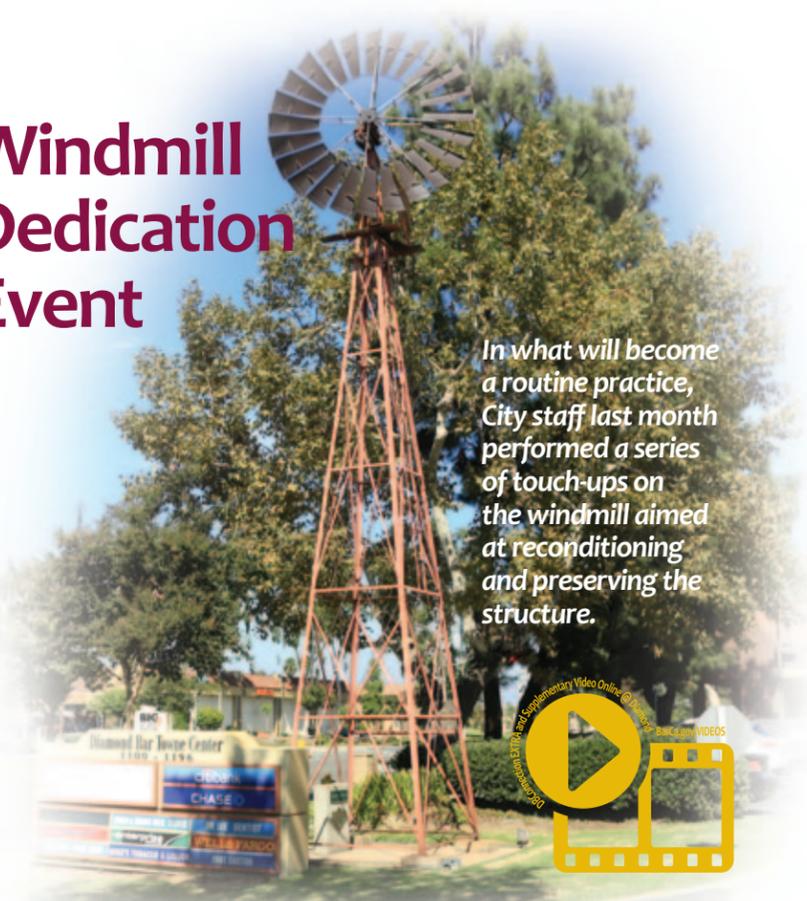


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Windmill Dedication Event



In what will become a routine practice, City staff last month performed a series of touch-ups on the windmill aimed at reconditioning and preserving the structure.

A dedication ceremony to officially recognize the Diamond Bar Windmill as a local historic structure is taking place at 10:00 a.m. on Thursday, November 20, 2014.

The windmill, located near the intersection of Diamond Bar Boulevard and Grand Avenue, has been part of Diamond Bar since the area was rangeland grazed by livestock. Accounts by several longtime residents credit Don Ury, then vice president of the Transamerica Corporation (the first and major developer of Diamond Bar), with preserving the windmill.

The windmill belongs to the owners of the Diamond Bar Towne Center, however, as of August 2014, the City has perpetual access to both the structure and the immediate property where it stands for purposes of carrying out routine maintenance work to keep it structurally sound.

For more information about the windmill dedication event, contact the City's Public Information Division at 909.839.7055 or info@diamondbarca.gov.

City of Diamond Bar

eco expo

The nationally-recognized America Recycles Day initiative will translate locally into an opportunity for Diamond Bar residents to dispose of electronic waste, have personal documents of a sensitive nature shredded, recycle a variety of unwanted textile materials, and take home a generous amount of mulch.

Coinciding with the national day dedicated to promoting and celebrating recycling in the U.S., the City is holding its annual Eco Expo event 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.

The event is free and open to the public, however proof of Diamond Bar residency will be required to take part in the document shredding service and mulch collection. Also, there is a two-box per household limit on document shredding and the mulch is available on a self-serve basis (containers/boxes are a must and gloves and a shovel are strongly recommended).

For more information, call Diamond Bar City Hall at 909.839.7013.

Veterans Recognition Ceremony



Everyone is invited to join City officials in paying homage to the sacrifice and service of Diamond Bar veterans by attending the City's annual Veterans Recognition Ceremony taking place on Wednesday, November 5 from 9:00 a.m. to 11:00 a.m. at the Diamond Bar Center. A live patriotic concert by the award-winning South Pointe Middle School Band and a video featuring the first-hand wartime service experiences of several Diamond Bar veterans will be part of the ceremony. Diamond Bar Center is located at 1600 Grand Avenue. Admission is free, however reservations are required and can be made by calling 909.839.7070.

Holiday Shopping - Think "DB" First

Here's something to keep in mind when creating your holiday shopping list: **where** to buy is just as important as **whom** to buy for and **what** to buy. That's because every time you make a purchase and sales tax is applied, 1% of that tax amount goes back to the city where the business is located.

Sales tax revenue is critical because it accounts for one of the City's largest revenue sources and helps finance important services that contribute to quality of living such as proactive law enforcement, smooth-surfaced roads, well-maintained parks and public facilities, and community-building special events.

When sales tax is applied, 1% of that tax amount goes back to the city where the business is located.

So, after deciding the **who** and **what** portions of your gift buying list, take a little extra time to determine if the item is available from a Diamond Bar merchant – your community thanks you.

For a map of shopping centers in town, visit www.diamondbarca.gov/shoppingcenters.

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New Addition to City's Trail System

A new trail link within Summitridge Park opened to the public last month, adding another half-mile stretch to Diamond Bar's trail system.

The newly constructed Grand View Trail connects to two existing trails: the Canyon Loop Trail and the Ridge Route Trail, bringing the total length of the trail path to 2.75 miles and creating a loop from the west parking lot to the east parking lot at the Diamond Bar. Also as part of the construction work, two shade shelters, and several benches were installed and steps were built along steep portions of the trail with grades of up to 29 percent.

Public access to the new trail is available from both the regular and overflow parking lots at the Diamond Bar Center, located at 1600 Grand Avenue. Restroom facilities and drinking fountains are available inside the Center, during normal operation hours.

As a reminder, trails are a natural setting and home to a variety of plants and wildlife; proper clothing and footwear is strongly recommended. Other suggestions for a safe and enjoyable trail visit include:

- Staying on the marked trail
- Hiking with an experience hiker
- Watching for uneven ground and slippery surfaces
- Knowing how to identify poison oak and preventing contact
- Telling someone where you are going and when you will be back.

For more information about the city's existing walking and biking trails including a downloadable map, visit www.diamondbarca.gov/trails.



Stately oaks and large stands of cactus are part of the scenery the new Grand View trail



Key Traffic Lights to Get Power Backup



Fourteen traffic signals at key city intersections are set to receive a boost by way of emergency power backup units.

Known as battery backup systems, the units are designed to kick in immediately after utility power loss to keep the traffic signals fully operational for 5 hours and on red flash for an additional 4 hours.

During this time, City staff will work to identify and resolve the source of the malfunction or, in the case of an extended blackout, set up a plan to direct traffic until power can be restored.

Already there are 19 City traffic lights retrofitted to include a battery backup system; the current project, which is set to be completed later this month, will bring the total to 33.

City Awarded \$10 Million TIGER Grant

The federal TIGER grant program received 797 eligible applications from 49 states totaling \$9.5 billion; Diamond Bar's SR57/60 Confluence Project was among only 72 projects nationwide the U.S. DOT selected to be funded with the available \$600 million

A \$10 million grant from the U.S. Department of Transportation (DOT) has provided the City of Diamond Bar a critical piece of funding to set into motion the first few phases of the SR57/60 Confluence Project.

Awarded through the Transportation Investment Generating Recovery (TIGER) Discretionary Grant program, the \$10 million will be combined with another \$9.4 million of federal funds, \$4.5 million of MTA monies and \$10.6 million from the City of Industry for a total of \$34.5 million to finance the first three phases of the project which aims to improve safety and capacity along a two-mile freeway segment where the Pomona and



Orange highways meet in the vicinity of Grand Avenue. This segment, where 17 lanes are funneled into 14, is referred to as the SR57/60 confluence area and is rated the third most congested segment statewide and seventh worst bottleneck in the nation.

The project is expected to get underway in 2016, with the first several phases of improvements to include the construction of both westbound on/off ramps at Grand Avenue and auxiliary lanes before and after the Grand Avenue interchange.

Mainline freeway improvements such as the construction of bypass connectors, lane extensions, and the Grand Avenue Bridge over the SR60 are part of the final and most expensive phase of the project which is estimated to cost \$205 million. This phase is currently unfunded but is part of the transportation improvement projects addressed in Metro's long-range transportation plan slated for 2029. City officials will continue to work with the City of Industry, elected officials and other project partners to seek out and advocate for funding strategies to complete the project earlier.

For more details about the SR57/60 Confluence project, visit www.DiamondBarCa.gov/confluence. Information about the DOT's TIGER Grand program is available at www.dot.gov/tiger.



Drainage System Inspection Reminder



If you haven't already, now would be the time to inspect your home's drainage system and address any areas that can potentially lead to costly and damaging issues such as flooding and slope instability.

When inspecting your system, check its condition and capacity to handle a heavy rain event. At minimum, this means ensuring your gutters are free of cracks and clear of debris and overgrown vegetation, and downspout extensions are properly positioned to carry water away from your house and foundation.

More complex drainage matters such as broken irrigation lines above or on the slope, signs of erosion from water running over the slope or other earth face, and tilting of walls or fences on or near the slope will require an inspection by a licensed civil/structural or geotechnical engineer.

When implementing water diversion measures, take care that efforts to protect one's property do not result in directing water onto a neighbor's property.

More information, including additional warning signs of a possible slope failure, is available at www.DiamondBarCa.gov/slopemaintenance.



Changes to Diamond Ride Service

New service guidelines for Diamond Ride will take effect on December 1, 2014.

These new guidelines do away with the requirement that trip reservations be made 24 hours in advance, making it easier and more convenient for participants to book same-day trips. They also establish zones where travel is subsidized at the rate of 50 cents per one-way trips anywhere within the city and \$1.50 per one-way trips to medical facilities stretching approximately 5 miles beyond city boundaries.

Traveling to a shopping destination outside of the city or visiting a medical office located outside of the established zone will still be possible using the “cab conversion” option where the participant pays the standard per mile rate of \$2.50 for travel beyond the established areas.

Established by the City in 1995, Diamond Ride is a supplemental transportation program aimed at adding to other means of transportation for seniors age 60 and older and adults with disabilities. Service is available seven days a week from 7:00 a.m. to 8:00 p.m.

A complete copy of the revised program guidelines as well as information on how to apply to participate in the Diamond Ride program is available on the City website www.DiamondBarCa.gov/dride. To speak to someone about the program, call Diamond Bar City Hall at 909.839.7000.



School

Happenings

Article contribution by the Walnut Valley Unified School District

Walnut Valley Salutes Teachers of the Year

Walnut Valley Unified School District honored the 2013-2014 Teachers of the Year during the Salute to Teachers awards program held on October 15, 2014 at the Walnut High School Performing Arts Center. The following 14 outstanding educators were selected by their sites as Teachers of the Year:

Castle Rock Elementary
Chaparral Middle School
C.J. Morris Elementary
Collegewood Elementary
Diamond Bar High
Evergreen Elementary
Maple Hill Elementary
Quail Summit Elementary
South Pointe Middle School
Suzanne Middle School
Vejar Elementary
Walnut Elementary
Walnut High
Westhoff Elementary

Jody Brown
Sherry Robertson
Carol Martindale
Scott Jones
Janna Lindenberg
Lynn Otsu
Kristin Thomas
Jodi Yim
Ann Schnoor
Susan Warren
Amy Smith
Krystin Wong
Jennifer Nicholls
Susan Tang



Sherry Robertson, a humanities and language arts teacher in the Design-Based Learning (DBL) program at Chaparral Middle School was recognized as the 2014 District Teacher of the Year. Sherry was as honored at the LACOE Teacher of the Year luncheon in September.

Congratulations to these outstanding educators!

Plastic Bag Ban to Take Effect Next Summer

Starting in July 2015, major grocery stores in California will no longer hand shoppers their purchases in single-use plastic bags

A bill imposing the first state-wide plastic “carryout” bag ban was signed into law by Governor Jerry Brown in September of this year.

The new law goes into effect for large grocery and drugstore chains on July 1, 2015 and expands to foodmarts and convenience stores in July 2016. Protective bags for meat and produce as well as pharmacy items are exempt from this ban.

Also as part of the bill, any checkout bags sold by retailers must cost no less than \$0.10 and meet specified requirements with regards to the bag’s durability, material, labeling and/or recycled material content.

Following are some helpful tips to help you remember to take your reusable bags on your shopping trips:

- Place bags near your car keys.
- Use one to store your coupons.
- Keep a bag clipped next to your shopping list.
- Hang bags next to your main door so that you can see them before heading out for shopping.
- Store bags in as many places as possible, including your vehicle, workplace, purse, briefcase, and backpack.

For a summary of the statewide plastic bag ban legislation, visit the National Conference of State Legislatures website at www.ncsl.org.



Check Before You Burn

If your home has a fireplace, here’s a reminder that the South Coast Air Quality Management District’s annual Check Before You Burn program is in effect November 1 through the end of February.

A component of the AQMD’s Healthy Hearths initiative, the Check Before You Burn program prohibits residential wood burning on days when air pollution is forecast to be unhealthy.

Households above an elevation of 3,000 feet; wood-burning devices that are a household’s sole source of heat; low-income households; properties where there is no existing infrastructure for natural gas service within 150 feet of the property line; and ceremonial fires are exempted from the wood-burning curtailment program.

For more information, visit www.healthyhearths.org. You may also call AQMD’s 24-hour Check Before you Burn toll-free information line 866.966.3293 or sign up receive email notifications when a mandatory no-burn alert has been issued for your neighborhood by visiting www.aqmd.enviroflash.info.

November 14 is the deadline to submit entries to the City’s annual photo and video contest.

Sponsored by the City and the Diamond Bar Community Foundation, the Through My Lens contest is open to Diamond Bar residents of all ages and photography and videography skill levels. Entrants will be separated into two divisions, youth (17 years and younger) and adult (18 years and older).

Photographs must be taken within city limits and can be entered in any of the following five categories: people, pets, places, nature and digitally-altered. Videos should be 3 to 5 minutes in length and communicate the theme “My Diamond Bar” or “Living in Diamond Bar.” Each entrant may submit up to two photographs and one video. Entries will be accepted until Friday, November 14.

Winners will be announced early next month, and cash prizes will be awarded as follows: Honorable Mention: \$50, First Place: \$100, and Grand Prize: \$150.

For more information and to download the entry form, visit www.DiamondBarCa.gov/throughmylens. Direct any contest-related questions to the Public Information Division by calling 909.839.7057 or emailing throughmylens@diamondbarca.gov.



Candy Cane CRAFT FAIR

The Diamond Bar Center will again be your shopping destination for locally handmade wares when the City holds its popular Candy Cane Craft Fair on Saturday, December 6 from 9:00 a.m. to 2:00 p.m.

Well-timed for the gift-giving season, the craft fair will feature more than 40 craft artisans selling everything from art and accessories to home goods and jewelry. Also available will be free holiday-themed crafts and activities for children and keepsake photo packages with Santa for a nominal fee.

Diamond Bar Center is located at 1600 Grand Avenue. For more information, call the City's Recreational Services Division at 909.839.7070 or visit www.DiamondBarCa.gov/cccf.

Free cab rides to shopping centers

Holiday shopping in town? Free cab rides to and from the city's shopping centers will again be available to Diamond Bar residents, age 18 and older, as part of the Diamond Ride program.

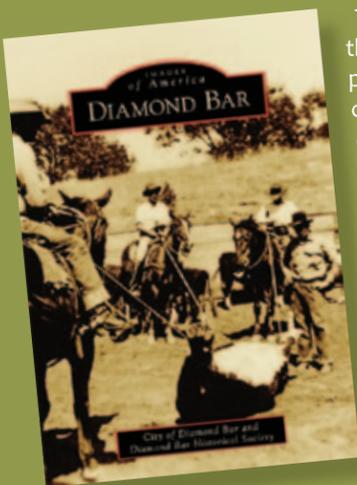


Aimed at supporting local businesses and keeping tax dollars in town, Diamond Ride will run from Friday, November 28 through Thursday, January 1, 2015. Proof of Diamond Bar residency (license or utility bill) is required to participate. For more information or to book a trip, call 800.578.6555.

Free Sandbags at Fire Stations

Free sand and sandbags are available, while supplies last, at most County of Los Angeles fire stations, including, here in Diamond Bar at locations 119 (20480 Pathfinder Road) and 121 (346 Armitos Road). Each household is limited to 25 sandbags and residents are required to fill their own sandbags; a shovel is recommended. For more information call fire station 119 at 909.598.4290 or fire station 121 at 909.396.0164.

History Book on Sale



Told primarily through photographs and captions, the history of Diamond Bar is now in book form and available for purchase. Currently, the book is on sale at Diamond Bar City Hall at the discounted price of \$15, or \$18 if you would like the book mailed to you. For more information, visit www.DiamondBarCa.gov/historybook. You may also call the City's Public Information Division at 909.839.7055 or info@diamondbarca.gov.



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Chamber of Commerce	626.810.8476		

*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 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

