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## Do the Fourth right



It's shaping up to be another awesome Fourth of July in Anaheim.

Across Anaheim, families and friends will celebrate Fourth of July with barbecues, block parties and other get-togethers.

To those who do it right, we say happy Fourth!

But the holiday also brings its challenges.

For weeks before and after July 4, Anaheim neighborhoods bear the brunt of illegal fireworks (all fireworks are illegal in Anaheim year-round with Safe and Sane being legal only on July 4).

It takes a toll on veterans, seniors, pets, babies, anyone trying to sleep or those who are just sensitive to fireworks.

We are practicing strict enforcement and zero tolerance for anyone caught using dangerous, illegal fireworks. With that in mind, here's everything you need to know to do the Fourth right.

### **Fireworks use**

Only Safe and Sane fireworks, which don't explode or leave the ground, are allowed in Anaheim. They can be used *only* on July 4 from 10 a.m. to 10 p.m.

Use of Safe and Sane fireworks before or after July 4, or before or after fireworks hours on July 4, can result in fines and confiscation.

Fines for the misuse of Safe and Sane fireworks are:

- **\$250:** first offense
- **\$500:** second offense
- **\$1,000:** third offense

During the permitted hours on Fourth of July, you can use Safe and Sane fireworks:

In neighborhoods on sidewalks, alongside curbs or driveways, 10 feet or more away from houses, garages, vehicles, utility lines and vegetation.

At gated, condo and apartment communities *only with association or management approval.*

Fireworks on Fourth of July *are not* allowed:

On major streets, alleys, sidewalks, parks, industrial areas and parking lots.

Anywhere in east Anaheim, east of the Costa Mesa (55) Freeway and south of the Riverside (91) Freeway because of high hillside fire risk.

## Illegal fireworks

While Safe and Sane fireworks are illegal in Anaheim on any day other than July 4, “illegal fireworks” most often refers to bottle rockets, cherry bombs, m-80s, aerial shells and others that explode or leave the ground.

Illegal fireworks are banned 365 days a year in Anaheim because of fire and safety risks.

This year, our enforcement teams are practicing zero tolerance if you are caught using illegal fireworks. The fines can be steep:

- **\$1,000:** first offense
- **\$2,000:** second offense
- **\$3,000:** third offense

Significant possession or sale of illegal fireworks can also result in arrest and potential criminal prosecution.

## Reporting illegal fireworks

For enforcement to be effective, we need to catch someone with illegal fireworks or in the act of lighting them.

Unfortunately, that’s easier said than done given the fleeting nature of fireworks and the difficulty in pinpointing exact locations.

To report illegal fireworks, call Anaheim Police at (714) 765-1900.

For fireworks or any call to police, here are some tips that can help make it more effective:

Whenever possible, provide an address. Short of that, provide a good landmark for officers, such as “the brown house two in from the corner.”

If you can, provide a clear, simple description of those involved, including whether they are male or female, their clothing and ethnicity. Provide specific details on what they are doing.

In cases where someone is having a party and using illegal fireworks, let the dispatcher know you are willing to sign a complaint if you're comfortable doing so. A complaint is just that — a complaint by you against someone else doing something wrong. A signed complaint can be used as evidence in court.

Remember, your own safety should always come first. Do not confront someone using illegal fireworks.

More at [Anaheim.net/fireworks](http://Anaheim.net/fireworks).

## Report illegal fireworks



**Anaheim  
Fireworks**

**Report Illegal  
Fireworks Online**

[Anaheim.net/  
ReportFireworks](http://Anaheim.net/ReportFireworks)

Illegal fireworks are all too common in Anaheim and across Southern California cities leading up to, during and after the Fourth of July.

It's not pleasant for residents and can take a toll on the elderly, veterans, babies, young kids and pets.

We know many residents feel helpless as they listen to and see illegal fireworks go off in their neighborhood.

We strongly discourage the use of illegal fireworks.

In addition to our other enforcement efforts this holiday, we have debuted a new online tool for you to report illegal fireworks going off in your neighborhood.

You can help us by reporting illegal fireworks at [Anaheim.net/ReportFireworks](https://Anaheim.net/ReportFireworks).

Leading up to, during and after the Fourth of July, we'll have enforcement teams patrolling the city for illegal fireworks.

Your reports will help us know where you're seeing illegal fireworks, so we can better focus our enforcement patrols.

When submitting a report, please provide as much detail as possible, including location, the type of fireworks and descriptions of the people lighting fireworks if you see them. Reports may be submitted anonymously.

If you would like to request a non-emergency call for police or fire service related to fireworks, call Anaheim Police Department at (714) 765-1900.

## Celebrate America



Happy Fourth of July, Anaheim!

We're gearing up for the holiday week and can't wait to celebrate with friends, family, pool parties and barbecues.

If you're looking for a fun time, we suggest you check out the Anaheim Hills 4th of July Celebration at Peralta Park.

All of Anaheim is welcome to enjoy a day of fun.

It all kicks off with a pancake breakfast and the Firecracker 5K/10K run or walk. Then check out a patriotic parade and fair with food booths, live music and more.

And the free, professional fireworks show begins at 9 p.m.

It's the perfect way to have a safe and happy Fourth of July.

More information at [Anaheimhillscommunitycouncil.org](http://Anaheimhillscommunitycouncil.org).

## Support nonprofits



It's time to stock up on sparklers and smoke balls to celebrate and support your favorite school or nonprofit group this Fourth of July.

Eight nonprofits selected by lottery and groups from all eight Anaheim high schools are selling Safe and Sane fireworks at 16 stands across the city.

This year, you can support:

- Anaheim High School Band Boosters, 420 N. Euclid St.
- Bear's Jr. All American Football & Cheer, 101 E. Ball Road
- Canyon High School Education Foundation, 1131 N. State College Blvd.
- Chance Theater, 810 S. State College Blvd.
- Destined to Dance Inc., 1222 S. Magnolia Ave.
- Esperanza High School Aquatics Boosters, 2527 E. Ball Road
- Foster Care Auxiliary of Orange County, 1201 S. Euclid St.
- Grace OC Church, 275 S. Harbor Blvd.
- Iglesia Manantial De Vida, 775 N. East St.
- Katella High School Band Boosters, 2108 E. Lincoln Ave.
- Loara High School Band Boosters, 267 S. Euclid St.
- Magnolia High School Band Boosters, 2251 W. Ball Road
- Onesimus Mentoring, Inc., 601 N. Euclid St.
- Savanna High School Band Boosters, 201 S. Brookhurst St.
- Western High School Aquatics Boosters, 2394 W. Lincoln Ave.
- Women's Auxiliary Unit 72, 720 W. La Palma Ave.

Fireworks stands are open from 10 a.m. to 10 p.m. now through July 3, and on July 4 from 10 a.m. to 9 p.m. Stands are spread out between Western Avenue in the west and the Orange (57) Freeway in the east.

Buying Safe and Sane fireworks helps raise money for great programs in our community, and lighting sparklers with the kids is a fun way to celebrate America's birthday.

But remember that fireworks are only legal in Anaheim on July 4 between 10 a.m. and 10 p.m. So save it for the Fourth!

And illegal fireworks — the professional kind that fly up in the air with a big explosion — are never allowed in our city.

All fireworks, even safe and sane ones, are not allowed east of the Costa Mesa (55) Freeway and south of the Riverside (91) Freeway due to fire concerns.

We will have zero tolerance for those who are caught setting off illegal fireworks.

More at [Anaheim.net/fireworks](http://Anaheim.net/fireworks).

## Our new budget



Anaheim's new budget for the next 12 months will touch the daily lives of residents with \$570 million dedicated to public safety and community services as well projects to better roads, utilities, parks, libraries and more.

The budget, which covers the 12 months from July 1, 2019, to June 30, 2020, includes spending for:

- A new dog park
- A fire station in the Platinum Triangle
- Library, community center and park renovations
- New streetlights
- Undergrounding of power lines to improve reliability and the look of streets
- Street improvements and repaving
- Investments in Anaheim's electricity and water systems to ensure reliable, cost-effective service

## **BY THE NUMBERS**

### **\$2 billion**

Anaheim's total overall city budget. It includes the city's general fund for day-to-day services, a capital improvement program for big projects, and enterprise funds for the city's water and power utility, the Anaheim Convention Center, golf courses and other facilities. It also includes \$200 million used to pay debt and other uses. Anaheim's overall budget for fiscal year 2019-20 is up 5 percent from the prior fiscal year.

### **\$755 million**

Anaheim's enterprise funds. They cover city operations that collect revenue for providing services to customers. These include Anaheim Public Utilities, the city's not-for-profit water and electricity provider, and Convention, Sports & Entertainment, which runs the Anaheim Convention Center and oversees Honda Center, Angel Stadium of Anaheim, City National Grove of Anaheim and the ARTIC transit center.

Enterprise funds make up the largest portion of Anaheim's overall budget, with the money they generate going to offset the expense of their operations or to fund improvements. Residents benefit from reliable electricity and water service and rates that are lower than in surrounding cities. Residents also benefit from visitors who come to Anaheim for conventions, sports and entertainment and spend money on hotels, shopping and dining.

Spending in enterprise funds is up 4 percent from the prior year.

### **\$355 million**

Anaheim's general fund. This is the city's main source of money for day-to-day operations and covers spending on staffing and offerings at parks, libraries and community centers as well as public safety and other city services. The general fund is up 9 percent from the prior fiscal year, with the increase driven largely by higher employee pension costs and spending related to Anaheim's two homeless shelters that opened in early 2019.

The city's general fund covers:

- 408 police officers and 200,000 annual calls for service
- 209 firefighters and 34,000 annual calls for service

- 59 parks, including seven skate parks and two dog parks
- Nine community centers
- Seven libraries
- Orange County's only Mobile Library

## **\$215 million**

Anaheim's capital improvement program. The capital improvement program funds upgrades to parks, roadways, sewers, landscapes, electric and water systems and more. The program is funded in some cases by enterprise revenue or by outside sources including the state's gasoline tax, a portion of sales tax for transportation, federal Community Development Block Grants, developer fees and other sources. The capital improvement program is 6 percent lower than the prior fiscal year and can vary year to year based on current projects and what stage they are at.

## **BUDGET HIGHLIGHTS**

### **Dog park**

Anaheim's third dog park is set for Maxwell Park in west Anaheim. The space for large and small dogs is planned on an acre of land and will include a decomposed granite area for dogs to run and play, agility equipment as well as benches, drinking fountains, shade trees, lighting and fencing.

The dog park is set to be built in 2020 at a cost of \$800,000. The project is part of our ongoing work at Maxwell Park, where a homeless encampment was cleared in late 2018. In addition to the dog park, we have improved lighting and landscaping at the park.

### **Parks, libraries and community centers**

Including the Maxwell Park dog park, Anaheim is set to spend \$4.8 million on our parks, libraries and community centers in the next 12 months. Other projects include:

- \$1 million for the planning and development of a downtown community park next to the Downtown Community Center.
- \$1 million for planning and early work on soccer fields at La Palma Park.
- \$900,000 for a teen room at Brookhurst Community Center.
- \$800,000 for upgrades to sports fields and playgrounds at parks across the city

- \$340,244 for Central Library outdoor space with a performance stage, science demonstration space, sandbox, trike track, planters and seating.
- \$185,000 in landscape improvements at Euclid Library.
- \$150,000 for early work on an educational outdoor laboratory at Oak Canyon Nature Center.

## **Fire station**

Anaheim's budget includes \$8.6 million for a fire station in the Platinum Triangle near Angel Stadium of Anaheim.

The station is designed to improve response times for the growing community in the Platinum Triangle and neighborhoods around it. It is set to see construction in 2019 and 2020.

## **Transportation improvements**

The budget's capital improvement program includes \$75.2 million in spending on upgrades to streets, bridges, sidewalks, curbs, gutters and landscaping, including:

- \$12.7 million for traffic signal coordination to improve traffic flow and reduce congestion along Anaheim Boulevard, Brookhurst Street, Euclid Street, La Palma Avenue and others.
- \$10.7 million for major street improvements, including the widening of Brookhurst from Cerritos Avenue to Guinida Lane, Katella Avenue along the Anaheim Convention Center and Lincoln Avenue from East Street to Evergreen Street.
- \$8.5 million for new asphalt pavement, street striping, curbs and gutters and sidewalks throughout Anaheim, including on Broadway from Gilbert Street to Greenwich Lane in west Anaheim; on Broadway from Anaheim Boulevard to East Street in the central part of the city; on Ball Road from Disneyland Drive to Claremont Street in the Anaheim Resort; and on Weir Canyon Road from Serrano to Parkglen Place in east Anaheim.

## **Electric, water systems**

The budget's capital improvement program includes \$95 million in upgrades by Anaheim Public Utilities to ensure reliable, cost-effective electric and water service.

**Electric system upgrades** total \$68.6 million and include undergrounding of electric and other utility wires, substation upgrades, streetlight improvements, replacement of cables, wires, circuits, switches and capacitors and transformers.

**Water system upgrades** total \$26.6 million and include improvements to the Linda Vista Complex pumping station, La Palma Complex reservoir, replacement of water mains that bring water to homes and businesses and improvements to wells, pumps, motors, valves, pipes, meters and hydrants.

### **Budget by district**

Anaheim's spending outlined in the budget is roughly equal among the city's six City Council districts. It ranges from a high of \$57.8 million for district 3 in central Anaheim, the oldest part of our city, to a low of \$44 million in District 6 in east Anaheim, the newest part.

Here is a breakdown of spending by district:

- **District 1**, west \$44.9 million
- **District 2**, west \$43.7 million
- **District 3**, central \$57.8 million
- **District 4**, central-south \$46.5 million
- **District 5**, central-east \$48.8 million
- **District 6**, east \$43.9 million

### **Where Anaheim's revenue comes from**

Revenue from and related to the theme parks, convention center, hotels and other businesses of The Anaheim Resort makes up the largest piece of the general fund, which covers public safety and community services for our residents, businesses and visitors.

Revenue from hotel stays, known as transient-occupancy tax, makes up half of Anaheim's general fund at a budgeted \$174.2 million for fiscal year 2019-20, up 6 percent from the prior year.

The vast majority of our hotel revenue, 93 percent, comes from The Anaheim Resort.

Including all revenue generated, The Anaheim Resort represents nearly 60 percent of Anaheim's general fund at \$209 million.

Anaheim's other big sources of revenue are the city's share of California's sales tax and Orange County's property tax.

The city's share of sales tax, which is 1 percent of the county's 7.75 percent rate, is projected at \$89 million for fiscal year 2019-20, up 7 percent from a year earlier.

Anaheim's theme parks are the largest generators of sales tax.

The city's share of property tax is projected to be \$81.8 million, up 6 percent from a year earlier. Walt Disney Co.'s theme parks, shopping center, hotels and parking areas are the city's largest source of property tax revenue.

You can see Anaheim's budget here. To view all of the City Council meetings and workshops on the budget, click [here](#).

## Summer fun



Make the most of summer this year with a host of fun, mostly free activities in Anaheim.

From concerts to movies under the stars, here's a roundup of events to enjoy this summer.

Questions? Call (714) 765-5191

### Nature Nights

Enjoy warm summer nights at the Oak Canyon Nature Center, 6700 E. Walnut Canyon Road. Start the evening with a twilight walk and then watch a live animal demonstration from experts.

Wednesdays through Aug. 14 starting at 7 p.m. Admission is free.

## **Movie Nights**

Bring the family, a blanket and some popcorn for free movies under the stars at Anaheim parks.

### **Oak Canyon Nature Center**

6700 E. Walnut Canyon Road

Thursdays in August. Evening begins with a twilight walk at 7:30 p.m. and the movie begins at 8 p.m.

Aug. 8: "Incredibles 2"

Aug. 15: "Hotel Transylvania 3"

Aug. 22: "ET the Extra-Terrestrial"

### **Pearson Park Amphitheatre**

401 N. Lemon St.

Fridays in August, movies begin at 8 p.m.

Aug. 9: "Incredibles 2"

Aug. 16: "Hotel Transylvania 3"

Aug. 23: "E.T. the Extra-Terrestrial"

### **Downtown Anaheim Community Center**

250 E. Center St.

Thursdays at 7 p.m.

July 18: "Spirit: Stallion of the Cimarron"

Aug. 15: "Smallfoot"

## **Ponderosa Park Family Resource Center**

320 E. Oranewood Ave.

Tuesdays at 7:45 p.m.

July 16: "Mary Poppins Returns"

Aug. 13: "Incredibles 2"

## **Miraloma Family Resource Center**

2600 E. Miraloma Way

Fridays at 7:30 p.m.

July 12: "How to Train Your Dragon: The Hidden World"

Aug. 9: "Wonder Park"

## **Disney Summer Movie Nights**

Enjoy a Disney classic under the stars, sponsored by Disneyland Resort. All movies begin at 7:45 p.m.

July 5: "Hercules" Chaparral Park, 2100 S. Haster St.

July 12: "Wreck-It Ralph," Willow Park, 1625 W. Crone Ave.

July 19: "The Emperor's New Groove," Stoddard Park, 1901 S. Ninth St.

July 26: "Star Wars: Episode IV A New Hope," Eucalyptus Park. 100 S. Quintana Drive

Aug. 2: "Star Wars: Episode V The Empire Strikes Back," Juarez Park, 841 S. Sunkist St.

Aug. 9: "Star Wars: Episode VI Return of the Jedi," Twila Reid Park, 3100 W. Orange Ave.

## **Concerts in the Canyon**

Ronald Reagan Park

945 S. Weir Canyon Road

Thursdays at 6:30 p.m.

Free evening concerts, plus games and kids activities, in east Anaheim. Make it a picnic and bring your own food or support one of the gourmet food trucks.

July 11: Mick & the Stones, Rolling Stones tribute show

July 18: Pop Vinyl, dance band

July 25: Trinity, Journey tribute show

Aug. 1: Stone Soul, Motown tribute show

## **Concert on the Green**

Free music on the golf course, games and activities in west Anaheim. Bring your own picnic or purchase dinner, snacks or drinks.

Dad Miller Golf Course

430 N. Gilbert St.

Aug. 2

6:30 p.m.

## **Summer Nights Under the Stars**

Pearson Park Amphitheatre

401 N. Lemon St.

## Family Series Fridays

6:30 p.m.

July 12: Mahana-Polynesian Dance Show

July 19: Anaheim Ballet (free)

## Free Concert Saturdays

7 p.m.

Aug. 10: The Trip, rock cover band

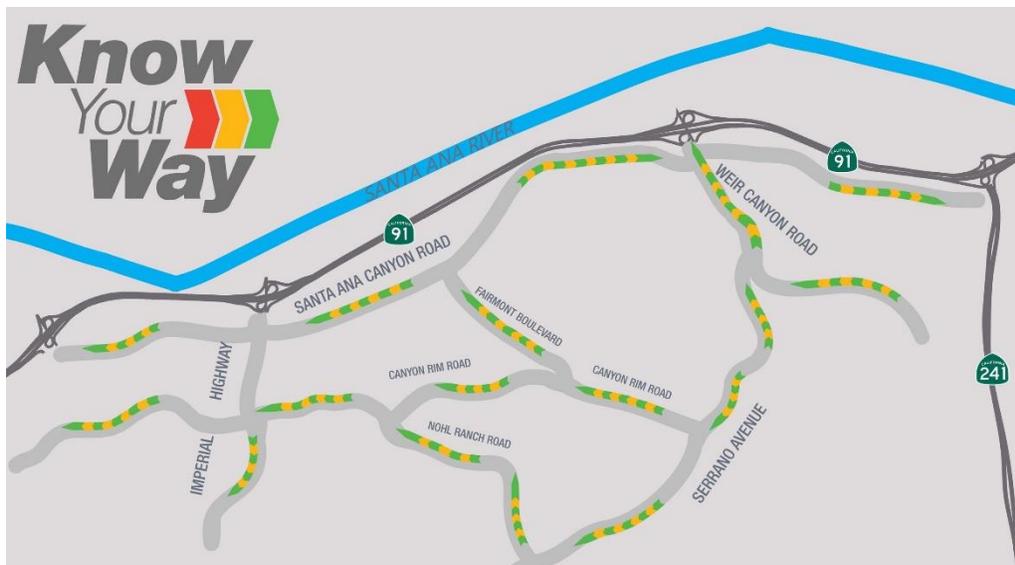
Aug. 17: Chicago Tribute Experience

Aug. 31: Pacific Symphony

## Special Saturday Concert

Sept. 21, 7 p.m.: The Fab Four

## Know Your Way



The summer heat is upon us, and it reminds us that wildfire season is nearing.

We know wildfires, as well as earthquakes and hillside runoff, are a risk in California, including in the hills of east Anaheim.

As we saw with 2017's Canyon Fire 2, there are times when east Anaheim residents will need to leave their homes to safeguard themselves and their families.

We'll be there to help. Anaheim has a comprehensive evacuation strategy should we need to get people out during a wildfire or other emergency.

You can find out more at [Anaheim.net/KnowYourWay](https://www.anaheim.net/KnowYourWay). There you'll find detailed maps showing how we will move people out.

Since every emergency is unique, these are general plans that could shift as conditions change.

As always, follow directions from police, fire and other city personnel in an actual emergency evacuation.

We also need you to do your part. We ask everyone in the hills to know their primary evacuation route plus two or three other routes in case roads are closed or conditions change.

But start by looking at our primary evacuations route map and figure out what would be your primary and secondary routes.

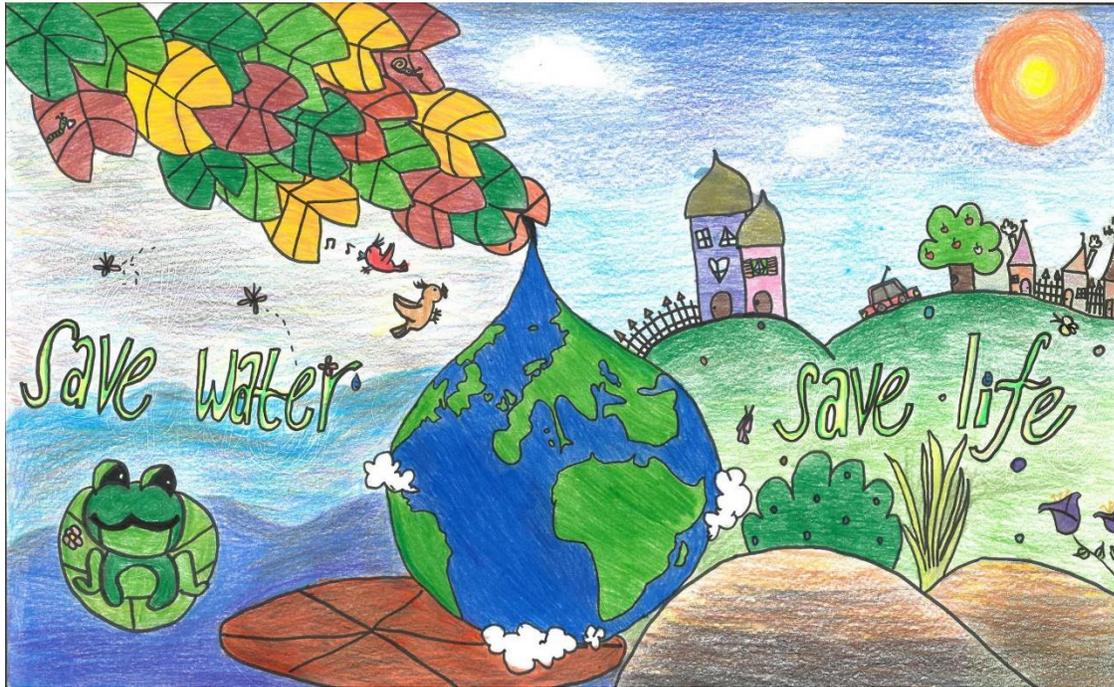
In just about all cases, we'll be looking to evacuate people in a western direction. For many people, that means you'll first travel north to get to the Riverside (91) Freeway.

There are some cases you might go east for a short period but just to get on the freeway to go west.

In select cases, some residents might also be directed to the south to evacuate into the city of Orange.

And be on the lookout. We'll be sharing our plans with east Anaheim residents during community meetings in July and August.

## Student art



There's a new art exhibit in downtown Anaheim — by local students!

If you're in the area, stop by Anaheim West Tower, 201 S. Anaheim Blvd., and check out the traveling student art exhibit featuring 36 winning posters from Metropolitan Water District of Southern California's "Water is Life" regional contest.

The contest encouraged students to illustrate the importance of water conservation and help educate the community about how to preserve our precious natural resources.

One student from Anaheim, fourth-grader Grace Li of Acaciawood Preparatory Academy, is among this year's contest winners.

The free exhibit will be in Anaheim through July 9 and is open during business hours.

Even if you can't make it to see the exhibit in person, you can still enjoy student art. We're offering a free calendar featuring the artwork, just stop by the Anaheim Public Utilities customer service lobby or email [apublicutilities@anaheim.net](mailto:apublicutilities@anaheim.net).

## Summer savings



Summer is here and you're probably turning on the air conditioner to stay cool.

Did you know Anaheim Public Utilities has tools and programs to help you save energy during the summer heat, so you're not surprised by your bill later?

We have a host of rebates to help residents and businesses, including energy-efficient appliances, room air conditioners, ceiling and house fans, smart thermostats, insulation and more.

There are many programs for income-qualified residents, including free efficiency upgrades and repairs to older appliances like air conditioners.

And we still offer a free home utility checkup to help you find ways to reduce your bill all year long.

Find out more at [Anaheim.net/saveenergy](https://Anaheim.net/saveenergy).