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WINTER Snow Fest



On Saturday, January 17, you are invited to bundle up and head for Pantera Park for the once-a-year event that brings mounds of snow to Diamond Bar for sledding, playing and merriment.

Tailored for family fun, Winter Snow Fest is held from 9 am to 3 pm and features four sledding hills, a snow play area, arts, crafts and games, performances by youth music, drama and dance groups, and food booths operated by local nonprofits.

Admission into the event is free, but a wristband for unlimited sledding costs \$5 and participation in activities requires a \$1 punch card, each good for four games or crafts. Proceeds from the event will benefit the participating nonprofits.

The following are a few things to keep in mind:

- Only cash is accepted as a form of payment.
- Sleds are provided; no personal sleds are permitted.
- Children sledding or playing in the snow must wear closed toed shoes; pants, long-sleeved shirts and gloves are strongly recommended.

Pantera Park is located at 738 Pantera Drive. Free shuttle service to and from Pantera Park and the surrounding neighborhood will be available throughout event hours. For more information, visit diamondbarca.gov/WSE or call 909.830.7070.

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CERTIFIED PREPARED



After having completed a 21-hour emergency preparedness course, more than 27 individuals are now armed with essential skills that will prove useful to themselves, their families and neighbors in the event of a disaster. This group participated in the free Community Emergency Response Team (CERT) training program sponsored by the Los Angeles County Fire Department and taught during three consecutive Saturdays this past November. Among the skills taught were how to administer basic first aid, how to operate a fire extinguisher, and how to perform light search and rescue. CERT curriculum is approved by the Federal Emergency Management Agency, the Emergency Management Institute and the National Fire Academy and taught by firefighters. The next opportunity to participate in the County Fire Department's free CERT training is taking place in February and March in Glendora. For more information or to enroll, contact Community Services Liaison Alicia Mejia at 626.732.3531 or amejia@fire.lacounty.gov. The deadline for enrollment is January 30, 2015.

Walmart Market Scheduled to Open this Spring

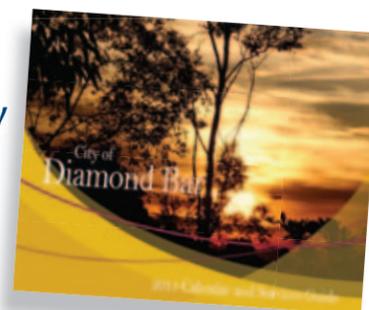
Construction work is on schedule for a Walmart Neighborhood Market to open in the spring inside the Diamond Bar Towne Center, located near the intersection of Diamond Bar Boulevard and Grand Avenue.

The nearly 40,000 square foot store – and anchor tenant of the shopping center – fills a space previously occupied by Ralph's supermarket, which closed in the summer of 2011 due to low sales and corporate downsizing. Walmart Neighborhood Markets are considerably smaller than traditional Supercenter stores, but offer a full line of groceries and merchandise.

Free City Calendars

Looking for a way to learn more about City services and keep track of special dates?

The City's 2015 Calendar and Services Guide is now available for pickup at various locations throughout the community, including City Hall (21810 Copley Drive), Diamond Bar Library (1061 Grand Avenue), and Diamond Bar Center (1600 Grand Avenue). If you haven't already, be sure to get your free copy.



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New Business of the Month Towne Centre Village



Located at Diamond Bar Boulevard and Grand Avenue

Shell Station Update

After several years of non-operation, the fuel pumps at the Shell gas station near the corner of Diamond Bar Boulevard and Palomino Drive are back in service. Other components of the station, including a planned 7-11 convenience mart and car wash, are still under construction and not expected to be ready until later in the year. The gas station closed in 2011 and changed ownership in the summer of 2014.

Online Municipal Code

Interested in learning about the codes that govern living, visiting and operating a business in town? The Diamond Bar City Code is available online in a convenient, searchable database format at www.diamondbarca.gov/municode. The Code is updated as new ordinances are adopted by the Diamond Bar City Council.

Take Down Holiday Lights



Now that the holidays are over, remember to take down your holiday lights. The City's Municipal Code requires that all temporary decorative lighting be removed no later than 30 days from the date of installation. If you have any questions, please contact the City of Diamond Bar's Neighborhood Improvement Division at 909.839.7030.

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ONE FOR THE HISTORY BOOKS

Bill Bartholomae (left), son of the late William A. Bartholomae who owned the Diamond Bar Ranch from 1943 to 1956, and John Forbing, former Diamond Bar mayor and founder of the Diamond Bar Historical Society, were among the people who turned out to commemorate the dedication of the historic Diamond Bar windmill on

Thursday, November 20, 2014.

The event was taped in its entirety and is available for viewing on the City website at www.diamondbarca.gov/video as well as on the City's official YouTube channel at www.youtube.com/diamondbarca.



Mind Your Speedometer

If you feel speeding is an issue in your neighborhood, you are not alone.

No matter the city, residents consistently rank speeding as a top traffic safety concern. What may come as a surprise, however, is that local traffic surveys often reveal that it is the residents themselves contributing to the speeding issue.

The Diamond Bar-Walnut Sheriff's Station reminds motorists that all residential streets within city limits are regulated at 25 miles per hour, and provides the following tips to avoid speeding:

- Make a conscious effort to slow down.
- Check your speedometer frequently.
- Be aware of the speed limit wherever you are.
- Always keep a safe distance between your vehicle and the one in front of you.

By monitoring our driving habits and complying with speed limits, we can help ensure Diamond Bar remains a safe, pedestrian-friendly community.



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EVERYTHING ENVIRONMENTAL



Hundreds of environmentally-conscious residents made it out to the City's annual Eco Expo held on November 15, 2014 at the AQMD parking lot. The popular event once again provided residents with an easy and convenient way to get rid of electronic waste, have sensitive documents shredded, donate unwanted textile material, learn about the benefits of electronic vehicles, and pick up information about several programs and incentives for going green. Interested attendees also loaded up on free mulch, courtesy of Waste Management. Cumulatively, the event resulted in the recycling of 940 pounds of textiles, the shredding of 3,540 pounds worth of sensitive documents, the proper disposal of 4,010 pounds of electronics, and the giveaway of 162,000 pounds of mulch.

Additional event photos are available online at www.diamondbarca.gov/photogallery.



Annual Crime Report Reflects Double-Digit Drop

For the fifth consecutive year, the Los Angeles County Sheriff's Department annual crime statistics report reflects a reduction in serious criminal offenses reported within city limits.

When compared to 2013 numbers, serious crime in Diamond Bar has fallen more than 20 percent. Serious crimes is defined as "Part 1 Crimes" and is divided into violent crimes – homicide, rape, robbery and aggravated assault, and property crimes – burglary, larceny, auto theft and arson.

Sheriff's Lieutenant Anthony Tachias attributed the reduction in great part to the continuation of special crime suppression operations, increased visible patrolling in the community, and enhanced vigilance by residents.

"A strong patrol presence in strategic locations and keeping track of crime trends, as well as residents reporting suspicious activity in their neighborhoods has greatly contributed to our crime numbers moving in the right direction," Tachias said. "However, it is imperative that we continue to be relentless in our efforts to ensure our numbers stay on the downward track."

With relation to burglaries and thefts, Lieutenant Tachias stressed that preventative measures are the first and strongest line of defense.

"The majority of burglaries and thefts are crimes of opportunity and can be prevented by doing such things as locking your doors, being aware of your surroundings, and asking a friend or neighbor to keep an eye on your home when you plan on being out for an extended period of time," Tachias said.

"Also, because there's strength in numbers, being part of a Neighborhood Watch group is a very simple yet effective way to safeguard against becoming a victim of property crimes," Tachias added.

The latest crime statistics report is available online at www.Walnut.DiamondBar.lasd.org. For more information about forming or joining a Neighborhood Watch group, contact the City's Public Safety team at 909.839.7077.

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VIEWS FOR DAYS



This past November saw the completion and opening of the city's newest trail path – a half-mile segment known as the Grand View Trail Link and located within the picturesque Summitridge Park. Many people of all ages turned up for the grand opening event held November 22, 2014 that included remarks by elected

officials, a ceremonial ribbon-cutting, a fun photo scavenger hunt activity and a chance to be among the first to explore the new trail extension. The Grand View Trail Link connects to two existing trails, the Canyon Loop Trail and the Ridge Route Trail, bringing the total length of the trail to 2.75 mile and creating a loop from the west parking lot to the east parking lot at the Diamond Bar. Hours for the trail are one-half hour before sunrise until one-half hour after sunset, year-round. Additional event photos are posted online at www.diamondbarca.gov/photogallery.

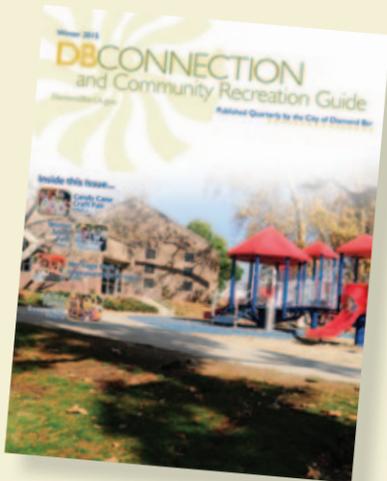
Valentine's Day Senior Dance

Valentine's Day is near
Wonderful time of year
Seniors, age 50 and above,
Share the news with a friend or sweetheart
That in a fun dance set for February 11 you're
invited to take part
It includes dinner, drinks and raffles you're
going to love.

Diamond Bar Center is the site of the dance
Get your tickets at your earliest chance
As February 6 is the last day.
More details available by calling the Center
at 909.839.7070, a number we are sure you
remember ...
and can easily dial without delay.

Winter Recreation Guide

You should have by now already received the new winter 2015 issue of the City's Community Recreation Guide listing more than 100 different activities happening in and around town through February. Activities include classes varying in length from 4 to 12 weeks, special events, seminars, trips, as well as ongoing services and activities for seniors. If you misplaced your guide, you may obtain a new copy by visiting any City facility or downloading an electronic version online via the City website at www.diamondbarca.gov/recguide.



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CRAFTS CLUSTER

Once again, the City's annual Candy Cane Craft Fair proved to be a feast for the eyes for the hundreds of people who stopped by the event to browse and shop for one-of-kind handmade items. Held on Saturday, December 6, 2014



at the Diamond Bar Center, the event featured nearly 80 displays of a variety of crafts from seasonal items to children's clothing. While parents shopped, children were treated to fun winter-themed activities that included making holiday ornaments and writing letters to Santa. Additional event photos are available at www.diamondbarca.gov/photogallery.

Street Sweeping Reminder

Here's a reminder that the City's contract street sweeper will be in operation within Diamond Bar on a weekly basis through the end of this month to help with the increase in wind-blown debris.

Please do your part to keep Diamond Bar roads litter-free by keeping your car off streets scheduled for sweeping. No parking signs indicating street sweeping days and times are posted at the entrances to individual streets and at the main entrances to residential neighborhoods.

A free street sweeping schedule for 2015 is available for pick up at City Hall (21810 Copley Drive), Diamond Bar Library (21800 Copley Drive), and at the Diamond Bar Center (1600 Grand Avenue).

Free Tax Help for Seniors

Starting next month, Diamond Bar residents age 55 and older can get answers to their tax-related questions as well as help with their returns from trained AARP volunteers.

This free service will be available at the Diamond Bar Center every Wednesday morning from February 4 through April 8, by appointment only. Participants should bring their 1099 and W-2 forms, a copy of their previous year return, as well as any other necessary documents.

Appointment slots fill quickly, so early scheduling is recommended. For more information or to schedule an appointment, seniors should call 909.839.7070.

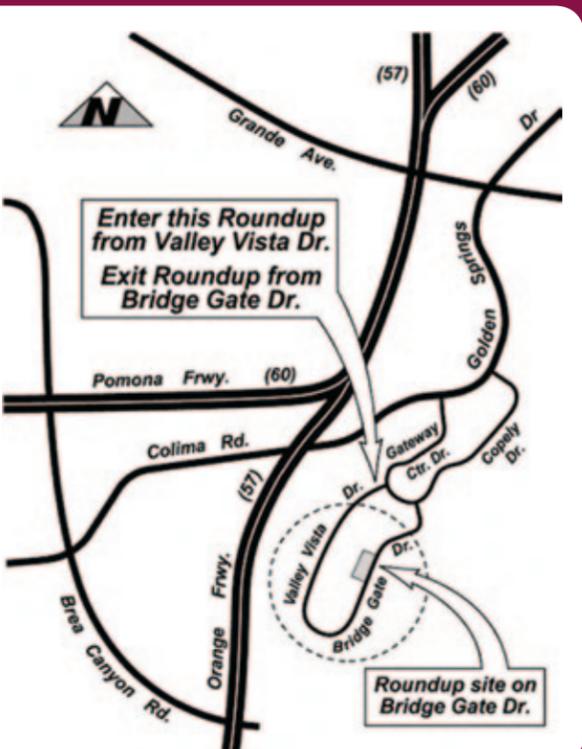
Hazardous and E-Waste Roundup

If the holidays brought you new electronics, next month you'll have an opportunity to properly dispose of the older items you no longer want.

The City is holding its annual free Household Hazardous Waste & E-Waste Round-Up on Saturday, February 14, from 9 am to 3 pm next to Kaiser Medical Center, located within the Gateway Corporate Center on the 1300 block of Bridge Gate Drive.

Co-sponsored by the City and Los Angeles County, the round-up is designed to collect unwanted household and electronic items that are not allowed in the regular trash, such as computers, television sets, batteries, expired medicine, paint, and pesticides.

For more information or a complete list of what you can and cannot bring, call 1.800.238.0172. For details about the event, call the City's Environmental Services Division at 909.839.7013.



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City Manager's Office	909.839.7010	Utilities:	
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Community Services	909.839.7060	So Cal Gas (gas)	800.427.2200
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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
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		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

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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

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

