

City News

A New City News look coming next month!

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State of the City Address

On Wednesday, April 2, 2014, Diamond Bar's Mayor will deliver the City's annual State of the City Address from the Diamond Bar Center.

The Address will highlight accomplishments from the past year, and plans for upcoming improvements to the city in the areas of economic development, traffic congestion relief, public safety, and recreation.

In keeping with the City's year-long 25th anniversary theme, this year's Address will also feature displays and information tracing the community's path to incorporation.

Doors will open at 6 pm for light refreshments and meet-and-greet opportunities with City staff and local elected officials; the Address will start at 6:30 pm.

Attendance is free and open to the public; and residents and business owners are strongly encouraged to attend.

The Diamond Bar Center is located at 1600 Grand Avenue. For more information, call the City's Public Information Division at 909.839.7055.

New Name, Look for City News

Starting with the April 2014 issue, your monthly City newsletter will be sporting a fresh new look. The new version will retain core elements while introducing a new masthead, design, and font for a cleaner, easier-to-read format. Also, since Diamond Bar reaches 25 years of cityhood next month, the April newsletter will be a commemorative edition packed with photos, articles, and personal testimonials that tell the story of how the once 8,000-acre ranch was transformed into present day Diamond Bar.

Grand Avenue Beautification Open House

Come with questions, leave with answers!



Artist rendering of proposed street improvements at Grand Avenue & Diamond Bar Blvd. intersection.

Plans are afoot to improve the aesthetic character of Grand Avenue through a variety of streetscape elements concentrated near the intersections of Diamond Bar Boulevard and Longview Drive.

Residents and business owners are invited to drop by Diamond Bar City Hall, 21810 Copley Drive, on Wednesday, March 19 between the hours of 6:30 pm and 8 pm to weigh in on the various design concepts proposed for beautifying Grand Avenue. Translation services will be available during the open house in Chinese and Korean.

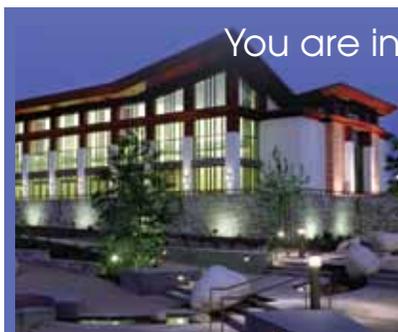
Along with a sneak peek at the proposed conceptual streetscape renderings, attendees will obtain information about project milestones and potential traffic impacts once construction gets underway later this year.

Funding for the Grand Avenue

Beautification Project comes from a federal grant secured by the City under the SAFETEA-LU transportation bill for the restricted purpose of improving public rights of way along Grand Avenue. The intersections of Diamond Bar Boulevard and Longview Drive were selected for beautification because they serve as primary gateways to the city.

Concurrent with this beautification effort, the City is working on developing Citywide Streetscape Design Guidelines aimed at giving the city a unified, cohesive look through consistent, visually-appealing streetscape and pedestrian features in the public rights of way.

For more information on the project, streetscape guidelines, or the March 19 open house event, visit diamondbarca.gov/grand or call 909.839.7040



You are invited to the Diamond Bar Center

Bridal Show

March 23 - 11 am to 3 pm

FREE Bride & Groom Admission/Guests \$5

FREE Parking.

For more information, call 909.839.7065, or visit diamondbarca.gov/bridalshow

February Business Awards

New Business of the Month



Chase Bank

2717 S Diamond Bar Boulevard
www.chase.com / 909.569.0196
personal, business, and commercial banking;
safe deposit boxes; investment products;
annuities and life insurance
Lobby and Drive-up Hours:
Mon-Fri 9 am - 6 pm; Sat 9 am - 4 pm

Business of the Month



DreamBox Creations, Inc.

556 N Diamond Bar Boulevard
www.dreamboxcreations.com / 909.396.1730
full-service digital agency providing an array
of services from web/mobile site design
& build; content-management system
integration;
online marketing, PCI-compliant
e-Commerce, intranets, and website hosting

25th Anniversary Ambassadors



Diamond Bar-based businesses and community organizations are reminded that they can still take advantage of the free perks that come from joining the City's 25th Ambassador Program. Participation is free and easy; visit diamondbarca.gov/db25 or call 909.839.7055 for details.

Water Conservation Urged

With California continuing to face critical shortages in its water supply due to below average rainfall, everyone is urged to reduce their water use whenever and wherever possible.

Achieving a 20 percent savings, as suggested by Governor Jerry Brown earlier this year when he declared a drought state of emergency, is easy by making small adjustments in everyday household routines.

These changes including checking for and fixing faucet and toilet leaks, taking shorter showers, and cutting back on watering your garden.

To access a free tool to calculate your household's water use and learn of additional ways to conserve, visit the State's Save Our Water website saveourh2o.org.

This Month in 1989...

After years of intense debate and two failed efforts at achieving cityhood, voters again took to the polls on March 7, 1989. This time the matter was clearly settled with voters overwhelmingly approving incorporation by a margin of more than three-to-one (7,222 to 2,251 votes). It was also during this month, in 1989, that the Diamond Bar Municipal Advisory Council (MAC) was dissolved with members citing incorporation and the fact that two of its members, Paul Horcher and Gary Miller, had been elected to the city council.

Save the Date!



Preparations are well underway for the City's biggest celebration to date!

Saturday, April 12 is when the City is holding its annual birthday party and this year – in honor of the City's 25th anniversary of incorporation – there will be much more to see and do. The family-friendly event will be held at Pantera Park, 738 Pantera Drive, from 11 am to 5 pm, with carnival rides open until 6 pm. Visit diamondbarca.gov/25db for a detailed description of all activities planned.

Outstanding Volunteer Award Program

The City is once again seeking your help to identify the members of our community who improve the lives of others through their volunteer service.

Friday, March 14 is the deadline to make nominations for the City's Outstanding Volunteer Award Program. Selected nominees will be honored with special certificates from the Diamond Bar City Council and other state, and county elected officials during the City's 25th Annual Birthday Party taking place on April 12 at Pantera Park.

Pick up a nomination form at any City facility or simply fill it out online at diamondbarca.gov/ovan. Questions may be directed to the City's Community Services Department at 909.839.7060.

Sheriff's Donation Drive Fundraiser

If you have items in your home that still have life left in them but you no longer want or need, the Diamond Bar-Walnut Sheriff's Station would appreciate you contributing them to its upcoming Donation Drive Fundraiser.

Organized in partnership with Goodwill Southern California and 1-800-PACK-RAT Portable Storage, this fundraiser is aimed at raising money for the 999 FOR KIDS program.

The fundraiser takes place on Sunday, March 16 from 10 am to 2 pm in the Sheriff's Station parking lot, 21695 Valley Boulevard; however donations may be dropped off at the Station any time throughout the day of the event. Donations must be in good, clean, sellable condition, and may include artwork and frames; audio/visual equipment; books, CDs and DVDs; clothing and footwear; cookware and dishware, hand tools; holiday decorations; small appliances and electronics; and sporting goods.

Funds raised for the 999 for Kids Program go toward the purchase of special items and services for children with physical and intellectual disabilities throughout Los Angeles County who are victims of the most severe cases of child abuse, neglect and domestic violence.

More information about the 999 for Kids Program is online at 999forkids.org; for a complete list of acceptable and unacceptable donations, or for more information about the Donation Drive fundraiser, please call 323.539.2092, or email donationdrive@goodwillsocal.org.

Armed Forces Banner Program

The first of two annual deadlines for Diamond Bar residents to honor an immediate family member serving on active duty in the United States military through the City's Armed Forces Banner Program is coming up. Friday, April 4, 2014 is the first cutoff date to submit a request



to have a banner personalized with a loved one's name and military branch. Banner installations will occur in the month of May. Applications received after April 4 will be part of the second round of requests, with banners going up in

November. Complete participation requirements and a downloadable application form are available online diamondbarca.gov/armedforces or by calling 909.839.7067.

Student Contest

Diamond Bar Historical Society is calling on the youngest members of our community to express what they love about living in Diamond Bar for a chance to have their work included in a special time capsule set to be opened when the City marks its 50th anniversary as an incorporated city in 2039. The contest is open to all Diamond Bar students in kindergarten through 12th grade, including private and home-schoolers. Entries may be in the form of a painting, poetry, drawing, or essay as long as it is no larger than 8 1/2 x 11. All entries must be turned in to Diamond Bar City Hall, 21810 Copley Drive, Diamond Bar, CA 91765 by March 15, 2014 in order to qualify for the drawing.

Additional information as well as the contest entry form is available online diamondbarca.gov/db25 or by calling 909.839.7055.

Monthly Video Series

DBtv, your government access channel, last month debuted a new video series "DB Headlines" that makes it easy and entertaining to get a quick summary of the latest City news. To be updated on a monthly basis, "DB Headlines" uses video and images to bring to life the stories featured in City News issue in less than four minutes. DB Headlines averages 10 minutes in length and airs at 7 pm and again at 9 pm Monday, Wednesday, and Friday, as well as Saturday and Sunday at 3 pm and 5 pm on Time Warner Channel 3 or Verizon FiOS Channel 47. Non-cable subscribers can watch DB Headlines via the City website diamondbarca.gov/videos or the City's YouTube Channel youtube.com/diamondbarca.

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 - *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.

Find it Fast Phone Directory

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| City Services | 909.839.7000 |
| 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 |

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| Business Information: | |
| Business Licenses | 909.839.7030 |
| Chamber of Commerce | 909.869.0701 |

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| School Districts: | |
| Pomona Unified | 909.397.4700 |
| Walnut Valley Unified | 909.595.1261 |

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| 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 |

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| Public Safety: | |
| Animal Control | 909.623.9777 |
| Fire (LA County)* | 909.629.9671 |
| Police (LA Co. Sheriff)* | 909.595.2264 |

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| 24-Hour Hotlines: | |
| 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



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Before You Dig...Call 811

Prevent serious injuries, costly property damage, and utility service interruption

Homeowners planning spring home-improvement projects that require digging

Calling the Underground Service Alert (USA) at 811, at least two business days before digging, notifies all local utility companies to go out and mark the location of their underground facilities in and around the excavation site at no cost to the property owner.

are reminded that the first step in their to-do list should be a toll-free phone call to 811.

As a reminder, utility-owned lines are typically located from the street to your meters; piping and cabling between the meter and your appliances or equipment belong to and are the responsibility of the property owner.

Because pipelines, conduits, wires and cables are located sometimes just inches below the surface, even simple projects such as planting a tree or installing a mailbox can result in damage to underground infrastructure.

For more information, visit www.call811.com or call 811.

For Your Safety... Free Property Vacation Check

If out-of-town vacationing is in your plans this summer, the Diamond Bar/Walnut Sheriff's Station encourages you to take advantage of its Vacation Check service. This free service involves a Sheriff's deputy or trained Volunteer on Patrol monitoring your property, at least once a day while you are away, to check for evidence of possible forced entry or any other suspicious activity. Vacation Check Request Forms can be completed over the telephone by calling the Sheriff's Station at 909.595.2264 or in person at 21695 E. Valley Boulevard in Walnut.



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