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## Final Stages Grand Avenue Beautification

**Lane closures required on two weekends:  
November 6-8 and November 13-15**

*Motorists are urged to avoid construction areas on these dates, as heavy traffic delays are expected.*

During the first two weekends of November, the traveling public will encounter significant lane closures and traffic pattern shifts at the intersections of Grand Avenue and Diamond Bar Boulevard and Grand Avenue and Longview Drive.

As a result, these temporary traffic disruptions mean that, only one through lane and one turning lane will be available in each direction resulting in major congestion and delays that are estimated to be an hour or longer during morning and afternoon peak hours.

The lane closures are necessary in order for work crews to complete the final stages of the Grand Avenue Beautification Project, which entails construction of decorative crosswalks using interlocking colored concrete pavers. This scope of the project involves excavating and grading the crosswalk areas, building the foundations and hand-setting the pavers.

As with all road projects, motorists are reminded to drive carefully and allow extra time when traveling through the construction zones for their safety and that of the work crews.

For more information about the Grand Avenue Beautification Project and complete details about the planned lane closures, visit [www.diamondbarca.gov/grand](http://www.diamondbarca.gov/grand).

## Holiday Shopping in Town Pays

*Sales tax translates into safe streets, smooth roads and picturesque parks!*

With the holidays approaching, here is a reminder that your purchases can produce dollars for your community. Every time you make a purchase and sales tax is applied, 1% of the tax you pay is returned to the city where the business is located. This sales tax revenue is then used to help fund such services as community policing, road repairs and park improvements.

By simply taking a little extra time to find out if the items on your gift list are available from a Diamond Bar business, you will be delighting the gift recipient while also supporting the services, infrastructure and amenities that contribute to Diamond Bar's high quality of life.

To view a map of shopping centers in town, visit [www.diamondbarca.gov/shoppingcenters](http://www.diamondbarca.gov/shoppingcenters).

## Election Day, November 3

Registered Diamond Bar voters are reminded that a General Municipal Election will be held in the Diamond Bar on Tuesday, November 3 to fill two seats on the Diamond Bar City Council.

Polls will be open for voting between the hours of 7:00 a.m. and 8:00 p.m. To locate your polling place address, check the back of your sample ballot booklet or search for it online at [www.lavote.net](http://www.lavote.net).

The Registrar-Recorder/County Clerk is tentatively scheduled to certify election results late November, with the Los Angeles County Board of Supervisors tentatively scheduled to declare election results official in early December.




## eco expo

**November 14**

If you have confidential documents that you no longer need, electronic or textile items you want to get rid of, or garden areas

that could benefit from mulch, you may want to make time on Saturday, November 14 to stop by the City's annual Eco Expo.

Scheduled to take place from 9:00 a.m. to 1:00 p.m. in the AQMD parking lot (21865 Copley Drive) the Eco Expo will feature a variety of information booths staffed by representatives from the City's Environmental Services Division, local waste haulers, utility companies and other environmentally-minded organizations.

It will also have designated areas where individuals can drop off electronic items for proper disposal, have documents that hold sensitive information shredded on the spot, dispose of a variety of textiles regardless of their condition, and load up on free garden mulch. Arts and crafts areas will keep younger attendees entertained with a variety of green-themed activities as well as free face painting.

**Things to consider:**

**Textile items** include clothing, footwear, linens such as bedding, tablecloths and towels, and accessories such as gloves, hats, belts and purses.

**Electronics** include televisions, computers, laptops, cameras, phones and microwaves. No business or commercial items will be accepted.

**Paper** shredding is limited to two banker boxes per individual.

**Mulch** supplies are limited and available on a first to arrive, first to be served basis. Individuals should come equipped with tools and containers to shovel their own mulch (limited to 80 pounds per household).

For more information, contact the City's Environmental Services Division at 909.839.7015 or [greendb@diamondbarca.gov](mailto:greendb@diamondbarca.gov).



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## Strong El Niño Conditions Predicted through the 2015-16 Winter Season, Is your Family and Home Ready?

See page 3 for easy storm preparation steps to do this month!

October  
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**BUSINESS  
OF THE  
MONTH**

**Crunch**

1132 S. Diamond Bar Blvd.  
909.444.0142  
[crunchdiamondbar.com](http://crunchdiamondbar.com)

**Hours of Operation:**

Mon - Thurs:  
5:00 am - 11:00 pm,  
Fri: 5:00 am - 9:00 pm, and Sat/Sun: 7:00 am - 7:00 pm

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 Crunch Diamond Bar.



**Grass Medians  
Converted to Drought  
Tolerant Landscapes**

By early winter, the medians along the approximately 6.4 mile stretch of Diamond Bar Boulevard will be sporting a new look that is both easy on the eyes and water demands.

A turf conversion project is currently underway to remove nearly 270,000 square feet of turf from 42 medians and plant a variety of California-friendly plants and ground covers. Dwarf bottlebrush, red carpet rose, society garlic, trailing rosemary and deer grass were selected because of their high ornamental character and low water use and maintenance needs, as well as their ability to survive drought-like conditions.

Also as part of this project, the former spray irrigation system will be changed out for a more water-efficient alternative that uses drip irrigation emitters and bubblers to supply water directly to tree and plant roots.

Funded with a more than a half-million dollar grant from the Metropolitan Water District, this project is part of the City's efforts to comply with the Governor-issued April 1, 2015 Executive Order prohibiting the irrigation of ornamental turf on public street medians with potable water.

As a reminder, the water use restrictions enacted by the Walnut Valley Water District earlier this year, as mandated by state emergency regulation, continue to be in effect until at least February 29, 2016.



*In compliance with the State's mandates for water conservation, the City turned off irrigation to median turf areas along Diamond Bar Boulevard on June 1, and has since been hand-watering the trees planted within.*

These restrictions prohibit lawn or landscape watering between 8:00 a.m. and 5:00 p.m. and limit outdoor watering to 2 days per week and sprinkler use to no more than 15 minutes per irrigation station. They also make it illegal to hose down driveways and sidewalks, wash cars without a shut-off nozzle, use potable water for fountains or other ornamental purposes unless the water is recirculated, and overwater lawns and gardens to the point it results in runoff.

For a complete list of restrictions and information about available rebates, visit the Water District's new conservation website at [www.wdconserves.com](http://www.wdconserves.com).

To report water waste, call the Water District's Water Waste Hotline at 909.348.8228 or email [savewater@wwvd.com](mailto:savewater@wwvd.com).

**Annual Veterans Recognition**

Join us at the Diamond Bar Center on Thursday, November 5 from 9:00 a.m. to 11:00 a.m. as we honor our community's veterans.

In addition to the recognition ceremony and retired banner presentations, this patriotic event will include live instrumental music by South Pointe Middle School's band, and a special video featuring three Diamond Bar veterans recounting and reflecting on their military service experiences.

Light refreshments will be provided. Admission is free and pre-registration is not required. Diamond Bar Center is located at 1600 Grand Avenue.

For more information, call 909.839.7070 or visit [www.diamondbarca.gov/veteransday](http://www.diamondbarca.gov/veteransday).



**DBSNAPSHOTS**

**JUST DROPPING IN**

Pop-Up City Hall, the City's newest community outreach initiative, last month made an appearance at Pantera Dog Park. A bevy of dogs and their owners stopped by to greet City representatives and special guests Dr. Donna Earnheart and Stephanie

Guan from Village Animal Hospital in Diamond Bar. In addition to picking up literature and giveaways, visitors had an opportunity to discuss matters related to Diamond Bar living with City staff, as well as seek the advice of an experienced veterinary care team regarding pet-related concerns. Started in April 2015, this is a new effort by the City to raise awareness about the various programs and services offered by City Hall as well as encourage community members to engage in spontaneous and open discussion about issues or topics that affect or interest them the most with regard to living, working or recreating in town. Pop-Up City Hall events are scheduled once every quarter, held in different places throughout town, and feature a variety of service providers as special guests. The next Pop-Up City Hall event will take place sometime in the winter. For more information, visit [www.diamondbarca.gov/popupcityhall](http://www.diamondbarca.gov/popupcityhall) or call 909.839.7055.



**Senior Health Fair  
November 12**

Free flu shots and health screenings as well as numerous information booths and giveaways will be available to adults age 55 and older who attend the City's annual Senior Health Fair taking place on Thursday, November 12 from 9:00 a.m. to 11:30 a.m. at the Diamond Bar Center.

Entry into the Fair and access to all activities is free, however anyone wishing to receive a flu shot is strongly encouraged to pre-register to ensure an adequate supply of vaccines is made available. Flu shots will be administered on a first-come, first-served basis by Los Angeles County Department of Health personnel. The Diamond Bar Center is located at 1600 Grand Avenue. For more information, call 909.839.7068.

**DBSNAPSHOTS**

**A GIVING GROUP**

Diamond Bar Day at the Fair once again provided the opportunity to honor several community members who generously give of their time and talent to improve the lives of others. From left, Garrett Masuda (high school senior student), Richard and Rosette Clippinger (self-employed husband and wife duo), and Ray McMullen

(retired educator) were named this year's Los Angeles County Fair Community Heroes. The honorees, along with their family and friends, were treated to a special reception that included appetizers, refreshments and a performance by the Diamond Ranch High School choir. They also received an award from the Fairplex and certificates of recognition from the Diamond Bar City Council, as well as a festive parade ride through the fairgrounds. To view additional photos of the 2015 Diamond Bar Day at the Fair festivities held on Thursday, September 24, visit [www.diamondbarca.gov/photogallery](http://www.diamondbarca.gov/photogallery).



**HEALTHY  
HEARTHS**

**Check Before You Burn**

If your home has a fireplace, here's a reminder that the South Coast Air Quality Management District's annual Check Before You Burn program is in effect November 1 through the end of February.

A component of the AQMD's Healthy Hearths initiative, the Check Before You Burn program prohibits residential wood burning on days when air pollution is forecast to be unhealthy.

Households above an elevation of 3,000 feet; wood-burning devices that are a household's sole source of heat; low-income households; properties where there is no existing infrastructure for natural gas service within 150 feet of the property line; and ceremonial fires are exempted from the wood-burning curtailment program.

For more information, visit [www.healthyhearths.org](http://www.healthyhearths.org). You may also call AQMD's 24-hour Check Before you Burn toll-free information line 866.966.3293 or sign up receive email notifications when a mandatory no-burn alert has been issued for your neighborhood by visiting [www.aqmd.enviroflash.info](http://www.aqmd.enviroflash.info).



# El Niño Watch

## Storm Preparation Strongly Urged

With the National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration (NOAA) predicting a greater than 90% likelihood that a strong El Niño weather pattern will develop this winter and last into early spring 2016, the City urges all residents to make severe weather preparation a top priority this month.

Taking the following simple steps to prepare your family and home before heavy rain events occur can go a long way toward minimizing the risk of life-threatening injuries or property damage:

### Family

- ✓ Put together disaster supply kits for your home and vehicles that at minimum contain water, non-perishable food and medicine to sustain every member of your household, including pets, for at least three days. A battery-equipped flashlight weather radio is also strongly suggested. For a list of additional items to include in your kit, visit [www.ready.gov](http://www.ready.gov).
- ✓ Practice your family emergency plan. Discuss where you will meet in case you are separated and designate an out-of-state relative or friend to serve as your single point of contact.
- ✓ Determine where you will take your pets in the event you are issued an order to evacuate. Remember that Red Cross disaster shelters cannot accept pets because of safety regulations and other health considerations. Other shelters may require up-to-date vaccination records and other proof of pet ownership.
- ✓ Charge electronic devices such as cell phones and tablets, and put fresh batteries in your flashlights or weather radios.
- ✓ Program key phone numbers in your cell phone for quick access, such as that of law enforcement and fire departments, utilities, insurance companies, school districts, and City Hall.

### Home

- ✓ Clear your gutters, downspouts and storm drains of leaves, debris or trash.
- ✓ Properly secure or store in the garage any light outdoor furniture or decorations that can potentially be swept up by strong winds such as canopies, grills and flags.
- ✓ Make sure the edges of your windows and doors are properly sealed to prevent rain water from coming into your home.
- ✓ Inspect your roof and have any deteriorated or missing shingles or tiles replaced and other leak-vulnerable areas repaired.
- ✓ Connect your electric equipment and appliances to surge protectors to help prevent a sudden surge of electricity from damaging them when power is restored following an interruption of electricity service.

Severe rainstorms can cause downed power lines or trees, power outages and transportation accidents. If you need to be on the road, it is important that you plan ahead and allow extra travel time to safely reach your destination.

If you come across a knocked over power line, stay away from it and any person or object in contact with the wire, and call 9-1-1 right away. Remember, water conducts electricity, so don't touch or step in water near a downed wire. To report trees growing into or near power lines, call Edison at 800.655.4555.

For more storm-related preparedness tips and information, visit [www.diamondbarca.gov/storm](http://www.diamondbarca.gov/storm).



**Properly filled and placed sandbags can be an effective means of preventing or reducing floor damage by diverting moving water away from your property.**

If there are areas around your property that are prone to flooding, you may want to take advantage of free sand and bags available during the cold weather months at most Los Angeles County fire stations, including 119 (20480 Pathfinder Road) and 121 (346 Armitos Road) here in Diamond Bar.

Service is self-serve, and households are each allowed up to 25 sandbags; work gloves and shovels are recommended for sandbag filling.

#### A few things to keep in mind:

- If sand is not available, you may use soil instead.
- Sandbags are effective only for low-flow protection (up to 2 feet).
- Bags should be filled only to one-half of their capacity to keep them from getting too heavy and make them easier to stack.
- Sand or soil left in sandbags exposed to continued wetting and drying can cause the bags to break down quickly, so it is best not to place them out too early.

- Limit placement of sandbags to two layers, unless a building is used as a backing or sandbags are pyramided.
- Do not use the sandbags to build a fortress around the perimeter of your property as this can trap water between the sandbag wall and your building wall and cause damage.

Instructions as well as a short video on the proper way to fill and place sandbags is available on the Los Angeles County Fire Department website at [www.fire.lacounty.gov/safety-messages/winter-safety-tips](http://www.fire.lacounty.gov/safety-messages/winter-safety-tips).

# School Happenings

## Lorbeer Middle School Shines, Fosters Student Achievement

*Story contribution by the Pomona Unified School District*

Lorbeer Middle School – a California Distinguished School, National Blue Ribbon School and in Spring, 2015, a California Gold Ribbon School – fosters an environment that supports student achievement and encompasses a variety of learning activities that stimulate success, from rigorous academics and college-level learning to arts and athletics.

Lorbeer recently welcomed new principal Angelique Butler, who previously served as Diamond Ranch High School's assistant principal.

Under her tutelage, Lorbeer will continue to be a shining example of how to successfully transition to and

implement the new California Standards. Its expanded math courses, for example, demonstrate the school's commitment to real-world experiences and writing across a variety of subjects. Students in all grades have the opportunity to take art, music, drama and technology electives. Music students transition from Lorbeer's instrumental and choir program to Diamond Ranch High, where they enthusiastically participate in winter and spring festival concerts, moving seamlessly into all aspects of the Visual and Performing Arts program.

Lorbeer is the place for any seventh- and eight-grade student and their parents, who are looking for a great school.



## Saluting Teachers of the Year

*Story contribution by the Walnut Valley Unified School District*

Walnut Valley Unified School District is proud to announce the 2014-2015 Teachers of the Year. These outstanding educators will be honored during the Salute to Teachers awards program on October 21.

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|----------------------------|-----------------------|
| Castle Rock Elementary     | Judy Ameluxen         |
| Chaparral Middle School    | Jeanette Hooton       |
| CJ Morris Elementary       | Jennifer Veneracion   |
| Collegewood Elementary     | Sherry Truong         |
| Diamond Bar High           | Howard Alcosser       |
| Evergreen Elementary       | Mabel Woken           |
| Maple Hill Elementary      | Eunice Lee            |
| Quail Summit Elementary    | Gretchen "Anna" Chung |
| South Pointe Middle School | Judy Olmos            |
| Suzanne Middle School      | Marla Rickard         |
| Vejar Elementary           | Pam Acosta            |
| Walnut Elementary          | Deanne Rodriguez      |
| Walnut High                | Dr. Buddy Clements    |
| Westhoff Elementary        | Hyeyon Park           |



Fifth grade teacher Jennifer Veneracion has been selected as the 2015 District Teacher of the Year. She was recognized during the Los Angeles County Office of Education Teacher of the Year luncheon in September.



# Photo Contest Deadline

November 16

Photo enthusiasts are reminded that they only have until Monday, November 16 to enter a favorite image or two of Diamond Bar people, pets, places or nature into the City's Through My Lens contest.

Sponsored by the City and the Diamond Bar Community Foundation, the photo contest is open to Diamond Bar residents of



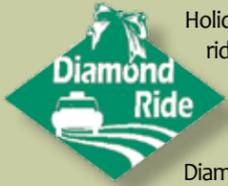
all ages, with entrants separated into two divisions – youth (17 years and younger) and adult (18 years and older).

Winners will be announced early next month, and cash prizes will be awarded as follows: Honorable Mention: \$50, First Place: \$100, and Grand Prize: \$150. Also, winning photographs may be featured on the City's website and future edition of the City's annual Calendar and Services Guide.

More information about the contest and a downloadable entry form is available on the City website at [www.diamondbarca.gov/photocontest](http://www.diamondbarca.gov/photocontest). Direct any contest-related questions to the Public Information Division by calling 909.839.7057 or email [photocontest@diamondbarca.gov](mailto:photocontest@diamondbarca.gov).

# FREE Cab Rides

November 27 - January 1



Holiday shopping in town? Free cab rides to and from the city's shopping centers will again be available to Diamond Bar residents, age 18 and older, as part of the Diamond Ride program. Aimed at supporting local businesses and keeping tax dollars in town, Diamond Ride will run from Friday, November 27 through Friday, January 1, 2016. Proof of Diamond Bar residency (license or utility bill) is required to participate. For more information or to book a trip, call 800.578.6555.



December 5

A wide range of unique handmade goods will again be on display for buying (or just admiring) at the Diamond Bar Center on Saturday, December 5 when the City holds its Candy Cane Craft Fair.

Scheduled to run from 9:00 a.m. to 2:00 p.m., this festive Fair will also include a Santa's Workshop area with free crafts and activities for children, and a holiday-themed photo backdrop so that visitors can take their own keepsake photos.

Parking and admission is free. Diamond Bar Center is located at 1600 Grand Avenue.

For more information, call 909.839.7070 or visit [www.diamondbarca.gov/craftfair](http://www.diamondbarca.gov/craftfair).

# Place Your Order

Free Calendar & Schedule

New editions of the City's popular Calendar and Services Guide and magnetic Street Sweeping Schedule will be available in early January.

Featuring last year's Through My Lens Photo Contest winning entries, the calendar/guide is a great way to keep track of special dates and have quick access to important phone numbers and information about Diamond Bar services and amenities. The schedule indicates the weeks when the street sweeper is in operation as well as the days when service is delayed as the result of an observed holiday.

To receive one or both of these items by mail when they become available, place your request no later than Friday, December 18 by visiting [www.DiamondBarCA.gov/reservemycopy](http://www.DiamondBarCA.gov/reservemycopy). If you do not have Internet access, you may call in your request at 909.839.7000.



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### Elected Officials

- Mayor..... Steve Tye
- Mayor Pro Tem..... Nancy A. Lyons
- Council Member..... Carol Herrera
- Council Member..... Jimmy Lin
- Council Member..... Jack Tanaka
- City Manager..... James DeStefano

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# Find it Fast Phone Directory



<b>City Services</b>	<b>909.839.7000</b>	<b>School Districts:</b>	
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	<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

## November 2015

S	M	T	W	T	F	S
1 Daylight Saving Time Ends (gain an hour)	2 Street Sweeping	3 VOTE! Election Day Street Sweeping	4 Street Sweeping	5 Veterans Recognition Ceremony (details on page 2) Street Sweeping	6 Street Sweeping	7
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29	30 Street Sweeping					

### 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)

