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Halloween Happenings

In the spirit of Halloween, the City is brewing up three “spooktacular” events aimed to delight (and fright)! Check them out



On **Thursday, October 23**, adults age 55 and older are invited to don their Halloween finery or ghoulish garbs and head over to the Diamond Bar Center for a fun dinner-dance event that runs from 6:00 p.m. to 9:00 p.m. Tickets to the **HOWLING BALL** event cost \$15 per person and include dinner and an open soda bar. Costumes are encouraged but not required. Ticket sales end Friday, October 17. The Diamond Bar Center is located at 1600 Grand Avenue. For more information, call 909.839.7068.

The following week, on **Thursday, October 30 and Friday, October 31**, the doors to the Heritage Community Center will creak open from 6:00 p.m. to 9:00 p.m. to reveal a **HAUNTED HOUSE** where unexpected scares are guaranteed to test the courage of willing victims whose objective it will be to find the exit. This attraction is not recommended for children younger than age 8. A buy one, get one free coupon good for Thursday night is available for pickup at all City facilities or for printing on the City website www.diamondbarca.gov/hhh. Regular admission is \$5 per person. Heritage Community Center is located at 2900 S. Brea Canyon Road. For more information, call 909.839.7070.



Then on **Friday, October 31** the popular **FALL FUN FESTIVAL** takes place from 4:30 p.m. to 8:30 p.m. at Heritage Park. Far from scary, this event is intended for those too cute to spook age 2 to 8. It features family-friendly fun including an array of game booths with prizes and candy, arts and crafts, balloon animals and picture-taking opportunities. Participation in activities requires a stamp card which will be available at the event for \$5 (10 games or crafts). Admission is free for adults accompanying children. Heritage Park is located at 2900 S. Brea Canyon Road. For more information, call 909.839.7070.

Photo Contest Deadline Approaching



If you are considering entering the DB Through My Lens contest, here's a friendly nudge that the deadline is drawing near – Friday, November 14 to be specific.

Co-sponsored by the City and the Diamond Bar Community Foundation (DBCF), the 7th annual contest invites everyone who has access to a photo or video camera to get out in the community and capture a moment of Diamond Bar living.

Participants may enter two of the following categories: people, pets, places, nature or digitally altered, and one video less than 5 minutes in length that fits the theme “My Diamond Bar.”

A brief video that provides more information about the Through My Lens photo contest and gives simple yet effective photo taking and video shooting tips and tricks is posted on the City website www.diamondbarca.gov/videos and City YouTube page

www.youtube.com/diamondbarca.

Winning submissions will receive a monetary prize, courtesy of the DBCF, and will be published in a future edition of the City's annual Calendar & Services Guide and promoted via the City website and government access channel.

For a complete list of rules and guidelines as well as a printable entry form, visit www.diamondbarca.gov/throughmylens. For questions or assistance with submissions, contact the City's Public Information Division at 909.839.7057 or photocontest@diamondbarca.gov.



Veterans Recognition Ceremony

On Wednesday, November 5, Diamond Bar veterans will be honored for their military service at the Diamond Bar Center with special remarks, certificates of recognition and a live patriotic concert by the award-winning South Pointe Middle School Band under the direction of Susan Willmering.

The ceremony will also include the presentation of retired street light pole banners to military members who participated in the City's Armed Forces Banner Program and are no longer on active duty, and showing of a video recounting the first-hand wartime service experiences of several Diamond Bar veterans.

Admission to the ceremony is free and open to the public and does not require advance registration. For more information or to recommend a Veteran family or friend for recognition by the Diamond Bar City Council, call 909.839.7067.

Time Capsule Display

Several historical memorabilia as well as an assortment of everyday items will form part of the contents that will be locked away in a special time capsule commemorating Diamond Bar's 25 years as an incorporated history.

What will Diamond Bar residents 25 years from today discover when they open the City's 25th anniversary commemorative time capsule?

The answer will be revealed on Saturday, October 25 when the City holds a special event at Diamond Bar City Hall.

You are invited to drop in between 2:00 p.m. and 4:00 p.m. and take a look at the content destined to be stowed away in a time capsule, intended to be opened in 2039 when Diamond Bar reaches 50 years of cityhood.

Once filled, the capsule will be placed on the first level of the two-story City Hall building in a secure and marked place.

Children invited to contribute to time capsule ...

Preceding this event, the Diamond Bar Library will be hosting a special activity to give students grades 4th - 12th the opportunity to contribute a drawing or written message to a booklet that will be bound and included in the time capsule.

To enable greater participation, parents are asked to register their children to participate in one of two sessions scheduled for 1:00 p.m. and 2:00 p.m.

For more details about the time capsule event, visit www.diamondbarca.gov/timecapsule or call the City's Public Information Division at 909.839.7055. For additional information about the Library's time capsule book event or to reserve a spot for your child to participate, call the Diamond Bar Public Library at 909.861.4978



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Is Your Smoke Alarm Working?



The Los Angeles County Fire Department is teaming up with the National Fire Protection Association (NFPA) during Fire Prevention Week, October 5-11, 2014, to urge residents to make sure the smoke alarms in their homes are maintained and working properly.

Smoke alarms should be:

- ✓ Installed in every bedroom, outside each sleeping area, and on every level of the home
- ✓ Tested at least once a month using the test button
- ✓ Equipped with a new battery if an alarm “chirps” warning the battery is low
- ✓ Replaced when they are ten years old or sooner if they do not respond properly when tested.

Visit NFPA’s Web site at www.nfpa.org/smokealarms for more tips and information.

Sign Up For CERT Training

The Los Angeles County Fire Department is bringing its popular Community Emergency Response Team (CERT) training program to Diamond Bar next month and is currently accepting registrations from individuals interested in participating.

Taught over the course of three consecutive Saturdays, the program aims to equip adults with the information and basic skills needed to be prepared for and respond to a variety of emergencies and disasters. Some of the areas the training covers are fire safety, emergency medical operations and light search and rescue.

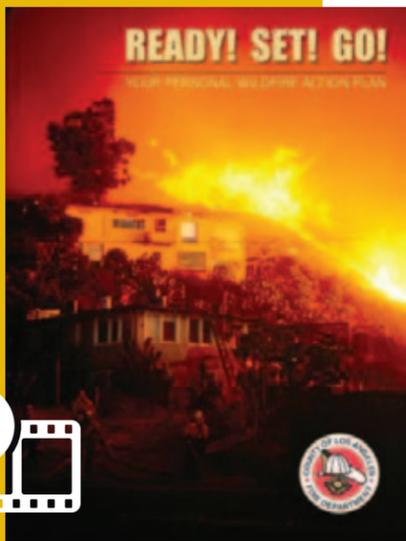
The CERT training will take place on Saturdays, November 1, 8 and 15 from 8:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m. at Diamond Bar City Hall, located at 21810 Copley Drive. A certificate of completion is awarded to participants who attend all three sessions.

For more information or to register, visit www.diamondbarca.gov/cert. To speak to someone about the training, call the Los Angeles County Fire Department at 909.620.8327.

Wildfire Preparedness Reminder

Continuing record high temperatures and dry conditions have local fire officials urging residents to prepare for the potential threat of a wildfire.

During the August 19, 2014 Diamond Bar City Council meeting, Los Angeles County Fire Chief Dave Stone gave a presentation on wildfire hazards with a focus on the steps residents can take to prepare and protect their homes using Fire Department’s “Ready, Set, Go!” guide.



The guide comprises three areas:

- Ready** – Clear brush away to create a “defensible space,” landscape with fire-resistant plants, and harden home with fire-safe construction measures
- Set** – Assemble important documents, medications and other critical items, and have an evacuation plan that considers the needs of all family members including those with special health needs as well as pets
- Go** – Leave as quickly as possible upon receiving notice to evacuate.

A downloadable copy of the Ready! Set! Go! Personal Wildfire Action Plan is available through the City website at www.diamondbarca.gov/fireservices. Also, a video encapsulating the Plan is available for viewing on the City website www.diamondbarca.gov/videos and City YouTube page www.youtube.com/diamondbarca.

Residents interested in obtaining guidelines on how create defensible space around their specific homes may schedule a free consultation by contacting Diamond Bar Fire Station 120 at 909.861.5995

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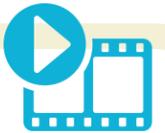
Diamond Bar Day at the Fair again provided occasion for celebrating the volunteer contributions of three Diamond Bar residents. Eileen Ansari (not pictured), Serena Avila-Mott and Andy Liu were named the Los Angeles County Fairplex’ 2014 Community Heroes. The three volunteers were honored for their service to others with a special reception, a ride-along in a parade through the fairgrounds, an award from the Fairplex and certificates from the Diamond Bar City Council and other local elected officials. Eileen Ansari’s award was accepted on her behalf by her son as she was unable to attend the reception. To view additional photos of the 2014 Diamond Bar Day at the Fair festivities held on Thursday, September 11, 2014, visit www.diamondbarca.gov/photogallery.



Halloween Teen Volunteers Wanted

Halloween is just around the corner, and the City is again calling on teens to lend a hand with its popular Haunted House attraction and Fall Fun Festival event. 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. Volunteer roles range from prop builders to set decorators prior to the events, and game booth operators or scare actors during event hours. The Haunted House attraction is held on October 30 and 31 from 6:00 p.m. to 9:00 p.m., while the Fall Fun Festival takes place on October 31 from 4:30 p.m. to 8:30 p.m. Both events take place at Heritage Park, located at 2900 S. Brea Canyon Road. A voluntary informational meeting for volunteers takes place at 5:00 p.m. on Monday, October 20 inside the Heritage Park Community Center, 2900 S. Brea Canyon Road. For more information about the events, visit www.diamondbarca.gov/specialevents. Volunteering related questions may be directed to the City’s Recreation Coordinator Andee Tarazon at 909.839.7067.

Stage 1 Mandatory Water Conservation Measures in Effect



City of Diamond Bar has responded to the statewide water shortage by eliminating one day per week of its standard five-day watering schedule during dry and hot seasons.

The reduced watering schedule, equivalent to the 20 percent mandatory outdoor water cutback enacted by the State Water Resources Control Board, has been in effect since early August and will remain in place for as long as the Stage 1 Water Supply Shortage declaration by Walnut Valley Water District (WVWD) is active.

Other Stage 1 water conservation measures mandated by the Water District as of August 28, 2014 and enforceable until further notice include:

- **Lawn or Landscape:** Outdoor watering between 8:00 a.m. and 5:00 p.m. is prohibited
- **Plumbing Systems:** All leaks in plumbing systems must be repaired by the home or business owner within five days.
- **Water Fountains:** Operating a water fountain or other decorative water feature that does not use re-circulated water is prohibited.
- **Paved Surfaces:** Washing hard or paved surfaces such as sidewalks or driveways is not allowed.
- **Vehicles:** Washing vehicles at home requires that the water hose used be equipped with a shut-off nozzle.
- **Runoff:** Watering any landscaped area cannot cause excessive water flow or runoff onto the sidewalk or street.

Additional water saving measures initiated by the City include motion sensor activated faucets in the restroom facilities at City Hall, Sycamore Canyon Park and the Diamond Bar Center, as well as a computerized centralized irrigation controller system installed in 2011 to monitor and adjust watering of parks and other City-maintained landscaped areas.

Broken sprinkler heads, stuck irrigation valves or other watering irregularities may be reported to the City’s Community Development Services by calling 909.839.7060. All other water waste related concerns should be reported to the Water District by calling 909.348.8228 or sending an email to savewater@wvwd.com.

Information on available water conservation rebates and incentives can be found online at www.wvwd.com, www.saveourh2o.org and www.bewaterwise.com.



The City is responsible for the maintenance and upkeep of a little more than 102 acres of public landscaped areas that include 10 community parks, 5 mini parks, and several medians, parkways and slope areas.



Changes to Diamond Ride Service

Diamond Ride, the City's subsidized transportation program for seniors and adults with disabilities, will be operating under revised service guidelines effective December 1, 2014.

Under these new guidelines, trips to the Ontario airport and the Fullerton Amtrak train station will no longer be subsidized, and service areas where subsidized rates apply will be as follows:

- **Diamond Bar City Limits:** \$0.50 per one-way trip anywhere within city limits
- **Medical Service Area:** \$1.50 per one-way trip to Pomona Valley Hospital/Medical Center in Pomona, St. Jude Hospital/Medical Center in Fullerton, or any other medical facility outside of Diamond Bar but not farther than the Santa Monica (10) Freeway to the north, Ramona Avenue/Mills Avenue to the east, Imperial Highway/Carbon Canyon Road to the south, and Hacienda Boulevard to the west.

Traveling to a shopping destination outside of city limits or visiting a medical facility located beyond the medical service area will continue to be allowed using the program's

cab conversion option where the City subsidizes the trip charges up until the service area boundary, at which point the participant pays for the additional mileage at the standard taxi rate.

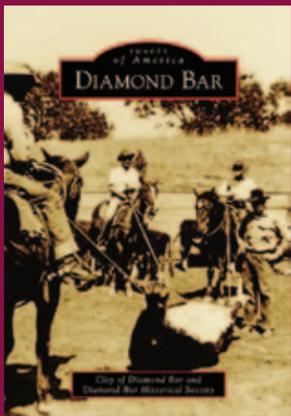
The revised service guidelines will also allow participants to make trip reservations on a short notice by requiring a minimum 2 hours advance notice instead of the current 24 hours.

Diamond Ride was established in April 1995 as a community-based subsidized transportation program to help supplement other means of transit for Diamond Bar seniors and adults with disabilities. The program is available seven days a week from 7:00 a.m. to 8:00 p.m., and participants may take up to 30 one-way trips per month at the subsidized rates of \$0.50 to all Diamond Bar destinations and \$1.50 for medical-related trips within a radius of 5 miles beyond the city limits.

For more information about Diamond Ride, including program requirements and how to apply, visit www.diamondbarca.gov/dride or call Diamond Bar City Hall at 909.839.7000.

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Diamond Bar this month joins the long list of cities to have their history chronicled as part of the popular "Images of America" series by Arcadia Publishing. Gleaned from a variety of sources, the information contained within this largely visual book highlights some of the most significant milestones in the area's history from the early 1800s to the present date. This is the first time the city's history has been published in

book form, with content organized into five sections titled Early Years, Diamond Bar Ranch, Transamerica Corporation, Road to Incorporation, and Growth of a City. For a limited time, this pictorial book will be available for purchase at the discounted price of \$15.00 each (regular retail is \$21.99) at Diamond Bar City Hall (21800 Copley Drive), the Diamond Bar Public Library (21810 Copley Drive), and the Friends bookstore Basically BOOKS (23447 Golden Springs Drive). For more information, call the City's Public Information Division at 909.839.7055.

Windmill to Get Preservation Treatment

The Diamond Bar windmill is getting a new lease of life, thanks to a partnership between the City and the owners of the Diamond Bar Towne Center.

Efforts will get underway mid-October to recondition the historically-significant windmill structure and spruce up the land it sits on, with plans for an official City dedication to take place next month.

The preservation project is the culmination of many years of efforts by the Diamond Bar City Council to enter into a long-term maintenance and preservation agreement with the shopping center owners.

In August 2014, shortly after Retail Opportunity Investments Corp (ROIC) took over ownership of the shopping center, the agreement materialized granting the City access to the windmill and the immediate property where it stands for purposes of carrying out routine maintenance work to keep it structurally sound.

The windmill is believed to have stood only 200 feet away from where it is now situated serving as a water source for livestock and field irrigation on the Diamond Bar Ranch. According to accounts by several long-time residents, the windmill was saved from destruction by Don Ury, then vice president of the Transamerica Corporation, the first and major developer of Diamond Bar.

Diamond Bar Towne Center is located near the intersection of Diamond Bar Boulevard and Grand Avenue; the windmill is located near Wells Fargo Bank.

More information about the city's history and the planned windmill dedication event is available online at www.diamondbarca.gov/history.

Craft Vendors Wanted

Vendor applications are now being



accepted from crafters interested in being part of the City's annual Candy Cane Craft Fair set for Saturday, December 6, 2014.

The Candy Cane Craft Fair is held every year at the Diamond Bar Center and features several dozen handmade crafts vendors exhibiting and selling a variety of wares such as jewelry, clothing, and home accessories. It also features photos with Santa and free holiday activities for children. All crafts proposed for sale must be original handmade creations, but need not be limited to seasonal or holiday items.

Craft vendor applications will be accepted until 5:00 p.m. on Monday, November 3; the fee is \$50 for an empty 8' x 8' space or \$75 for an 8' x 8' space with two tables and two chairs.

Vendor applications may be downloaded by visiting www.diamondbarca.gov/cccf, obtained in person by visiting City Hall (21810 Copley Drive in Diamond Bar), or requested by mail by calling the City's Community Services Department at 909.839.7060.

School

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Article contribution by the Walnut Valley Unified School District

Maple Hill Celebrates Grand Re-Opening

Walnut Valley Unified School District threw a party to celebrate the completion of modernization at Maple Hill Elementary on September 3. About 200 friends of the school including community members, parents, students, current and former staff, district and local officials attended the grand re-opening and ribbon-cutting ceremony.

"Maple Hill would not be the school that it is today without your support," Principal Nancy Stingley said. She recalled when staff members moved into a village of 29 portables for construction that began in June of 2013.

The school family stuck together, worked hard learning new Common Core curriculum, implemented a positive behavior intervention program, and proudly earned a 2014 California Distinguished School Award. The remodeled campus officially opened its doors on August 18, on the first day of the 2014-2015 school year.

"This has been a fantastic journey for us. Today is a day of celebration and of new beginnings," she said at the ceremony.

"We've been given an extraordinary gift. This building - our home - has been transformed, and we are so grateful," said fourth grade teacher Tami Barry.

Teachers led small groups on a tour of their new school after the ribbon cutting.



Maple Hill Elementary celebrated the remodeled Diamond Bar campus with a ribbon-cutting ceremony on September 3. Shown with Principal Nancy Stingley are Community Club President Steve Hernandez, Board Members Dr. Tony Torng, Cindy Ruiz, and Helen Hall, Superintendent Dr. Robert Taylor, students Sebastian Dor, Ethan King, Andrew Cava, Gavin Prudencio, Eliana Valencio, Amanda Liggett and Maha Showkat.

Eco Expo November 15

Environmentally conscious individuals, mark your calendars to participate in the City's annual Eco Expo event taking place on Saturday, November 15, 2014 from 9:00 a.m. to 1:00 p.m. at the AQMD parking lot located at 21865 Copley Drive in Diamond Bar.

Organized in celebration of America Recycles Day, the event gives Diamond Bar residents the chance to have **personal documents of a sensitive nature shredded, dispose of electronic waste, recycle a variety of unwanted textile materials, and take home two large bags-worth of mulch.** Information about the City's various recycling programs will also be available for pickup throughout event hours.

Following are a few event specifics to keep in mind:

ELECTRONIC WASTE includes computers, printers, telephones, televisions, telephones and household batteries. Examples of sensitive documents for **SHREDDING** are receipts, checks, tax returns and medical records; there is a two-box per household limit. **MULCH** is available on a self-serve basis while supplies last - be sure to bring gloves, shovel and container.

The annual Eco Expo is free and open to all residents; Diamond Bar proof of residency such as a driver's license or utility bill is required for document shredding services and mulch collection.

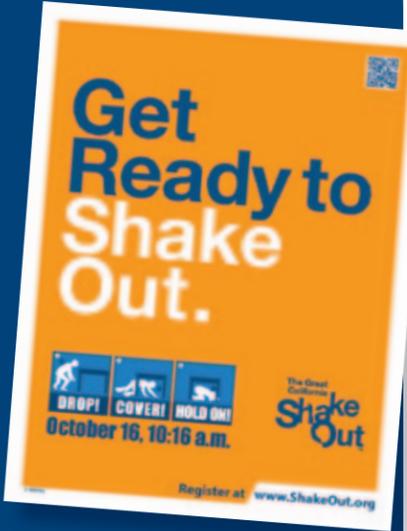
America Recycles Day is a nationally recognized day dedicated to promoting and celebrating recycling in the United States. For more information, call Diamond Bar City Hall at 909.839.7035.



Take Part in the Great Shake Out

Every year, on the third Thursday of October

This year's ShakeOut Drill is scheduled for 10:16 a.m. on Thursday, October 16. Everyone is encouraged to take part in the multi-state simultaneous earthquake drill by practicing "Drop, Cover, and Hold On" wherever you may be at the moment and staying in this position for at least 60 seconds. To be counted in the drill and get email updates, sign up for free at www.shakeout.org/california/register. The website also includes several useful guides, including one with tips about what to do in situations when you cannot get under a sturdy desk or table.



Law Librarian of Congress to Visit Diamond Bar

David S. Mao, the 23rd Law Librarian of Congress, will visit Diamond Bar this month to give a special talk on digital literacy in the 21st century.



Organized by the Friends of the Diamond Bar Library with assistance from Congressman Ed Royce, the talk will take place on Saturday, October 18 at 2pm in the AQMD auditorium. The talk will be followed by the announcement of the winners of the Friends' essay writing contest and a light reception in the AQMD's Blue Sky Café.

Admission is free and open to the public. However, due to limited seating, reservations are required and must be made by calling 626.960.2861 no later than Friday, October 10, 2014.

Mr. Mao has served in the capacity of Law Librarian of Congress since January 2012. He joined the Law Library in June 2010 as its first Deputy Law Librarian, following a five-year tenure in the Congressional Research Service. Also, he is a founding member and current treasurer of the Chinese and American Forum on Legal Information and Law Libraries, which enables him to use his Chinese language skills and his academic background in international affairs and Chinese language and literature studies.

Senior Health Fair

Adults, age 55 and older, interested in improving their health and wellness are encouraged to attend the City's annual Senior Health Fair taking place on Wednesday, October 29 from 9:00 a.m. to 11:30 a.m. at the Diamond Bar Center.

This popular fair will feature various informational vendors, health screenings and giveaways. A limited number of free flu shots, courtesy of County of Los Angeles Health Department, will be offered by reservation.

The Diamond Bar Center is located at 1600 Grand Avenue. For more information or to reserve a flu shot, call the City's Recreation Services Division at 909.839.7070.



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*For emergencies, dial 9-1-1



Check out DiamondBarCA.gov/db25 for more anniversary-related happenings

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

*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 DiamondBarCA.gov/eventcalendar

