

City News

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Photo Contest Starts This Month

April 16 marks the launch of the City's popular annual photo contest – *Diamond Bar Through My Lens*.

Now in its fifth year, the contest aims to raise community spirit while highlighting the best of Diamond Bar as captured through the camera lenses of residents.

Diamond Bar Through My Lens Photo Contest Entries are accepted in two age divisions: adults age 18 and older and youth age 17 and younger, and seven categories: People, Pets, Places, Nature, and Digitally-Altered (added this year as a result of participant feedback).

The contest is open only to Diamond Bar residents, and photos may be submitted in every category, but only one entry per category will be accepted. Deadline for entries is 4:30 pm on Friday, November 30.

In December, winning photographs and finalists will be selected in each division and category, with the winners awarded congratulatory certificates as well as monetary prizes, thanks to the financial support of the Diamond Bar Community Foundation (DBCF).

Top contest entries may be published in the City's 2013-2014 Calendar and Services Guide and the DBCF monthly Windmill magazine.

Complete contest rules, official entry form, and digital entry requirements are available at www.diamondbarca.gov/photocontest. Questions may be directed to the City's Public Information Division at 909.839.7057 or via e-mail at photocontest@diamondbarca.gov.



City Birthday Party

It's 23 Candles on the Birthday Cake for Diamond Bar!

A celebratory mood will reign over Pantera Park on Saturday, April 14 when the community comes together in commemoration of the 23rd anniversary of Diamond Bar's incorporation as a City.

Considered the largest attended City-hosted event, the City Birthday Party goes from 11 am to 5 pm (carnival rides and teen games/activities until 6pm) and features a host of fun activities for the entire family to enjoy, including:

More than 40 local vendors under one canopy promoting home, health and recreational products and services will be part of this year's **Business Showcase** organized by the Regional Chamber of Commerce – SGV. To inquire about space availability, call 909.869.0701.

Several dozen cars and hotrods on display as part of the **Car Show** vying to score a spot in the top 10, with categories including Best in Show, Mayor's Choice, and People's Choice. Participants each receive a T-shirt and car product giveaways. To register a vehicle, call 909.839.7072.

Back-to-back community-based **Entertainment**, ranging from choreographed dances to martial arts, will keep the stage alive.

Information about the various recycling programs and options available to residents, as well Earth Day-themed craft activities for children available in the **Go Green Section**.

Carnival Attractions that include a Ferris wheel, jumbo slide, merry-go-round, bounce houses, and dozens of prize-incentive games such as basketball throw, baseball pitch, and bean bag toss.

Tips on how to prepare for and respond to a major disaster, suggestions on how to create an aesthetic yet a functional landscape through the use of drought-tolerant plants that do not readily ignite from a flame or other ignition sources. Free onsite production of KidPrint cards containing your child's emergency-vital information such as fingerprints, height, weight, and date of birth courtesy of the County Sheriff's Department in the **Public Safety Area**.

Shortly after 3 pm, several deserving volunteers, as nominated by fellow residents, will be recognized with **Outstanding Volunteer** awards for their good deeds and community service. Immediately following this recognition ceremony, event attendees will be treated to a free slice of Birthday Cake.

Free off-site parking will be available at Pantera Elementary School and the surrounding neighborhood, with continuous free shuttle service provided from each location to the park, beginning at 10 am.

For more event-related information, visit www.DiamondBarCa.gov/citybirthday or call the City's Recreation Services Division at 909.839.7070.

EnviroLink On Its Way

With the delivery set in line with Earth Day 2012, this year's edition of the City's annual environmental newsletter, EnviroLink is set to arrive in Diamond Bar mailboxes the week of April 23rd. The four-page publication is filled with useful information, tips, and resources for living a green-minded lifestyle. Among the topics covered are recipes for alternative household cleaning products, the various recycling options available in and around town, and rebates and tax incentives available for incorporating sustainable practices into your everyday activities.

Eggs Galore!

Hey kids, get your baskets ready for the City's annual Easter Egg Hunt set to take place Saturday, April 7 at Pantera Park! The festivities begin at 8:30 am with a pancake breakfast provided by Fire Explorers Post #19 for a nominal fee, followed by the egg hunt at 10 am. Separate egg hunting areas will be set up to divide participants into appropriate age groups. Photos with the Easter Bunny will be available for a nominal fee. Pantera Park is located at 738 Pantera Drive. For more information, call 909.839.7070.



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February 2012 New Business of the Month



Intiraymi Restaurant

Peruvian Food
23545 Palomino Drive Ste F
909.861.1200
www.intiraymirestaurants.com
Hours: Mon – Sun 11 am – 9 pm

Offering everything from appetizers to lunch specials and dinner plates, Intiraymi Restaurant offers over 60 items, including the popular Peruvian dish - lomo saltado, a beef and potato stir-fry.

Arbor Day Celebration

A greener more aesthetic Pantera Elementary will be the result of the City's Arbor Day Celebration taking place on Friday, April 27 in honor of the City's 11th year designation as a Tree City U.S.A. community.

The celebration will start at 9:30 am and include environment-themed student performances, recognition of the school's winner of the Arbor Day Poster Contest, and the planting of five 24-inch boxed trees on school grounds.

Arbor Day, founded in 1872, is the nation's oldest environmental holiday celebrating trees and their energy-producing and conserving role. The Tree City USA program recognizes communities that invest and manage their urban and community forest resource.

Special thanks to West Coast Arborist for supporting the event through its donation of the trees.

Event attendance is free and open to the public; however guests must first stop by the school's main office, 801 Pantera Drive, to obtain a visitor's pass. For more event-related information, contact the City's Recreation Services Division at 909.839.7070.

Water District 60th Anniversary Open House

Walnut Valley Water District is celebrating its 60th anniversary this month, and invites the public to attend a special Open House event on Saturday, April 28. The family-friendly event will be held from 10 am to 2 pm at the District office located at 271 S. Brea Canyon Road in Walnut. Festivities will include activities and games for children, water conservation giveaways, and free food, drinks, and snacks. Attendees will also have a chance to learn more about how the water system works through informational displays, presentations, and demonstrations. For more information, call 909.595.1268 or visit www.wvwd.com.

Electric Lawnmower Exchange

Residents again have a chance to turn in their gas-powered lawn mower and obtain a new cordless rechargeable electric model at a discounted price, thanks to a special program offered by the South Coast Air Quality Management District (AQMD).

To qualify for the trade-in, pre-registration is required and the gasoline mower must be in operational condition.

There are several models to choose from and they range in cost from \$100 to \$165, sales tax included. Further details, including the brands and mower features are available on the AQMD website www.aqmd.gov.

Pre-registration will open mid April online www.aqmd.gov and by phone 888.425.6247 and be handled on a first come, first serve basis. There is a limit of one mower per residence.



Brush Clearance Reminder

Do your part to prevent vegetation from turning into kindling

Hillside property owners are reminded that the County of Los Angeles Fire Department will begin conducting its annual brush clearance inspection on May 1.

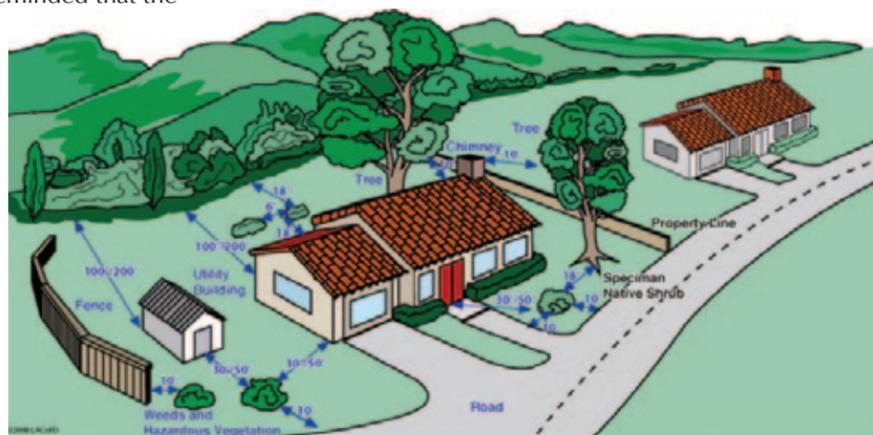
The inspection is part of the Fire Department's efforts to protect properties of the threat of wildfire, and includes fire personnel canvassing the city and issuing 30-day correction notices to residents whose property does not comply with the County's Brush Clearance requirements.

These requirements, aimed at creating defensible space in which firefighters can operate safely in order to help protect a home during a wildfire, are the legal responsibility of homeowners and include the following:

- Removing all flammable vegetation or other combustible growth within 30 feet (50 feet in areas determined to be high fire hazard) of any structure; and
- Thinning out or remove additional vegetation an additional 70 feet from the structure; an additional 100 feet of thinning or removal may be required in high fire hazard areas.

Additional measures to help safeguard homes from wildfires include:

- Yard:** Landscaping with fire-resistant, low-growing plants with high moisture content; and keeping woodpiles, propane tanks and combustible materials away from the house and other structures, such as garages and sheds.
- Roof:** Clearing pine needles, leaves, and other debris



from the roof and gutters; screening or enclosing rain gutters to prevent accumulation of plant debris; and cutting any tree branches within 10 feet of the roof.

Vents: Covering all vent openings with 1/8 inch or smaller metal mesh; do not use fiberglass or plastic mesh because it can melt and burn.

Windows: Installing dual-paned with the exterior pane of tempered glass windows to reduce the chance of breakage in a fire.

To make the most of water supplies, it is also recommended to have multiple garden hoses that are long enough to reach any area of the house and other structures on your property; properties with pools or wells should also consider a pump.

Homeowners seeking information on contractors or consultants to carry out brush clearance operations, fuel modifications plans, or oak tree reports, should visit the Forestry Division's website www.fire.lacounty.gov/Forestry/BrushManagementHazardReductionContractors.asp

Early Season Mosquito Control Advised

With summer only a few months away, the Greater Los Angeles County Vector Control Agency (GLACVCD) reminds readers that early season mosquito control and proactive monitoring are key to reducing mosquito-spread illnesses, such as West Nile virus.

To get ready for hot weather months, residents are encouraged to follow these basic protective measures:

- Conduct a weekly inspection of your property and remove all sources of standing water (e.g. – fountains, bird baths, ponds, neglected buckets or containers).
- Ensure your doors and windows have tight-fitting screens and repair or replace screens that have tears or holes to prevent mosquitoes from entering your home.
- Report green' inoperable pools or other potential mosquito breeding sources in your neighborhood by making a service request online at www.glacvcd.org or by calling 562.944.9656.

GLACVCD also encourages readers to report dead birds to the West Nile virus hotline at (877) WNV-BIRD (877.968.2473) or online at www.westnile.ca.gov.

Interesting Mosquito Facts

- Mosquitoes need water to complete the first three stages of life – egg, larva, pupa – that precede adulthood.
- Only female mosquitoes bite; they need blood protein to make eggs. Female mosquitoes live from three to 100 days; males from 10 to 20 days. The female of most species can lay 100 to 300 eggs at a time and 1,000 to 3,000 eggs in her lifetime.
- Mosquitoes use exhaled carbon dioxide, body odor, temperature, and movement to target humans, other mammals, and birds.
- Most adult mosquitoes remain within one mile of where they were hatched. A few species range 20 miles or more.

Source: FighttheBite.net

School Happenings

Story contributed by the Walnut Valley Unified School District

Diamond Bar CHAMPS On and Off the Field

On Wednesday afternoons a group of Castle Rock Elementary boys gather in the school courtyard excitedly waiting for their new friends to arrive – Diamond Bar High Varsity football players.

The new cross-age mentoring and tutoring program connecting the Walnut Valley students is called Creating Honorable Aspiring Mentors with Purpose (C.H.A.M.P.).

It launched on January 27 and was developed by Head Football Coach Ryan Maine, a Castle Rock alumnus.

Maine wants his players to be positive role models on and off the football field.

"I believe this will really help develop their character," he said.

Ten football leaders read, tutor, and mentor with the primary grade students for about 30 minutes each week.

Principal Carol Sullivan enjoys seeing the smiles on her students' faces.

"The boys are swiggly and wiggly until the moment they see their mentors and then they get right to work," she said.

"I like reading and playing with him on the playground," said 2nd grader Matthew Zirolì.

"They're really nice and cool!"

The busy Brahma athletes fit the new program into their schedule during cardio workout training.

The volunteer athletes jog down to the school at 2:15 p.m. and immediately pair up with their "buddy" in a nearby classroom. They listen to the 2nd and 3rd graders read from books, magazines, and school assignments.

Then it's time to play and the group comprised of all-sized kids sprints down to the primary playground with a soccer ball.

The muscular teen athletes carefully bob and weave through the grass with the seven and eight year-old boys. Everyone gets some exercise while having fun!

"They play soccer with us and they are good!" said 2nd grader Alek Silva.

The athlete leaders received training from 5th grade teacher Steve Thayer on January 11.

"This has been really exciting," Thayer said. The primary students are currently working on sight word recognition and fluency.

"They just need someone to pattern for them and that's what these guys do," he said.

Right now, they're spending time getting to know each other and later he'll teach additional



Jordan Croom reads with his CHAMP buddy Tyler Peterson

tutoring techniques. Pre and post testing will show reading level improvements.

"There's more to it than just reading," said Thayer. *"They're getting quality individual time and that's gold!"*

"Our players really enjoy the program and they feel like they have a purpose," Maine said. And they wish they could spend more time with the kids!

"I like helping the kids read and getting to know them. It's something special," said junior linebacker Vincent Zambrano.

"He's a smart kid! He told me he likes to play chess," said junior wide receiver Matt Carrillo after helping his buddy read a poster about Christopher Columbus.

"It's an honor to be part of the program. I feel like I'm making a difference," said sophomore middle line backer Bill Preciado.

He said his buddy is a *"really cool kid and he likes football too."*

Diamond Bar High School plans to invite the elementary students to a football game for a special half-time recognition.

Story contributed by the Pomona Unified School District

Diamond Point Launches 100th Day Celebration

Diamond Point Elementary held its first 100th Day Celebration recently, where students in kindergarten through grade three celebrated their 100th day in school by participating in a variety of fun and educational activities. Parents were invited onto campus to work with and interact with their children as they learned numerous ways to count to 100.

"Stations were set up for students to count, classify, estimate and sort objects to 100," said Principal Dolores Lobaina. *"Students were engaged in building puzzles of 100 pieces and problem solved together to find solutions to real-world problems."*

The event was coordinated by Education Specialist Karen Fenstermaker as a way to celebrate students' accomplishments in the first 100 days of school, and to give students opportunities to explore various learning techniques. Students also participated in physical education activities including jumping rope, catching, throwing, skipping, and throwing 100 basketball free throws.

An assembly wrapped up the day's activities. Special guest, Zero the Hero – a character used in primary levels to place importance on numbers – made a surprise appearance and led students into songs with the "100" theme.

"This event is a great way to get students motivated and excited about learning," said Superintendent Richard Martinez. *"It not only provides an opportunity for parents to interact with their children in a learning environment, but also allows students to have fun while doing so."*



Summer Day Camp

With themes that include "Animal Kingdom," "Slime, Grime & Goop!" and "Mystery Mayhem," the lineup for the City's 2012 youth summer camp program has something for every interest.

Summer Daze Camp is open to children ages 6 to 12, and offered in one-week sessions that feature different themes carried out through crafts, activities, sports, and games.



Every session also includes a trip to a local pool, and both a minor and major excursion. Examples of excursions are Disneyland, Raging Waters, Knott's Berry Farm, and the Discovery Center.

Camp is held at Heritage Park, 2900 S. Brea Canyon Road, Monday through Friday, from 7am to 6pm. Participation fee is \$130 a week, and includes a camp T-shirt, class materials, and field trip transportation and admissions. Campers must bring their own bag lunches.

Registration is now underway and being processed on a first-come, first-serve basis; camp is limited to 100 campers per week and slots fill quickly. Registration forms are available for download online www.diamondbarca.gov as well as for pickup at City Hall, 21810 Copley Drive and the Diamond Bar Center, 1600 Grand Avenue.

For more details on the dates and themes, refer to page

7 of the Community Recreation Guide or visit www.diamondbarca.gov/summercamp. To speak to someone, call the Recreation Services Division at 909.839.7070.

Friends' 19th Annual Fundraiser

Diamond Bar Friends of the Library is hosting its 19th annual Wine Soiree & Benefit Auction at the Diamond Bar Center on Sunday, April 29 starting at 4 pm. Hawaiian-themed clothing is the dress code for this year's fundraiser benefiting various Diamond Bar Library programs and efforts, including young adult/children's sections; adult speakers series; new equipment, and books. Tickets cost \$50 per person in advance, or \$60 at the door. Diamond Bar Center is located at 1600 Grand Avenue. For information call 909.861.2002 or visit www.dblibraryfriends.com.

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*For emergencies, dial 9-1-1



Calendar Key

- City Council Meeting* - starts at 6:30 pm
- Planning Commission Meeting* - starts at 7 pm
- Parks & Recreation Commission Meeting* - starts at 7 pm
- Traffic & Transportation Commission Meeting* - starts at 7 pm
- Transit Late Night - City Hall open until 7 pm
- Street Sweeping Week
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*City Council meetings take place at the AQMD/Government Center (21865 Copley Drive), while City Commission meetings are held at Diamond Bar City Hall (21810 Copley Drive). Additional event and meeting details are available at www.DiamondBarCa.gov/eventcalendar



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Snapshots Around The Community

AN INSIDE LOOK... Approximately 200 individuals got the chance to tour City offices as part of a special Open House event held on February 21 to commemorate completion of the City Hall portion of the City's new permanent headquarters at 21810 Copley Drive. The tours, guided by City staff, began in the lobby and included stops in the Traffic Management Center, Broadcast Room, Emergency Operations Center, and Windmill Community Room. Along the way, tour guides provided visitors with information about the history of the City, the purchase of the building, and the services provided by every City department or division housed in City Hall. The building is also the future home of the County's new and expanded branch library. Completion of the library is anticipated by early summer 2012, with a Building Dedication event planned sometime in August. *Pictured is Senior Management Analyst Anthony Santos providing an overview of the City's Emergency Operations Center.*



PARK IN PROGRESS... A new mini park is quickly taking shape at the corner of Washington Street and Lincoln Avenue, with its most prominent feature – stone seating walls featuring the art of several dozen children – now in place. Scheduled to be in finished by early summer 2012, the 15,000 square-foot lighted park is intended to serve the recreation needs of the nearby neighborhoods. When completed, it will comprise a tot lot with rubberized surfacing, picnic shelter, 72" box magnolia tree, small turf area, and benches.



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