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## NATURE NOTES

### Earth Day Celebration

This month brings an opportunity to unclutter your home of old paper files and unwanted textiles, and load up on free mulch when the City holds its inaugural Earth Day Celebration on Saturday, April 25.

The event will be held from 9:00 am to 1:00 pm at the AQMD parking lot located at 21865 Copley Drive. Representatives from numerous utility and environmentally-focused agencies will be on hand to provide information and answer questions about a variety of topics that include air quality, electric vehicles, energy and water conservation, and recycling. Younger attendees will be educated and entertained with earth-friendly crafts and activities.

Also, a smart gardening workshop will be offered indoors from 9:30 am to 11:00 am for individuals interested in learning about backyard and worm composting as well as water-wise gardening techniques that include grass-cycling. Compost bins will be available for purchase at a special reduced price following the workshop. Cash or check are the only forms of payment that will be accepted.

Participation in the event is free and open to the public, however, pre-registration is required to attend the smart gardening workshop. Individuals wishing to take home free mulch must come prepared with their own containers and shovels. Paper shredding is limited to two boxes per person.

For more information or to sign up for the workshop, visit [www.diamondbarca.gov/earthday](http://www.diamondbarca.gov/earthday), or contact the City's Environmental Services Division at [greendb@diamondbarca.gov](mailto:greendb@diamondbarca.gov) or 909.839.7015.



## E-Subscriptions Expanded

If you are signed up for the City's free e-Subscription service but have not updated your preferences in some time, you may be interested to know that the menu of choices has grown.

There are now more than a dozen choices that include receiving email notifications when City Council and City Commission meeting agendas are posted, new videos or photos are uploaded to the City website, or new editions of the City's newsletter and recreation guide are available.

To sign up or update your preferences, visit the City website at [www.diamondbarca.gov/esubscriptions](http://www.diamondbarca.gov/esubscriptions). For more information, call the City's Public Information Division at 909.839.7055.



New attractions this year include a 25-foot long zip line as well as DJ music playing today's top radio hits.

## Fun-Packed Day For The Entire Family!

### Saturday, April 11 Is The Date Of The Largest, Most Anticipated Community Event Of The Year – The City's Birthday Party.



This annual tradition celebrating Diamond Bar becoming a city in 1989 will be held at Pantera Park, located at 738 Pantera Drive, from 11:00 am to 5:00 pm, with rides operating until 6:00 pm.

Among the many things to see and do at the event will be carnival rides, games, prizes, food vendors, entertainment on two stages, live demonstrations, and information and giveaway booths. An enclosed and supervised beer and wine garden will be operated by the Friends of the Diamond Bar Library.

Additional details about this event as well as information on volunteering, entering in the car show, or securing a spot in the Chamber of Commerce Business Showcase, please visit the City website at [www.diamondbarca.gov/bday](http://www.diamondbarca.gov/bday) or call 909.839.7070.

Free shuttle service to and from Pantera will be provided during event hours at various points throughout the immediate neighborhood.

Admission into the event is free; however, unlimited access to the carnival rides requires the purchase of a \$10 wristband and participation in games requires a \$1 stamp card, each good for four games. This is a cash only event.

## POP UP CITY HALL

[www.diamondbarca.gov/popupcityhall](http://www.diamondbarca.gov/popupcityhall)

If your Saturday, April 18 morning errands find you in or near the Diamond Bar Towne Center, we invite you to look for the custom canopy tent and stop by for a moment.

Known as Pop-Up City Hall, this tent is a new effort by the City to expand its community outreach by traveling quarterly to different places around town to reach residents and business owners who don't traditionally frequent City Hall during its normal business hours.

Examples of locations where Pop-Up City Hall will set up temporary shop include shopping centers, parks, schools and church parking lots. Days and hours will also vary to include weekends and evenings.

In addition to City staff providing information, answering questions and distributing giveaways and literature about City program and services, Pop-Up City Hall will also, on occasion, host special guests from various community organizations.

On April 18, the City will be joined by staff from the Diamond Bar Library who will be sharing tips on how to make the most of your library experience be it educational and entertainment benefits you are seeking.

For more information, visit [www.diamondbarca.gov/popupcityhall](http://www.diamondbarca.gov/popupcityhall) or call 909.839.7056.

**WHAT:** Pop-Up City Hall  
**WHEN:** Saturday, April 18, 9:00 am to 11:00 am  
**WHERE:** Diamond Bar Towne Center (at the intersection of Diamond Bar Boulevard and Grand Avenue)

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# Brush Clearance Reminder

## Ready Your Home To Pass The Next Wildfire Safety Inspection

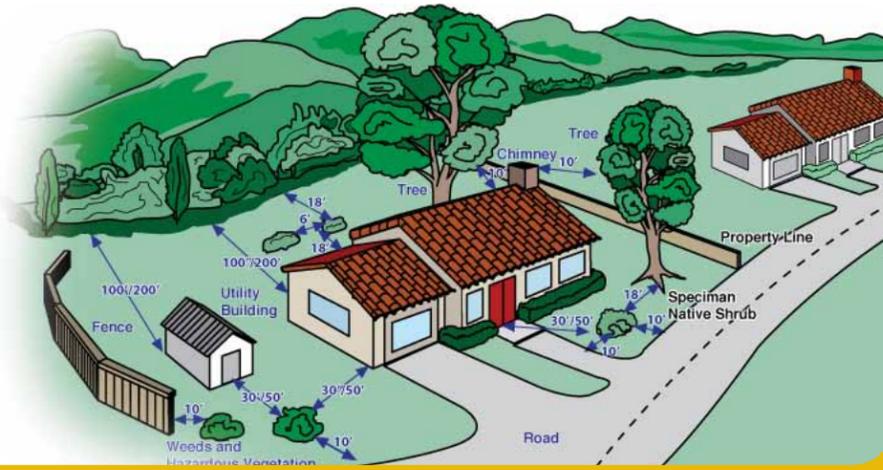
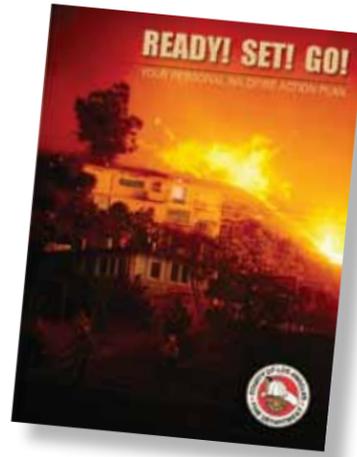
Have I taken proper measures to give my home the greatest chance of survival in a wildfire? That's the question that the Los Angeles County Fire Department wants homeowners to bear in mind in advance of the upcoming Brush Clearance Inspection cycle.

Starting on Friday, May 1, firefighters will be conducting inspections countywide to identify properties out of compliance with the brush clearance requirements outlined in the Los Angeles County Fire Code. Properties lacking proper defensible space, plant selection and maintenance will be identified and homeowners will be sent a notice to correct the fire hazards within a 30-day period.

Examples of wildfire hazard risks in and around properties include:

- Dead or dying palm fronds on trees.
- Vines and climbing plants on any structure.
- Trees or shrubs touching or overhanging structures.
- Ground covers exceeding 18 inches in height and/or filled with dead material.
- Ornamental trees known to be flammable planted within 10 feet of any structure.
- Hedges or screens exceeding 8 feet in height, and walking paths around structures that are narrower than five feet wide.
- Trees, especially the pine and eucalyptus varieties, planted within 200 feet of structures that have dead foliage or branches.

Specific guidelines on how to create the necessary defensible space around homes is included in the Los Angeles County Fire Department's Ready, Set, Go! Personal Wildfire Action Plan that is available for download online at [www.fire.lacounty.gov](http://www.fire.lacounty.gov). You may also contact the Fire Department by email at [info@fire.lacounty.gov](mailto:info@fire.lacounty.gov) or phone at 323.881.2411.



# Coyote Awareness Reminder

Coyote sightings in Diamond Bar are not uncommon; they have long been part of the area's landscape, both in rural and urban settings. This is partly because of all the natural areas and open spaces that surround the city, and also in part due to the coyote's highly adaptable and opportunistic nature.

Although they are primarily nocturnal, it is not uncommon to see a coyote during the daytime looking for water or food. Their diet consist of small prey species such as rodents, rabbits, and squirrels, but they are known to take advantage of the most readily available food source which may include trash, pet food, ripe fruit, and free-roaming cats and small dogs.

The best way to reduce the likelihood of coyote predation on pets is to keep a close watch on them by never leaving pets outside unattended and leashing them up for walks.

If you live in a neighborhood where coyotes have been spotted, you can discourage them from coming onto your property by making it less hospitable through the removal of shelter, water and food sources such as:

- Thinning ground-level shrubbery to eliminate hiding places; and
- Removing bird feeders and picking up any fallen fruit – the fruit as well as the birds and other small mammals that feed on seeds and fruit are a large part of a coyote's diet.

If you are out for a walk and encounter a coyote and it does not run away, it's important that you do not turn your back or run as this will trigger its natural predatory instinct. Instead:

- Pick up any pets or young children who are with you.
- Assertively face the coyote, try to frighten it away by shouting and making menacing noises; do not stop until the coyote has left. If the coyote is not leaving and is walking toward you, throw rocks, sticks or other non-food objects in its direction. Call 9-1-1 if the coyote poses an immediate threat or danger.

If you would like to report your coyote sighting or conflict, you may do so using the City's online Service Request tool available at [www.diamondbarca.gov/servicerequests](http://www.diamondbarca.gov/servicerequests) - click on the "Make a Request" button and locate "coyote-wild animal" from the "Animal and Pest Control" topic areas.

To speak to someone about your coyote encounter, call City Hall at 909.839.7010 during normal operating hours and be ready to provide the date, time of day, and location where the coyote was seen, as well as your contact information.

*Coyotes are extremely intelligent and can adapt to almost any environment granted there is food, water and shelter available. To view a series of short videos covering coyotes and other wildlife, visit the City's YouTube page at [www.youtube.com/diamondbarca](http://www.youtube.com/diamondbarca).*

# Mosquito Season Alert

Every April, to coincide with the arrival of mosquito season, a week is set aside to raise awareness statewide about mosquitos and insect-borne diseases that include West Nile virus.

According to the Greater Los Angeles County Vector Control District (GLACVCD), there is no cure for West Nile virus, which is transmitted to people and animals though the bite of an infected mosquito.

Approximately 80 percent of people who are infected with this virus will not show any symptoms. One in five people infected with this virus will exhibit mild symptoms, typically between 5 and 15 days, which may include fever, headache, nausea, body aches and skin rashes. One in 150 people infected with the virus will experience severe symptoms that include high fever, muscle weakness, neck stiffness, coma, paralysis, and possibly death.

Observed on the third week of April, West Nile Virus and Mosquito & Vector Control Awareness Week gives GLACVCD an opportunity to boost their education and outreach efforts and spread the message of the importance of taking measures to protect against mosquito bites and disease transmission. These measures include:

- Regularly maintaining or eliminating all sources of standing water to discourage mosquito breeding;
- Avoiding outdoor activities when mosquitoes are most active; or, if outdoor work is necessary, wearing long pants and long-sleeved shirts and using an insect repellent containing EPA-registered active ingredients such as DEET, Picaridin, IR3535, and Oil of lemon eucalyptus (PMD);
- Making sure doors and windows have tight-fitting screens, and repairing or replacing screens that have tears or holes.
- Contacting GLACVCD at 562.944.9656 if there is a significant problem or potential mosquito breeding source where you live or work.

To help with West Nile virus monitoring efforts, the California Department of Public Health (CDPH) encourages the public to report dead birds, online at [www.westnile.ca.gov](http://www.westnile.ca.gov) or by phone call to 877.968.2473, as they are usually the first indication that the virus is active in an area online report.



# Summer Camp Registration

Fun trips, cool arts and crafts, and exciting sports and games are part of what's in store for the participants of the City's Summer Day Camp program.

Open to children ages 6 to 12, this popular camp runs June 1 through August 14 on weekdays from 7:00 am to 6:00 pm. It is offered in one-week sessions, with parents having the option to sign up their children for just one week or up to 11 weeks.

The fee for each one-week session is \$145 per child and includes one camp t-shirt, class materials, and field trip transportation and admissions. Campers must bring their own bag lunches.

Camp registration opened last month and will continue until all slots are filled. For more information or to obtain the summer camp registration form, visit [www.diamondbarca.gov/summercamp](http://www.diamondbarca.gov/summercamp) or call 909.839.7070.



## Volunteer Application Deadline

Diamond Bar teens interested in being considered for the 2015 Volunteer Program are reminded that applications are due no later than 5:30 pm on Thursday, April 16.

Operated by the City, the Volunteer Program is an annual summer work and leadership training opportunity for Diamond Bar residents age 13 to 15 who are interested in obtaining hands-on experience working for city government in the parks and recreation field.

To be eligible to participate in the Volunteer Program, applicants must be available to work June 2 through August 15 for a minimum of five to a maximum of 40 hours per week. Successful applicants will have the choice of assisting in one of a variety of City-sponsored summer programs such as pre-school, day camp, youth sports, senior programming, or Concerts in the Park.

For college applications and resume-building purposes, Certificates of Recognition and letters indicating the community service hours contributed are issued to all Volunteers at the conclusion of the program.

More details and the application is available online at [www.diamondbarca.gov/volunteer](http://www.diamondbarca.gov/volunteer). To speak to someone at City Hall, call 909.839.7062.



## Your Neighbors Need Your Help

If you've lived in your neighborhood for a while, chances are you are familiar with the people who live on your block and have a general idea of the cars they drive, the schedules they keep, and their habits and behaviors.

This knowledge is worth a great deal, and can make a big difference in helping prevent burglaries

our aiding our local sheriff's deputies in catching the offenders. Capitalizing on this, the City in November 2013 launched a program to reward persons who provide information that leads to the arrest of individuals who damage or destroy property while attempting or executing a residential or vehicular burglary within city limits.

The program, known as Report for Reward, establishes a procedure by which monetary incentives of up to \$500 can be issued for information leading to the arrest of burglary suspects. Everyone, with the exception of City and Sheriff's staff, is eligible to participate.

A phone call to the Diamond Bar-Walnut Sheriff's Station (9-1-1 if the burglary incident is in progress) is currently the only way to report suspicious activity as part of the Report for Reward program.

A few reminders and tips:

- Do not, under any circumstances, confront the suspects and risk injury.
- Program the sheriff's station phone number 909.595.2264 into your cell phone for quick dialing.
- Keep a pen and paper handy in the event you witness someone or something suspicious or unusual.
- When reporting an incident, try and provide as much identifiable information as possible, such as a description of the person(s), the vehicle make, model, color and license plate, and direction of travel.
- Enlist the help of the Diamond Bar Sheriff's Team by calling 909.839.7079 to join, form or revive a Neighborhood Watch group in your area

More information about the program, including answers to frequently-asked questions, is available on the City website [www.diamondbarca.gov/RFR](http://www.diamondbarca.gov/RFR).

# School Happenings

Article contribution by the Walnut Valley Unified School District

## Schools Steam Ahead at Science Olympiad Regionals

### All middle, high school teams qualify state

Walnut Valley schools continued their record of exemplary performance during the L.A. County Science Olympiad held at Occidental College on February 28.

Walnut High scored 2nd place and Diamond Bar High took 3rd place out of 40 participating high school teams.

There were 140 elementary and secondary schools that participated in the all-day science event.

Forty teams competed in the middle school division. Suzanne took 3rd place, Chaparral – 4th place, and South Pointe – 5th place.



These five middle and high school teams will now advance to the state competition on April 4 at Canyon High School in Anaheim.



Several elementary schools competed among 60 teams in the Division A tournament, many for the first time. Westhoff won a Gold medal; Vejar, Quail Summit, Castle Rock, and Evergreen brought home Silver medals.



Most students worked in teams of two to prepare for the 23 events in the categories of Biology, Chemistry, Earth and Space Science, Physics, Technology, Engineering, and Inquiry. The hard-working young scientists were willing to take risks and pursue advanced studies.



Middle and high school students are now preparing to give their personal best at the upcoming state championship.

"They did a fantastic job and are ready to take on the state championship!" said South Pointe science teacher and advisor Crystal Dira.

**Congratulations and good luck to our Walnut Valley students!**

## Photo Contest To Open

Photo enthusiasts of all ages and skill levels, get your cameras ready ... the City's popular annual photo contest opens this month.

Now in its eighth year, the Through My Lens contest is co-sponsored by the City and the Diamond Bar Community Foundation. Its aim is to raise community spirit while highlighting the best of Diamond Bar as captured through the camera lenses of residents.

Entries are accepted in two age divisions: adults age 18 and older and youth age 17 and younger, and seven categories: people, pets, places, nature and digitally-altered.

If you would like to be notified by email when the contest officially opens for entries, call the City's Public Information Division at 909.839.7057 or send an email to [photocontest@diamondbarca.gov](mailto:photocontest@diamondbarca.gov).



# Easter Egg Hunt

Thousands of colorful treat-filled eggs will once again be up for grabs at the popular annual Easter Egg Hunt, co-sponsored by the City and the Diamond Bar Breakfast Lions Club.

Scheduled to take place on Saturday, April 4 at Pantera Park, this event will feature separate egg hunting areas based on the following age groups: parent-assisted, 4 years old and younger, 5- and 6-year-olds, 7- and 8-year-olds, 8- and 10-year-olds, and 11- and 12-year-olds.

A pancake breakfast, organized by and benefiting the local Fire Explorers Post 19, will be served at 8:30 am for a nominal fee. Also starting at 8:30 am the Easter Bunny will be available for professional memento photos, with packages starting at \$10.

The egg hunt is free and open to all children age 12 and younger, and starts promptly at 10:00 am. A basket or bag is strongly encouraged for children participating in the egg hunt.



## Arbor Day Event

**TREE CITY USA**

Diamond Bar has earned Tree City USA designation from the Arbor Day Foundation for the 14th consecutive year for its continued commitment to community forestry.

To celebrate this national designation, the City is teaming up with Pantera Elementary School to hold a special celebration on Friday, April 24 that will include student presentations and recitals, as well as the planting of trees throughout the school campus.

Pantera Elementary School is located at 801 Pantera Drive. The event starts at 9:15 a.m. and is open to the public, however guests are required to sign in and pick up a visitors pass from the main office. For more information, call 909.839.7070.

Founded in 1872, Arbor Day is the nation's oldest environmental holiday that celebrates trees and their benefits. For more information, [www.arborday.org](http://www.arborday.org).

## Arriving Soon In Your Mailbox

EnviroLink, the City's annual environmental services guide, has received its annual update and will be mailed to all Diamond Bar addresses later this month.

Packed with everything environmental, the guide



provides information about the many free and convenient waste disposal and recycling services the City offers as well as simple ways to adopt earth-friendly behaviors into our daily routines.

In addition to this annual guide, the City produces a monthly email newsletter with recycling-related news and event information that is available by subscription only. To sign up, visit [www.diamondbarca.gov/e-subscriptions](http://www.diamondbarca.gov/e-subscriptions) and check the box next to "EnviroLink e-news."



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● City Clerk's Office	909.839.7010		
● City Manager's Office	909.839.7010	<b>Utilities:</b>	
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● Community Services	909.839.7060	So Cal Gas (gas)	877.238.0092
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● Finance	909.839.7050	Verizon (telephone)	800.483.5000
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● Public Works/Engineering	909.839.7040	Police (LA Co. Sheriff)*	909.595.2264
● Recreation Services	909.839.7070	Vector Control	562.944.9656
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		Field/Weather	909.348.8310
<b>Business Information:</b>		Graffiti Removal	800.794.7384
● Business Licenses	909.839.7030		
● Chamber of Commerce	626.810.8476		

\*For emergencies, dial 9-1-1

## April 2015

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### 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](http://DiamondBarCa.gov/eventcalendar)

