

Veterans

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11, 2016. The city will continue to add bricks every year before Veterans Day as space permits. Information: 334-3256

•Ranch Burger is offering a free breakfast to veterans from 7 a.m. to noon. Ranch Burger is located at 5685 Riverside Drive in Chino.

•Chino-based Cub Scouts Pack 205 will deliver socks filled with toiletries to homeless veterans housed at March Air Force Base in Riverside.

•Veterans will receive free admission to the **Planes of Fame Air Museum**. Active military personnel receive free admission every day. The museum is open from 9 a.m. to 5 p.m.

It is located at 14998 Cal Aero Drive in Chino.

Information: 597-3722 or planesoffame.org.

•Chapter 14 and the 335th Assault Helicopter Company Cowboys will commemorate the 50th anniversary of



Champion photo by Dawn Marks

Levi Dickey students Bella Brown and Dylan Brown join their father, Carl Brown, a U.S. veteran, for breakfast during a veterans event held at their school.

the Battle of Dak To at 10 a.m. Wednesday, Nov. 15 at Yanks Aviation Museum, 7000 Merrill Ave. at the Chino Airport.

Admission to the museum is \$17.

A barbecue lunch will

be available for \$15 and a prime rib dinner buffet will cost \$25.

The Battle of Dak To took place in 1967 during the Vietnam War.

Information: (626) 664-0219 or (626) 827-1158.

Trucks ready to move soil for wetlands work

Work will begin Monday to create a wetland, riparian and buffer area on English Creek and adjacent natural areas to make up for the impacts caused by the widening of Peyton Drive.

Excavation trucks will move soil from Community Park east on Eucalyptus Avenue to Boys Republic until Wednesday, Nov. 22.

Approximately 50 truckloads are expected each day between 7 a.m. and 3:30 p.m.

The community park is

the access point for English Creek. Equipment will be staged in the parking lot on the eastern side of the park.

No significant delays are expected to occur at the park or the intersection of Eucalyptus Avenue and Peyton Drive, said public information officer Denise Cattern.

Truck traffic will be restricted during school traffic peak hours at Ayala High and Litel Elementary, she said.

The work will be conducted by the City of Chino Hills and its contractor Nature's Image

of Lake Forest.

Project funding is \$725,000 and includes the removal of non-native plants and the planting of native species to improve the habitat for the least Bell's vireo, an endangered songbird that lives in the English Creek. Other work includes biological monitoring and 24 months of maintenance.

English Creek runs behind McCoy Equestrian Center, the Chino Hills Community Center, and Community Park.



The Future of Tres Hermanos Ranch

By: Chino Hills City Council

Chino Hills residents love the beautiful view of the 2,450-acre Tres Hermanos Ranch on both sides of Grand Avenue and on the west side of Chino Hills Parkway. Approximately 1,750 acres are in Chino Hills, and 700 acres are within Diamond Bar city limits. Chino Hills City officials feel the same way residents do about the property. Its beauty helps to define our community and we would like to see much of it preserved as open space. One of the City's original objectives was to protect open space, and today the City is the steward of over 3,000 acres. City officials are proud of our efforts to protect the rural, natural feel of Chino Hills that has attracted so many residents. The City is very committed to representing its residents with regard to the future of Tres Hermanos Ranch.

The City of Industry (Industry), nearly 20 miles west, has owned Tres Hermanos since 1978, but has never been forthcoming about its plans for the land. There are laws that require a public entity to be transparent when purchasing land. Chino Hills and Diamond Bar have repeatedly asked Industry to share its plans, but it has declined. Publicly, Industry says it is "exploring options for the land dedicated to open space, recreational space such as hiking trails, and exploring alternative energy projects." Through legal filings, and after analyzing thousands of pages of documents, the City of Chino Hills has learned that Industry has spent approximately \$14 million planning a 450-megawatt solar facility – yet they are unwilling to share any specific details, even as the planning of the project seems nearly complete. We aren't solar experts, but we can't find any solar facility in the world that can generate that much power on 2,450 acres. It could potentially require one-third more land. Conveniently, Industry also owns more land – 3,000 acres in Tonner Canyon adjacent to Tres Hermanos. That's a different story.

The fundamental issue is: who should determine what happens on the property? Industry, whose City Council answers to 205 residents who live nowhere near the property? Or, City of Chino Hills officials that answer to nearly 80,000 residents who will be directly affected? Chino Hills believes that its residents, and its neighbors in Diamond Bar, deserve a say about the future of the Tres Hermanos property that lies within our borders. Given the evasive dealings with Industry thus far, the City has no faith that Industry will consider any input that Chino Hills and Diamond Bar residents might provide.

The Cities of Chino Hills and Diamond Bar both filed lawsuits against Industry and others because they have not followed procedures set by State law regarding the sale of Tres Hermanos Ranch. In effect, the land will be sold at the discounted price of \$41.65 million rather than the \$100 million Industry previously offered, which is the appraised value of the land. The City of Chino Hills is extremely concerned that Industry, a public agency, will attempt to avoid the entitlement process whereby a property owner must submit a project with a development plan that meets our General Plan zoning; follows the CEQA (California Environmental Quality Act) process; and, meets our standards for parks, open space, trails, and more. In fact, both Cities filed a second lawsuit on November 1, 2017 against Industry for failure to conduct CEQA review, gift of public funds, and due process violations.

What do the residents of Chino Hills

want for Tres Hermanos? The quick answer is to leave it alone. That's an option if the landowner agrees. If Industry purchases the property, this is not an option it will likely choose. Right now, there is a debate in the community among those who have been following this issue: Would residents rather see a massive solar facility or more houses? Some say, "anything but more houses and traffic." Chino Hills officials think more information is needed as residents consider both sides of the debate. What would the solar facility look like? Would there be any land left for open space or public enjoyment? Would the public be allowed access to the land that will be leased to a private company for a solar facility? On the other side of the debate: How many houses could be built? Some think the City of Chino Hills wants to push housing because the City will profit when new homes are built, but that is incorrect. The City only receives four cents on the dollar of the general property tax levy, which is \$200 per year on a \$500,000 home. Some think the City should not allow anything to be built on Tres Hermanos. If the City deleted all housing units allowed under the General Plan, the landowner would have cause to file a lawsuit for inverse condemnation, i.e. taking away value from the property (development entitlements) without compensation, and based upon the current appraisal the City could be liable for \$100 million or more to the property owner.

Currently, a common misconception is that City officials have blessed runaway development. However, the City's development path was set in 1994 by the General Plan. In 2015, the Plan was updated and the only residential units added were 780 high-density units to meet State Affordable Housing requirements. It's true that Chino Hills is experiencing a boom in building right now, but the vast majority of the projects being built have been included in the General Plan for decades. Most projects received approval years ago, but weren't built. The landowner decides when a project is built, not the City.

Chino Hills residents: City officials are working on your behalf to ensure that Industry is upfront and honest and abides by the law with regard to its intentions, and that the City of Chino Hills influences the process as much as possible for the benefit of our community. If City officials wait for Industry to provide its project details, it will be too late. Documents obtained through our Public Records Act requests cause great concern about the way Industry conducts its business, which is not the way most public agencies operate, and is contrary to State laws in many instances.

Tell us what you want for Tres Hermanos. Do you want solar? Do you want 675 residential units and 15 acres of commercial development on 1,750 acres? Can a buyer be found that would leave the land as is? Would Chino Hills residents support a tax to preserve Tres Hermanos? Chino Hills City officials represent you. Give us your input by sending an email to citycouncil@chinohills.org. But first, learn more by visiting our website at www.chinohills.org/TresHermanos. Maybe the Industry City Council would like your input, too. Their email is COICouncil@cityofindustry.org, and their meetings are on the second and fourth Thursday of the month at 9:00 a.m. in the Industry Council Chambers at 15651 E. Stafford Street, City of Industry, 91744.

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CHILD SUPPORT FOR ADULT CHILDREN

A very common question I get when consulting with a new client is whether they can receive (or are obligated to pay) support for an adult child who is still living at home. It is not uncommon for adult children to continue to live in the family home for a number of reasons. Whether it is due to financial reasons, or they just haven't taken that "leap" yet into the real world, many adult children continue to live at home.

The answer to the question is simple. The answer is, "No." That being said, there are three exceptions. They are:

- 1) The child is 18 but is still a full time high school student. Child support will continue until the child has graduated from high school, or turns 19, whichever occurs first.
- 2) The child is disabled and is unable to support him/herself because of the disability.
- 3) The parties agree that support will be paid for an adult child.

Absent one of these exceptions, the court cannot order child support for an adult child.

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