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## Annual Eco Expo takes place November 12

If minimizing your carbon footprint and adopting more eco-friendly practices in your daily activities is something that interests you, you'll want to check out the City's Eco Expo event taking place on Saturday, November 12 at the AQMD parking lot.

Held in recognition of America Recycles Day, the Eco Expo event aims to raise awareness about programs, services and habits that are light on the environment such as the efficient and sustainable use of natural resources, the reduction or repurposing of waste, and the responsible recycling of electronics.

The family-friendly event, which runs from 9:00 a.m. to 1:00 p.m. will give Diamond Bar residents the opportunity to:

- get rid of obsolete electronics;
- donate unwanted books;
- shred confidential documents;
- take part in crafts and activities with an earth-friendly focus;
- obtain giveaways and information on recycling programs and incentives offered by the City, utility companies, and other environmentally-conscious organizations; and
- collect up to 80 gallons of mulch to take home and apply around the base of plants and trees to help improve soil structure, insulate plant roots, maintain soil moisture, control weeds, and inhibit certain plant diseases.

It should be noted that the mulch giveaway is self-serve, and individuals will need to bring their own containers and tools to collect and load into their cars.

AQMD is located at 21865 Copley Drive in Diamond Bar. For more information, contact the City's Environmental Services Division at 909.839.7015 or [greendb@diamondbarca.gov](mailto:greendb@diamondbarca.gov).



## Join Us for the First General Plan Update Community Workshop

**Wednesday, November 9 from 6:30 p.m. to 8:30 p.m. at the Diamond Bar Center**

This past fall, the City started the important, multi-year process of updating the Diamond Bar General Plan that will create a community vision and blueprint for growth and development in the City through 2040.

Specifically, the General Plan will address land use, all modes of transportation, economic development, parks and open space, housing, environmental sustainability, safety and public services.

Residents are encouraged to attend the first community workshop of the General Plan Update process, taking place on Wednesday, November 9 from 6:30 p.m. to 8:30 p.m. at the Diamond Bar Center, located at 1600 Grand Avenue.

The objective of this workshop is for City staff and consultants to:

- share information about the purpose and function of a General Plan;
- provide a progress report outlining tasks, both completed and upcoming; and
- give attendees a chance to share their ideas and priorities in relation to future land-use planning activities.

Pre-registration is not required. Light refreshments, snacks, and activities for children will be provided. For more information, visit [www.DiamondBarGP.com](http://www.DiamondBarGP.com) or call 909.839.7000.

## Take the General Plan Update Survey

**Tell us what you want to see in Diamond Bar in the next 20 years**

As part of the General Plan Update process, a survey that consist of 16 questions and takes an average of five minutes to complete is now available at [www.DiamondBarSurvey.com](http://www.DiamondBarSurvey.com).

This survey is one of several tools the City is employing to help ensure that residents' views, values and priorities are taken into account when planning public services and establishing the direction for growth and development in Diamond Bar over the next 20 years.

Among the topics covered in the survey are housing, shopping, entertainment, recreation, transportation, and open space. The online survey will be available until mid-December.



## Candy Cane CRAFT FAIR

Diamond Bar Center will again be a shopping destination for locally handmade wares when the City holds its popular Candy Cane Craft Fair on Saturday, December 3 from 9:00 a.m. to 2:00 p.m.

Well timed for the gift-giving season, this event will feature several craft artisans selling everything from art and accessories to home goods and jewelry. Also available will be free crafts and activities for children and holiday-themed photo backdrop.

Diamond Bar Center is located at 1600 Grand Avenue. For more information, call the City's Recreational Services Division at 909.839.7070 or visit [www.DiamondBarCa.gov/craftfair](http://www.DiamondBarCa.gov/craftfair).

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**SAFETY-MINDED NEIGHBORS ...**

Last month marked the launch of a new public meeting series titled “Let’s Talk Public Safety,” with the first event taking place on October 17 at South Pointe Middle School.

In addition to presentations by City staff and fire and sheriff’s department representatives, the event included coloring activities for children, giveaways, take-home resources, and a raffle

of emergency supply backpacks and other prizes. At the end of the meeting, attendees had the opportunity to have one-on-one discussions with the presenters and learn hands-only CPR training from Los Angeles County firefighters.

“Let’s Talk Public Safety” was created by the City – in collaboration with Diamond Bar personnel from the Los Angeles County sheriff’s and fire departments – as a proactive,

neighborhood-based approach to raising awareness and sharing tips relating to emergency preparedness, personal safety and crime prevention matters.

This program is planned as an ongoing series with meetings regularly held throughout the community in various locations. To learn more, visit [www.diamondbarca.gov/publicsafety](http://www.diamondbarca.gov/publicsafety) or call 909.839.7056



**Construction to Begin on New Multitenant Retail Project**

The former Diamond Bar Kmart building, which has been vacant since December 2014, will soon get a new lease on life.

Construction is set to begin later this month on an 8-acre project that will add onto and transform the existing building into a four-tenant retail space, and create a new stand-alone, two-tenant building.

The proposed plans submitted to City Hall by the property owner call for the new multi-tenant retail project to include an anchor grocery store, an apparel and home fashion retailer, a pet supply store, drive-thru coffee house, and two fast-casual eateries.

Also as part of the project, the parking lot area will be renovated with new surfacing, lighting and landscaping that will include the planting of 76 new trees and 25 shrubs and groundcovers.

The former Kmart building is located inside the Diamond Bar Ranch Shopping Center, near Diamond Bar Boulevard and Golden Springs Drive. It is anticipated that the stores and restaurants could be open for business as early as fall 2017.



**Free Property Vacation Check**

If your holiday plans involve out-of-town travel, here is a reminder to make sure you call the Diamond Bar-Walnut Sheriff’s Station as part of your pre-travel preparation.

Upon request, the Sheriff’s Station offers free vacation checks that involve a Sheriff’s deputy or a trained Volunteer Patrol member performing a security inspection outside your home during the days you will be away. The inspection includes checking doors and windows for signs of forced entry and disposing of unsolicited commercial flyers lying on driveways and porches.

To further protect your home while you are away, the Sheriff’s station suggests postponing delivery or having one of your neighbors pick up your mail or newspapers to prevent it from piling up; and installing exterior lights that operate on a dawn-to-dusk or timer function to create the illusion that you are home.

To learn more about this service or to request a vacation check, contact the Sheriff’s Station by phone 909.595.2264 or in person at 21695 E. Valley Boulevard in Walnut.



**Contract Class Instructor Opportunities**

If you have hobby or a special talent and a knack for teaching, here’s your chance to propose to teach a class for the spring recreation season, which runs March 18 to June 2, 2017.

The City is currently looking for contract instructors to teach classes currently not offered through its recreation program. Proposals are due by 4:00 p.m. on Wednesday, December 7, and can be hand-delivered to the Diamond Bar Center (1600 Grand Avenue) or emailed to [CKnox@DiamondBarCA.gov](mailto:CKnox@DiamondBarCA.gov).

More details, including the proposal form, are available on the City website at [www.diamondbarca.gov/contractclasses](http://www.diamondbarca.gov/contractclasses).

As a reminder, everyone conducting business within city limits is required to have a valid annual business license, available for \$11 at Diamond Bar City Hall, located at 21810 Copley Drive.

**Extra Trash Pickup In December**

If you are a Waste Management customer and the end-of-the-year holidays tend to generate trash that exceeds your refuse cart capacity, you will be pleased to learn that you are entitled to extra trash pickups at no additional cost to you.

This extra trash pickup service is available on your regularly-scheduled collection day for two weeks beginning December 26. It is limited to a maximum of three large bags or boxes, and the contents must be household trash or recyclables that did not fit in your regular bins, not bulky items.

Also, service must be scheduled at least a day in advance of your regularly-scheduled collection day by calling Waste Management at 800.266.7551.

Please be advised that extra refuse put out without first scheduling a pickup is subject to an additional charge.

**Free Sand & Sandbags at Fire Stations**

Should this winter season bring rain, residents are reminded that sand and sandbags are available, free of charge, at most County of Los Angeles fire stations.

These fire stations include 119 (located at 20480 Pathfinder Road), 120 (located at 1051 Grand Avenue), and 121 (located at 346 Armitos Road). There is a 25-sandbag limit per household, and individuals should come prepared with gloves and a shovel to bag their own sand.

Should firefighters be out on a service call when you visit, wait for personnel to return or go to the next nearest fire station.

When properly filled and placed, sandbags help redirect storm and debris flows away from property. It should be noted, however, that sandbags are for low-flow protection (up to 2 feet); protection from higher flows requires a more permanent type of structure. Also, filled sandbags deteriorate when exposed for several months to continuous wetting and drying. If placed too early, the sandbags may not be effective when needed.

For a more effective sandbag barrier, fill bags only half full. Sand is suggested if readily available; however, soil may also be used. Be sure to fold tops of sandbags down and place them with the folded top toward the upstream or uphill direction to prevent bags from opening when water runs by them. Limit placement to two layers unless a building is used as a backing or sandbags are pyramided.

Also important is that the placement of sandbags on your property does not cause a drainage problem on a neighbor’s property.

Sandbagging instructions and guidelines, as well as a short video on the proper way to fill sandbags is available on the County of Los Angeles Fire Department website at [www.fire.lacounty.gov](http://www.fire.lacounty.gov).

**Check Before You Burn**



As part of its Healthy Hearths initiative, the South Coast Air Quality Management District (AQMD) is again implementing its temporary “Check Before You Burn” program to help improve wintertime air quality.

AQMD’s “Check Before You Burn” program, which is in effect November 1 through the end of February, 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).

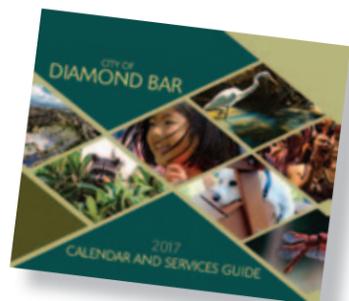
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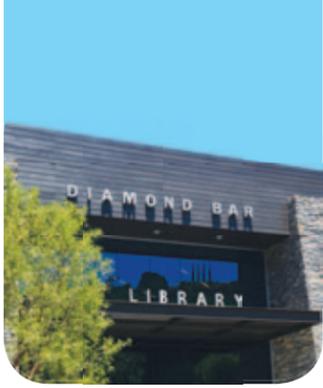
The 2017 editions of the City’s annual Calendar & Services Guide and magnetic Street Sweeping Schedule are currently under production, and staff is now taking early requests to have the items mailed as soon as they become available in late December.

The Guide features the winning entries of the City’s 2015 “Diamond Bar Through My Lens” community photo contest, while providing answers to some of the most popular inquiries regarding Diamond Bar amenities, services and regulations. The street sweeping schedule notes the days when residential streets are swept as well as the days when service is delayed by a day due to an observed holiday.

Diamond Bar residents or businesses who would like to have one or both of these items mailed to them should submit their request online by visiting [www.DiamondBarCA.gov/requestcalendar](http://www.DiamondBarCA.gov/requestcalendar) no later than Tuesday, December 27.

After this date, copies of these items will only be available for pickup at City Hall and the Diamond Bar Center. For more information, contact the City’s Public Information Division at 909.839.7056.





## Library Now Accepting Passport Applications

If you are looking to secure a U.S. passport book or passport card, you can now take your application and other required items to the Diamond Bar Library.

Last month, the Library began accepting both routine and expedited passport applications on behalf of the U.S. Department of State on an appointment basis.

Individuals should come to the appointment ready with the necessary items, which include proof of United States citizenship, a government-issued I.D. and social security number, a 2" x 2" photograph, and two checks or money orders for fees.

The passport application can be obtained in person at the Diamond Bar Library or downloaded and printed from the U.S. Department of State Passport Agency website at [www.travel.state.gov](http://www.travel.state.gov).

According to the U.S. Department of State, routine passport requests take approximately six weeks to process, while expedited passports are processed in three weeks, but are assessed a \$60 expedite fee.

Additional information on how to apply for a passport, associated fees and other requirements are available on the County of Los Angeles Library website at [www.colapublib.org/passport](http://www.colapublib.org/passport). To speak to someone at the Diamond Bar Library and/or to schedule an appointment, call 909.861.4978.

Diamond Bar Library is located at 21800 Copley Drive. It is open Monday - Thursday from 11:00 a.m. to 9:00 p.m., and Friday and Saturday from 10:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m.

## DBSNAPSHOTS

### CERT GRADS ...

After completing a 21-hour training in disaster preparedness and basic emergency response skills this past month, this group of 20 individuals is better prepared to assist family and

neighbors following a disaster when professional first responders are not immediately available to help.

The CERT training, taught by a team of Los Angeles County firefighters, included lessons and exercises in fire safety and suppression, light search and rescue, first aid and triage, team organization and disaster medical operations.

In the event of a widespread

disaster, FEMA anticipates that demands on emergency response agencies will require families and communities to self-sustain for at least two weeks. This includes having enough water, food and emergency resources, as well as the skills and supplies to assess and treat injuries and administer CPR.

CERT training is offered by the Los Angeles County Fire Department several times a year at various locations throughout the county; it is free of cost and open to anyone interested age 18 and older. For more information, visit [www.fire.lacounty.gov/cert](http://www.fire.lacounty.gov/cert).



## Invasive Mosquito Alert

As it has for the past five years, the Greater Los Angeles County Vector Control District (GLACVCD) continues to urge the public to join them in the fight against the three invasive disease-carrying mosquito species that are making Southern California their home.

In GLACVCD's approximate 1340 square-mile service area – the yellow fever mosquito (*Aedes aegypti*) has been detected in 30 communities, the Asian tiger mosquito (*Aedes albopictus*) has been detected in 14, and the Australian backyard mosquito (*Aedes notoscriptus*) in one.

The Asian tiger and yellow fever mosquitoes can transmit dengue, chikungunya and yellow fever viruses, and the Australian backyard mosquito can transmit encephalitis-causing viruses and canine heartworm.

All three species are small black mosquitoes with white stripes, are active and biting during the day, and prefer to breed around homes. They lay eggs just above the water line in anything that hold water, such as bird baths, ornamental fountains, plant saucers, buckets, used tires, and even plants that hold water like bamboo or bromeliads. Eggs can remain alive for years, and hatch into larvae when conditions are right.

GLACVCD uses an integrated approach to fight infestations of *Aedes* populations that includes mosquito population and disease surveillance and control, as well public and private property inspections. However, it needs the public's help to eliminate mosquito breeding sites by taking simple measures that include:

- Inspecting property regularly and removing any clutter or containers that may hold water.
- Removing bromeliads and other plants that collect and hold water from your landscape.
- Scrubbing containers with a brush and hot, soapy water to destroy mosquito eggs.
- Cleaning and scrubbing bird baths and pet watering dishes regularly.
- If you collect rain water, making sure that all containers are tightly covered to keep mosquitoes out.

To prevent mosquito bites, GLACVCD recommends the following:

- Make sure window and door screens are in good repair to prevent mosquitoes from entering your home.
- Apply repellents containing EPA-registered ingredients such as DEET, picaridin, oil of lemon eucalyptus, or IR3535 to exposed skin and/or clothing (as directed on the product label).

Also very important is that you report any sightings of small, black-and-white mosquitoes, or if you are being bitten by mosquitoes during the day by contacting GLACVCD at 562.944.9656 or online at [www.ReportMosquitoes.org](http://www.ReportMosquitoes.org).



# School Happenings

Story contribution by the Walnut Valley Unified School District

## 2016 Teachers of the Year

Walnut Valley Unified School District proudly announces the 2015-2016 Teachers of the Year. These outstanding educators were honored during the Salute to Teachers awards program held on October 19.

Castle Rock Elementary	Shannon Cooper
Chaparral Middle School	Denise Loera
C.J. Morris Elementary	Christa Richard
Collegewood Elementary	Linda Freedman
Diamond Bar High	Emily Clark
Evergreen Elementary	Katherine Royer
Maple Hill Elementary	Kathy Hurley
Quail Summit Elementary	Pam Leslie
Ron Hockwalt Academies	Frank De Anda
South Pointe Middle School	Susan Willmering
Suzanne Middle School	Lauri Ujita
Vejar Elementary	Sara Schilz
Walnut Elementary	Jill Takayama
Walnut High	Corey Wicks
Westhoff Elementary	Kimberley Dalton

Science teacher Frank De Anda has been selected as the 2016 District Teacher of the Year. He was among 73 top teachers from around the county celebrated during an awards luncheon sponsored by the Los Angeles County Office of Education.



Superintendent Dr. Robert Taylor, Principal Dr. Donna Hunter, WVUSD Teacher of the Year Frank De Anda, and Board Member Cindy Ruiz.

## Volunteer Youth Basketball Coaches Needed

The City's Parks and Recreation Department is gearing up for a new season of youth basketball for boys and girls ages 4 to 14, and is looking for responsible individuals age 16 and older to serve as volunteer coaches.

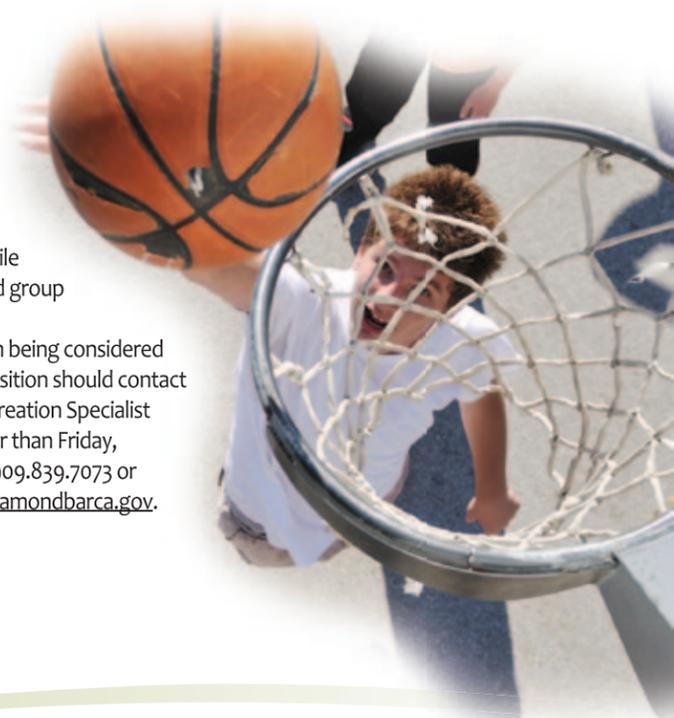
Team practices begin in December, and the playing season runs January through March. Practices are held one evening per week, and games are played on Saturdays and last one hour.

Volunteer coaches should have experience playing basketball and knowledge of the fundamentals of the game, and will need to take and pass a background check before the beginning of the season.

Coaching experience is helpful but not required.

The goal of the City's youth basketball program is to create a fun learning environment that fosters fair play and good sportsmanship while promoting individual and group skills development.

Individuals interested in being considered for a volunteer coach position should contact City of Diamond Bar Recreation Specialist Mickey McKittrick no later than Friday, December 16 by calling 909.839.7073 or emailing [mmckittrick@diamondbarca.gov](mailto:mmckittrick@diamondbarca.gov).



# Holiday Diamond Ride

Starting Friday, November 25 and continuing through Sunday, January 1, residents may request free cab rides

from their home to a Diamond Bar shopping center and back home, as part of the City's annual Holiday Diamond Ride program.

Holiday Diamond Ride is aimed at making shopping a little easier for residents while

supporting local businesses and boosting sales tax revenue. To participate, residents must be at least 18 years of age, and have proof of city residency, e.g. photo identification or utility bill. For more information or to set up a ride, call 1800.578.6555.

## It Pays to Shop Local

Whether you are crossing off your holiday shopping list, looking for a place to eat or simply filling up your gas tank, it pays to give first consideration to the shops, restaurants and service providers located within city limits.

That's because one percent of the sales tax collected when you shop or dine is returned to the city where the sale occurred to help fund most day-to-day operational expenses, including public safety services, parks and facilities upkeep, and road maintenance.

This holiday season, try to choose Diamond Bar-based businesses when choosing where to buy your goods and services – you'll be supporting the local economy and contributing to the infrastructure, services and amenities that create a positive local quality of life.

## Veterans Day Ceremony

Everyone is invited to attend a special ceremony to recognize and pay tribute to Diamond Bar veterans taking place on Wednesday, November 9 from 9:00 a.m. to 11:00 a.m. at the Diamond Bar Center. This event features patriotic entertainment, an awards presentation, and light refreshments. Admission is free and open to the public. For more information, contact the City's Parks and Recreation Department at 909.839.7067 or [atarazon@diamondbarca.gov](mailto:atarazon@diamondbarca.gov).



Vote-by-Mail voters are reminded that Diamond Bar City Hall is participating as an official ballot drop-off site for the November 8th General Election.

Before or on November 7, you may bring your completed vote-by-mail ballot to deposit into a locked box located inside City Hall during the business hours of Monday through Thursday 7:30 a.m. to 5:30 p.m. or Friday 7:30 a.m. to 4:30 p.m.

For more information, visit [www.lavote.net](http://www.lavote.net) or call the Diamond Bar City Clerk's Office at 909.839.7010.



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City Clerk's Office	909.839.7010		
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Community Development	909.839.7030	So Cal Edison (electric)	800.611.1911
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Finance	909.839.7050	Time Warner (cable TV)	888.892.2253
Human Resources	909.839.7018	Verizon (telephone)	800.483.5000
Library	909.861.4978	Walnut Valley Water	909.595.7554
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Post Office	909.860.2469	Waste Management (residents)	909.599.1274
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Public Works/Engineering	909.839.7040	Fire (LA County)*	909.629.9671
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		Employment Opportunities	909.348.8300
<b>Business Information:</b>		Field/Weather	909.348.8310
Business Licenses	909.839.7030	Graffiti Removal	800.794.7384
Chamber of Commerce	626.810.8476		

\*For emergencies, dial 9-1-1

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- City Council Meeting\* - starts at 6:30 p.m.
- Planning Commission Meeting\* - starts at 7 p.m.
- Parks & Recreation Commission Meeting\* - starts at 7 p.m.
- Traffic & Transportation Commission Meeting\* - starts at 7 p.m.

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

