

Thank you for supporting *Music in The Park!*



We had a great time at The Park this summer! We're grateful to everyone who turned out to enjoy the music and community spirit—and also to help support LHHIA, which has been presenting these concerts since 1989.



Puente Hills community patrols & fireworks prevention on July 4

This past Independence Day, the Puente Hills Habitat Preservation Authority (Habitat Authority) once again took action to protect our treasured hills and open spaces from illegal fireworks activity that could cause devastating wildfires.

For over 20 years, the Habitat Authority has organized a fireworks patrol on the evening of July 4 and partnered with local jurisdictions. Twenty volunteers—trained and coordinated by the Authority—were stationed at popular access points throughout the Preserve in La Habra Heights, Whittier and Hacienda Heights from 7 to 10 p.m., serving as extra eyes and ears to spot and report any illegal fireworks or suspicious activity, educate the public and discourage unauthorized access after dark.

This proactive presence has become a trusted tradition, helping to deter dangerous behavior and ensure a rapid response from emergency services if needed. Rangers from the Habitat Authority (contracted through the Mountains Recreation and Conservation Authority) actively patrolled the preserve in trucks equipped with water, with staff and other MRCA trained firefighters lending additional patrol support.



They worked together beyond midnight and collaborated with local fire and law enforcement agencies to keep a close watch over the hills. The City of La Habra Heights and its local Fire Watch group are also deeply committed to fire safety, and we greatly value the opportunity to collaborate with them in these important efforts.

Residents from all over were encouraged to join in, and all patrol members received guidance on how to safely observe and report without putting themselves in harm's way. These combined efforts are part of a broader, multi-agency strategy that includes annual defensible-space clearance, coordinated emergency response planning and ongoing public education to keep both the Preserve and surrounding neighborhoods safe from wildfire threats.

The Habitat Authority is grateful to all volunteers and partners who helped make this year's Fourth of July celebration a safe and peaceful event for everyone.

Visit habitatauthority.org/puente-hills-preserve-management/wildfire-preparedness or contact info@HabitatAuthority.org for more information about the Habitat Authority's year-round wildfire preparedness efforts.