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## Halloween Happenings



**Whether it be delight or fright you are seeking this Halloween, we've got just the ticket with three frightfully fun events taking place at the close of the month:**

### Monster Bash

If you are 55 years of age or older, we invite you to don a costume (or don't) and head over to the Diamond Bar Center on Wednesday, October 28 for a spooktacular event featuring a buffet dinner and soda bar, as well as DJ music. Event hours are 6:00 p.m. to 9:00 p.m., and tickets cost \$15 per person and are available for purchase at the Center, located at 1600 Grand Avenue. Ticket sales close on Friday, October 23. For more information, call 909.839.7070.

### Halloween Haunted House

Heritage Park Community Center will reveal its dark side when its doors creak open on the evenings of Friday and Saturday, October 30-31 to welcome fear-seekers age 8 and older. This walk-through frightening attraction is open from 6:00 p.m. and 9:00 p.m. to deliver spine-tingling, heart-pounding thrills that are not recommended for the faint of heart. Admission is \$5 per person. If you are planning to go with a friend, take advantage of a "Buy One, Get One Free" deal, valid only on Friday, October 30 with a coupon available for downloading and printing at [www.diamondbarca.gov/hauntedhouse](http://www.diamondbarca.gov/hauntedhouse).

### Fall Fun Festival

No tricks, only treats are in store for little ones who take part of the popular Fall Fun Festival on Saturday, October 31 from 4:30 p.m. to 8:30 p.m. Considered a safe and fun alternative to trick-or-treating, the family-friendly festival features several game booths, arts and crafts areas, and photo-taking opportunities. Admission is free, but participation in the activities requires the purchase of a \$5 stamp card, which is good for up to 10 games or crafts. Heritage Park is located at 2900 S. Brea Canyon Road. For more information, call 909.839.7070.

## November 3 General Municipal Election

Four candidates are seeking to fill two seats on the Diamond Bar City Council during the upcoming General Municipal Election scheduled to take place on Tuesday, November 3.

The two City Council seats are currently held by Carol Herrera and Jack Tanaka. Carol Herrera is seeking re-election; Jack Tanaka has opted to not seek another term. The other three candidates are Robert Nishimura, Robert "Bob" Velker and Ruth Low.



As a reminder, to cast a vote in the November 3 election, you must be a registered voter residing in Diamond Bar. The last day to register to vote is Monday, October 19, and the deadline to register to vote by mail is October 27.

Los Angeles County Registrar-Recorder/County Clerk began mailing sample ballot booklets to all Diamond Bar registered voters on September 24. An electronic copy of the ballot as well as other important election-related information can be found online at [www.lavote.net](http://www.lavote.net).

## Great Shakeout Earthquake Drill

In what has become an annual tradition, the City will once again put its emergency response skills to the test when it takes part in The Great California Shake Earthquake Drill



happening on Thursday, October 15. Aimed at helping City officials and staff maintain a state readiness, the earthquake drill will involve testing of critical emergency procedures that include evacuating City buildings, working with external first responder organizations, conducting field inspections, and issuing emergency notifications. Everyone at home is encouraged to take part by practicing "Drop, Cover, and Hold On" wherever they may be at 10:15 a.m. and staying in this position for at least 60 seconds. To be counted in the drill and get email updates, sign up for free at [www.shakeout.org/california/register](http://www.shakeout.org/california/register). The website also includes several useful guides, including one with tips about what to do in situations when you cannot get under a sturdy desk or table.

## Health Fair For Ages 55+

The City is hosting its annual Health Fair & Flu Shot Clinic for adults age 55 and older on Thursday, November 12 from 9:00 a.m. to 11:30 a.m. at the Diamond Bar Center.

Attendees will have a chance to visit with various health vendors and service providers with information and answers to questions regarding a variety of topics ranging from healthcare plans to senior living options. There will also be health screenings, demonstrations and giveaways, as well as free flu shots administered on a first-come, first-served basis by the Los Angeles County Department of Public Health.

Admission is free and open to the public; however, those wishing to receive a flu shot must pre-register by calling 909.839.7068 before the event date. Diamond Bar Center is located at 1600 Grand Avenue.

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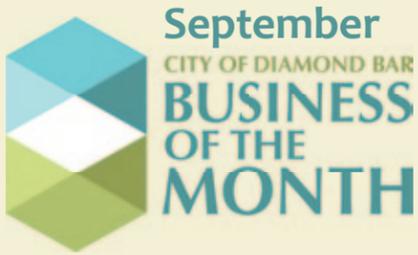


3 Volunteers Wanted



4 Veterans Honored





## Albertsons

1235 S Diamond Bar Boulevard  
909.861.6207

[www.albertsons.com](http://www.albertsons.com)

**Open:** Monday through  
Sunday, 7:00 a.m. to 11:00 p.m.

Albertsons is one of the largest food and drug retailers in the nation. This Diamond Bar location features a bakery, deli and fresh sushi section, floral department, health and beauty area. Also located inside is a CVS pharmacy, open Monday through Friday 9:00 a.m. to 9:00 p.m., Saturday 9:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m., and Sunday 10:00 a.m. to 6:00 p.m.

Visit the City's official YouTube channel at [www.youtube.com/DiamondBarCA](http://www.youtube.com/DiamondBarCA) to check out a 3-minute promotional video clip on Diamond Bar Albertsons.



## Annual Eco Expo

Next month will bring an opportunity for residents to rid their homes of obsolete electronics, unwanted textiles and unneeded confidential documents when the City holds its annual Eco Expo.

Set to take place on Saturday, November 14 from 9:00 a.m. to 1:00 p.m. at the AQMD parking lot, this environmentally-themed event will feature a variety of information booths, collection areas and activities centered on green living and recycling.

Also as part of this event, Waste Management will be giving away mulch. This is a "self-serve" giveaway, so containers and tools for loading mulch are strongly recommended.

AQMD is located at 21865 Copley Drive in Diamond Bar. For more information, visit [www.diamondbarca.gov/greendb](http://www.diamondbarca.gov/greendb) or call 909.839.7015.



## Free Bulky Item Pickups

If you are getting rid of unwanted household furniture that has outlived its usefulness, here is a reminder to take advantage of the bulky item pickup service available through the City's contract waste haulers. The service is free, convenient and available when you need it, up to four times a year.

Items that qualify for free pickup include sofas, mattresses, rugs, refrigerators, washers, dryers, stereos, televisions, computers, and other household pieces that are too bulky for normal collection but are no more than eight feet in length, four feet in width, and 150 pounds in weight.

Pickups must be scheduled in advance by contacting Waste Management at 909.599.1274 if you live in a single-family residence or Valley Vista at 800.442.6454 if you reside in a multi-family dwelling.

As a reminder, disposing of unwanted materials in any unapproved location or putting out the items at the curbside without a scheduled pickup is considered illegal dumping and is a violation of the Diamond Bar Municipal Code, Sec. 8.16.560, which is subject to enforcement by the City's Neighborhood Improvement Division.

Anyone who witnesses or discovers illegal dumping is asked to contact the City's Environmental Services Division by calling 909.839.7015 or sending an email to [greendb@diamondbarca.gov](mailto:greendb@diamondbarca.gov).

## Preparing For El Niño

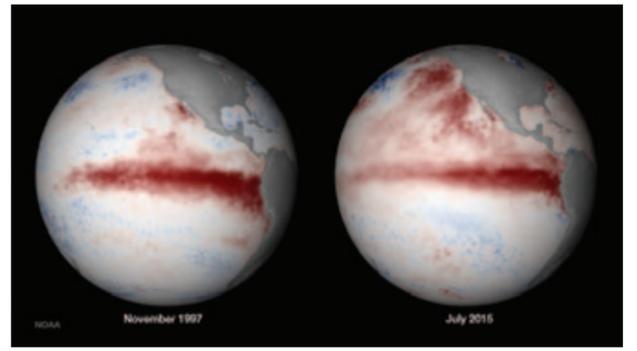
The weather phenomenon nicknamed El Niño continues to gain strength and is on track to reach a record-breaking peak by late fall or early winter, according to data from the National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration.

As with any weather pattern of its complexity and large-scale nature, there are a lot of variables involved that make it difficult to predict how exactly it will materialize. However, at this time, the forecaster consensus is that the intensity of this year's El Niño will rival that of the 1997-98 event that brought severe stormy weather to Southern California, including strong winds and heavy rainfall that led to significant flooding and mudslide incidents.

Residents and business owners alike are advised to take precautionary measures to help prevent or minimize the potential impacts of El Niño, such as:

- Checking your property's drainage system to make sure the gutters and downspouts are securely attached and free of leaves and debris which can inhibit proper drainage
- Grading your yard so that surface water drains away from the foundation and into the public storm drainage system
- Having sandbags on hand, if there are areas on your property that are prone to flooding
- Signing up for emergency alerts issued by the City using the Blackboard Connect mass notification system. All Diamond Bar landline telephones are automatically part of the database, however you are encouraged to register an additional phone number or email address by visiting [www.diamondbarca.gov/emergencyalerts](http://www.diamondbarca.gov/emergencyalerts)
- Reviewing your family emergency plan to make sure the information is up to date and that everyone is familiar with their responsibilities
- Familiarizing yourself with the phone numbers to dial for storm weather-related emergencies, such as
  - Downed power lines and power outages** – Southern California Edison 800.611.1911
  - Fallen parkway and median trees; flooding at public park or community facility** – Community Services Department 909.839.7060
  - Fallen tree or tree branch blocking a street or sidewalk, traffic signal outage, roadway flooding or damage, clogged storm drains, mudslides** – Public Works Department 909.839.7040.

In addition to using the Blackboard Connect system, during an emergency the City will use its website homepage [www.diamondbarca.gov](http://www.diamondbarca.gov) and Twitter account [www.twitter.com/diamondbarcity](http://www.twitter.com/diamondbarcity) to post important updates and alerts, as well as safety instructions such as evacuation orders, road closures and street light outages.



The above image was released by The National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration and it compares the Pacific Ocean's sea surface temperatures from November 1997 and July 2015, showing the possibility of a strong El Niño that could produce heavy rain this winter along the entire west coast.

## Personal Wildfire Action Plan

Although the cold weather season is just around the corner, the Los Angeles County Fire Department urges residents not to let their guard down about wildfires as they can occur any time of year. The potential for year-round wildfires is of particular concern in areas such as Diamond Bar, where acres of hillside are part of the residential landscape. To make sure your property is fire-protected, the Fire Department recommends you create defensible space around your home, install fire-resistant features where needed, and develop an emergency plan should your home be threatened by a wildfire and you need to evacuate. For tips on how to effectively harden your home, visit [www.fire.lacounty.gov](http://www.fire.lacounty.gov) and download the Ready! Set! Go! Personal Wildfire Action Plan.

## Fire Prevention Week



Through this year's Fire Prevention Week campaign, observed October 4 – 10, the National Fire Protection Association (NFPA) aims to drive home the message that every bedroom needs a working smoke alarm.

According to the NFPA, half of home fire deaths result from fires reported between 11:00 p.m. and 7:00 a.m., when most people are asleep. The National Fire Alarm Code requires a smoke alarm in every bedroom, outside each sleeping area and on every level of the home.

When it comes to smoke alarms, the NFPA recommends the following:

- Test all smoke alarms at least once a month by pressing the test button to be sure it is working.
- A smoke alarm should be on the ceiling or high on a wall. Keep smoke alarms away from the kitchen to reduce false alarms. They should be at least 10 feet (3 meters) from the stove.
- Replace all smoke alarms when they are 10 years old.

Also, there are two kinds of alarms – ionization smoke alarms are quicker to warn about flaming fires, while photoelectric alarms are quicker to warn about smoldering fires. The NFPA suggests using both types of alarms in the home.

If you or someone in your home is hard-of-hearing or deaf, you should consider installing special smoke alarms that have strobe lights and bed shakers.

For more information about smoke alarms and this year's Fire Prevention Week campaign, visit [www.firepreventionweek.org](http://www.firepreventionweek.org).

## Volunteer Opportunities

### Meals On Wheels Seeks Volunteers



If you are looking to give back to the community and you can spare three hours once a week or once a month, then Meals on Wheels – Industry would appreciate hearing from you. This nonprofit food delivery program is in need of volunteer drivers to deliver meals to qualifying area residents who are unable to leave their home as a result of an illness or disability. Volunteers must have a valid driver's license and a registered, insured car. For more information, call 626.333.4570 or email [mealsonwheels411@live.com](mailto:mealsonwheels411@live.com).

### Haunted House Volunteers Wanted

A few good youth volunteers are needed to form part of the skeleton crew in charge of giving life to various elements of this year's Haunted House attraction.

Roles that need filling include building and designing sets and props, serving as scare actors, and helping with setup and cleanup. Volunteering is open only to Diamond Bar high school students, and participation requires a signed parental waiver form.

City staff is holding an optional volunteer orientation meeting on Monday, October 19 from 5:00 p.m. to 6:00 p.m. at Diamond Bar City Hall, 21810 Copley Drive, to discuss volunteer roles and responsibilities. For those unable to attend but interested in volunteering, an informational flyer is also available for download on the City website at [www.diamondbarca.gov/hhh](http://www.diamondbarca.gov/hhh).

Volunteer or event-related questions may be directed to Community Services Coordinator Andee Tarazon at 909.839.7060 or [atarazon@diamondbarca.gov](mailto:atarazon@diamondbarca.gov).



## School Happenings

Article contribution by the Walnut Valley Unified School District

### Walnut Valley Makes Newsweek's List Of Top High Schools Diamond Bar High School Is Part Of Top 150 Of 30,000 Public Schools

Newsweek released its list of "America's Top High Schools 2015" this past August and Diamond Bar High School once again made it on its roster of the top 500 public high schools nationwide.

The rankings are intended to identify high schools that have the highest performance on state tests and best prepare students for college, according to Newsweek.

Diamond Bar High School topped local schools on the list, ranking the 77th best high school in the nation and 8th in California.

"We are always proud of our high schools and the work that is done to provide our students with exceptional learning opportunities," said Superintendent Dr. Robert Taylor. "Our success is a team effort that includes exceptional teachers and staff, strong commitments from our students, and outstanding parent support."

The Newsweek list identifies the top 500 schools by measuring several factors, including graduation rate, college enrollment rate, SAT and ACT scores, Advanced Placement and International Baccalaureate exams, ratio of counselors to students, and state test scores.



Diamond Bar High School has been named No. 77 in Newsweek's "America's Top High Schools 2015" list.

### Craft Fair Vendors Wanted

Crafters, there is still time to reserve your space at the City's popular Candy Cane Craft Fair taking place on Saturday, December 5 from 9:00 a.m. to 2:00 p.m. inside the Diamond Bar Center.

To be considered as a craft vendor, you will need to submit to the City an application form, payment, and three photos of your work no later than 5:30 p.m. on Monday, November 2. The cost to participate is \$50 for an 8' x 8' space; an additional \$25 gets you two 6-foot tables and two chairs.

Crafts do not have to be seasonal items but they must be completely

handmade. Examples of crafts showcased at past years' events include clothing, handbags, jewelry, housewares and knitted items.

Participation guidelines and the application form are available online [www.diamondbarca.gov/cccf](http://www.diamondbarca.gov/cccf) and at City Hall, located at 21810 Copley Drive in Diamond Bar.

For more information, contact Community Services Coordinator Andee Tarazon at 909.839.7067 or [ATarazon@DiamondBarCA.Gov](mailto:ATarazon@DiamondBarCA.Gov).



# Daylight Saving Ends

Here's a reminder that this year's daylight saving period ends at 2:00 a.m. on Sunday, November 1. Along with setting your clock-equipped devices back one hour before heading to bed on Saturday night, you are encouraged to also check your household emergency kit and put fresh batteries in your flashlights and weather radios. For suggestions on what essentials to include in your emergency kit, visit [www.ready.gov](http://www.ready.gov).

## Veterans Recognition Ceremony



Everyone is invited to join friends, neighbors and local elected officials in honoring the service and sacrifices of Diamond Bar veterans by attending a special ceremony planned for Thursday, November 5.

This patriotic event takes place inside the Diamond Bar Center from 9:00 a.m. to 11:00 a.m., and includes a presentation of colors, live music and brief remarks from local officials. Also during this event, Armed Forces Banner honorees who are no longer on active duty are presented with their retired streetlight banner.

Admission is free and open to the public, and reservations are not required. Diamond Bar Center is located at 1600 Grand Avenue. For more information, call 909.839.7067.

## Photo Contest Deadline Approaching

If you have been considering entering the City's Through My Lens photo contest, now is the time to choose a photo from your existing collection or take a brand new one and submit it along with a completed entry form before the November 16 deadline.



Through My Lens was started by the City in 2008 as a means to celebrate the various facets of Diamond Bar living and the photographic talents of community members; it is co-sponsored by the Diamond Bar Community Foundation (DBCF). The five categories that make up this year's contest are people, pets, places, nature and digitally-altered.

The contest is open to photographers of all ages and levels of experience, with youth and adult entries judged separately. To qualify to enter, the contestant must reside in Diamond Bar and the photo subject must also be within city limits.

Photographs by the winners and finalists will be featured on the City's website, in the Windmill magazine published by the DBCF, and a print of the Grand Prize image will be showcased inside the City Hall building on wall space dedicated to the photo contest. Also, winners will be recognized during an upcoming City Council meeting and receive a cash prize, courtesy of the DBCF.

Complete contest guidelines and the entry form are available online at [www.diamondbarca.gov/photocontest](http://www.diamondbarca.gov/photocontest).



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**Council Member**..... Jimmy Lin  
**Council Member**..... Jack Tanaka  
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City Clerk's Office	909.839.7010		
City Manager's Office	909.839.7010	<b>Utilities:</b>	
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
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	<b>Public Safety:</b>	
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	<b>24-Hour Hotlines:</b>	
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
<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

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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)

