

City News

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Diamond Bar Day at the Fair is Thursday, September 5 – use promo code “diamondbar” to purchase tickets at a discounted price of \$5 (regular weekday admission is \$12)

Veterans Photos Sought

The City is planning a special exhibit for its Veterans Day Ceremony, and is seeking photographs of retired or discharged service members who live or have lived in Diamond Bar.



Photographs submitted for exhibit consideration should be of the veteran in uniform and/or during active service, and include identification information such as the veteran's name, military branch and occupation specialty, dates of service, and awards earned. Copies are suggested as submissions will not be returned.

Submissions should include a contact name and phone number and be sent to Community Services Coordinator Andee Tarazon by email to atarazon@diamondbarca.gov or mailed/hand-delivered to Diamond Bar City Hall, 21810 Copley Drive, Diamond Bar, CA 91765.

This year's Veterans Day Ceremony will be held at the Diamond Bar Center, 1600 Grand Avenue, on Thursday, November 7 starting at 9am. Service members who have not previously been recognized by the City Council and participants of the City's Armed Forces Banner Program who are no longer actively deployed will be honored with an award and commemorative pin.

For more information, call 909.839.7067.

City Again Earns Financial Reporting Award

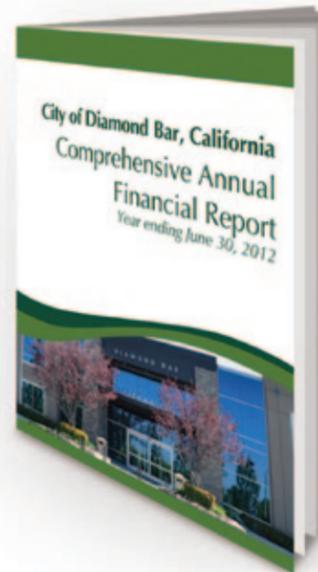
For the 18th consecutive year, the City's Finance Department has garnered a Certificate of Achievement for Excellence in Financial Reporting from the Government Financial Officers Association of the United States.

Finance staff earned the coveted certificate, the highest form of recognition in the area of governmental accounting and financial reporting, for having produced an efficiently-organized, easy-to-read Comprehensive Annual Financial Report (CAFR) for the fiscal year ending June 30, 2012.

The CAFR, produced by the Finance Department since 1995 at the conclusion of every fiscal year, serves a supplement to the City's annual budget and includes such items as an independent auditor's report, a narrative overview and analysis of the City's financial activities, a list and description of the City's governmental funds, and a trend schedule showing how the City's overall financial health has changed over time.

The GFOA is a nonprofit professional association serving approximately 17,000 government finance professionals.

A copy of the City's CAFR is available for viewing in person at City Hall, 21810 Copley Drive, during business hours or online at www.diamondbarca.gov/cafr.



City Channel Upgraded

Next time you tune in to the City's government access channel, you may notice that it has a new look and feel.

Following a recent upgrade of the City's broadcast room video server, an improved picture and sound is now being transmitted via DBtv.

In addition to making for a better watching experience, the upgrade also comes with features that allow City staff to incorporate the channel's logo for station identification, run a crawl to alert viewers of upcoming programming, and activate banner notices for emergency messaging.

Future enhancements include online posting of DBtv's programming schedule in a printable format, incorporating RSS feeds, and eventually making it possible to view the channel live through the City's website.

In the meantime, DBtv can be viewed only within city limits by subscribers to Time Warner (Channel 3) or Verizon FiOS (Channel 47).

Programming currently airing on DBtv weekdays 3:30pm to 9am and all day on weekends includes the latest City Council meeting, summer concerts in the park, and a variety of public safety announcements, as well as informational bulletins promoting upcoming City and local nonprofit events. The California Channel with "gavel-to-gavel" legislative proceedings airs from 9am to 3:30pm Monday through Friday.

For more information, contact the City's Public Information Division at 909.830.7055 or publicinfo@diamondbarca.gov.



Time is running out to capture your picture-perfect moments and enter them into the City's annual photo contest!

Friday, September 27 at 4:30pm is the deadline to enter the sixth annual Diamond Bar Through My Lens photo contest.

Photographers of all ages may submit up to five photographs in the categories of people, pets, places, nature, and digitally-altered. Contest entrants age 17 or younger will compete in the youth age division.

Co-sponsored by the City and the Diamond Bar Community Foundation, this photo contest aims to raise community spirit while highlighting the various facets of Diamond Bar living as captured through residents' camera lenses.

The top photo entries will be selected for inclusion in the City's 2014 Calendar & Services Guide, and promoted via a variety of City communication vehicles. Contest winners will also receive a cash prize courtesy of the Diamond Bar Community Foundation.

Complete contest rules, entry instructions, and the official entry form are available online www.diamondbarca.gov/photocontest. Questions may be directed to the City's Public Information Division at 909.839.7055 or via e-mail at photocontest@diamondbarca.gov.

Annual Eco Expo

Recycling enthusiasts, take note: the City is holding its fourth annual Eco Expo event on Saturday, November 2 in the South Coast Air Quality Management District (AQMD) parking lot.

From 10am to 2pm, the AQMD parking lot will be set up to shred confidential paper materials, dole out

free mulch *courtesy of Waste Management*, and accept obsolete household electronics and unwanted clothing, shoes, and textiles for recycling.

Those interested in participating in the event should bring proof of Diamond Bar residency (current utility

bill or photo identification), and come prepared with a shovel and container to collect up to 80 gallons of mulch. Two things to note are that paper shredding is limited to two "banker" boxes, and that microwaves brought for recycling are subject to a \$5 disposal fee.

For more event information, visit diamondbarca.gov/DBrecycles or call 909.839.7013.



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Back-To-School Pedestrian Safety



With the new academic year now underway, here's an important reminder that pedestrian safety is everyone's responsibility. If you live or travel through a school zone, be sure you do your part to reduce the potential for a serious injury or fatality to occur:

If Dropping Off Children:

- Leave for school early enough that you don't need to rush – five minutes makes a big difference.
- Park only in designated locations, and adhere to the school's traffic flow pattern and rules for loading and unloading passengers.
- Whenever possible walk your children to school; if you must drive, plan your route so that they do not have to cross the street.
- Teach and practice safe pedestrian behaviors to reinforce safe walking habits, particularly with elementary-school age children.

If Behind the Wheel

- Lower your speed and remain alert for pedestrians – 25 mph is the maximum speed when children are present.
- Watch for and yield to pedestrians in crosswalks and at all intersections – they have the right-of-way at these locations.
- If a vehicle stops in front of you, slow down and be practice patience – it may have stopped for pedestrians.
- Never pass a school bus while it is stopped with flashing red lights and stop sign out – children are either boarding or getting off.

If On Foot

- Cross the street only at signalized or marked crosswalks, and check for oncoming traffic in all directions before stepping off the curb.
- Make eye contact with drivers to make sure they can see you before crossing in front of them.
- Eliminate opportunities for distraction such as the use of cell phone, hand-held games, or music devices.
- Watch for cars entering or exiting driveways or parking lots.

As an added security measure, the Diamond Bar/Walnut Sheriff's Station will be committing additional law enforcement resources at school zones and key city intersections to strictly enforce traffic safety laws, including speeding, cell phone use, illegal parking, jaywalking, and non-seatbelt use.

School Happenings

Story contributed by the Walnut Valley Unified School District

South Pointe Distinguished with 2013 Exemplary Arts School Award

South Pointe Middle School has been named a 2013 Exemplary Arts School. The WVUSD School is among the first to be selected for the new state award.

State Superintendent Tom Torlakson recognized 19 public schools, which are also 2013 Distinguished Schools, with two new state Exemplary Program Awards for their successful and innovative efforts to promote either the arts or physical activity and nutrition. South Pointe is one of the 13 schools that received the 2013 Exemplary Arts Program Award.

"We are fortunate to have a staff dedicated to ensuring our students are prepared for their future. The cross-curricular connections of the Arts enhance learning and provide rigor while instilling a joy that students carry with them for a lifetime!" said Principal Susan Arzola.

South Pointe is a school filled with S.T.E.A.M. – science, technology, engineering, arts and mathematics. The award-winning school proudly offers an integrated technology program, award winning



The South Pointe wind ensemble under the direction of Susan Willmering performed for the Chinese delegation this year. The school hosted a 45-member Caishi Education Group Delegation during a three-day visit that concluded with students sharing their talents during a concert.

academics and performing arts programs combined with innovative opportunities such as Project Lead the Way- Engineering and the 2013 implementation of Bio Med. Together these programs create a school filled with S.T.E.A.M!

The Exemplary Arts Program recognizes schools that, in addition to high academic achievement indicated by their Distinguished School qualifications, have committed time and resources to broad-based arts education programs that strengthen students' creativity and encourage their personal interests. Schools selected for the Exemplary Arts distinction have demonstrated school and community support for standards-based arts programs across multiple disciplines.

Story contributed by the Pomona Unified School District

PUSD launches PUPIL Foundation

Local business, alumni, community leaders and others can now donate to Pomona Unified School District (PUSD) thanks to the newly formed PUPIL Foundation.

PUPIL (short for Pomona Unified Partners In Learning) has been formed to support new and existing educational programs at Pomona Unified. Its goal – closely aligned with our District's Board of Education and administration – is to promote STEAM (Science, Technology, Engineering, Art and Agriculture, and Math) innovation.

STEAM education collects the most vital knowledge our youth can obtain in order to be successful after graduation, and PUPIL wants to help make sure they get that education.

The founding members of PUPIL themselves represent the collected interest of our community: retired principal and 30-plus year veteran of PUSD Samuel Tharpe will serve as CEO; Southern California Edison's Donna Lee will serve as Secretary; Pomona Valley Hospital and Medical Center's James McL. Dale as Treasurer and the PUSD Board of Education President Dr. Roberta Perlman will serve as an ex-officio member.

This Foundation presents new and exciting opportunities for Pomona Unified's Diamond Bar students. In the months ahead, more information will be coming about the PUPIL Foundation, including how you can take part.

Are you in?

Women's Fastpitch of Diamond Bar



With its inaugural season now over, the newly-formed women's fastpitch softball team is looking for new players for its fall season beginning September 8. Players must be 18 years of age or older, and be free to play on Sunday afternoons. Games are held at Peterson Park, 24142 E. Sylvan Glen Road. The cost to join is \$60 per player or \$700 per team of 13 players. For more details, visit www.womensfastpitch.com or call 909.291.9434

September is National Preparedness Month

Emergencies: we can't predict them, but we can plan for them.

National Preparedness Month, sponsored by the Federal Emergency Management Agency, is designed to encourage Americans to take steps today to prepare for tomorrow's emergencies – both natural and man-made.

These emergencies run the gamut from wind-triggered power outages to acts of terrorism. However, given the many active and potentially active faults present within the Southern California area, planning and practicing what to do if an earthquake strikes is a good starting point.

Tackling earthquake preparedness may seem like a daunting task, but in reality only consists of four simple steps: Get Informed, Have a Plan, Gather Supplies, and Hazard-Proof your Home.

Get Informed: To get localized emergency information, such as evacuation orders, safety advisories, shelter locations, and road closures pertinent to Diamond Bar, you'll want to visit the City website www.diamondbarca.gov or tune in to DBtv (Time Warner Ch. 3 or Verizon FiOS Ch. 47). Also, to be alerted via text, email, or recorded message of impending or in-progress emergency situations affecting Diamond Bar, be sure to sign up for the City's free emergency alert system by visiting www.diamondbarca.gov/emergencyalerts.

Have a Plan: Everyone in your family should know the location of all the "safe spots" and exits (including alternative) within your home and two emergency meeting places (one outside your home and one outside of your neighborhood). Adults should also know how to shut off utilities at the main shutoff valve in the event the lines are damaged or it is requested by the utility company. It is also recommended to designate an out-of-state acquaintance to serve as the "family contact" that everyone calls to check in with their location following an emergency.

Gather Supplies: Have 72-hours worth of survival supplies reading available in accessible locations at home, at work, and in your vehicles. These include food, water, portable radios, first aid kits, cash, medications, and other special need items for the children, seniors, and pets in your family.

Hazard-Proof your Home: Inspect your home for potential hazards and identify and secure furniture or items that may break, fall or obstruct an exit during an emergency, such as mirrors, televisions, computers, bookcases, and water heaters.

For additional emergency-preparedness tips and printable checklists, visit www.ready.gov.



Planning is now underway for the City's Halloween events, and the City is looking for a few good teens to lend their magic touch to the Fall Fun Festival and haunted house attractions.

Members of this volunteer crew assist with costume design and set construction, and on the day of the event they serve as game booth operators or live props for the haunted house.

This volunteer opportunity is open to high school aged youth who either live in Diamond Bar or attend Diamond Bar High School or Diamond Ranch High School.

A mandatory informational meeting is set for Monday, October 14 from 6 to 7pm at the Heritage Park Community Center, 2900 S. Brea Canyon Road. Event details and volunteer roles will be discussed, and waiver forms will be distributed. School identification will be requested.

For more information, call the City's Recreation Coordinator Andee Tarazon at 909.839.7067.

Beware Door-To-Door Sales Scams

It starts with a knock at the door or ring of the doorbell. On the other side is a young person claiming to be selling magazine subscriptions in order to raise money for a school trip or other "worthy" cause. You place and wait for your order, but your magazines never arrive.

Scams involving deceptive door-to-door salespeople are among the most common complaints received by the Better Business Bureau (BBB), which is why taking the following steps is strongly encouraged:

- Before making a front porch purchase, ask the salesperson to see a valid City business license – all individuals and businesses doing work within city limits, whether or not they have a physical structure in the city, are required to have a business license.
- Do not feel pressured to make a hasty decision to purchase; instead tell the seller to give you time to think it over, and research the company or charity with the Better Business Bureau – www.bbb.org. If you own a smart device, downloading the free BBB app is a fast and a convenient way to access a company's report.
- If the company proves to be legitimate and you decide to proceed with the purchase, be certain to get transaction details in writing. In addition to a contract or receipt, the salesperson is legally required to tell you about your cancellation rights



and provide you with two copies of a cancellation form. Remember, the Federal Trade Commission's (FTC's) Cooling-Off Rule allows you to cancel certain purchases made from home valued at \$25 or more; to obtain a full refund you must do this before midnight of the third business day after the sale.

If you have been a victim of fraudulent door-to-door sales, you may report the scam to the Diamond Bar-Walnut Sheriff's Station at 909.595.2264 and the Better Business Bureau at www.bbb.org. Complaints related to FTC's Cooling-Off Rule or other consumer matters may be filed online www.ftccomplaintassistant.gov or by phone 877.FTC.HELP (382.4357).

City Council Meeting Venue Change

As a reminder, Diamond Bar City Hall, 21810 Copley Drive, continues to serve as the temporary location for City Council meetings.

The relocation was necessary due to audio-visual renovations taking place within the South Coast Air Quality Management District (AQMD) building.

It is anticipated that construction will be completed in early November, at which time City Council meetings will resume being held in the AQMD auditorium at the regularly scheduled time of 6:30pm on the first and third Tuesday of the month.

While held at City Hall, City Council meetings will not be broadcast nor streamed live but will be taped and broadcast on DBtv every alternate Tuesday at 8pm, as well as Saturday and Sunday at 9am, and available for streaming on demand at www.diamondbarca.gov/dbtv as early as the Thursday following every meeting.

DBtv can be found on Time-Warner cable channel 3 and Verizon FiOS channel 47. For more information, contact the Public Information Division 909.839.7055.

For Your Safety...

Make a Copy of Your Credit Cards

With rewards, promotional financing, and special discounts attached to many retail or department store credit cards, chances are you now carrying more than a couple of cards in your wallet or purse. What would happen if you were to lose your belongings? Would you be able to recall all the credit cards in your name and the phone numbers to report them lost or stolen? A simple way to keep track of your credit cards is to make a photocopy and write the phone number of the company alongside its corresponding image. On the same paper, include the phone numbers to the three major credit card reporting agencies: Equifax (800.525.6285), TransUnion (800.680.7289), and Experian (888.397.3742). Keep the document in a safe location, and update it as often as needed.



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

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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
Business Information:	
Business Licenses	909.839.7030
Chamber of Commerce	909.869.0701
School Districts:	
Pomona Unified	909.397.4700
Walnut Valley Unified	909.595.1261
Utilities:	
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
Public Safety:	
Animal Control	909.623.9777
Fire (LA County)*	909.629.9671
Police (LA Co. Sheriff)*	909.595.2264
Vector Control	562.944.9656
24-Hour Hotlines:	
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

During the months of July through September, City Council meetings normally held in the AQMD/Government Center will instead be held in the Windmill Community Room of City Hall, 21810 Copley Drive.

- 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
- For the specific day and time your street is swept, refer to the "No Parking" sign on your block.

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S	M	T	W	T	F	S
1	2 Labor Day City Offices Closed	3 	4	5 Diamond Bar Day at the Fair	6	7
8	9 Street Sweeping	10 Street Sweeping	11 Street Sweeping	12 Street Sweeping	13 Street Sweeping	14
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20	21 Street Sweeping	22 Street Sweeping	23 Street Sweeping	24 Street Sweeping	25 Street Sweeping	26
27	28	29 	30 Haunted House 6 - 9 pm, Heritage Park	31 Fall Fun Festival 4:30 - 8:30 pm, Haunted House 6 - 9 pm, Heritage Park		

*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

CAUGHT UP IN FUN... Heritage Park came alive on Saturday, August 10 with trophy and award presentations and a whole slew of games as part of a special event marking the close of the 2013 youth baseball season. Dodger player Breanna Hardley, age 5, and her sister Alyssa Hardley, age 3, immediately settled on the bounce house as their game of choice, and within no time were showing off their jumping prowess. Additional photos of this event are posted online www.diamondbarca.gov/photogallery.



GIRLS JUST WANT TO HAVE FUN...

A warm breeze and a grassy patch on which to have picnic while enjoying the upbeat sounds of 70s Top 40 band Cold Duck created the perfect atmosphere for Ivy Navarro and her girls Ashley, 2, Zoe 4, and Chloe, 4 months, to spend quality time outdoors. The Navarros were among the many individuals who enjoyed the fourth event in the City's Concerts in the Park series on August 7. Additional concert photos are available for viewing online www.diamondbarca.gov/photogallery. Start-to-finish recordings of this summer's concerts can also be found online www.diamondbarca.gov/videos.

HELPING HANDS... When DB 4 Youth "In Action" learned that Boy Scout Senior Patrol Leader Sai Dilip Kumar, (far right) planned to breathe new life into the Quail Summit Elementary School Kindergarten Garden for his Eagle Scout service project, several members including (from l) Angel So, Jmill Moore, and Lynn Lee eagerly volunteered their time to the cause. On Saturday, August 10 - over the course of several hours - the teen volunteers helped out Sai Dilip and several members of his family and Boy Scout Troop 737 to clean up the garden area, construct ten flower beds, and install a drip irrigation system. The fun task of planting seeds was reserved for the new crop of Quail Summit kindergarteners who began classes on Monday, August 19.

