

City News

Published Monthly For Residents & Businesses in Diamond Bar

Diamond Bar Day at the Fair

Coming September 17



Enjoy discounted admission and participate in special activities celebrating your City!

L.A. County Fairgrounds will be the site of a host of special festivities honoring Diamond Bar on Thursday, September 17.

The festivities are part of the Fair's annual Community Days celebration and start at 9 am with a Community and Business Expo highlighting Diamond Bar organizations, services, and programs.

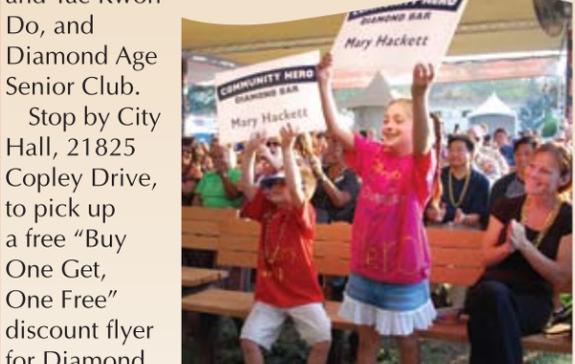


The fun continues at 2pm with a horse race at Fairplex Park

named in honor of Diamond Bar, followed by a 5:30 pm parade along the Fair's main thoroughfare featuring city officials, community clubs and Community Hero award recipients, escorted by the historic Fairplex fire truck and the official L.A. County Fair float.

At 6 pm, the entertainment shifts to The Stage at Park Square with a special recognition of this year's Community Heroes, followed by performances by Jaime Beaman, Da Hula Studios' Hawaiian Dancers and Tae Kwon Do, and Diamond Age Senior Club.

Stop by City Hall, 21825 Copley Drive, to pick up a free "Buy One Get, One Free" discount flyer for Diamond Bar Day at the Fair. You can also download and print the flyer via the City's website www.cityofdiamondbar.com by clicking on the "Diamond Bar Day at the Fair" found under the "Recreation" tab.



Tickets can be purchased at the LA County Fair or at the Regional Chamber of Commerce – San Gabriel Valley office located at 21845 E. Copley Drive, Suite 1170 in Diamond Bar.

Visit the City's website www.cityofdiamondbar.com or call the City's Recreation Services Division at 909.839.7070 for more information on Diamond Bar Day at the Fair.

Expanding Environmental Efforts

Diamond Bar officials and staff are elated over news that the City has been selected to receive a federal grant to further its recycling and conservation efforts.

Of special significance is the fact that Diamond Bar was one of the first Cities statewide to have received the Energy Efficiency and Conservation Block Grant (EECBG) totaling \$516,500.

The City will use the funding to expand existing environmental efforts and implement many of the energy efficiency projects and options identified in the City Council's Sustainability Report, including several new projects such as new solar panels at the Diamond Bar Center and energy-efficient lighting at other park facilities.

Additional projects include retrofits to 16 street signs with new LED lights; an Interconnect/

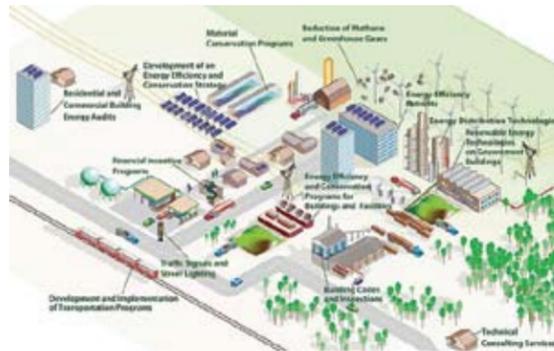
Synchronization System at five different on/off ramps; and installation of over 20 video communications modules for the City's Intelligent Transportation System.

The City's EECBG projects are estimated to reduce greenhouse gas emissions by 333 metric tons annually, result in energy savings of \$7,245 million-source BTU each year, and create 6 jobs.

Established by Congress in 2007, the EECBG is a federal program aimed at helping local governments reduce fossil fuel/greenhouse gas emissions and overall energy use, improve energy efficiency,

and create jobs. The program budget of \$3.2 billion was funded for the first time as part of the American Recovery and Reinvestment Act of 2009.

For more information on the EECBG, contact the City Manager's Office at 909.839.7016.



Eligible activities under the EECBG Program

Emergency Alert System Now in Effect

The City's emergency preparedness efforts received a shot in the arm last month with the implementation of a new mass communication alert system.

Approved by the City Council at its regular July 21 meeting, the Connect-CTY system allows the City to quickly reach out to residents with automated voice, email, or text messages shortly after it learns of an impending or in-progress emergency situation or regional disaster.

This new system does not replace, but rather strengthens the City's existing means of disseminating information during emergencies, such as the City's website and DBTV, found on Time Warner channel 3 and Verizon FiOS channel 47.

The Connect-CTY system notification database comes pre-loaded with published Diamond Bar residential and business phone numbers. Last month, those numbers received an introductory message explaining the purpose and capabilities of the



Connect-CTY system.

To further ensure the effectiveness of the system, residents and business owners are encouraged to self-register unlisted numbers or email addresses for these timely messages.

The cost of operating the emergency alert system is approximately \$39,000 and is being funded through the City's Emergency Preparedness budget.

Visit the city's website www.cityofdiamondbar.com to learn more about the Connect-CTY service and to register your phone lines or email addresses.

School Routes Reinforced



In preparation for the start of the new school year, the City's Public Works Department last month completed its annual school area re-stripping. More than 150 crosswalks, school symbols, stop mark legends and bars were re-stripped within Diamond Bar's ten schools. Pictured working near Castlerock Elementary School is Senior Street Maintenance Worker Jason Fuentes. See page 2 for useful pedestrian and motorist safety tips.

Businesses of the Month

And the winners are...



July – New Business of the Month

Shabu Shabu Station

2803 S. Diamond Bar Blvd.
909.839.2560

www.shabushabustation.com

Hours: Mon – Fri 11:30 am – 2:30 pm,
5:30 pm – 10 pm
Sat – Sun 11:30 am – 10 pm



August – Business of the Month

Cyclone Postal and U.S. Postal Services

23437 Golden Springs Dr.
909.860.4900

Hours: Mon – Fri: 9 am – 5:30 pm
Saturday: 9 am – 3:30 pm

Get Ready for the Count

In March 2010, the U.S. Postal Service will deliver Census questionnaires to households across the United States. While the date is still several months away, now is a good time to learn more about why your participation in the count is easy, safe, and important.

For instance, did you know that the 2010 Census will have one of the shortest questionnaires in its history dating back 220 years? And that law mandates that all personal information be kept confidential and not shared with any other government agency or entity?

Also, did you know that Census data is used to distribute Congressional seats to states and determine where new schools, hospitals, and roads need to be built?

Those facts and others regarding the nationwide count conducted every 10 years are available online at www.2010census.gov.



IT'S IN OUR HANDS

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Students Take Top Honors

Lorbeer Middle School's promotion ceremony on June 16 was extra meaningful for 18 students who took top honors for completing the school's unique Baccalaureate Certificate program. Just to be considered for the Baccalaureate Certificate, participants must meet ten requirements that include completing 40 hours of community service, writing an essay on their personal and academic growth over the past two years, and obtaining two letters of recommendation from teachers. Now in its 4th year, the program continues to draw the interests of highly motivated, self-directed students determined to leave their mark for others to follow.



Pictured, from left, are the honor recipients (Back Row) Cecilia Flores, Tanya Vazquez, Alexander Blake, Karina Castaneda, Krista Hoeckmann, Daphne Sigala, Maria Torres, Celina Flores, Paige Murray, Vincent Su, Miguel Olvera, Kevin Kuhlman, Jeremy O'Neill, (Front Row) Jessica Olivares-Lopez, Brittney Chin, Tanya Islas, Karishma Morabia, and Andrea Trejo.

Diamond Bar Schools Make America's Best

U.S. News & World Report recently issued its ranking of the best high schools in the country and once again both Diamond Bar High and Diamond Ranch High are among them. The listing of the 2009 Best High Schools represents the top 6% of public high schools nationwide. To come up with the

list, the magazine ranked 1,500 schools according to the number of Advanced Placement or International Baccalaureate tests taken divided by the number of graduating seniors. To learn more about the list, visit www.usnews.com.

Back to School Safety Reminders

With schools in session once again, the Diamond Bar/Walnut Sheriff's Station reminds everyone that ensuring the safety of our children is the responsibility of motorists and pedestrians alike.

Reminders for Motorists:

- Drive at a safe speed in and around school zones – 25 mph is the maximum speed when children are present.
- Do not pass the school buses while they are stopped with flashing red lights and stop sign out – children are either boarding or getting off.
- Do not create gridlock – yield the right-of-way when required.
- Do not block other traffic – avoid u-turns in congested areas or close to an intersection.
- Do not park, even temporarily, where it is illegal or block other vehicles – use designated areas to drop off or pick up your child.
- Do not instruct or allow a child to cross the street unsafely – send children to a crosswalk or better yet, park and walk with your child.

Reminders for Pedestrians:

- Stop at the curb, and look left, then right, then left again for moving cars before attempting to cross the street.
- Whenever possible cross where there are traffic signals or crosswalks, and always look to see if cars might be turning into your path.
- Walk, don't run, across the street.
- Traffic signals, crosswalks, or any other pedestrian crossing devices don't always provide enough protection – make sure motorists can see you before crossing in front of them.

Whether you are behind the wheel or on foot, be sure to always cooperate with adults directing traffic, and always follow all road rules to avoid putting a child in harm's way and being issued an expensive citation.

Friends Book Sale

If you have spare change and a passion for books, you won't want to miss a book sale hosted by Friends of the Diamond Bar Library on Friday, September 11, from 11am to 7pm, and Saturday, September 12, from 10 am to 3 pm.

The book sale, featuring hundreds of quality used books for 25 cents each, will be held outside of the Friends' bookstore, Basically BOOKS located at 3211 S. Brea Canyon Road.

As always, event proceeds will help support the funding of programs and purchase of new books for the Diamond Bar Library.

For more details about the book sale, to make a donation, or become a Friends member, visit www.dblibraryfriends.org or call 909.594.9954.



Stay Informed – Sign Up for Email Alerts

Residents interested in keeping informed of matters coming before the Diamond Bar City Council are encouraged to visit the City's website and sign up for e-Subscription. The free service notifies subscribers by email when new meeting agendas are posted online. The service may also be used to receive notifications when new City jobs become available or when the latest City News or Community Recreation Guide are released.

Public Input Sought on Proposed Freeway Project

The California Department of Transportation (Caltrans) is seeking public input in advance of environmental studies for the proposed SR-57/SR-60 Confluence at Grand Avenue Project.

The project, led by Caltrans and City of Industry, proposes the construction of several improvements to the SR-57/SR-60 Grand Avenue interchange aimed at addressing existing and anticipated traffic flow and congestion issues.

As part of its release of a Notice of Preparation (NOP), Caltrans is encouraging and accepting input regarding the content the public would like to see addressed in the forthcoming Environmental Impact Report/Environmental Assessment. A copy of the NOP is available on the City's website www.cityofdiamondbar.com.

Comments should be provided in writing no later than September 18 to: Ronald Kosinski, Deputy District Director, Division of Environmental Planning, Caltrans District 7, 100 S. Main Street, MS 16-A, Los Angeles, CA 90012.

Additional information about this project can be obtained by visiting Caltrans website www.dot.ca.gov or by calling all the Caltrans Citizen Participation line at 213.897.0849

Diamond Ride Program Guidelines Modified

Diamond Bar seniors and persons with disabilities are reminded that several modifications were recently made to Diamond Ride, the City's curb-to-curb supplemental transportation program.

The following modifications, which take effect October 1, are designed to improve the program's efficiency and accommodate the increased ridership.

Service will continue to be available 7 days a week, but service hours will change from 24 hours a day to a fixed schedule of 7 am to 8 pm, which is when the majority (93%) of trips are scheduled.

Requests for trips will change from "same-day service" to "next-day service," to allow the cab company to better coordinate shared rides, thereby shortening wait times, reducing service cost, and accommodating more riders.

Program users may no longer request specific drivers for their trips, nor will drivers be allowed to place trip requests on a participant's behalf.

No changes were made to Diamond Ride's trip fares, service area boundaries, or number of monthly trips allowed.

For more information about the program and eligibility requirements, visit the City's website www.cityofdiamondbar.com and click on "Public Transportation" found under the "For Residents" tab, or call the City's Public Works Department at 909.839.7040.

Input Sought for Recreation Options



Residents still have an opportunity to be part of the public input process for improvements to be made over the next ten years to the City's parks, recreational buildings, and open areas.

The City will be hosting a second and final public meeting on the City's draft Citywide Comprehensive Parks and Recreation Master Plan on Saturday, September 12 from 9 am to 11 am at the Diamond Bar Center, 1600 Grand Avenue.

Attendees will have a chance to hear a presentation detailing the draft plan and participate in a question-and-answer session. To view the Master Plan, visit the City's website www.cityofdiamondbar.com and click on "Parks Master Plan" under the "For Residents" tab.

For further information, call the City's Community Services Department at 909.839.7060.

Last Chance to Enter!



The deadline to enter the City's free community photo contest is around the corner – all entries must be received by City Hall before 4:30 pm on Friday, October 2.

This is your official nudge to develop that roll of film, upload the files in your digital camera, or

go through old photo albums and pick photos that depict Diamond Bar living in each of the following categories – People, Pets, Places, Nature, Black & White, and Historical Reference (taken prior to 1989).

Diamond Bar Through My Lens, co-sponsored by the City and Diamond Bar Community Foundation, is open to Diamond Bar residents of all ages and there is no cost to enter.

As a reminder, entries can be submitted by email to photocontest@ci.diamond-bar.ca.us or by standard mail to Diamond Bar City Hall, c/o Photo Contest, 21825 Copley Drive, Diamond Bar, CA 91765.

Contest winners will be announced later this year and their entries will be featured in one or several City promotional outlets, like this newsletter, the City website, and the popular annual Calendar and Services Guide. Winners will also be acknowledged at a future City Council meeting and presented with a congratulatory certificate and cash prize.

To learn more about the contest or to download a copy of the entry form, visit the City's website www.cityofdiamondbar.com. You may also request that a form be mailed out to you by calling the City's Public Information Division at 909.839.7059.



Ask City Hall

Answers to commonly asked questions about City services, codes, and other matters pertaining to living and working in Diamond Bar.

Q: One of my neighbors has a backyard pool with water so dirty and murky that it actually looks green. Isn't that a health hazard and can the City do anything to have them clean it up?

A: Yes. Pools growing algae, also known as "green pools," can pose a health hazard, especially during hot weather months when stagnant water can serve as breeding grounds for mosquitoes that carry West Nile virus and other diseases.

Having a backyard pool is an asset to any property, but it comes with the responsibility of properly maintaining it with filtration and chemicals to prevent the potential spread of disease.

The task of issuing notice of violations and mandating clean up of potential green pool condition



is handled by the Los Angeles County Health Department.

When Health Department staff receives notification of such a situation, it confirms the validity of the complaint and if necessary works with the homeowner or tenant to ensure that proper steps are taken to clean up the pool. Those steps include contacting Vector Control to treat the pool for mosquito control.

Property owners or tenants are then given a reasonable time frame to treat or drain the pool, and the Health Department continues to monitor the case to ensure that preventive actions are put into practice.

It's important to note that treating the pool to prevent mosquito larva from developing will not clean or return the water to its natural color, but it will stop production of adult mosquitoes.

To report a green pool issue, have the location address handy and call the Los Angeles County Health Department at 626.813.3380.

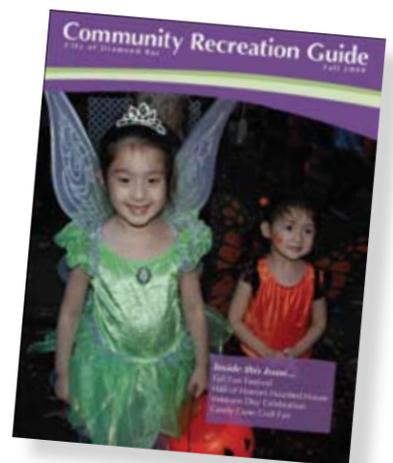
Guide to a Fun-Filled Fall

Residents should have received the new fall issue of the City's Community Recreation Guide offering more than 100 different activities available in and around town now through December.

Activities include classes varying in length from 4 to 12 weeks; one-day special events, seminars, and outings; extended trips; as well as ongoing services and activities for seniors.

New this fall is a piano and keyboard class for children 4 and 5, a guitar class for those ages 9 to 16, and a barbecue class for adults 18 and older.

Copies of the Community Recreation Guide are available for pick up at all City facilities, and can also be downloaded via the City's website at www.cityofdiamondbar.com.





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Community Development	909.839.7030
Community Services	909.839.7060
Facility Reservations	909.839.7070
Finance	909.839.7050
Human Resources	909.839.7015
Library	909.861.4978
Neighborhood Improvement	909.839.7030
Planning	909.839.7030
Post Office	909.860.2469
Public Information Office	909.839.7055
Public Safety Services	909.839.7075
Public Works/Engineering	909.839.7040
Recreation Services	909.839.7070
Senior Services	909.839.7068
Transit Information	909.839.7045
Voter Registration	562.462.2748

Business Information:	
Business Licenses	909.839.7030
Chamber of Commerce	909.860.1904

School Districts:	
Pomona Unified	909.397.4700
Walnut Valley Unified	909.595.1261

Utilities:	
So Cal Edison (electric)	800.611.1911
So Cal Gas (gas)	800.427.2200
Time Warner (cable TV)	888.892.2253
Verizon (telephone)	800.483.5000
Walnut Valley Water	909.595.7554
Waste Disposal:	
Valley Vista (businesses)	800.442.6454
Waste Management (residents)	909.599.1274

Public Safety:	
Animal Control	909.623.9777
Fire (LA County)*	909.629.9671
Police (LA Co. Sheriff)*	909.595.2264
Vector Control	562.944.9656

24-Hour Hotlines:	
Building Inspection Hotline	909.839.7027
Graffiti Hotline	800.794.7384
Job Hotline	909.612.4636 x 1410

*For emergencies, dial 9-1-1

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
- Transit Late Night - City Hall open until 7 pm
- Parks Master Plan Public Meeting - Diamond Bar Center - 9-11 am - details on page 3
- Hall of Horrors - 6-9 p.m. at Heritage Park
- Fall Fun Festival - 4:30 - 8:30 p.m. at Heritage Park

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Elected Officials

- Mayor** Ron Everett
- Mayor Pro Tem** Carol Herrera
- Council Member** Wen Chang
- Council Member** Jack Tanaka
- Council Member** Steve Tye
- City Manager** James DeStefano

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Snapshots Around The Community

Card Act...

More than 60 campers sat quiet and attentive so as not to miss fellow camper's Emily Le next move during her part in the City's Summer Day Camp's talent show. Emily's magic card show was one of 11 acts performed by this year's camp participants, with a helping hand from camp leaders. The 11-week day camp program is open to children ages 6 to 12 and features excursions, games, and activities designed to keep participants active and entertained.



Art with Dad...

Terri, 3, and Tina, 5, have dad's full attention during a recent session of "Parent & Me: Fun with Paint, Glitter and More" held at the Diamond Bar Center. Taught by Creator's Touch, the 30-minute class is open to children as young as 18 months and gives parents an opportunity to bond with their children while creating a number of creative keepsakes. The 5-week class is being offered again in the fall, with sessions starting September 19 and again October 24. See page 6 of the Community Recreation Guide for more details.

Meditative Move...

Nature peering through windows at the Diamond Bar Center helped set the mood for yoga coach Surendra Metha to lead his class through a sequence of postures aimed at improving flexibility, building strength, and reducing stress. Pictured, from left, is Teresa Jeng, Winnie Tran, John Hernandez, Michelle Lee, and Robert Velazquez. The 8-week class, Yoga for Positive Health and Wellness, will be offered again this fall. See page 16 of the Fall Community Recreation Guide more information or call the City's Recreation Services Division at 909.839.7070.



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*All meetings take place at the AQMD/Government Center, 21865 Copley Drive. Additional event and meeting details are available at www.cityofdiamondbar.com.