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2014 Photo Contest Winners



The Grand Prize was awarded to Alfred Bertulfo for his entry "Diamond Bar Center From Above" in the places category.

Bridal Show
Diamond Bar Center
Saturday, March 22

If you're engaged and looking for wedding professionals and vendors to help plan your big day, the Diamond Bar Center is the place to be on Saturday, March 22.

From 11:00 a.m. until 3:00 p.m., the Center will be filled with florists, caterers, photographers, decorators and other wedding service providers.

Stop by to peruse items, get ideas or talk to experts about how to creatively infuse your personal touches into the traditional elements of a wedding to create your uniquely perfect day.

Admission is free for future brides and grooms, \$5 for guests. The Diamond Bar Center is located at 1600 Grand Avenue.

Wedding product vendors or service providers interested in operating a booth at this bridal show are encouraged to submit an application for consideration.

For more information, visit www.diamondbarcenter.com or call the Diamond Bar Center at 909.839.7065.

The 2014 Through My Lens photo contest turned up a new batch of winning photos skillfully capturing moments and sceneries of Diamond Bar.

One photo in every division and category was selected as the front-runner, and another 17 images were chosen for honorable mention distinction for a total of 22 winning entries.

Top prizes in the youth division went to Mikaela Pham, Lynn Lee and Garrett Masuda, while the winners in the adult division were Chuck Wong, David Moreno, Alfred Bertulfo, Steve Sustayta, and Tom Zeller.

Honorable mentions were presented to youth entrants Daniel Xu, Garrett Masuda, Mikaela Pham, Kyle Liu, Aish Rane, and Mustafa Arif, and adult entrants Amanda Pechy, Jet Long, Chuck Wong, Diana Dieu, Teresa Wang, Long Pham, Bruce Davis, William Anderson, and Robert Burns.

A panel of judges selected the winners from each division based composition, creativity, originality and visual appeal, as well as how well the photographs illustrated the theme.

Co-sponsored by the City and the Diamond Bar Community Foundation (DBCF), the Through My Lens contest is now entering its eighth year, and will reopen for entries in April. More information about the contest as well as the list of the winners and their entries can be viewed online at www.diamondbarca.gov/throughmylens.

Outstanding Volunteer Nominations

There is still time to nominate that friend, neighbor or family member whom you feel deserves to be recognized for their volunteer contributions to the Diamond Bar community. The City will continue to accept nominations for its annual Outstanding Volunteer Recognition Program until Friday, March 13. More than one volunteer will be selected and they will be publicly thanked by the Diamond Bar City Council and other local elected officials during the City's 26th Birthday Party on Saturday, April 11. Nominations may be submitted through a quick online form available at www.diamondbarca.gov/ovan. A printable nomination form is also available at www.diamondbarca.gov/bday. For more information, call 909.839.7067.

HHW & E-Waste Collection – February 14

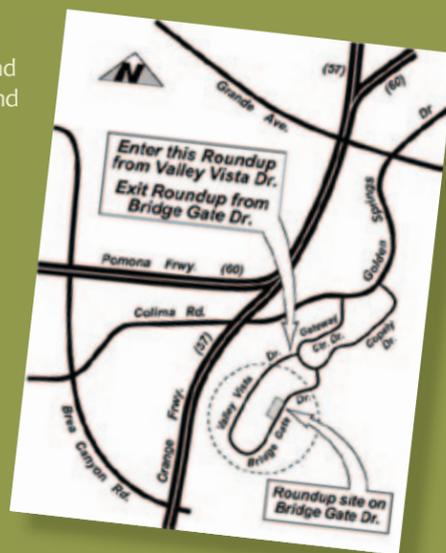
This month presents a convenient and free opportunity to round up all unwanted electronics and leftover household chemicals and get rid of them in a proper and lawful manner.

The Los Angeles County's mobile Household Hazardous Waste and Electronic Waste Collection event is happening Saturday, February 14 from 9:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m. on the 1300 block of Bridgegate Drive within the Gateway Corporate Center in Diamond Bar.

To participate, carefully pack your waste to prevent spilling and load it into your empty trunk. Once at the collection site, event staff will retrieve the items without you having to exit the car. As a reminder, it is against the law to transport more than 15 gallons or 125 pounds of hazardous waste per trip.

Among the items that will not be accepted at the collection are hazardous or electronic waste from businesses, explosives and radioactive material, trash, tires, large appliances and controlled substances.

For more information and a complete listing of what you can and cannot bring to the collection, call 800.238.0172 or visit www.lacsd.org.



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New Restaurants and Guide

This month will bring a new dining option to town with the anticipated opening of Daifuku Japanese Restaurant in Plaza Diamond Bar, located near the intersection of Brea Canyon Road and Pathfinder Road. Daifuku will occupy the space previously leased by Misora Japanese Restaurant.

This new Japanese eatery follows the December 2014 opening of Dilliwala Indian Kitchen, which took the place of Papa G's Pizza in the Diamond Bar Plaza, located on Diamond Bar Boulevard near Golden Springs Road.

Daifuku Japanese Restaurant and Dilliwala Indian Kitchen as well as few other eateries that opened during the last couple of years will be included in the City's updated restaurant guide.

First published in 2012, the City's restaurant guide is aimed at highlighting the varied dining options available in town as a means of increasing community pride and encouraging patronage of local businesses. In addition to providing restaurant addresses and phone numbers, the guide also indicates the average entrée price and whether the location offers delivery or catering services.

Look for a copy of the updated restaurant guide to arrive in your mailbox in early spring.

Code Amendment Limits Parking to Park Patrons

A recent amendment to the Diamond Bar Municipal Code will restrict the use of parking spaces in public parks to park patrons only.

Recently approved by the City Council, the revision is aimed at curbing the misuse of city parks as an unauthorized carpooling parking facilities or park-and-ride lots, which then reduces the number of parking spaces available to individuals looking to use city parks for their intended recreational purposes.

Diamond Bar City Council approved the amendment to section 12.00.240 of the City Code in December 2014; the revised ordinance goes into effect on February 6.

Enforcement of this ordinance will be the responsibility of the Diamond Bar-Walnut Sheriff's Station, with violators fined \$100 for the first offense, \$200 for a second offense and \$500 for every subsequent violation within one year of the first offense.

Section 12.00.240. of the City Code falls under park rules and regulations and deals specifically with motor vehicle restrictions and parking. This and all other Diamond Bar municipal codes and ordinances are part of the online Municipal Code Corporation library, accessible by visiting www.diamondbarca.gov/municode.



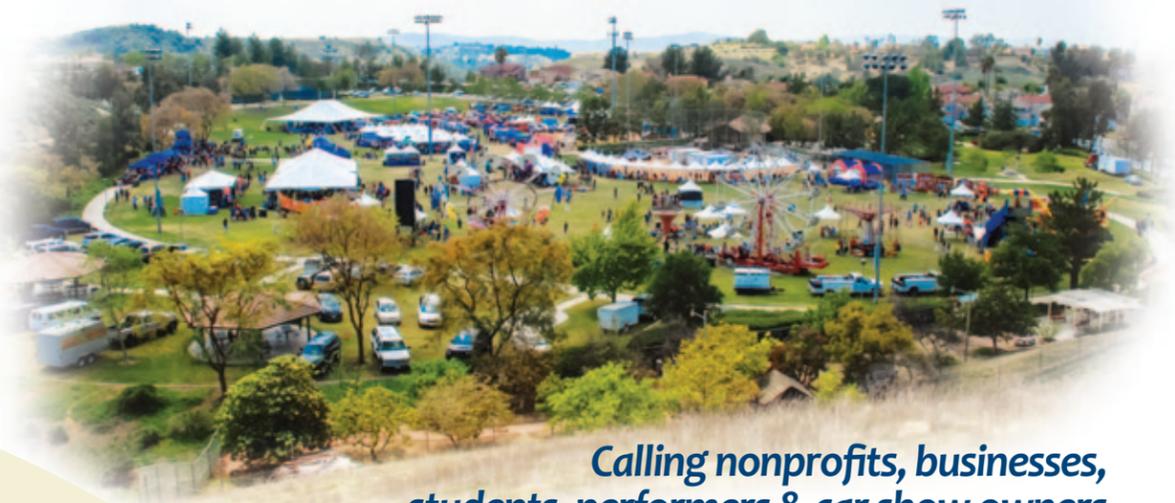
Moratorium on Massage Establishments

Diamond Bar City Council last month voted unanimously in favor of a 45-day urgency moratorium on massage establishments in the city.

During this 45-day period, no business licenses will be issued for the opening of new massage establishments, and existing ones will not be allowed to expand or relocate. The existing 15 massage establishments operating within Diamond Bar are allowed to continue operating.

The moratorium will temporarily halt the proliferation of massage businesses and give City staff a chance to study and draft new regulations consistent with new statewide Massage Therapy Reform Act (AB 1147), which replaces previous massage therapy laws (SB 731 and AB 619) and returns land use authority and control to Cities and Counties. The Act went into effect as of January 1 this year.

Be Part of the City's Birthday Party



Calling nonprofits, businesses, students, performers & car show owners

The largest community event of the year – the City's Birthday Party – will again set the stage for Diamond Bar nonprofits to fundraise, students to volunteer, businesses to promote, car enthusiasts to showcase, and performers to entertain. Slated for Saturday, April 11, the highly-anticipated annual event will be held at Pantera Park from 11:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m. and feature live local talent, amusement rides, games, food vendors, information booths as well as a business exhibition and a car show.

Monday, March 2 is the deadline for nonprofits to sign up to operate a food, game or craft booth in exchange for profit, with food vendors keeping their individual earnings and game or craft booths sharing the proceeds from the rides and games. Friday, March 6 is the cutoff for individuals or groups to propose a performance for the event's entertainment line-up.

Students attending Diamond Bar High School or Diamond Ranch High School who would like to earn community service hours are invited to volunteer with event setup, game booth operation, or post-event cleanup.

More information about the City Birthday Party, including the applications for both nonprofits and entertainers, is available on the City website at www.diamondbarca.gov/bday, or can be obtained by contacting the City's Community Services Coordinator Andee Tarazon at 909.839.7067 or atarazon@diamondbarca.gov. Inquiries regarding the car show should be directed to Community Services Coordinator Crystal Knox at 909.839.7072 or cknox@diamondbarca.gov. Business Expo-related questions are handled by the Regional Chamber of Commerce-San Gabriel Valley at 626.810.8476 or info@regionalchambersgv.com.

Free Online Home Buying Toolkit

A new online toolkit launched last month by the Consumer Financial Protection Bureau (CFPB) aims to make the home buying process less intimidating and encourage potential homebuyers to shop around before settling on a lender.

The CFPB was prompted to create the suite of tools after teaming up with the Federal Housing Finance Agency to conduct the National Survey of Mortgage Borrowers, which revealed that almost half of consumers fail to shop around

prior to applying for a mortgage and that three out of four consumers only apply with one lender or broker.

Known as "Owning a Home," the interactive

online program is part of the CFPB's

Know Before You Owe mortgage initiative. It takes potential homebuyers through the entire process of buying a home starting with a guide to loan options and ending with a closing checklist.

Created by Congress through the 2010 Dodd-Frank financial reform law, the Consumer Financial Protection Bureau is designed to protect American consumers in the market for consumer financial products and services. The CFPB is charged with enforcing federal consumer financial laws, supervising financial institution, researching consumer behavior, promoting financial education, and taking consumer complaints.

For more information or to access the "Owning a Home" toolkit, visit www.consumerfinance.gov/owning-a-home.



Save the Date for the State of the City Address

You're invited to join community members, business owners and local elected officials on Wednesday, March 25 for this year's State of the City Address taking place at the Diamond Bar Center.

As part of his address, the mayor will share details about the City's plan for continued economic sustainability, quality of life protection, traffic mitigation, aging commercial area revitalization, businesses attraction and retention, and citywide beautification.

Admission is free and open to the public. Coffee and light refreshments will be available when the doors open at 6:00 p.m.; the mayor's address starts at 6:30 p.m. and lasts approximately 30 minutes.

For more information, call the City's Public Information Division at 909.839.7056. To receive an email reminder a week prior to the event, sign up by visiting www.diamondbarca.gov/SOCreminder.

Pressed Flower Art Workshop

Among the learn-how-to-do-it-yourself classes offered this season by the City's Recreation Services Division is a pressed flower art workshop for adults ages 18 and older. This beginner-friendly workshop will teach preserving and pressing techniques to create a variety of shapes, patterns and scenes. The workshop runs from February 4 to February 25 and participants meet on Wednesdays from 6:30 p.m. to 8:00 p.m. at the Diamond Bar Center. Cost is \$67 upon registration and an additional \$25 due on the first day of class to cover the cost of specialty tools and supplies. To register for this workshop, go online to www.diamondbarca.gov/recregistration and use activity number 144263, stop by the Diamond Bar Center at 1600 Grand Avenue, or call the Recreation Services Division at 909.839.7070.

Contract Class Instructor Opportunity

If you have hobby or a special talent and a knack for teaching, here's your chance to propose a class for the summer or fall seasons. The City is currently looking for contract instructors to teach new classes currently not offered through its recreation class program.

The deadline for proposals is February 4 for the summer season and May 7 for the fall season.

More details, including the proposal form, are available on the City website at www.diamondbarca.gov/contractinstructor or can be requested by mail by contacting the City's Community Services Coordinator Crystal Knox by phone at 909.839.7072 or email at cknox@diamondbarca.gov.

As a reminder, everyone conducting business within city limits is required to have a valid annual business license, available for \$11 at Diamond Bar City Hall, located at 21810 Copley Drive.

School

Happenings

Article contribution by the Walnut Valley Unified School District

Quail Summit Students Mix It Up



Students stepped out of their comfort zones to connect with other students during Mix It Up Day at Quail Summit Elementary.

Quail Summit Elementary students recently joined the national Mix It Up at Lunch Day. The event provides students with an opportunity to move out of their comfort zones and connect with someone new. And that's just what they did!

As the youngsters came out for lunch recess they visited three stations where parent volunteers passed out conversation starter cards.

"The best thing about today is that they are making new friends!" said parent Vivian Liao.

The cards had prompts like "Find someone who likes to play handball" and "Find someone who has ridden Space Mountain at Disneyland."

After the boys and girls met a new friend that matched their inquiry, they received a puzzle piece, and a new card. When they earned four pieces to solve the puzzle, the kids received a green Mix It Up Day wristband, frozen treat, and hand stamp. They could also join the Cupid Shuffle dance party hosted by teachers Jessica Cabral and Erin Ruhl.

Several 5th graders volunteered to help with younger students during the primary grade lunch.

"I remember doing this in 1st grade!" recalled Asha Longworth. She buddied up with second grader Whitney who liked being with her new friend.

The innovative activity helps to create a school environment where respect and inclusiveness are core values.

Quail Summit was designated as a Mix It Up Model School in 2013.

Summer Volunteer Program

Calling all teens, ages 13 to 15! If you're looking for a fun way to add work experience to your resume and earn community service hours, then you may be interested in applying to be a City of Diamond Bar Volunteer this summer.

As a Volunteer, you will get the chance to learn about the recreation services delivery aspect of City government through hands-on work assignments.

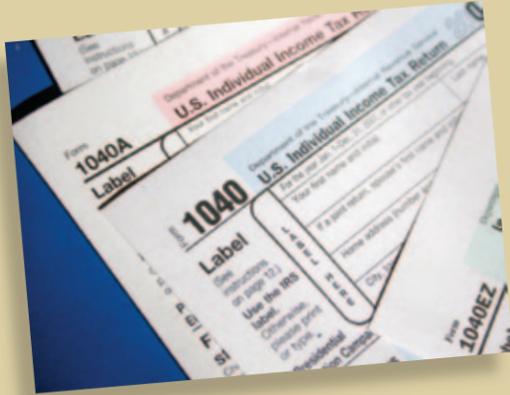
To qualify for this work and leadership program, you must meet the age requirement and be available to work no less than 5 hours and up to 40 hours per week during the period of June 1 through August 14.

You will need to complete an application, successfully pass an interview and, if selected, participate in an orientation session. Depending on your interests, you will be assigned to one of five recreational programs: Summer Day Camp, Concerts in the Park, Tiny Tots, Senior Programming, or Youth Sports.

To learn more about the Volunteer program or to download the application beginning Monday, February 23, 2015 visit www.diamondbarca.gov/volunteer.



Free Tax Return Help



Diamond Bar residents age 55 and older interested in obtaining help with the preparation of their tax returns are encouraged to take advantage of a free service available now through April 8. AARP volunteers trained by the IRS will be at the Diamond Bar Center every Wednesday morning to meet one-on-one with interested individuals on an appointment basis. Copies of last year's tax return, 1099 and W-2 forms as well as any other pertinent financial documents should be brought to the appointment. For more information or to schedule an appointment, call 909.839.7070.

Get your Free Copies

If you haven't already, be sure to pick up your complimentary copies of the 2015 editions of the City's Calendar/Services Guide and street sweeping schedule magnet.

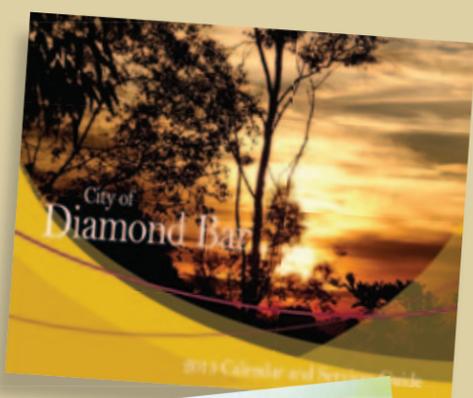
In addition to noting City meeting and special event dates, the guide provides a listing of shopping centers, parks and trails, and local schools. It also provides information about emergency preparedness, property maintenance and recycling resources.

Pick-up locations:

Diamond Bar City Hall
21810 Copley Drive
Open: Monday – Thursday 7:30 a.m. – 5:30 p.m.
Friday: 7:30 a.m. – 4:30 p.m.

Diamond Bar Center
1600 Grand Avenue
Open: Monday – Friday 7:30 a.m. – 5:30 p.m.

Diamond Bar Library
21800 Copley Drive
Open: Monday – Thursday 11:00 a.m. – 9:00 p.m.
Friday – Saturday 10:00 a.m. – 5:00 p.m.



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● City Council	909.839.7010	Pomona Unified	909.397.4700
● Building & Safety	909.839.7020	Walnut Valley Unified	909.595.1261
● City Clerk's Office	909.839.7010		
● City Manager's Office	909.839.7010	Utilities:	
● Community Development	909.839.7030	So Cal Edison (electric)	800.611.1911
● Community Services	909.839.7060	So Cal Gas (gas)	800.427.2200
● Facility Reservations	909.839.7070	Time Warner (cable TV)	888.892.2253
● Finance	909.839.7050	Verizon (telephone)	800.483.5000
● Human Resources	909.839.7018	Walnut Valley Water	909.595.7554
● Library	909.861.4978	Waste Disposal:	
● Neighborhood Improvement	909.839.7030	Valley Vista (businesses)	800.442.6454
● Planning	909.839.7030	Waste Management (residents)	909.599.1274
● Post Office	909.860.2469	Public Safety:	
● Public Information Office	909.839.7055	Animal Control	909.623.9777
● Public Safety Services	909.839.7076	Fire (LA County)*	909.629.9671
● Public Works/Engineering	909.839.7040	Police (LA Co. Sheriff)*	909.595.2264
● Recreation Services	909.839.7070	Vector Control	562.944.9656
● Senior Services	909.839.7068	24-Hour Hotlines:	
● Transit Information	909.839.7045	Building Inspection	909.839.7027
● Voter Registration	562.462.2748	Employment Opportunities	909.348.8300
		Field/Weather	909.348.8310
Business Information:		Graffiti Removal	800.794.7384
● Business Licenses	909.839.7030		
● Chamber of Commerce	626.810.8476		

*For emergencies, dial 9-1-1

February 2015

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1	2	3 	4	5 Street Sweeping	6 Street Sweeping	7
8	9 Street Sweeping	10 	11 Street Sweeping	12 	13 Street Sweeping	14 Free HHW & E-Waste Roundup (details on page 1)
15	16 President's Day City Offices Closed	17 	18	19	20	21
22	23 Street Sweeping	24 	25 Street Sweeping	26 	27 Street Sweeping	28

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

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

