

# City News

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## Arbor Day Celebration

This year marks the 12th consecutive year that the nonprofit Arbor Day Foundation recognizes Diamond Bar as being a Tree City USA community.



**TREE CITY USA®**

And to commemorate earning this national designation, the City will be teaming up with local students to host a special Arbor Day Celebration.

The event is scheduled to take place at Pantera Elementary School on Friday, April 26 starting at 9:30 am, and will include tree-themed performances and the planting of 5 trees donated by West Coast Arborist.

Attendance is free and open to the public, however all guests must obtain a visitor's pass from the main office, 801 Pantera Drive.

Founded in 1872, Arbor Day is the nation's oldest environmental holiday celebrating trees and their many benefits. Communities achieve Tree City USA status by demonstrating a commitment to caring for and managing their public trees.

For more information, contact the City's Community Services Department at 909.839.7060.

## City Birthday Party!



Food, entertainment, carnival rides and games will make for a festive atmosphere at the celebration of the 24th anniversary of Diamond Bar's incorporation as a City

The popular family-friendly event takes place on Saturday, April 13 at Pantera Park, 738 Pantera Drive, from 11 am until 5 pm (carnival rides and teen games until 6 pm). From start to finish, there will be plenty of fun activities to see and do, including:

- **Carnival Rides** that include a Ferris wheel, Merry-go-Round, Bungee trampoline, and super slide, as well as 29 win-a-prize **Games** for children and teens.
- Nonstop community-based **Entertainment** on stage ranging from choreographed dances to martial arts.
- Rows of classic cars and hot rods of various makes and models as part of a **Car Show** where trophies will be awarded to the top ten cars, with categories including Best in Show, Mayor's Choice, and People's Choice. Onsite registration is available at a cost of \$25 per vehicle.
- Dozens of local businesses under one tent promoting their products and services and offering incentives as part of the Regional Chamber of Commerce – SGV's **Business Showcase**.

- A **Public Safety Area** where the Los Angeles County Sheriff's Department and Los Angeles County Fire Department will team up to provide important emergency preparedness and response information, as well as free Kid Print (child identification) cards.
  - Several **Information Booths** hosted by the City and local services agencies and nonprofits will also be on site with literature, giveaways, and answers to service questions.
- Free on-street parking is available in the surrounding neighborhood, with continuous free shuttle service provided to the park, beginning at 11:30 am. For additional event information, visit [www.diamondbarca.gov/bday](http://www.diamondbarca.gov/bday) or call 909.839.7070. Questions regarding the car show should be directed to 909.839.7072. Inquiries about the Business Showcase are handled by the Regional Chamber of Commerce – SGV at 909.869.0701.

## Tune into DBtv... Your City Channel



*DBtv is the City's government access channel.*

It airs weekdays from 3 pm to 9 pm and all day on weekends on both Time Warner Channel 3 and Verizon FiOS Channel 47. During weekdays from 9 am to 3 pm, DBtv airs the California

Channel or CSPAN.

Current programming includes City-produced videos on recycling, emergency safety, and Neighborhood Watch, as well as videos from partner agencies on distracted driving, Social Security benefits, and West Nile virus. City Council meetings are aired live and rebroadcast alternate Tuesdays at 8 pm and Saturday and Sunday at 9 am.

Nonprofits wishing to promote their events via DBtv are encouraged to complete a Slide Request Form available online at [www.diamondbarca.gov/dbtv](http://www.diamondbarca.gov/dbtv) or by calling the City's Public Information Division at 909.839.7055.



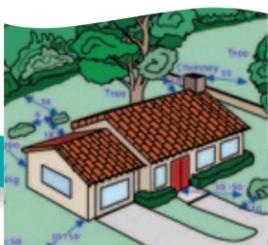
## Summer Camp Registration

Registration is now underway for the City's popular Summer Daze Camp program for children ages 6 to 12. Summer Daze Camp runs from June 3 through August 16, and is offered in weekly sessions that feature themed activities and field trips to swimming pools, amusement parks, and other attractions.

Camp is held Monday through Friday from 7 am to 6 pm at Heritage Park, 2900 S. Brea Canyon Road. Registration is limited to 100 campers per week, and processed on a first-come, first-served basis.

To register your child, visit the Diamond Bar Center, 1600 Grand Avenue, during its business hours or Monday through Thursday 7:30 am to 5:30 pm and Friday 7:30 am to 4:30 pm. You may also complete the Camp Registration Form available at [www.diamondbarca.gov/summercamp](http://www.diamondbarca.gov/summercamp) and send it to City Hall.

For more information, call the City's Recreation Services Division at 909.839.7070.



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## March 2013 New Business of the Month

### Bait

A lifestyle boutique offering limited-edition footwear, apparel, collectible, art toys, and electronics  
2753 S Diamond Bar Boulevard, Suite B  
909.595.1712

[www.baitme.com](http://www.baitme.com)

Hours: Monday - Friday 11 am - 7 pm  
Saturday 11 am - 6 pm  
Sunday 11 am - 5 pm



## AARP Driver Safety Class

Next month, the City and AARP will give drivers age 50 and older an opportunity to refresh their driving skills during a special eight-hour class.

The AARP Mature Driving Class will be held on May 14th and 15th from 9:30 am to 2:30 pm at Diamond Bar City Hall in the Windmill Community Room.

Current road rules and useful driving adjustments to common age-related changes in vision, hearing, and reaction time will be discussed.

Participants may be eligible to receive a discount on their auto insurance policy with a course completion certificate, provided by the instructor at the end of the class.

Registration cost is \$12 for AARP members and \$14 for non-members. For more information or to register, call the City's Recreation Services Division at 909.839.7070.

## Fourth of July Celebration Suspended

The City has suspended this year's Fourth of July celebration until next year due to the lack of a location suitable for event logistics.

Fourth of July Blast was first held in 2001, and moved to Diamond Bar High School in 2006 when it outgrew its original location at Sycamore Canyon Park. Due to construction work at the high school, last year's event was held at Lorbeer Middle School.

Both Diamond Bar High School and Lorbeer Middle schools are currently undergoing construction and therefore unavailable for this year's event.

City staff evaluated seven alternate locations but all were deemed unsuitable for the event because they lacked adequate safe spectator areas and pyrotechnic lighting and fallout zones.

Fourth of July Blast will be brought back in 2014 in time for the year-long series of events planned to commemorate the 25th anniversary of Diamond Bar's incorporation as a City.

For more information, contact the City's Community Services Department at 909.839.7060.

## Volunteer Program Deadline is April 18

Teens between the ages of 13 and 15 interested in being considered for the City's annual Volunteer Program have until Thursday, April 18 to submit their application to City Hall.

Applicants who best meet the program requirements will be invited to an interview during the third week in May.

To be eligible to participate in the Volunteer Program, students must be able to work June 4 through August 17 for a minimum of 5 to a maximum of 40 hours per week.

This popular teen volunteer leadership program is offered every summer and provides its participants

ages 13 to 15 the opportunity to learn about the workings of the recreation division of local government.

Volunteers will be assigned as aides to City summer programs such as pre-school, day camp, youth sports, senior programming, and Concerts in the Park.

The Volunteer program application is available on the City website [www.diamondbarca.gov/volunteer](http://www.diamondbarca.gov/volunteer), as well as at City Hall, 21810 Copley Drive, and the Diamond Bar Center, 1600 Grand Avenue. For more information, call 909.839.7062.

## Mosquito Control Urged

*Discourage mosquito breeding on your property*

The Greater Los Angeles County Vector Control District (GLACVCD) continues to seek the public's assistance to identify daytime mosquito activity and eliminate backyard mosquito breeding sources.

This continuous call for help is heightened during the rainy season since it takes just one small container of standing water to breed hundreds of mosquitoes that become full-grown biting adults in just 7 days.

GLACVCD recommends the following steps to locate and eliminate standing water around your home:

- Drill drain-holes in containers, buckets, trash cans, and tire swings that must be kept outdoors or move them into a covered area to prevent water from accumulating.
- Store recyclables inside a covered trash cans or sealed plastic bags.
- Remove any water saucers from beneath potted plants and drill drain holes in all decorative flower pots.
- Ensure rain barrels have lids and are completely sealed to prevent mosquitoes from entering.
- Empty bird baths and small fountains completely or clean them thoroughly every 3 days.
- Clean out rain gutters and lawn drains to ensure water does not collect.
- Call GLACVCD at 562.944.9656 to request FREE mosquitofish for ponds or larger fountains.

Sightings of the invasive Asian tiger mosquito – characterized by its distinctive black and white stripes on its thorax, abdomen, and legs – should be reported immediately to GLACVCD by phone or online at [www.glacvcd.org](http://www.glacvcd.org) (a State-certified vector control specialist will respond to service requests within 48 business hours).

Informational brochures on West Nile virus and the Asian tiger mosquito are available at City Hall, 21810 Copley Drive, as well as on the GLACVCD website.



## 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 from 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:

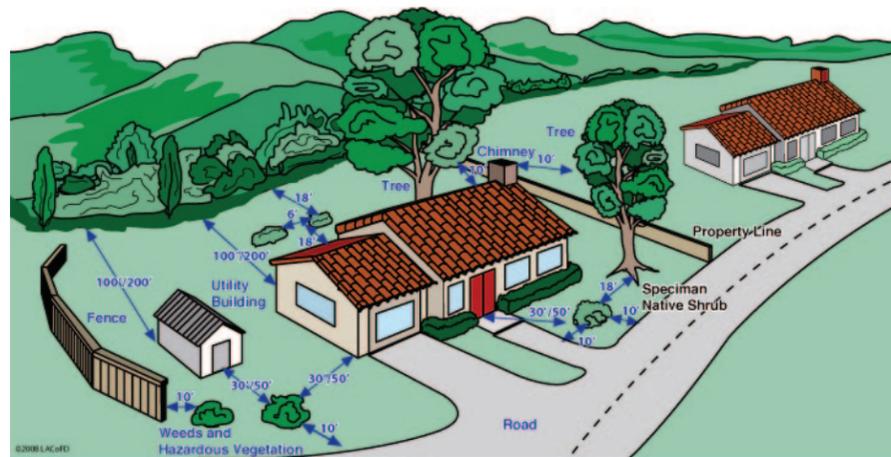
- Removing all flammable vegetation or other combustible growth within 30 feet (50 feet in areas determined to be high fire hazard) of any structure; and
- Thinning out or remove additional vegetation an additional 70 feet from the structure; an additional 100 feet of thinning or removal may be required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

For more information, call the Los Angeles County Fire Department at 323.881.2411 or visit its website at <http://fire.lacounty.gov/Forestry/BrushClearance.asp>.





## Community and Environment Benefit from Street Sweeping

Debris accumulation on public roadways is inevitable. Everything from windblown leaves and litter to automotive fluids and metal particles collect along curbs and underneath parked vehicles.

To keep up the appearance of our community and prevent this debris from making its way into our storm drains and eventually into our local waterways, the City maintains a year-round street sweeping program.

This program, which complies with the federally-mandated Clean Water Act, sweeps neighborhood roadways every other week February through November, and every week in the months of December and January.

The effectiveness of this program is compromised when vehicles are not moved off a street scheduled for sweeping, thereby increasing the chances of pollutants entering our oceans because unlike water that flows down sinks and toilets and into a wastewater treatment plant, water that flows down storm drains discharges untreated directly into the ocean.

As a reminder, signage is posted at the entrance to each neighborhood indicating the day and hours when street parking is not allowed. The penalty for not complying with street sweeping parking regulations is a \$40 fine.

A free magnetic calendar noting street sweeping weeks is available at all City facilities. You may also request one be mailed to you by contacting the City's Public Works Department at 909.839.7040 or [publicworks@diamondbarca.gov](mailto:publicworks@diamondbarca.gov).

## AQMD Lawnmower Exchange Program

This spring, residents again have a chance to turn in their gas-powered lawnmower 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).

AQMD will begin processing requests to participate in the program on Wednesday, April 17 via its website [www.aqmd.gov](http://www.aqmd.gov) as well as by phone 888.425.6247. Registrations are handled on a first-come, first-served basis, and there is a limit of one mower per residence.

To qualify for the trade-in, gasoline mowers must be in operation condition.



## Parking Citation Processing Now Online

Last month, the City transitioned its parking citation program to a new system that adds the convenience of online access.

Through this new system, parking citations issued in Diamond Bar can now be viewed, paid, or appealed by visiting [www.CitationProcessingCenter.com](http://www.CitationProcessingCenter.com).

Information about citations can also be obtained by calling the Citation Processing Center at 800.989.2058 Monday through Friday from 8am to 5pm to speak to a representative or any time to use its interactive voice response system.

## Food Drive

Diamond Bar Post Office employees will team up with thousands of their counterparts nationwide to participate in the National Association of Letter Carriers' 21st annual food drive scheduled for Saturday, May 11.

To participate, simply place your nonperishable food donations next to your mailbox on the morning of May 11 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 or the Walnut Post Office at 909.444.7901.



## Free Recycling Guide

A new edition of EnviroLink, the City's annual environmental newsletter, is making its way to Diamond Bar addresses later this month. This popular guide comes packed with information about the various options for recycling in and around town and incentives for "greening up" your lifestyle.

## Free Smart Gardening Workshop

Want to learn how to spruce up your lawn or garden and reduce your yard and kitchen waste in the process?

If so, plan on attending a free smart gardening workshop on Saturday, April 27 from 9:30am to 11:00am at the Diamond Bar Center.

The workshop, sponsored by the County of Los Angeles, will provide hands-on instruction on composting, worm composting, grasscycling, and water- and fire-wise gardening. Compost bins will be available for purchase at discount - \$40 each for a backyard compost bin and \$65 each for a worm compost bin (includes 1/2 lb. of worms).



Event is free and open to the public; no reservations required. Diamond Bar Center is located at 1600 Grand Avenue in Diamond Bar. For more information, call 909.839.7013.

## For Your Safety... Secure Your Mail

**Tip** - Using your mailbox for outgoing bill payments is convenient not just for you... but also for would-be thieves. Deny the opportunity for someone to walk off with your mail by taking it instead to the post office or the nearest USPS mail box, or handing it directly to the letter carrier. Other suggestions to safeguard your mail include emptying your mailbox as soon as possible after its delivery, renting a P.O. Box, or installing a locked mailbox. As a reminder, letter carriers may not unlock mailboxes nor accept any keys, so any locked mailbox must have a slot large enough to accommodate your normal daily mail volume. Information about USPS-approved mailbox guidelines is available online [www.usps.com/manage/know-mailbox-guidelines.htm](http://www.usps.com/manage/know-mailbox-guidelines.htm).

Diamond Bar/Walnut Sheriff's Station 909.595.2264  
LA County Fire Department 909.629.9671  
(dial 911 for all EMERGENCIES)

# 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	909.839.7076
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
Vector Control	562.944.9656
<b>24-Hour Hotlines:</b>	
Building Inspection	909.839.7027
Employment Opportunities	909.348.8300
Field/Weather	909.348.8310
Graffiti Removal	800.794.7384

\*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 is taking place somewhere within the city; see neighborhood signage for your street's designated day and time.

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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](http://www.DiamondBarCa.gov/eventcalendar)



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### Elected Officials

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

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## Snapshots Around The Community

**PRIZED PHOTOGRAPHERS...** After being recognized at the February 5th City Council Meeting, the winners of the City's 2012 Diamond Bar Through My Lens community photo contest got together for a group shot while proud family members and friends looked on. Co-sponsored by the Diamond Bar Community Foundation, the City's photo contest is aimed to raise community pride while showcasing the photography skills of Diamond Bar residents of all ages. To view the 2012 winning entries or for details about this year's photo contest, visit [www.diamondbarca.gov/photocontest](http://www.diamondbarca.gov/photocontest).



**SAVVY SENIORS...** Participants in the City's February 25th Senior Talk on Personal Safety learned about recent crime trends and scams, and walked away armed with effective tips on how to protect themselves and their properties. The one-hour talk was led by Sergeant Marc Saunders and Reserve Deputy Mark St. Amant from the Diamond Bar-Walnut Sheriff's Station, and held at the Diamond Bar Center as part of the City's regular Senior Talk series. For more information about upcoming free Senior Talks, call 909.839.7070.



**ALL SPRUCED UP...** It was all hands on deck when a group of DB4Youth "In Action" members, including (from left) Melissa Emami, Michelle Emami, and Ashley Xie, got together for the biannual cleanup of the Quail Summit Elementary School campus. During the two-day beautifying effort in February, the community-minded teens removed weeds and trash from the garden and grass areas, dusted the library and classrooms, and cleaned the inside windows throughout the campus. In addition to making a difference in their community, DB4Youth "in Action" members get to meet other teens in the area, plan and operate events and programs, and earn volunteer credit to fulfill a class requirement or boost job or college applications. For more information on DB4Youth "In Action", visit [www.DiamondBarCA.gov/db4youth](http://www.DiamondBarCA.gov/db4youth) or call 909.839.7062.