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#DBLuvsAlexMorgan



The 2015 World Cup victory for the United States women's national soccer team gave Americans everywhere a reason to celebrate – but in Diamond Bar, it held extra special significance. That's because one of the winning squad members was none other than 2012 Olympic Gold medalist Alex Morgan, who grew up in Diamond Bar and graduated from Diamond Bar High School in 2007.

As a way of acknowledging Alex Morgan for her athletic achievements, the City last month installed several dozen festive banners around town. It also launched a special hashtag photo opportunity to give community members and visitors the chance to publicly congratulate Alex Morgan.

The way the photo opportunity works is simple:

1. Visit one of the following locations and locate an Alex Morgan banner: Diamond Bar City Hall (21810 Copley Drive), Diamond Bar Center (1600 Grand Avenue), Pantera Park (738 Pantera Drive), Maple Hill Park (1309 S. Maple Hill Road), Ronald Reagan Park (2201 S. Peaceful Hills Road), or Heritage Park (2900 S. Brea Canyon Road).
2. Take your self-portrait next to the banner and post your photo on social media with the #DBLuvsAlexMorgan hashtag.
3. Visit the City's new Instagram page @CityofDiamondBar to locate your photo and that of other women's soccer enthusiasts.
4. Spread the word so others can participate – the banners are set to come down at the end of this month.

For more information, call the City's Public Information Division at 909.839.7055 or visit www.DiamondBarCa.Gov/AlexMorgan.

Free Organics Composting Workshop

What do you get when you mix fresh grass clippings, fruit and vegetable scraps and coffee grounds with dry leaves, dead grass and finely chopped wood? Rich home-made soil amendment that reduces the need for chemical fertilizers, controls weed growth and conserves water.



On Saturday, September 19, the City is hosting a free workshop at the Diamond Bar Center from 11:00 a.m. to 1:00 p.m. for anyone interested in learning the basics of kitchen/yard waste and worm composting, such as

suitable ingredients and percentages, identification and troubleshooting of problems, and use of the finished product.

At the conclusion of the workshop, organics composting bins and worm composting bins will be for sale at the discounted prices of \$45 and \$65, respectively.

This workshop is free open to all Los Angeles County residents; however, reservations are required as space is limited. For more information or to reserve your seat, contact the City's Environmental Services Division by emailing greenDB@diamondbarca.gov or calling 909.839.7015.

Tour And Tote Bag Promotion

If you are currently planning a special event or business function and are in the process of evaluating potential venues, consider adding Diamond Bar Center to your list.

Situated atop of a hill in Summitridge Park, this 22,500 square foot facility features banquet and meeting space for all occasions and group sizes, and is equipped with state-of-the-art multimedia capabilities and a full-catering kitchen.

Its modern craftsman-style architecture, pristine natural surroundings and neutral color scheme make it an ideal 'blank canvas' venue that can be transformed to your liking.

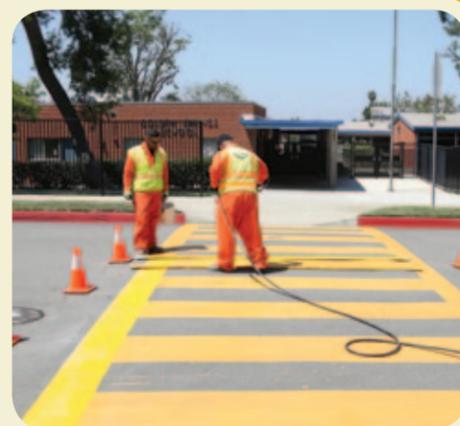
For a limited time and while quantities last, every person who takes a no-obligation tour of the Center will receive a free black tote bag.

Diamond Bar Center is located at 1600 Grand Avenue; it is owned and operated by the City of Diamond Bar. For more information or to book your no-obligation facility tour, call 909.839.7065. Be sure to mention promo code "013095" to receive your free tote bag.

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STUDENT SAFETY IN MIND

In preparation of the new school year, City employees Rafael Lopez (left) and Jason Fuentes took time during the summer to refresh more than 150 pavement markings in and around Diamond Bar's school areas. The annual restriping and repainting effort is aimed at reinforcing the areas where drivers can expect to see a strong presence of pedestrians, particularly when school opens and lets out. Additionally, to further assist with the safe travel of elementary and middle students to and from school, the City annually funds an adult crossing guard program that covers 17 intersections. When crossing in these areas, it is important to always wait for direction from the guard before proceeding. [Turn to page 3 for a list of important back-to-school safety tips for drivers and pedestrians.](#)



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July
CITY OF DIAMOND BAR
**BUSINESS
OF THE
MONTH**

123 Rakuya

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Open: Monday through
Sunday, 9:00 a.m. to 9:00 p.m.

Japanese general merchandise discount store that stocks a variety of everyday items ranging from snacks and kitchen goods to school supplies and gardening tools.

Visit the City's official YouTube channel at www.youtube.com/DiamondBarCA to check out an 80-second promotional clip on 123 Rakuya



Citrus Tree Disease Alert

The California Department of Food and Agriculture is requesting the public's assistance in identifying backyard citrus trees infected with Huanglongbing.

Also referred to as HLB or citrus greening disease, this bacterial infection is carried by a tiny insect called the Asian Citrus psyllid. Diseased trees produce bitter, hard and misshapen fruit, and die within three to five years. HLB is not harmful to humans or animals.

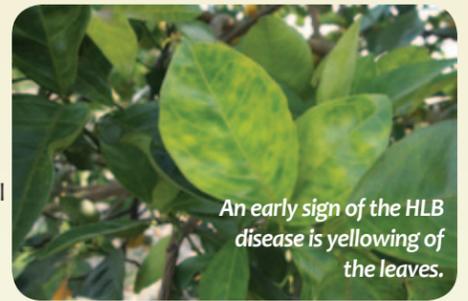
Among the tips the CDFA offers to help prevent the spread of this citrus tree disease are the following: Increase your understanding and awareness – Visit www.CaliforniaCitrusThreat.org for information, photographs and resources.

Don't move citrus — Do not bring any plant material from other states or countries. Also, do not move homegrown citrus off your property, as you could unknowingly spread the pest or disease.

Inspect your trees — Look for signs of HLB each month or whenever tending trees; a complete list of symptoms can be found online at www.californiacitrusthreat.org and report symptoms by calling 800.491.1899.

Plant responsibly — Only buy citrus trees from reputable, licensed California nurseries.

Graft with care — Use only registered budwood with source documentation.



An early sign of the HLB disease is yellowing of the leaves.

Drainage Ditch Maintenance Reminder

If a drainage ditch is part of the design of your property, here is a reminder to take a moment to inspect it before the next heavy rain event.

Private drainage ditches are intended to protect homes from flooding by directing rainwater runoff away from a property and into the city's storm water system and eventually into local waterways. However, obstructions such as trash, debris or overgrown brush can prevent these ditches from working as intended, thereby resulting in localized flooding or ponding of water.

By routinely inspecting and properly maintaining your drainage areas, you can prevent flooding and other potentially costly damage to your property.

Free Tire Recycling Event

If scrap tires are taking up space in your garage or backyard, you may want to get rid of them through a free Tire Recycling Event taking place this month.

Sponsored by the Los Angeles County Board of Supervisors, the event is scheduled to take place on Saturday, September 26 from 9:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m. at Citrus College, Parking Lot S9, located in Glendora at the corner of Barranca Avenue and Foothill Boulevard.

The event is open only to residents of Los Angeles County, and tires may be dropped off with or without rims. If you plan on transporting more than 9 tires per trip, you will need to obtain a tire transport form a week ahead of the event by contacting the Los Angeles County Department of Public Health at 626.430.5540. Tires from businesses and oversized or tractor tires will not be accepted.

For more information, visit www.888CLEANLA.com or call 1(888) CLEAN LA.

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SIGN OF THE TIMES

Temporary signs are now in place on medians, parkways, and other public landscaped areas highlighting the City's water-reduction efforts and encouraging the public to limit their personal water use whenever and wherever possible to help stretch our scarce water resources. The City, for its part, has been exceeding the state-mandated 25% reduction in overall water use through a number of measures that include limiting the watering of public landscaped areas to two days per week during evening hours or, in some cases, completely shutting off the irrigation system. The City currently has a grant request pending with the Metropolitan Water District of Southern California to help offset the cost of swapping out the grass on medians for less water-demanding plants. For more tips and information, visit www.diamondbarca.gov/waterconservation.



As a show of support for the Inland Valley Humane Society & S.P.C.A. and its goal to end the preventable euthanizing of pets by 2020, the Diamond Bar City Council last month adopted a resolution in support of the Getting 2 Zero initiative.

Modeled after a similar program that has proved successful in Australia, Getting 2 Zero involved IVHS & S.P.C.A. reassessing various aspects of its operations to ensure they all contributed to saving

all healthy, treatable and adoptable cats and dogs. The all-encompassing strategy covers proactive partnerships, programs, legislation and community education.

Among the efforts by IVHS & S.P.C.A. to ensure the Getting 2 Zero strategy works are increasing proactive and affordable spay and neuter programming, holding frequent mobile adoptions, developing rescue partnerships and shelter-to-shelter programs, encouraging the microchipping of cats and dogs, and exploring hobby breeder ordinances.

Established in 1949, IVHS & S.P.C.A. is a private, non-profit organization that provides protection, shelter and medical care to unwanted, abandoned and injured animals, and works to prevent animal cruelty and increase the public's awareness about responsible pet ownership.

For more information about the Getting 2 Zero initiative, visit www.ivhsspc.org or call 909.623.9777.

Rooftop Solar Permitting Simplified

Residents looking to minimize their carbon footprint through the installation of a small rooftop solar system will be pleased to learn that the permitting process has been made easier.

Diamond Bar City Council last month unanimously passed an ordinance to create an expedited, streamlined permitting process for small residential rooftop solar energy systems that are in line with a new State law.

AB 2188, signed into law by Governor Brown, modifies the Solar Rights Act of 1978 and requires Counties and Cities statewide to adopt an ordinance that creates an expedited solar permitting ordinance.

Under the new ordinance, which goes into effect on September 9, requests for a residential rooftop solar permit will be processed within three business days, entail fewer inspections than currently required, and cost no more than \$500.

For more information, visit www.diamondbarca.gov/solarpermit or call 909.839.7020.

School Zone Safety Reminders

With Diamond Bar public schools back in session, here is a reminder that everyone – whether on foot or behind the wheel – plays an important role in preventing pedestrian injuries and fatalities in and around school zones.

If you live or travel through a school zone, or if you take children to school:

- Slow down when you are within 500 to 1,000 feet of a school while children are outside or crossing the street. In California, the speed limit in school zones is 25 mph unless otherwise posted.
- Pay attention to stopped school buses as they may be letting children off. When the bus flashes red lights, the law requires you to stop from either direction until the lights stop flashing and the school bus resumes motion. The only exception is when the school bus is on the other side of a divided road, and there are two or more lanes in each direction.
- Comply with school drop-off and pick-up procedures, and never load or unload children in areas that encourage them to cross a street mid-block rather than at a crosswalk.
- If you live in a neighborhood surrounding a school, be extra cautious when backing out of a driveway or pulling out of a garage and look out for pedestrians or cyclists.

If you have student-age children, talk to them about safe pedestrian behaviors, such as:

- Walking, not running, across the street, never crossing at mid-block locations or between cars, and always using signalized intersections or marked crosswalks.
- Remembering to look left, right, and left again for traffic before crossing a street, and checking behind and ahead for turning or approaching vehicles.
- Making eye contact with drivers prior to crossing to make sure the driver has seen them.

As customary, Los Angeles County Sheriff's deputies will maintain an increased presence within school zones to keep a watchful eye on drivers and pedestrians and ensure compliance with speed limits and other traffic laws.

Photo Contest Still Accepting Entries

With the deadline to enter the City's annual photography contest only a couple of months away, now is the time to sift through your digital photo archives or grab your camera and seek out new photo-worthy moments around town.

Now in its eighth year, the "Through My Lens" photo contest aims to raise community spirit while highlighting the best of Diamond Bar as captured through the camera lenses of residents. It is open to Diamond Bar residents of all ages and photography skill levels, and consists of two age divisions – youth (17 years of age and younger) and adult (18 years of age and older) and five categories – people, pets, places, nature and digitally-altered.

Every contestant may submit up to two high-resolution, publication-quality images entries in digital (electronic) format; they may be color or black and white.

One entry in each of the divisions and categories will be selected as the winner, and those that are a close second will receive an honorable mention. The overall top vote-getter will earn the Grand Prize title.

All winners will receive recognition by the Diamond Bar City Council and the Diamond Bar Community Foundation (DBCF) Board of Directors, and cash prizes will be awarded as follows: \$50 for honorable mention, \$100 for winner, and \$150 for grand prize.

Winning entries will be also be showcased on the City's website and annual calendar & services guide and the DBCF's bimonthly Windmill magazine. The grand prize image will be added to the City Hall Photo Gallery that is located in the hallway nearest to the inner entrance to the Diamond Bar Library, 21810 Copley Drive.

The entry form and official contest rules are available for pickup at Diamond Bar City Hall, or can be downloaded from the City website at www.diamondbarca.gov/photocontest. You may also request one be mailed to you by contacting the City's Public Information Division at 909.839.7057 or photocontest@diamondbarca.gov.



School

Happenings

Article contribution by the Walnut Valley Unified School District

Walnut Valley middle schools set the Gold standard

Walnut Valley's three middle schools - Chaparral, South Pointe, and Suzanne - have been named 2015 California Gold Ribbon Schools for having exemplary standards and practices.

"This is an honor that we at Chaparral are very proud of," Principal Ron Thibodeaux stated. "We've put a lot into making our school a 21st century learning environment, and the Gold Ribbon validates the hard work of our learning community. Our teachers and staff, parents and students are wonderful!"

The state's highest recognition went to only 373 of the 10,366 public schools.

In addition, all three schools were distinguished for having Exemplary Programs in Arts Education.

Gold ribbon schools were cited for best practices that can be replicated by other schools. WVUSD programs include the 21st Century Classroom Initiative at Chaparral, STEAM Program at South Pointe, and Global Citizenship at Suzanne.

This was the first year the state issued gold ribbon awards that temporarily replace the California Distinguished Schools Program while officials create new assessment and accountability systems.

"South Pointe is proud to be recognized by the state for its innovative approach to implementing 21st century Science, Technology, Engineering, Art, and Math programs," said Principal Susan Arzola. "We believe that by putting the "A" (the Arts) in STEM, we provide all students a well-balanced, joyful learning experience. Come watch them STEAM ahead!"



A Special Call To Veterans

Preparations are underway for this year's Veterans Day Recognition Ceremony, scheduled to take place Thursday, November 5 at the Diamond Bar Center.

As part of these preparations, the City is putting out a special call to all Diamond Bar veterans who have not been previously honored by the Diamond Bar City Council.

Retired or discharged U.S. Military service members will be presented with a special plaque, while those who participated in the City's Armed Forces Banner Program and are no longer actively deployed will be presented with their street pole banner.

To register to participate in this year's recognition ceremony, you need to complete an application available for download online at www.diamondbarca.gov/veteransday or for pickup at Diamond Bar City Hall, located at 21810 Copley Drive. If you have questions or for more information, contact Community Services Coordinator Andee Tarazon at 909.839.7067 or atarazon@diamondbarca.gov.

September Is National Preparedness Month

Emergencies: we can't predict them, but we can plan for them.

National Preparedness Month, sponsored by the Federal Emergency Management Agency, is designed to encourage Americans to take steps today to prepare for tomorrow's emergencies – both natural and man-made.

These emergencies run the gamut from wind-triggered power outages to acts of terrorism. However, given the many active and potentially active faults present within the Southern California area, planning and practicing what to do if an earthquake strikes is a good starting point.

Tackling earthquake preparedness may seem like a daunting task, but in reality only consists of four simple steps: Get Informed, Have a Plan, Gather Supplies, and Hazard-Proof your Home.

Get Informed: To get localized emergency information, such as evacuation orders, safety advisories, shelter locations, and road closures pertinent to Diamond Bar, you'll want to visit the City website www.diamondbarca.gov or tune in to DBtv (Time Warner Ch. 3 or Verizon FiOS Ch. 47). Also, to be alerted via text, email, or recorded message of impending or in-progress emergency situations affecting Diamond Bar, be sure to sign up for the City's free emergency alert system by visiting www.diamondbarca.gov/emergencyalerts.

**DON'T WAIT. COMMUNICATE.
MAKE YOUR EMERGENCY PLAN TODAY.**



Have a Plan: Everyone in your family should know the location of all the "safe spots" and exits (including alternative) within your home and two emergency meeting places (one outside your home and one outside of your neighborhood). Adults should also know how to shut off utilities at the main shutoff valve in the event the lines are damaged or it is requested by the utility company. It is also recommended to designate an out-of-state acquaintance to serve as the "family contact" that everyone calls to check in with their location following an emergency.

Gather Supplies: Have 72-hours worth of survival supplies readily available in accessible locations at home, at work, and in your vehicles. These include food, water, portable radios, first aid kits, cash, medications, and other special need items for the children, seniors, and pets in your family.

Hazard-Proof your Home: Inspect your home for potential hazards and identify and secure furniture or items that may break, fall or obstruct an exit during an emergency, such as mirrors, televisions, computers, bookcases, and water heaters.

For additional tips and links to important emergency-preparedness resources, visit www.diamondbarca.gov/emergency.



2015 Municipal Election Ballot

Several Diamond Bar residents have filed for candidacy in the November 3, 2015 General Municipal Election to fill two City Council seats. Look for your official sample ballot booklet to arrive in your mailbox sometime between September 24 and October 13. For more information about this upcoming election, visit www.diamondbarca.gov/election or contact the City Clerk by calling 909.839.7010 or emailing cityclerk@diamondbarca.gov.

City Joins Instagram

Because sometimes a photo says it best, the City recently opted to activate its Instagram account, thus strengthening its social media presence that already included Facebook and Twitter pages. The City's debut on Instagram last month coincided with the launch of a special campaign aimed at extending a community-wide congratulations to Alex Morgan, former Diamond Bar resident and member of the 2015 World Cup Championship Team. More details about the Alex Morgan online congratulatory campaign are available on the front page of this newsletter and on the City website at www.diamondbarca.gov/AlexMorgan.



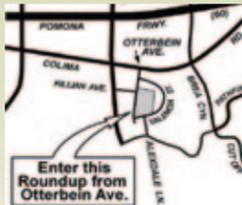
LACF™ LA County Fair September 4 - 27, 2015

The popular Los Angeles County Fair at Fairplex in Pomona opens Labor Day weekend. If you live in town, you may prefer to have your visit coincide with Diamond Bar Day at the Fair, scheduled for Thursday, September 24. In addition to its traditional offerings, exhibits and attractions, the Fair on this day will feature a parade, a business showcase, a volunteer recognition presentation, and a host of other special activities in honor of Diamond Bar. As an added bonus, admission into the Fair on September 24 is only \$5 when you use promo code: **diamond bar** when buying your tickets online at www.lacountyfair.com/buytickets or at the LACF gates when you present a special coupon available for printing through the City website www.diamondbarca.gov/fair.

Free HHW-E-Waste Roundup

If you have been holding on to expired or unwanted chemical-based household products and electronic equipment until the right opportunity to dispose of it, you may want to take advantage of the next scheduled Los Angeles County HHW-E-Waste collection event.

Free and open to all Los Angeles County residents, the drive-through collection event takes place on Saturday, September 12 from 9:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m. at John A. Rowland High School located at 2000 South Otterbein Street in Rowland Heights.



To participate, load up your trunk with the items you wish to drop off, with smaller items placed in a sturdy box, so that event staff can easily and quickly retrieve them without you having to exit your car.

Examples of items you can bring to the collection are automotive fluids, pesticides, pool chemicals, paint, televisions, computer monitors and peripherals, and used syringes, lancets or needles secured in a Sharps container or sturdy box labeled "SHARPS." There is a limit of 15 gallons or 125 pounds of hazardous waste per trip.

For more information and a complete list of what you can and cannot bring to the collection event, visit www.cleanla.com or call 1(888) CLEAN LA.



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Community Development	909.839.7030	So Cal Edison (electric)	800.611.1911
Community Services	909.839.7060	So Cal Gas (gas)	877.238.0092
Facility Reservations	909.839.7070	Time Warner (cable TV)	888.892.2253
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Business Licenses	909.839.7030		
Chamber of Commerce	626.810.8476		

*For emergencies, dial 9-1-1

September 2015

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		1 City Council meeting canceled	2	3	4	5
6	7 Labor Day (City Offices closed)	8 Street Sweeping	9 Street Sweeping	10 Street Sweeping	11 Street Sweeping	12 Street Sweeping
13	14	15 City Council meeting canceled	16	17	18	19 Composting Workshop (details on page 1)
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27	28	29	30			

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 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

