

# City News

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What you need to know in 60 seconds

The City's online video library will receive a welcome boost this month with the introduction of a new ongoing series of short videos.

"In a DB Minute," as the series is called, will feature 60-second videos covering a range of popular subjects, including construction project updates, health and public safety alerts, and common City code violations.

Look for the first edition to become available mid-May on the City website [www.diamondbarca.gov/videos](http://www.diamondbarca.gov/videos), DBtv channel (Time Warner Channel 3 / Verizon FiOS Channel 47), and the City's YouTube page, [www.youtube.com/DiamondBarCA](http://www.youtube.com/DiamondBarCA).

Sign up to be notified via email when new In a DB Minute videos are posted by visiting [www.diamondbarca.gov/subscriptions](http://www.diamondbarca.gov/subscriptions).

## Residents Invited to Celebrate Trail Upgrades



Everyone is invited to attend a special dedication ceremony on Saturday, May 5 celebrating the completion of much-anticipated upgrades to the Sycamore Canyon Park trail.

The upgrades, made under the fourth and final phase of a multi-phased project, included creating a new par course featuring 10 different exercise stations, restoring a riparian habitat zone, installing benches in key areas of the park, and improving the nearby drainage system.

They were largely funded by grants from the Federal Recreational Trails Program and the State Resources Agency and the Rivers & Mountains Conservancy.

The ceremony will start at 10 am near the Diamond Bar Boulevard trailhead, located between Tin Drive and Clear Creek Canyon. It will include remarks from City officials, a special plaque unveiling, and a presentation about the region's native plant species. Refreshments and giveaways will be provided.

For more information about the event, call the City's Public Information Division at 909.839.7056.

## New Date for City Birthday Party



**Saturday, May 12**  
**Pantera Park (738 Pantera Drive)**  
**11 am – 5 pm (carnival rides until 6 pm)**

Originally scheduled for April 14, the City Birthday Party had to be postponed as a precautionary measure to protect the park's rain-soaked turf from being seriously damaged by the delivery and pickup of heavyweight equipment and rides.

More info: visit [www.diamondbarca.gov/citybirthday](http://www.diamondbarca.gov/citybirthday) or call 909.839.7060.

## "Strong Cities|Strong State" Campaign

Diamond Bar has joined the rotation of Cities highlighted online as part of the statewide "Strong Cities | Strong State" campaign.

Sponsored by the League of California Cities and the California City Management Foundation (CCMF), the campaign aims to profile all California cities as a means of documenting the positive impact local government has on the lives of residents.

The City's Civic Center, Youth Master Plan, Neighborhood Traffic Management Program, Latent Print Recovery Program are all featured as part of the City's profile, which can be viewed by visiting [www.strongcitiesstrongstate.com/city/diamond-bar](http://www.strongcitiesstrongstate.com/city/diamond-bar).

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## March 2012 New Business of the Month



### Boba ni Taco Boba, Chinese/Mexican/American cuisine

1220 S. Diamond Bar Blvd. #C  
909.861.3601

bobanitaco@gmail.com

Hours: Mon – Sat 11 am to 9 pm,  
Sun 11 am to 8 pm

Boba Ni Taco's menu features everything  
from appetizers and soups/salads to lunch  
and dinner items.

# Street Name Signs Retrofit Project

The lighting components of 16 illuminated street signs at four of the City's entry, exit points were last month converted from fluorescent to light-emitting diodes (LED). For some time, the City has been converting the bulbs in traffic lights to LED when replacing burned out incandescent bulbs; however this is the first time an LED retrofit is made to street name signs.

Funded by federal Energy Efficiency and Conservation Block Grant (EECBG) stimulus funds, this retrofit effort will save the City money on the ongoing maintenance and energy costs associated with traditional fluorescent lighting, while affording staff the opportunity to gauge the effectiveness of LED technology.

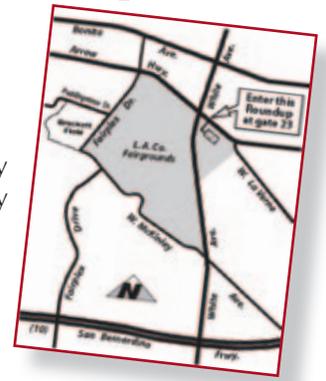
The street name signs that underwent LED lighting retrofits are located on the intersections of Grand Avenue/Longview Drive, Golden Springs Drive/High Knob Road, Brea Canyon Cutoff/Fallowfield, and Brea Canyon Road/Washington Street.

# Hazardous & E-Waste Roundup

L.A. County's popular one-day drive-through HHW/E-Waste Roundup makes its way to neighboring city Pomona next month.

Residents with unwanted hazardous and electronic items are encouraged to safely dispose of them by visiting the L.A. County Fairplex, Hotel & Exposition Complex (Gate 23, Arrow Highway in Pomona) on Saturday, June 9 between 9 am and 3 pm.

More details, including a complete list of acceptable and unacceptable items, are available online at [www.CleanLA.com](http://www.CleanLA.com) or by phone 800.238.0172.



# Annual Food Drive Set



It's time again for the nation's largest annual one-day food drive, organized by the National Association of Letter Carriers (NALC).

To participate, simply place your nonperishable food donations next to your mailbox on the morning of May 12 before your letter carrier delivers your mail. All food

collected will be taken back to your nearest post office, sorted, and then delivered to local food banks or pantries.

Examples of acceptable items include canned soup or vegetables, pasta, rice, or cereal. For more information, visit [www.HelpStampOutHunger.com](http://www.HelpStampOutHunger.com) or call the Diamond Bar Post Office at 909.860.2469.

## Calendar Key

- City Council Meeting\* - starts at 6:30 pm
- Planning Commission Meeting\* - starts at 7 pm
- Traffic & Transportation Commission Meeting\* - starts at 7 pm
- Parks & Recreation Commission Meeting\* - starts at 7 pm
- Transit Late Night - City Hall open until 7 pm
- Street Sweeping Week

\*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](http://www.DiamondBarCA.gov/eventcalendar).

## May 2011

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		1	2	3	4	5 Sycamore Canyon Park Trail Dedication See page 1
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27	28 Memorial Day City Offices Closed	29	30	31		

# School Happenings

## Walnut Valley and Pomona Unified School Districts Are Now Enrolling For the 2012-2013 School Year

*Story contribution by the Walnut Valley Unified School District*

The Walnut Valley Unified School District is now registering for the 2012-2013 school year for children residing within District boundaries. Students must be 5 years old by November 1, 2012 to enroll in kindergarten. You may register for transitional kindergarten if your child turns 5 between September 1st and December 2nd 2012. For more information, visit [www.wvusd.k12.ca.us](http://www.wvusd.k12.ca.us) or call 909.595.1261 ext. 31360.

*Story contribution by the Pomona Unified School District*

The Pomona Unified School District is now accepting kindergarten registration for its upcoming school year. Parents will need to present student's proof of age (Birth Certificate, Baptismal Certificate or Passport), proof of residence (Utility Bill/Rental Agreement/Tax Bill), as well as current immunization records at time of registration. For more information, contact the elementary school closest to your home.

## Science Camp Scholarship Awarded to Diamond Bar Students

Three Diamond Bar students are set to benefit from a special summer program sponsored by the local branch of the American Association of University Women (AAUW).

Leslie Sim from South Pointe Middle School, Grace Valencia from Lorbeer Middle School, and Valery Paredones from Chaparral Middle School have been selected to participate in the AAUW's 2012 Tech Trek Science & Math Camp, which this year will be held July 22nd through the 28th at the UC Irvine campus.

The one-week residential camp will give the girls the opportunity to sample college life while immersing into the world math, science, and technology by way of classes, learn-by-doing activities and experiments, field trips, and contact with women professionals.

Leslie, Grace, and Valery earned their admission into Tech Trek by a nomination from their teachers, as well as a written essay and interview judged by members of the Diamond Bar/Walnut branch of AAUW.

Through the creation and continuous sponsorship of Tech Trek, AAUW aims to inspire and encourage girls entering 8th grade to continue their interest in the disciplines of science, math and technology, and potentially pursue a career in one of these fields.

The American Association of University Women is a national organization that supports equity for women and girls and encourages lifelong education. Membership is open to anyone with a degree from an accredited college or university. The Diamond Bar/Walnut branch of AAUW has been in existence for over 30 years.

For information about the Diamond Bar/Walnut branch, call 909.861.4822 or 909.860.7870.



## You Can Make A Difference

The American Cancer Society's signature 24-hour annual Relay for Life event will be held in Diamond Bar on Saturday and Sunday, May 19 and 20, 2012 at Lorbeer Middle School. The event begins promptly at 9 am on May 19 with an opening ceremony followed by a survivor lap. Lorbeer Middle School is

located at 501 S. Diamond Bar Boulevard. Additional event details are available at [www.relayforlife.org/diamondbarca](http://www.relayforlife.org/diamondbarca).

## Round-the-clock Seat Belt Law Enforcement

This coming Memorial Day Weekend holiday period, the Diamond Bar/Walnut Sheriff's Station is again joining law enforcement agencies nationwide in enforcing seat belt laws as part of the annual Click It or Ticket mobilization.

From May 21 through June 03, 2012, the Station will heighten its enforcement of seat belt laws by issuing citations – not warnings – to drivers and passengers who fail to wear their seat belts.

Since evening commuters are least likely to buckle up during the evening commute, nighttime enforcement will continue to be a priority in this year's mobilization.



Under current State law, drivers are responsible for seat belt compliance for all passengers. If the seat belt violator is over 16 years of age, both the driver and the passenger can be cited separately.

Offenses may also result in points to the violator's driving record, which could raise insurance rates.

Click It or Ticket is a nationwide seat belt enforcement campaign aimed at reducing the number of highway fatalities and injuries due to non-seat-belt use. For more information, visit the National Highway Traffic Safety Administration website <http://www.nhtsa.gov/CIOT>.

Elected Officials

**Mayor**.....Ling-Ling Chang  
**Mayor Pro Tem**..... Jack Tanaka  
**Council Member** .....Ron Everett  
**Council Member** ..... Carol Herrera  
**Council Member** ..... Steve Tye  
**City Manager** ..... James DeStefano



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# Find it Fast Phone Directory

<b>City Services</b>	<b>909.839.7000</b>
City Council	909.839.7010
Building & Safety	909.839.7020
City Clerk's Office	909.839.7010
City Manager's Office	909.839.7010
Community Development	909.839.7030
Community Services	909.839.7060
Facility Reservations	909.839.7070
Finance	909.839.7050
Human Resources	909.839.7018
Library	909.861.4978
Neighborhood Improvement	909.839.7030
Planning	909.839.7030
Post Office	909.860.2469
Public Information Office	909.839.7055
Public Safety Services	909.839.7077
Public Works/Engineering	909.839.7040
Recreation Services	909.839.7070
Senior Services	909.839.7068
Transit Information	909.839.7045
Voter Registration	562.462.2748

<b>Business Information:</b>	
Business Licenses	909.839.7030
Chamber of Commerce	909.869.0701

<b>School Districts:</b>	
Pomona Unified	909.397.4700
Walnut Valley Unified	909.595.1261

<b>Utilities:</b>	
So Cal Edison (electric)	800.611.1911
So Cal Gas (gas)	800.427.2200
Time Warner (cable TV)	888.892.2253
Verizon (telephone)	800.483.5000
Walnut Valley Water	909.595.7554
Waste Disposal:	
Valley Vista (businesses)	800.442.6454
Waste Management (residents)	909.599.1274

<b>Public Safety:</b>	
Animal Control	909.623.9777
Fire (LA County)*	909.629.9671
Police (LA Co. Sheriff)*	909.595.2264

<b>24-Hour Hotlines:</b>	
Building Inspections	909.839.7027
Employment Opportunities	909.348.8300
Field/Weather	909.348.8310
Graffiti Removal	800.794.7384

\*For emergencies, dial 9-1-1

## Snapshots Around The Community

### LET THE EGG-CITEMENT

**BEGIN...** Tennis shoes laced up and baskets in hand, three-year old Caylin (left) and five-year old Karly Sgroi eagerly awaited the start of Diamond Bar's annual Easter Egg Hunt, held last month at Pantera Park. The popular event, co-sponsored by the City and the Diamond Bar Breakfast Lions Club, saw hundreds of children under the age of 12 participate in a friendly race to collect as many candy-filled plastic eggs as their baskets could carry.



Additional event photos can be viewed at [www.diamondbarca.gov/photogallery](http://www.diamondbarca.gov/photogallery).



**STATE OF THE CITY...** Economic development, regional and local traffic improvement projects, and public safety were just a few of the topics covered during the City's Annual State of the City Address delivered by the Mayor to a packed audience on the evening of March 20. For those who missed it, a recording of the Address is available for viewing on the City website

[www.diamondbarca.gov/videos](http://www.diamondbarca.gov/videos). It is also being shown through the end of this month on the City channel (DBTV – Channel 3 for Time Warner subscribers and Channel 47 for those with Verizon FiOS) starting at 7 pm every day except for Tuesday.



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