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“Snowboarder Bandit” Convicted

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Santa Ana – A man dubbed the “Snowboarder Bandit” was convicted this week of committing robberies in 10 Orange County banks.

Michael Brandon Franks, 30, Riverside, pleaded guilty to a court offer today to 10 felony counts of second

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IE News

Eastvale Fights For License Fees

BY: JENNIFER MADRIGAL

Eastvale – Eastvale city officials have decided to continue pursuing the funds from Senate Bill 56 (SB56) which will attempt to collect funds lost when lawmakers decided to divert vehicle license revenue to local law enforcement grants. As a result, Eastvale has lost roughly \$8 to \$9 million since the decision was made in 2011. This affects not only

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DB Launches New Program To Reward Citizens

BY SARAH ARMIJO

Diamond Bar – The City of Diamond Bar launched a new program on Nov. 15, called “Report for Reward”, which will reward helpful citizens up to \$500 in exchange for information that leads to the arrest or conviction of a person damaging property as a result of a burglary.

City officials say that the purpose of this program is to help

combat residential and vehicular crimes within city limits.

“The Report for Reward program provides a mechanism by which the City can financially reward reports by members of the public that lead to the identification and arrest of persons who damage or destroy property while attempting or

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Photo courtesy: City of Diamond Bar

The new “Report for Reward” program will reward citizens if they report suspicious activity that results to a burglary arrest.

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Walnut/DB Chino Hills Weather

Sat Nov 16

Partly Cloudy
High 67°
Low 44°



Sun Nov 17

Partly Cloudy
High 71°
Low 43°



Mon Nov 18

Sunny
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Low 43°



Tue Nov 19

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Wed Nov 20

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Low 45°



Thu Nov 21

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Fri Nov 22

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STAFF REPORTS

Walnut – Ten burglaries were reported in the City of Walnut, and that was just last week. Are they all related and some sort of an anomaly, or has Assembly Bill 109 really proven to increase our crime rates and put

citizens in jeopardy?

The Little Hoover Commission, an independent state agency designed to investigate state government operations, states that crime is trending upward. In Los Angeles County, the Sheriff's August 31, 2013 crime statistics show burglaries

in Walnut have increased 63% (from 73 to 119); and grand theft auto is up 65% (from 17 to 28). Just a few months later, LASD statistics say 184 burglaries have been reported year to

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Local City Council Meetings

Mayor’s Cup Fallout

BY RAYMOND MENDOZA

Diamond Bar – Election night for local Government was on the minds of the Diamond Bar City Council members during the opening statements of the Nov. 7 meeting, yet the council members pushed forward by approving all agenda items.

First, Chili's Grill and Bar at 707 Grand Ave. was awarded

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Recent Crimes In Walnut

BY ARIEL CARMONA JR.

Walnut – The Walnut City Council Meeting this week allowed the council to be made aware of a rash of recent crimes in the area during the oral communications portion of their Nov. 14 meeting. According to Walnut residents, several neighborhoods have been victimized by burglaries

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Chino Hills In The News

STAFF REPORTS

Chino Hills – The holidays are nearly upon us. How do they sneak up so stealthily each year? In and around all the celebration, there is much ado in the City of Chino Hills. Check out the latest news:

Adopt-A-Family Program: Back in 2005, the City of Chino

Hills established a program to provide assistance for families that were experiencing financial hardship or other circumstances that prevented them from providing a holiday experience for their families. Now in its ninth season, the program continues to be a success. Residents, community groups and local businesses are helping to provide for

these families via “adoption”, so those in need can experience a joyous holiday. Families in need are qualified through an application and interview process, and there are many ways to participate as a donor. If you would like more information on how to

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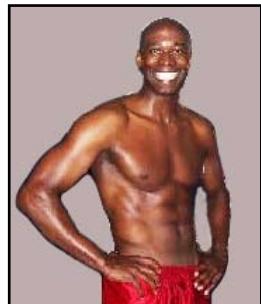
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SGV – Basic Training Personal Training specializes in designing and implementing in-home or on-location personalized fitness programs for adults, students and groups.

Owner Johnny Hudson's philosophy on being a

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Johnny Hudson

BUSINESS FEATURE

The Whole Enchilada Caters To Your Holiday Needs

BY SARAH ARMIJO

Diamond Bar – With the holidays coming quickly, we all will be busy with holiday parties, family gatherings, and holiday shopping. But The Whole Enchilada in Diamond Bar has

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OUR LIFE

The Light At The End Of The Tunnel

BY MICHAEL ARMijo

While at the ATM drive-through, a woman straddled both lanes in a two-lane isle. I've been there a thousand times and not one person has ever straddled these lanes, they just pick one. Sometimes the line moves quickly, other times you have to wait while the cars next to you move right through. It's a gamble, but we make a decision and we accept it.

Maybe it was the long day or maybe I just felt short-tempered, but while the woman straddled the lanes, I went around her car, and I picked the left lane. She got out of her vehicle and told me; "I've been waiting, you can't go around me." I explained the unwritten policy of the drive-through ATM machine. She angrily got back into her car and waited again. As I drove up to the machine, I felt so uncomfortable. I knew she never should've sat there and straddled both lanes, but who am I to react to her misdirection? The uncomfortable feeling made me sick inside, I knew that I never should've gone around her. So I backed up, allowed her to go first, calling out to her; "I'm sorry, go ahead of me." She pulled up to the machine, finished her transaction, and her last words were; "Thank you for being fair."

I believe the true essence of being a complete individual begins with the ability to communicate. The ability to express yourself

and present issues, views, and concerns in a dignified, fair, and an understandable manner. To simply be a human being.

Simple people do not get caught up in the unfairness in life. They do not listen with anger and respond with vengeance. They see light and are drawn to it. They're clear individuals that can respond with solutions and not just complain. They respond instead of react. And it's their simplicity that keeps them humble and dignified. Simple people see or experience tragedy and work through it and not around it. This keeps them complete and understanding.

I also believe in responsibility. Not to just go to work, pay the mortgage, and get the kids to school, but also to enforce responsibility inside, not just on the surface. To not just promote a good life but to actually live it from the inside outward. In a person's life, responsibility also includes our jobs, our actions towards society, towards our fellow man. Not to act like a good person, but to actually think, feel, and believe in the goodness of being a good person.

When I pulled in front of the woman at the ATM machine, I knew she was misdirected, and yet I reacted to her misdirection instead of responding to it. If it meant that much to me to not wait behind someone who couldn't make a decision, I should've communicated with her. And if it didn't mean that much to me,

then I just should've waited behind her and not given it another thought. Instead, I almost ruined her entire day, and who knows what that could've done to her family and friends.

I believe that we, as a society, need to remember how important and how powerful we really are. We need to understand the true meaning of sharing experiences, applying yourself, being honest, open, and sincere. It will bring you peace when you remember that you have so much to contribute to life, let's not waste it on

bitterness, anger, frustration, or unfairness. Instead, let's focus on the good things.

The power we hold within ourselves is worthless when we misdirect our hearts by allowing our minds to take over. I believe the truest form of life is not just having the power to get your way, but having the power to help others find their way. And when we see this powerful light that shines from within, we can capture it and allow those rays of sunshine to help our heart glow with a magnificent gleam that reminds us that there really is a light at the end of the tunnel.



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Community Events And Meetings

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UPCOMING EVENTS: San Gabriel Valley YMCA

Annual Turkey Trot

When: Nov. 17 at 6:30 a.m.
Where: Puente Hills Mall
Cost: \$25 registration online.

Details: A 1K, 5K, and 10K race. Frozen turkeys will be given to the first-place 5K/10K finishers in each category, and medals for all 18 and under youth in their 1K race. A raffle will be held after the races.

Contact: Call (626) 339-6221

Emergency Preparedness Seminar

When: Nov. 18, 2013 from 6 p.m. to 7:30 p.m.

Where: Walnut Senior Center, 21215 La Puente Rd. Walnut, CA 91789

Cost: FREE to attend

Contact: Walnut City Hall (909) 595-7543 x304

Community Development Mandatory Block Grant Application Workshop

When: Nov. 20 at 10 a.m.

Where: Carolyn Owens Community Center, University Hall, 13201 Central Avenue, Chino

Details: The City of Chino Hills will hold a mandatory application workshop for non-profit organizations interested in applying for funds as part of the 2014/15 Community Development Block Grant (CDBG) program. For more information, see the article on page 1.

Contact: www.chinohills.org/ CDBG

Great American Smoke-out Anti-Smoking Event For Teens

When: Nov. 21 from 4 p.m. to 6 p.m.

Where: Chino Experience

Teen Center located at Monte Vista Park, 13196

Details: This event will feature life-saving anti-smoking information, raffles, live dance performances, and light refreshments. This event occurs annually and is intended to encourage young people to quit smoking or not start at all.

Contact: Chino Experience Teen Center at (909) 334-3268.

Hickory Creek Nature Park Habitat

When: Nov. 21 from 6 p.m. to 7:30 p.m.

Where: Chino Valley School District's Alternative Learning Center, 15650 Pipeline Avenue

Details: The City of Chino Hills will reveal the planned improvements for Hickory Creek Nature Park at a community meeting. For more information, read the article on page 1.

Contact: Tad Garret at (909) 364-2722 or tgarret@chinohills.org

FUTURE EVENTS:

Walnut Valley Symphony Orchestra and Master Chorale Concert

When: Dec. 18 and 19, 2013 at 7 p.m.

Where: Mt. San Antonio Community College Performing Arts Center

Contact: www.walnutvalley-symphony.org/

WEEKLY EVENTS:

Bookstore Blowout

Where: Twice Sold Tale Bookstore located at the Walnut Library, La Puente Road, Walnut CA 91789

When: Tuesdays, Wednesdays, Thursdays from 1 p.m. to 8 p.m., Fridays from 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. and Saturdays 10 a.m. to 5 p.m.

Where: Mt. San Antonio College Campus, Parking Lot B, 1100 N. Grand Avenue, Walnut CA 91789

Cost: Admission and parking free

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Resources for the Classroom Days at Basically BOOKS

When: second Tuesdays of every month.

Where: Basically BOOKS locations: at 23447 Golden Springs Road, Diamond Bar and at the Diamond Bar Library: 21800 Copley Drive, Diamond Bar.

Details: Books and education videos will be offered at special discounts for teachers at all levels. Teachers can sign up at either Basically BOOKS locations or email BasicallyBOOKS@aol.com to join these special teacher appreciate afternoons.

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Where: 12598 Central Ave. Unit 113, Chino CA 91710.

Cost: Free

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Jack Newe's Farmers Market sponsored by SGV Regional Chamber of Commerce

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WALNUT MEETINGS:

City Council Meeting

When: 2nd and 4th Wednesday of each month 7 p.m.

Where: Walnut Council Chambers in the new City Hall: 21201 La Puente Road, Walnut CA 91789

Planning Commission Meeting

When: 1st Wednesday of each month at 7 p.m.

Where: Walnut Council Chambers in the new City Hall: 21201 La Puente Road, Walnut CA 91789

Parks & Recreation Commission

When: 3rd Tuesday of each month at 7 p.m.

Where: Walnut Council Chambers in the new City Hall: 21201 La Puente Road, Walnut CA 91789

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When: 2nd and 4th Tuesdays of every month at 7 p.m.

Where: Diamond Bar City Hall, Windmill Community Room: 21810 Copley Drive, Diamond Bar CA 91765

Diamond Bar Lions Club Breakfast Meeting

When: 1st and 3rd Monday of every month from 7 a.m. to 8 a.m.

Where: Diamond Bar Golf Course: 22751 E. Golden Springs Drive, Diamond Bar CA 91765.

Contact info: (909) 861-0142.

Toastmaster Club Meeting

When: Every Monday from 12 p.m. to 12:45 p.m.

Where: Caltrans – Office of Bridge Design South 2, Conference Room: 21073 Pathfinder Road Suite 200, Diamond Bar CA 91765

Contact info: (714) 421-3701.

CHINO HILLS MEETINGS:

City Council Meeting

When: 2nd and 4th Tuesday of every month at 7 p.m.

Where: Chino Hills City Council Chambers, 14000 City Center Drive, Chino Hills CA 91709

Contact info: (909) 364-2620

Planning Commission Meeting

When: 1st and 3rd Tuesdays at 7 p.m.

Where: Chino Hills City Council Chambers, 14000 City Center Drive, Chino Hills CA 91709

Public Works Commission

When: 1st Wednesdays of the month at

Where: Chino Hills City Council Chambers, 14000 City Center Drive, Chino Hills CA 91709

Parks and Recreation Commission

When: 3rd Wednesdays of the month at 7 p.m.

Where: Chino Hills City Council Chambers, 14000 City Center Drive, Chino Hills CA 91709.

First Public Hearing For 2013-2021 Housing

CITY OF DIAMOND BAR

Diamond Bar – City of Diamond Bar is in the process of updating its General Plan Housing Element for the 2013-2021 planning period, as required by State law.

The Draft 2013-2021 Housing Element will be presented before the City's Planning Commission meeting as a public hearing item during its regular meeting of Tuesday, November 26, 2013 taking place starting at 7pm at Diamond Bar City Hall - Windmill Community Room located at

21810 Copley Drive in Diamond Bar, California 91765.

Interested persons are encouraged to attend the meeting and participate in the discussion.

The Housing Element addresses Diamond Bar's current and projected housing needs for residents of all income levels and persons with special needs, such as seniors and individuals with disabilities, and describes how the City's plans to accommodate the needs of all community members.

Hard copies of the draft Housing Element are available for

review at Diamond Bar City Hall (21810 Copley Drive, 2nd Floor, Diamond Bar, California 91765)

from Monday through Thursday 7:30 a.m. to 5:30 p.m., or Friday, 7:30 a.m. to 4:30 p.m., and at the Diamond Bar Library (21800 Copley Drive, 1st Floor, Diamond Bar, California 91765) from Monday through Friday noon to 9pm and Saturday and Sunday 10am to 5pm.

A downloadable PDF version of the Housing Element will also be available for review via the City website www.diamondbar-ca.gov/housingelement starting

Friday, November 15.

For questions and/or information regarding the Housing Element Update, please contact Senior Planner Grace Lee at 909.839.7032.

Element Update Set Nov. 26

Information about the State Housing Element Law is available on the California Department of Housing and Community Development website at <http://www.hcd.ca.gov/hpd/hrc/plan/he/>.

Local Business Donates To Sheriff Booster Club



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Diamond Country Escrow is located at 21700 Copley Dr. in Diamond Bar and can be reached at (909) 861-2378.

BY SARAH ARMIJO

Diamond Bar – Diamond Country Escrow recently donated \$1,500 towards the Walnut-Diamond Bar Sheriff's Booster Club's Annual Golf Tournament slated for April 7, 2014 at the Western Hills Country Club Chino Hills. Diamond Country Escrow is the first corporate sponsor to

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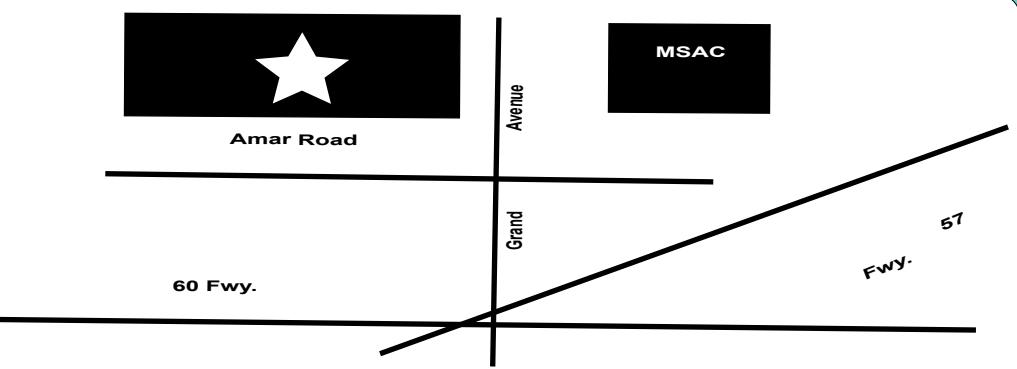
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Librarian Appreciation Luncheon

Friends of Diamond Bar Library

Diamond Bar - The Friends of the Diamond Bar Library honored our librarians at The Windmill Room of the Diamond Bar Library on Nov. 6 at the 14th annual Librarian Appreciation Luncheon. Diamond Bar school librarians and principals, along with the Diamond Bar Library staff and the Friends gathered for a delicious Indian lunch. Los Angeles County Library Chief Deputy, Yolanda De

Ramus, PUSD Superintendent Richard Martinez, and WVUSD Superintendent Robert Taylor joined in the recognition of our valuable resource, our librarians. Mayor Jack Tanaka and Mayor Pro Tem Ron Everett spoke and lauded all of the educators for their dedication to literacy in our community.

Community Library Manager, Pui-Ching Ho, launched Read Together Diamond Bar 2014 by urging everyone to vote for the

favorite book of four presented as finalists for the one book we will read in October 2014. Ballots will be available at the Diamond Bar Library until January 5, 2014 for everyone to cast their ballot. Please stop by and make your choice. One entry will win a \$25 Basically BOOKS gift certificate. With exceptionally low prices, you can buy and enjoy many treasures with this prize. School Liason Kiran Kumar spoke about the new Literacy Circles for mid-

dle school students.

The Diamond Bar Library is located at 21800 Copely Drive in Diamond Bar. For more information, email Basically-BOOKS@aol.com.



PHOTO BY: RAPHAEL PLUNKETT
Chair Kathleen Newe, Mayor Pro Tem Ron Everett, Basically BOOKS Manager Mary Hackett and Past President Rosette Clippinger celebrate at Friends of the Diamond Bar Librarian Luncheon.

Eastvale fights for license fees

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our city, but the cities of Jurupa Valley, Wildomar and Menifee, who all were expecting that money as part of their operating budgets. The four cities had been working together with a lobbyist in Sacramento to get the funds reinstated, but were unsuccessful in past budget years.

With lawmakers recessing in September with no resolution in sight, hope for seeing the funds seemed lost. Mayor Ike Bootsma had decided to stop fighting as he felt there was a better use of the \$3,000 dollars per month that was being paid to a lobbyist. Wildomar, Jurupa Valley and Menifee also pay \$3,000 per month. However, there seems to be a change coming and Bootsma now has hope that Eastvale may be able to get the funds back. According to Chuck Dall-

dorf, California Senator Richard Roth's Communication Director, "Senator Roth's number one priority is getting this bill passed this upcoming legislative session". Nancy McFadden, a senior advisor to Governor Jerry Brown, has also said that their administration is committed to finding a long term solution to the cities' predicament in early 2014. The commitments of the Senator and Governor's offices, as well as conversations between city officials of all four cities affected by the cut, have renewed Eastvale's desire to fight for at least another budget cycle.

SB56, sponsored by State Senators Roth (D-Riverside) and Bill Emerson (R-Hemet), would have used property tax revenue to restore millions in funds that were lost by the four newest California cities: Jurupa Valley, Eastvale, Menifee and Wildomar. While Eastvale was

hit hard by the cut, the City of Jurupa Valley seems to have received the worst of it. Jurupa Valley incorporated just two days after the decision to divert funds was made. Last summer, state lawmakers had approved a measure that would have restored funds, but it was vetoed by Governor Brown. They lost \$6.7 million, half of their general fund budget, in the first year. The city has started the disincorporation process because if funding is not restored during the 2014 budget year, Jurupa Valley will be out of money in 2015.

Another piece of legislation, Senate Bill 69 (SB69), was amended and contains almost the same language as SB56. This bill, according to Senator Roth's office, is most likely to pass. SB69 is currently with the Assembly Rules Committee awaiting assignment to the Policy Committee in January 2014.

Recent crimes in Walnut

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and break-ins in recent weeks, causing enough concern for the issue to be addressed by the council.

Ray Ayers has been residing in Walnut for 15 years. He said he was looking into starting a neighborhood crime watch with the help of the Walnut Sheriff's department, following break-ins at his property on Walnut Canyon Road last week. Ayers said his house was burglarized, and was completely trashed following a violent forced entry which resulted in his wife's jewelry being stolen.

"We need to spread the word, this is a serious issue," said Ayers who added his neighbor's mailboxes were also broken into several months ago and adding that the burglaries have become the number 1 issue of concern among area residents.

Ayers said his daughter works with social media and was successfully able to locate some of the stolen items including his safe and his wife's passport, some of the items turning up in Baldwin Park, leading him to believe the crimes were not committed by Walnut residents.

"I think all of us are very supportive," said Mayor Tony Cartagena. "We encourage our constituents to form neighborhood watch programs."

Council member Mary Su added she would like more resi-

dents to volunteer to help patrol the neighborhoods and become more proactive in monitoring suspicious activities near their properties. "Our Sheriff station is very responsive," said Su echoing other council members who said Walnut Sheriffs usually respond to calls within several minutes, but she said the city still needs more volunteers to maintain vigilance.

According to data made public by the Los Angeles County Sheriff's Department whose deputies and officers patrol Walnut and Diamond Bar, Walnut has experienced a year-to-date increase of 72 percent in burglaries compared to last year, (184 reported incidents thus far compared to 143 total in 2012) and a spike of nearly 80 more reported incidents than a year ago. Walnut has also experienced slight year-to-date increases in the areas of robbery and grand theft auto.

Cartagena attributes the increases to a state mandate of early release of prisoners. "If your offense is not major, you can be released and that negatively impacts the City." Cartagena said Walnut is negotiating with other cities to lobby Sacramento for additional funding to mitigate the problem.

"If you see something strange, be a good neighbor and call the Sheriff Department," said council member Eric Ching, "they can be there in two to three minutes."

Ching said the city Manager is

aware of the issue, while Cartagena added staff has asked for information on burglaries which have taken place in the city within the past six months. For more information about this issue, see the story about recent crimes on page 1.

In other council matters, the council heard from representatives of non-profit organizations including one representing parishioners of St. Lorenzo Ruiz Parish's basketball league who complained to the council about being unable to schedule gym time at the teen center, due to other activities like table tennis occupying the space. The issue was placed on the agenda for the upcoming Parks and Recreations Commission meeting scheduled for Nov. 19.

The council also approved a second reading of their municipal code amendments dealing with zoning to add emergency shelters, transitional housing, single-room occupancy units as mandated by state law, approved an ordinance to expand applicability of the Existing Standard Urban Stormwater Mitigation Plan requirements, and accepted the work performed by a contractor on the Creekside Drive Street Rehabilitation Project, among other actions as part of their consent calendar.

The next regular meeting of the City Council is scheduled on Dec. 11, at 7 p.m. in the Council Chambers, 21201 La Puente Road.



PHOTO BY: RAPHAEL PLUNKETT
Chair Kathleen Newe, Mayor Pro Tem Ron Everett, Basically BOOKS Manager Mary Hackett and Past President Rosette Clippinger celebrate at Friends of the Diamond Bar Librarian Luncheon.

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Your Local School Updates

Collegewood Elementary Opens 21st Century School Library

By KELLI GILE

Walnut - Collegewood Elementary School opened the doors to its new Media Tech Center on October 8.



PHOTO COURTESY: KELLI GILE

Fourth graders Katie Kim and Miya Soto shared what they like about reading.

An official Grand Opening and Ribbon Cutting Ceremony was held during a spirit day as-

sembly attended by students, staff members, district and local officials.

The school library has been relocated from a portable to a centralized classroom featuring modern décor, eBook station, new shelving for hundreds books and cozy reading areas.

Students can leave post-it messages about what they like about their new library. Dry erase boards and ceiling-high magnetic pillars encourage creativity and writing.

During the ceremony, two longtime Collegewood friends came back to read the first book from the new library.

Robert Chang, director of human resources and former principal and Liz Dickerson, retired first grade teacher, took turns reading aloud *The Best Place to Read*.

"What's the best place to read? If you ask me, it's the Collegewood Library!" they said in unison personalizing the very

last line.

Several children shared why they were excited about the new library,

"It will have informational technology and nonfiction books," said one boy. "I can't wait to see inside," another student said.

Principal Joan Perez said the beautiful new library shows the promise of 21st Century school libraries.

"It is a gateway to information resources and services. It is a design studio for those who want to be creative. It is a place where you can come and be creative and collaborative. It's also a calm and relaxing space if you just want to come and read a book. It truly is a vision of what a library media center should be and it gives me great pleasure to present it to each and everyone of you," she said.

"We hear a lot about the 21st Century skills and the five 'C's', said Perez.

"Think about how are the five

"C's" going to help our library media center?" In today's library, students

will be working in an information-driven world. So now more than ever our library is critical to fostering students who are prepared to student, to work, study, and live in a global economy," she said.

City of Walnut Mayor Tony Cartagena presented a certificate of recognition and said he loves to visit the library.

Mayor Pro Tem Nancy Tragarz, a Collegewood alumni and former parent, said she



PHOTO COURTESY: KELLI GILE

Principal Joan Perez cut the official grand opening ribbon with Superintendent Dr. Robert Taylor, students, staff, district and local officials

has lots of memories about the school.

"I'm really excited to see this because it was my 5th grade classroom with my very favorite teacher, Mr. Almberg," she said.

"The Media Tech Center is officially open!" announced Principal Perez after cutting the red ribbon.

Classes took turns touring the library following the ceremony throughout the day.

Mt. SAC Art Gallery To Feature "Sense & Sensibility II" Exhibit

MT. SAC

Walnut - The Mt. San Antonio College Art Gallery will present the second of a two-part exhibit, featuring the works of noted art professionals, "Sense & Sensi-

bility II." This month-long exhibit will run through Dec. 12 at the campus Art Gallery and is free and open to the public.

A long time in the making, "Sense & Sensibility II" will showcase the work of curators, critics,

dealers, consultants, exhibition designers, teachers, and others employed in the local art industry. Participating artists are Michael Arata, Leslie Brown, Jonathan Burke, Delia Cabral, Andi Campagnone, Dino Dinco, Mat Glea-

son, Doug Harvey, Tulsa Kinney, Juri Koll, Jared Linge, Perin Mahler, Andrea Harris McGee, John David O'Brien, Eric Stoner, Richard Turner, Fonje DeVre, and Suzanne Walsh.

Gallery hours are Tuesdays

through Thursdays, 11 a.m. to 2 p.m., and Tuesday nights, 5 to 7:30 p.m.

For more information, call the Art Gallery at (909) 274-4328 or visit the gallery's website at www.mtsac.edu/artgallery.

Evergreen Students Present Veterans' Day Ceremony

By KELLI GILE

Diamond Bar - Second grade students at Evergreen Elementary School learned about Veterans' Day during a ceremony on Friday, November 8.

"The students did a wonderful job! Our second grade teachers, Alice Oldag, Loree Hoff, Erika McQuilliams, and Ashley Marshman did a fabulous job of making the Veterans' Day Holiday meaningful for our students. The students have a much better understanding of our veterans, the holiday and how we can show appreciation for our country," said Principal Carolyn Wills.

The patriotic program featured the students singing You're a Grand Old Flag, America the Beautiful, and songs from each

branch of the Armed Forces – Army, Navy, Air Force, and Marines. The group of about 100 students and teachers also observed a moment of silence as the Taps bugle solo was played to honor our military heroes.

The national holiday began in 1918, when in the 11th hour, on the 11th day, everybody put down their guns and cannons and stopped fighting, and they had peace. It was first called Armistice Day and then several years later was re-named Veterans Day, described teacher Alice Oldag.

The students wrote essays describing how they can show respect for America. Students from each class were chosen to recite their personal essays at the assembly.

"In America we can choose

our jobs and work hard to make our dreams come true. I can show respect by not wasting food," said Serena Yang.

"I can show respect for America by obeying all the laws and being a good citizen," said Morgan Seshiki.

"America is special to me because I can have both chocolate cake and chow mein in one day and because nature is all around," said Henry Liang.

"We have brave people to fight for our country. I can show respect for America by throwing my trash away and I will be kind because I love Americans," wrote Jessica Kauss.

"We have the freedom to say what we want as long as we don't say hurtful things," wrote Dashiell Chen.

"As a girl, I can go to any



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Front row (L-R): Juliette Liu, Joey Hernandez, Kaitlyn Sands, Serena Yang, Jessica Kauss, Henry Liang, Morgan Seshiki, Elysia Lopez, Dashiell Chen, Bryson Chang. Back row (L-R): Mrs. McQuilliams, Ms. Marshman, Mrs. Hoff and Mrs. Oldag.

school I want to and I can show respect for America by being really kind to others," wrote Elysia Lopez.

Each class also voted on a student who demonstrates good

citizenship daily and those students were honored by being the flag bearers for the ceremony. They were Juliette Liu, Joey Hernandez, Kaitlyn Sands and Bryson Chang.

"Branding Iron" Game



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During the "Branding Iron" Game on Nov. 8 at Walnut High School, the final score was 60-28, with Diamond Bar High School winning. With the win, Diamond Bar is almost assured a playoff spot, while the Mustangs finished 6th in the Hacienda League.

"Snowboarder bandit" convicted

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degree robbery and two felony counts of attempted second degree robbery. He faces a maximum sentence of 10 years and six months in state prison at his sentencing, Jan. 17, 2014, at the Central Justice Center, Santa Ana.

Between Dec. 20, 2011, and

March 21, 2012, Franks committed 10 robberies at nine different banks in Orange County. The bank chains included Bank of America in Anaheim, Chase Bank in Laguna Hills and Laguna Niguel, Citibank in Irvine, two robberies at the Schools First Federal Credit Union branch in Anaheim, Union Bank in Newport Beach, US Bank in Irvine and Ladera Ranch, and Wells

Fargo in Irvine.

Franks attempted to rob a bank teller at the Citibank branch in Irvine and the US Bank branch in Irvine where he committed robberies before.

In each of the cases, Franks carried out similar acts: entered the bank wearing distinctive headgear which included a motorcycle helmet or beanie and sunglasses, approached a

bank teller, and slipped the teller a note which stated he had a gun and demanded money. He caused the tellers to give him the money out of fear. Franks took the money and walked out of the bank.

The case was investigated by multiple agencies including Anaheim Police Department, Federal Bureau of Investigation, Irvine Police Department (IPD), Newport Beach Police Department, Orange County Sheriff's

Department, and Riverside County Sheriff's Department.

On May 4, 2012, IPD arrested Franks at his home in Riverside. At the time of his arrest, Franks had money fanned out in the passenger side of his vehicle, a ripped up demand note, and several used Band-Aids he used to cover his fingertips.

Senior Deputy District Attorney Lynda Fernandez of the Felony Panel is prosecuting this case.

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executing a residential or vehicular burglary," according to a City news release.

The first reading of this program occurred at the Oct. 1 city council meeting, where it was unanimously approved for implementation.

Assistant City Manager, David Doyle, said in a statement that the Report for Reward program lends reinforcement to the

cooperative effort by City staff, Sheriff deputies, and community members to deter criminals from coming into the City to take what doesn't belong to them.

The City of Diamond Bar is also working hard to aggressively market the program via all City communication mediums.

"We want word to get out beyond just Diamond Bar residents – this program is open to all members of the public, with the exception of City and Sheriff's employees," said Ce-

cilia Arellano, Public Information Coordinator for the City of Diamond Bar.

"The intent of this new program is to encourage everyone – whether they live here, work here, or are just visiting – to lend their eyes and instinct to our shared goal of keeping burglars out of our city," Doyle said in the statement.

"Our hope is that the financial incentive gives individuals that extra push to be actively vigilant of their surroundings and

immediately report suspicious activities to the Sheriff's station," he added.

After suspicious activity is reported, representatives from the City and the Sheriff's Station will review the reports and determine if a financial reward is earned, then decide how much the reward would be.

"To qualify for a reward, the information provided will have been considered as playing a key role in the identification and arrest of individuals who dam-

age or destroy property while attempting or executing a residential or vehicular burglary," according to the City release.

To participate in the "Report for Reward" program, report suspicious activity to the Sheriff's Station at (909) 595-2264. However, if the burglary is in progress, please call 9-1-1.

For more information about the program, including answers to frequently-asked questions, please visit the City website at www.diamondbarca.gov/RFR.

Looking for Volunteers at Basically BOOKS

FRIENDS OF DIAMOND BAR LIBRARY

Diamond Bar - Are you looking for a great volunteer experience in Diamond Bar? Basically BOOKS, the Friends of the Diamond Bar Library non-profit bookstore, is a friendly place serving the community as a resource for school, work and pleasure reading at exceptionally low prices. There are many special sales throughout the month so stop by both of our beautiful locations. Bookstore Manager Mary Hackett is ac-

tively looking for new volunteers to staff the present location at 23447 Golden Springs Road (near the intersection of Golden Springs and Diamond Bar Boulevard) and the new bookstore at the Diamond Bar Library, 21800 Copley Drive (across from the AQMD Building).

All proceeds from both Basically BOOKS directly benefit the Diamond Bar Library. For more information, please call bookstore manager Mary Hackett at 909 396-9954 or email to BasicallyBOOKS@aol.com.

Book discussions are held on

the last Tuesday of each month at Basically BOOKS at 23447 Golden Springs Drive. November 26 will be the next meeting; December is dark; resuming on January 28, 2014. The discussion book for November is To My Dearest Friends by Pat Volk. The book asks "What happens when you find out something you wish

you didn't know?" This is a smart, generous novel about two New York City women and the bonds of friendship. For

more information, please call Alice Moffitt at 909 396-9954 or email to BasicallyBOOKS@aol.com.

Read Together Diamond Bar Returns!

FRIENDS OF DIAMOND BAR LIBRARY

Diamond Bar - We need your vote, not for an election but for literacy. President Ruth Low announces that the Friends of the Diamond Bar Library is again sponsoring Read Together Diamond Bar. Four books have been selected as finalists and we need your vote to choose the book we will read together in October 2014. You will find more information on the books and voting forms at the Diamond Bar Library for your selection from November 6 to January 5. You will be able to vote for your choice at the Diamond Bar Library during November so look for the selection choices at the Friends' website, www.dblibraryfriends.org, or at the Diamond Bar Library website, <http://www.colapublib.org/libs/diamondbar/>.

A \$25 gift certificate to Basically BOOKS will be awarded to one of the entries. The four finalists are Battle Hymn of the Tiger Mom by Amy Chua, One Gold Mountain by Lisa See, The Soloist by Steve Lopez and True Notebooks: A Writer's Year at Juvenile Hall by Mark Salzman. All four are outstanding books that will be enjoyable reading and will create avenues for discussion.

Whether it is called a city-wide book club or a state-wide reading campaign, communities of all shapes and sizes are adopting the concept originated in 1998 by the Washington Center for the Book: people coming together through the reading and discussion of a common book. There are now statewide,

citywide, countywide reading programs all over the world.

This will be a community-wide project open to individuals, companies and other organizations with many opportunities to participate. We encourage you to be part of this exciting community project. For more information on participation, please call 909 629-2711.



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Watching With Wonder

By MARK HOPPER

Most of our grand children live out of the area. We enjoy seeing them and talking with them frequently on the internet,



but we are only with them a couple of times a year.

However, our newest grandchild lives here in southern California and we get to see her about once a week.

It has been a delight to watch her grow, develop and change. Every week she looks bigger. Each week she seems more alert and aware of things that are go-

ing on around her. We continue to watch with wonder as we see her blossom and grow.

I think parents miss a lot when they are raising their own kids. Every day is busy just getting the kids up, fed and dressed. By the end of the day, you are glad to get them bathed and back in bed.

But being a grandparent is different. We get to watch and observe each new development. We get to enjoy the smiles and

laughter. We get to watch with wonder.

In Psalm 139:13-14, the author says, "You formed my inward parts, you wove me in my mother's womb. I give thanks to you for I am wonderfully made".

If you are a young parent, try to take time to stop and marvel at the growth and development of your children. Enjoy them each day.

If you are a grandparent, spend

time with your grandchildren. Watch in wonder as they grow and mature.

Both parents and grandparents should give thanks to God who gave you these precious gifts!

Pastor Mark Hopper
Evangelical Free Church of Diamond Bar 3255 South Diamond Bar Blvd (909) 594-7604 Sunday Services: 9:00 & 10:45 AM Web Site: www.efreedb.org.

Straight Talk With Danice

DEAR DR. AKIYOSHI

My husband was arrested for fighting at a football game. This has happened two other times when he drank too much. I told him I would never bail him out of jail again for being drunk and fighting. He didn't believe me



and ended up spending the night in jail. His brother bailed him out the next day because I wouldn't. Now all of my in laws are mad at me for leaving my husband in jail overnight. No one mentions what got him in jail in the first place. This is not fair. He laughs when they are telling me off. His father said it was my duty to stand by my husband even when he makes mistakes. I did it before, but no more. I don't want my small son to see this.

Debra in West Covina

Dear Debra,

You told your husband you had boundaries and you kept your word. This shows him that you are no longer willing to be a part of his drunk and disorderly conduct. As for his family, if they are blaming you for not sticking by him on his third offense, then they are people who don't take personal responsibility either. You are doing the right thing by shielding your young son from this sort of behavior. I hope

your husband shows an interest in growing up soon so he can keep his family together. It sounds like your patience with his foolish antics is wearing thin. Make sure he fully understands that you are not going to debate this issue with him or his family. Good Luck.

Danice Akiyoshi ND
Danice Akiyoshi is a Naturopathic Doctor and the head of Candid Coaching Service. She has a great passion for alternative healing and has over 20

years of experience in this field. She provides a form of energy psychology called The Emotion Code, where she helps people literally get rid of their emotional baggage. She also offers personal coaching services relating to all types of issues and concerns. This is a letter she received from an anonymous reader. To send a question to Danice, email her at straighttalk@candidcoachingservices.com. You can also visit her website at www.candidcoachingservices.com.

Appreciation

By NANCY STOOPS

Over the years as I have written this column, I have received many kind emails as well as phone calls about my column. It's always so nice to hear that my written words are helpful. Last week, I received one of the kindest phone messages I have ever gotten. The woman expressed appreciation for the work that I do in this community and explained how my column has helped her and her family. She also mentioned how we just don't take the time to tell each



other how much we appreciate each other. I totally agree with her. This message gives me such hope for our world and inspires me to keep writing new and innovative columns. It also inspires me to be the best person as well as psychotherapist I can possibly be.

It's always so very wonderful to hear that my work makes a difference in this world. It is such an honor to be able to help others and to have a weekly column that enables me to share my thoughts with so many others. Now just for a moment, think about the difference that you make in this world. I also would like you to tell somebody today just how very much you appreciate them being in your life. I think appreciation can be contagious and should be spread throughout the entire world. We have the tendency to take so very much for granted and this is such a huge mistake.

After you read this article, write down all of the things that you appreciate about your life. Take some time to realize how very blessed we are and think about all of the wonderful things about your life and about our world. I feel lack of appreciation is part of what needs to change about our world. Thank you all for taking the time to tell me I'm appreciated and now it is my time to say I appreciate all of you as well!

This article was written by Nancy Stoops M.A., M.F.T. Nancy is a licensed Marriage and Family Therapist. Nancy runs free family support groups, a group on loss for seniors, and groups for teens. For more information about any of these services feel free to page her at (626) 9353818. You may email Nancy at stoopsshester@earthlink.net. You may purchase Nancy's new book *Live Heal and Grow* at www.RoseDogBookstore.com or at Amazon.com.

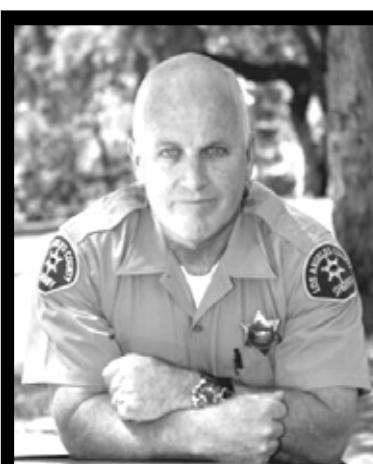


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become an applicant or donor, please call (909) 364-2615 or (909) 364-2618. The deadline to adopt a family is November 15; however, gift cards to be used for purchasing gifts for families can be mailed or dropped off at the Chino Hills City Hall, 14000 City Center Drive, Chino Hills, CA 91709 up through December 3.

Community Development Mandatory Block Grant Application Workshop: The City of Chino Hills will hold a mandatory application workshop for non-profit organizations interested in applying for funds as part of the 2014/15 Community Development Block Grant (CDBG) program. The meeting will be held on Wednesday, November 20, 10 a.m., Carolyn Owens Community Center (University Hall, 13201 Central Avenue, Chino), in conjunction with the City of Chino. All non-profit organizations that meet federal guidelines are eligible to submit

an application, including faith-based organizations. CDBG funds are paid on a reimbursement basis after services are delivered and results are documented. Projects must meet eligibility requirements and include organizational history, mission statement, goals and how the project will be completed. Applications are available at the workshop and at www.chinohills.org/CDBG.

Hickory Creek Nature Park Habitat: On Thursday, November 21, 6 to 7:30 p.m., the City of Chino Hills will reveal the planned improvements for Hickory Creek Nature Park at a community meeting. The meeting will be held at Chino Valley School District's Alternative Learning Center, 15650 Pipeline Avenue. The Hickory Creek mitigation project will substantially improve the banks of the creek, remove non-native vegetation, and re-landscape a two acre riparian area with native groundcover, trees and shrubs. The timing of the construction will be coordinated with the

Department of Fish and Wildlife and other regulatory agencies, as improvements must avoid the nesting season of endangered birds. Those supporting this project are invited to learn more at the meeting. For additional information, contact Tad Garret at (909) 364-2722 or tgarret@chinohills.org.

Santa Making Early House Calls: The North Pole is a-bustle with holiday activity, but Santa and one of his helpers are taking a break to bring some holiday cheer early to Chino Hills. If you would like Santa to visit your home, reservations can be made at Founders Recreation Center (2000 Founders Drive). Visits are available December 7 and 8 (between 6 and 9 p.m.); and December 14, 15, 20, 21 and 22 (between 4 and 9 p.m.). The cost is \$40 for parties of less than 20 people, and \$50 for parties of 20 and above. Visits are limited to 15 minutes; any special considerations are based upon Santa's availability. For more information, contact (909) 364-2700.

City of Chino Hills Tree Lighting Ceremony: Join the fun at this annual event on

Tuesday, December 10, 5:30 to 7:30 p.m. at the Chino Hills City Hall (Lobby, 14000 City Center Drive). The festivities will include arts and crafts, face painting, and strolling carolers.

Holiday Home Decorating Contest:

Show your holiday spirit by decorating the outside of your home and competing in the City of Chino Hills 10th Annual Holiday Home Decorating Contest. Judging is based upon "Best Holiday Spirit", "Most Energy Efficient", and "Best Animation"; and the top three winners will receive a special Family Prize Package. To enter, visit www.chinohills.org/HolidayHomeDecorating online, or Founders Recreation Center (2000 Founders Drive), or City Hall Recreation Division (14000 City Center Drive) in person. The deadline for all entries is Friday, December 13. Judging will be completed the week of December 16. Winners will be notified by Friday, December 20, and will be recognized at the City Council Meeting on January 7, 2014. Some of the best decorations will be posted on the City's website. All Chino

Hills residents are eligible to participate. Contact the Recreation Division for more information at (909) 364-2700.

Chino Hills Boat Parade: The Kiwanis Club of Chino Hills will once again host the Annual Boat Parade on Friday, December 20, beginning at 7 p.m. Spectators are encouraged to arrive early to secure a spot along Peyton Drive (north of Eucalyptus Avenue), as roads close between 6:15 and 6:30 p.m. To enter you must have a boat, a tow vehicle, a generator, proof of insurance, and a flair for holiday decorating. Entries are limited. Applications and additional information will be available at www.chinohills.org, or contact the Kiwanis Parade Coordinator at (909) 573-3824.



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Increase in Walnut burglaries causes concern

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date, up from 107 at this time last year.

With AB109, the prison realignment assembly bill signed by Governor Jerry Brown, over 43,000 prisoners are now serving time in local jails instead of state prisons, and due to overcrowding, some "low risk" offenders are being released early to county parole officers. Some Walnut residents expressed concern at the City Council meeting on November 13, and the City Council is reportedly gathering information on the number of prison releases to the area to see if there is any correlation.

One such resident, Ray Ayers, a victim of one of last week's burglaries, said that mailboxes on and around Walnut Canyon

Road have been broken into over the last month, and now the houses have been broken into in the same area.

"Ours was a forced entry using a crowbar. Our next door neighbor's son was home when the attempted burglary was done, and our neighbors across the street came home to find their door wide open from a forced entry," said Ayer's wife. "Another neighbor told us that a burglary occurred up the street from her as well."

Ayer's wife further stated that it took 45 minutes for the sheriff to come to their home. When the investigating detective returned the next day to fingerprint, she mentioned there were seven other homes burglarized that she had to print.

Violent crimes may have decreased, according to LASD statistics, but property crime is

up. Ayers says "It's only a matter of time before someone is seriously hurt."

Now, more than ever, Neighborhood Watch programs are critical. The Walnut/Diamond Bar Sheriff's Station is committed to helping organize this program throughout their jurisdiction, with 70 programs already in effect. A neighborhood working together can make a difference.

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DB council corner: meeting shaken with mayor's cup fallout

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"Business of the Month" for November for all the sponsorship services rendered to the community and the financial stability provided by the restaurant.

"I'm very honored to be here to be recognized as 'Business of the Month for the City of Diamond Bar,'" Paul Aoun, managing partner of Chili's, said.

After members of City Council honored Aoun with a certificate for Business of the Month, City Manager James DeStefano reported on the success of the Diamond Bar Public Library, with the strong numbers concerning circulation and 21,600 monthly users for the Diamond Bar Library.

DeStefano also noted that the library is looking into more eBooks and longer hours for the

community.

During public comment, Tim Saunders, Pomona resident, voiced his concerns involving the level of violence he witnessed at the Mayor's Cup football game between Diamond Bar High School and Diamond Ranch High School.

Diamond Bar Mayor Jack Tanaka said he was witness to the outrageous behavior from both schools and that he hoped that both schools districts would work together to stop future aggression at football games.

"After all; we are one City; one Diamond Bar," Tanaka said.

The Mayor's Cup is an annual football game that highlights the rivalry between Diamond Bar High School and Diamond Ranch High School. The original Mayor's Cup took place in 2011 and has been held by Diamond Ranch

since the cup's inception.

After listing the schedule of future events, DeStefano then listed 12 items on the consent calendar which the City Council members unanimously approved.

Among the items approved were the minutes for the Oct. 15 City Council meeting, the Aug. 22 Parks and Recreation Commission, the Sept. 12 Traffic and Transportation Commission, and Sept. 24 Planning Commission meeting, the ratification of check register for Oct. 10 through Oct. 30 totaling \$1,626,885.63, the treasurer's statement for September, and the second reading ordinance 11(2013): amending Division 5 of Chapter 8.12 of Diamond Bar Municipal code for Standard Urban Storm Water Mitigation.

Also approved was the Contract Amendment No.1 in the amount

of \$20,000 with Lilley Planning Group, Inc., the second reading of Ordinance No.09 amending Title 15 of the Diamond Bar code and adopting the 2013 California Building Code, Approval Amendment No. 3 to Memorandum of Understanding between the City and the Los Angeles County Metropolitan Transportation Authority for State Route 60/Lemon Avenue Partial Interchange Construction, the second reading of Ordinance 10(2013) amending Title 10 by adding Section 10.16.115 to the Diamond Bar Municipal Code

for parking on city streets for the purpose of sleeping, and adopting Resolution 2013-XX: a resolution granting consent and jurisdiction to the County of Los Angeles in the matter of County Lighting Maintenance District 10006 and County Lighting District LLA-2.

The council then unanimously approved the only item on the Council Consideration Calendar, which was Ordinance No. 03(B). The ordinance identified the temporary re-location of the Diamond Bar City Council meetings to Diamond Bar City Hall at 21810 Copley Drive.

During the section for council member's comments, Council Member Steve Tye spoke out against Tanaka's decision to advise to cancel the 2013 Mayor's Cup.

"I think you got bad advice, somewhere along the line, to determine that the Mayor's Cup should be cancelled," said Tye. "I think in this instance you showed no leadership."

Tye claimed that Tanaka's advice would further promote division between Diamond Bar and Diamond Ranch and that future athletes would be missing a great opportunity to take part in the Mayor's Cup.

Tye then excused himself from the remainder of council comments.

Tanaka defended his stance by stating that the Mayor's Cup would have been better if it were thought out by schools as opposed to being imposed by the City of Diamond Bar.

"I think it presents an opportunity for both schools maybe to dialogue, with both principals with the support of the superintendent, that we can plan on an activity that's going to be positive for both schools," Tanaka said.

Tanaka said that the events of the Mayor's Cup gave a "black-eye" to the City of Diamond Bar due to the fight that ended the game and the behavior shown by both schools.

The Diamond Bar City Council officially adjourned at 7:50 p.m. on Nov. 5.

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