <p>\$859,000</p>	<p>Make It Your Own</p> <p>Phillips Ranch, 8 Tanglewood Dr. 4 beds, 2.5 baths, 2097 sf., built in 1979, 6601 sf corner lot. Ready for your remodeling ideas! Award winning schools.</p> <p>\$838,000</p>	<p>Closed 12.22.25 @ \$688,000</p> <p>Pomona, 1706 Grier St. 3 bedrooms 1 bathroom, 1162 sf., built in 1947, Oversized 11673 sf lot. Possible lot split. Room for an ADU. Remodeled interior.</p> <p>\$695,000</p>	<p>5 Acres Zoned Residential</p> <p>Phillips Ranch, 25 Franciscan Pl. Stunning views of Mount Baldy and city lights in the Pomona Valley. Award winning schools shared w/ N. Diamond Bar. Build 1 to 4 homes possibly. No approved plans yet.</p> <p>\$638,000</p>
<p>Pending</p> <p>Murrieta, 33810 Willow Haven Ln #101 3 bedrooms, 2.5 baths, 1814 sf., built 2005, newer paint and carpet. Patio and 2 car attached garage. Gated community, pool and spa. Or lease for \$2800 per month.</p> <p>\$499,750</p>	<p>4 Bedroom 2 Bath Lease</p> <p>Diamond Bar, 3603 Castle Rock Rd. 1724 sf., built in 1963, 7906 sf lot. Private yard with a patio. 2 bedrooms down and 2 up. Walnut School District. DB High!</p> <p>\$3,600/Month</p>	<p>TESTIMONIAL: <i>"Ty was very personable and was in constant communication with us throughout the process. He is knowledgeable and new just how to get us the most for our house. We definitely recommend him!"</i> - Joe and Sandy Schaffer, Formerly of 2155 Camino Largo Dr., Chino Hills. Dec 2025. Sold Over Full Price.</p>	

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