

City News

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New State Energy Code in Effect

Individuals planning to initiate a new construction or renovation project are reminded that all applications for building permits must comply with the updated 2008 California Energy Code.

The new code, which went into effect January 1, applies to both residential and non-residential projects, and is aimed at ensuring all

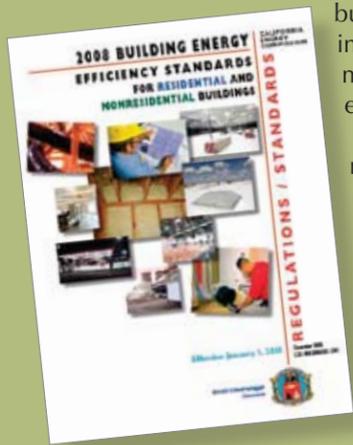
buildings constructed in California meet minimum levels of energy efficiency.

Among its new requirements, the code calls for the implementation of environment-friendly technologies and methods, such as water-saving plumbing fixtures, and

energy-efficient windows, lighting, heating, and air conditioning.

The California Energy Code, also titled *The Energy Efficiency Standards for Residential and Nonresidential Buildings*, was established in 1978 in response to a legislative mandate to reduce California's consumption. It is updated periodically to allow for the incorporation of the latest energy efficiency technologies.

For additional information regarding the 2008 California Energy Code, visit the City's website www.cityofdiamondbar.com and locate the "Building & Safety" page located in the "Community Development" button found by clicking on the homepage tab titled "Government."



State of the City



Join members of the community, business leaders, and local elected officials on Thursday, March 4 for this year's State of the City address taking place at the Diamond Bar Center beginning at 6 pm.

Admission is free and open to the public, however reservations are suggested and can be made by calling the City's Public Information Office at 909.839.7059 or emailing info@ci.diamond-bar.ca.us and referencing

"State of the City" in the subject line.

The once-a-year event summarizes noteworthy accomplishments of 2009 and outlines goals and projects for the upcoming year. Doors open at 6 pm for refreshments and appetizers, with the 30-minute presentation commencing promptly at 6:30 pm.

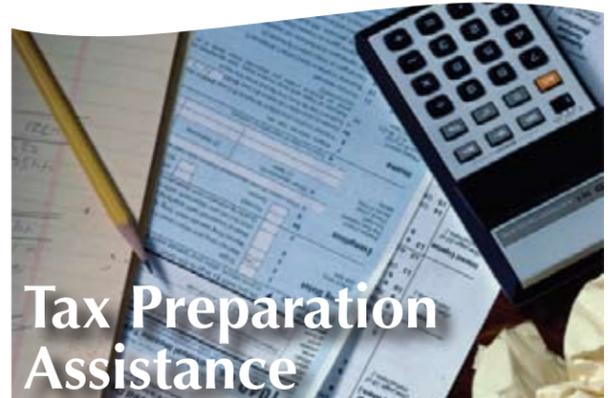
The Diamond Bar Center is located at 1600 Grand Avenue.

Nominate an Outstanding Volunteer



Do you know someone who deserves to be recognized for his or her consistent volunteer efforts? Here's your chance to nominate them for the City's annual Outstanding Volunteer Award. Organized in conjunction with the City's annual Birthday Party every April, the award program honors adults and youth for their good deeds or community service with a special award from the City Council and a mention in the City's monthly newsletter. Pick up a nomination form at City Hall, Diamond Bar Center, or the Diamond Bar Library; or visit the City website www.cityofdiamondbar.com and click on "Survey" on the top right corner to complete the form electronically.

For further information about the award program, contact the City's Community Services Department at 909.839.7060.



Tax Preparation Assistance

Free income tax preparation assistance for adults 55 and older is currently being offered at the Diamond Bar Center every Wednesday, now through April 7. The service is sponsored by the AARP, and available by appointment only between 8 and 11:30 am. Participants will be asked to bring copies of their previous year's tax returns, as well as any relevant documents reflecting income and expenses for 2009.

For more information or to schedule an appointment, call the City's Recreation Services Division at 909.839.7070.

Hazardous and E-waste Round-up

Just a reminder that the City is hosting a free Household Hazardous Waste Round-up on Saturday, February 20 from 9 am to 3 pm at the Gateway Corporate Center on the 1300 block of Bridge Gate Drive.

Acceptable items include computers, televisions, batteries, expired medicine, paint, and pesticides.

Call 800.238.0173 for a complete list of what you can and cannot bring to the event. For event-specific information, contact the City's Environmental Services Division at 909.839.7035.

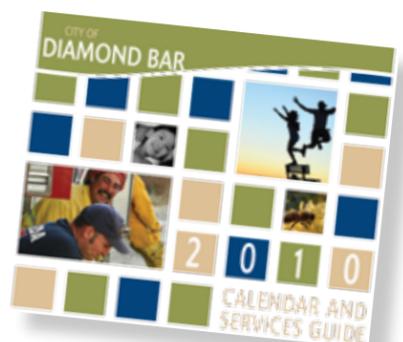
Free Bin Replacement

Residents with cracked or broken trash, recycling, or green waste bins are eligible for a free placement, courtesy of Waste Management. A simple phone call to the waste hauler will get your old bin switched out with a new container during your next scheduled collection day. There is no charge to exchange dilapidated bins; however there is a \$50 charge to replace lost or stolen bins.

For more information or to request a new bin, call Waste Management at 800.266.7551.

Get Your Copy

Residents who have not obtained their free copies of the City's 2010 City Calendar & Services Guide and Street Sweeping calendar magnet are encouraged to do so, while supplies last. Both items are available at City Hall, 21825 Copley Drive; the Diamond Bar Center, 1600 Grand Avenue; and the Diamond Bar Library, 1061 South Grand Avenue.



Locating GIS-Parcel Data

A special GIS-Parcel Data tool on the City website integrates information from parcel, aerial, zoning maps, and the City's General Plan to allow residents and businesses to search for standard information about any private or commercial property within Diamond Bar city limits.

GIS uses "smart" maps to answer many frequently-asked-questions, such as parcel metrics, ownership, and valuation.

To access the tool, click on the blue "I Want to" tab, scroll down to the "Search" button and click on "GIS-Parcel."

Free Weekly E-newsletter

If you haven't already signed up for the City's newest method of communication, DB Connection, you can do so by visiting www.cityofdiamondbar.com and clicking on the eSubscription button located on the left side of the homepage.

The weekly electronic newsletter is delivered right to the inboxes of subscribers every Monday morning, and features information about upcoming City events, trip opportunities, construction projects, and more.

For more information about DB Connection, contact the City's Public Information Division at 909.839.7056.

DB4Youth "In Action"

If you are between the ages of 12 and 18, and live or attend school in Diamond Bar, the City invites you to become part of DB4Youth "In Action."

The group, comprising more than 60 individuals, holds regular monthly meetings to plan youth-specific social events, generate interest for local volunteer opportunities, and discuss matters of importance to teens.

In addition to making a difference in their community, DB4Youth members also get to meet other teens in the area, plan and operate events and programs, and earn volunteer credit to fulfill a class requirement or boost job or college applications.

For more information on how to become a member,



visit the City website www.cityofdiamondbar.com or call Community Services Coordinator Alison Meyers at 909.839.7024.

Youth Soccer Registration

Registration for the City's Indoor Youth Soccer Program for children ages 4 to 9 opens Tuesday, February 16.

The fee is \$84 per participant, with a \$5 discount for each additional child from the same family.

Every participant participates in eight games and receives a team jersey and participation trophy.

Skills Day will take place on Saturday, March 27 at Mt. Calvary Lutheran School, 23300 Golden Springs Drive, and parents' orientation will be held on Tuesday, April 6.

Games start April 10 and are played at the Mt. Calvary Lutheran School gymnasium every Saturday, between 8 am and 6 pm.

For more information, to register a child, or to sign up to be a volunteer coach, call the City's Recreation Services Division at 909.839.7070.



Spelling P-R-O-W-E-S-S

Several Diamond Bar elementary and middle school students will make their way to Mt. Sac on February 27 to form part of a group of approximately 30 top spellers from throughout the region as part of the final phase of this year's Inland Valley Regional Spelling Bee. The students will take turns taking center stage and putting their spelling skills to the test for a chance to secure a spot in the renowned Scripps National Spelling Bee, scheduled to take place later this year in Washington D.C. For more information about the Bee, visit www.spellingbee.com.

Trip to Newport

The City's Recreation Services Division is hosting a trip to Newport Beach on Saturday, March 13 for a guided watching tour of grey whales, dolphins, sea lions, and other marine life. Tickets cost \$39 per person and include round trip transportation, access to the tour, and a snack. The bus departs from Diamond Bar City Hall, 21825 Copley Drive, at 11 am and returns at approximately 6:30 pm.

For more information or to reserve a seat, call 909.839.7070.

"Check Out" the Library



Teen Advisory Board

Librarian Josh Murray invites teens, 12 to 18, to join friends at the Diamond Bar Library the last Tuesday of every month at 3 pm to suggest and help plan, organize, and promote its teen-related programs and services.

Input obtained during the meetings is taken into consideration by Library staff when purchasing materials or planning programs for teens.

Free snacks and beverages are provided, and participants are eligible for community service hours. The Diamond Bar Library is located at 1061 S. Grand Avenue. For more information, call Josh Murray at 909.861.4978.

Free Homework Help Available at the Library

Breezing through tough homework assignments is possible—all you need is a County of Los Angeles Public Library card and Internet connection.

Thanks to a special contract between the County Library and a web-based tutoring company called Tutor.com, Library card holders in grades 4 through 12, as well as those taking introductory college courses, can get free and immediate help from qualified tutors in math, science, social studies, and English via the Internet.

Live Homework Help is available every day from 1 pm to midnight and can be accessed from any internet-connected

FRIENDS Fundraiser

The Diamond Bar Friends of the Library is hosting its 17th Annual Wine Soiree at the Diamond Bar Center on Sunday, April 11 starting at 4 pm.

Adults are invited to purchase tickets to the fundraising event featuring food, wine, music, and auction, all to benefit the Diamond Bar Library. Tickets cost \$50 per person in advance, or \$60 at the door.

For more information or to purchase tickets, call 909.861.2002.

computer by visiting www.librarytutor.org.

Students and tutors can review specific homework questions or subject-specific concepts using features that include controlled chat, an interactive white board, and shared Web browsing.

Tutors are certified teachers, college professors, professional tutors, or graduate school students from across the county. They have all passed a background check and comprehensive training program.

For more information, call the Diamond Bar Library at 909.861.4978.

Form or Join a Neighborhood Watch



Interested in reducing the opportunity for crime in your neighborhood?

A trained Sheriff deputy is available to help you and your neighbors start a new Neighborhood Watch team, and teach you and your neighbors how to implement basic crime prevention techniques, watch out for one another, and report suspicious activity to

Sheriff's personnel.

To date, there are more than 75 Neighborhood Watch teams in Diamond Bar.

To find out if there is a group established in your area or assistance in starting up a new group, please call the Diamond Bar Sheriff's Team at 909.839.7077.

Are You Prepared? Attend a Free Earthquake Preparedness Presentation

Earthquake preparedness will be topic of a free disaster education presentation to be offered by the American Red Cross – San Gabriel Pomona Valley Chapter on Tuesday, February 16.

The presentation will be held from 6 to 7 pm at the Flintridge Operating Foundation (Suite 100 – Room 118), located at 1040 Lincoln Avenue in Pasadena, CA 91103.

Led by disaster experts, the presentation will provide attendees with valuable safety tips, such as the importance of strapping down a water heater and building inexpensive and effective disaster kits.

For more information or to register for the presentation, call Miho Yoshimura at 626.372.4330. Seats are limited and available on a first-come, first-serve basis.



Paving The Way

Last month saw the completion of a construction project to repave close to 10 miles of major City arterial routes. The ambitious project, designed to extend the life of the heavily-traversed roadways, was made possible thanks to the \$1.77 million in stimulus funds the City secured from the 2009 American Recovery and Reinvestment Act.

Census, Fast Approaching

Census 2010 questionnaires will be arriving in mailboxes nationwide in mid-March. The once-a-decade count of everyone residing in the United States is required by the U.S. Constitution to help determine representation in Congress, as well as the distribution of federal funds over the next 10 years.

It is estimated that only 10 minutes are required to complete to 10-minute questionnaire aimed at collecting key demographic information about all residents, including names, ages, and gender. By law, the Census Bureau cannot share the responses collected with anyone, including other federal agencies and law enforcement entities.

More information as well as a sample Census survey is available at <http://2010.census.gov>.



Contract Instructor Opportunity

If you have a special skill and the time and desire to teach it, here's your chance to propose a class for Fall 2010. The City is currently looking for contract instructors to teach new classes, currently not offered by its Recreation Services Division. For more information or to submit a new class proposal, contact Recreation Services Coordinator April Batson at 909.839.7072.



Ask City Hall

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

Q: My neighbors and I have noticed a lot of stray shopping carts in our neighborhood. Isn't it illegal to take carts from retail stores and is there anything we can do about it?

A: Yes. Shopping carts are private property and provided to shoppers as a customer service; removing them from their respective store parking lot is illegal.

Also, carts left on sidewalks or streets create visual blight and pose hazards to motorists, pedestrians, and bicyclists. This makes them a violation of 12.04.140 of the City's Municipal Code that prohibits encroachment within public streets and sidewalks.

Personnel from the City's Neighborhood Improvement Division regularly patrol city streets for health, safety, and aesthetic concerns that, if ignored, could lead to neighborhood decay.

When it comes to abandoned shopping carts, the Division calls the store the cart belongs to, and informs the manager about the cart(s) and the location. You and your neighbors can do the same.

Following are phone numbers to some of the major retail establishments in the area. Be sure to ask for the manager.

Target

747 Grand Ave. - 909.610.2149

Ralphs

1180 Diamond Bar Blvd. - 909.860.6999

Big Lots

1139 Diamond Bar Blvd. - 909.396.7775

Kmart

249 Diamond Bar Blvd - 909.861.7741

World Market

21080 Golden Springs Dr. - 909.839.1121

H-Mart

2825 Diamond Bar Blvd. - 909.839.0300

You can reach the Neighborhood Improvement Division by phone at 909.839.7030 or by email at neighborhoodimp@ci.diamond-bar.ca.us.

Public Hearing: Proposed Increase in Water Rates

The Walnut Valley Water District is holding a public hearing on proposed water rate increases on Thursday, February 18, at 6 pm in the main auditorium of the South Coast Air Quality Management District. If approved, the increases would become effective March 1, 2010 and go towards offsetting significant wholesale water cost increases.

If you would like to comment on the proposed increases, you should do so in writing prior to the close of the public hearing. Correspondence may be mailed or delivered in person to

Walnut Valley Water District
ATTN: Board Secretary
271 S. Brea Canyon Road
Walnut, CA 91789

You may also present it at the public hearing.

For more information, visit the Water District website www.wvwd.com or call 909.595.1268.



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City Manager's Office	909.839.7010
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
- Street Sweeping Week
- Daylight Saving Time Begins
- Senior Valentine Dance - 6 - 9 pm at the DBC

February 2010

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Postal Customer

Elected Officials

Mayor..... Carol Herrera
Mayor Pro Tem..... Steve Tye
Council Member..... Ling Ling Chang
Council Member..... Ron Everett
Council Member..... Jack Tanaka
City Manager..... James DeStefano

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Snapshots Around The Community

TALENT EXPO...

Close to 140 musicians and entertainers from throughout Southern California came under one roof last month to showcase their talent to representatives from Cities throughout the counties of Los Angeles, Riverside and Orange looking to secure a lineup for their 2010 summer concert series. This is the second year the City plays host to the popular annual event at the Diamond Bar Center.



A FIT START...

They may not know it, but Aaron Chang, 5, and Lauren Cambiaso, 4, are doing more than just playing together...they are preparing for kindergarten. Aaron and Lauren are enrolled in the City's 12-week Tiny Tots program, which combines age-appropriate lessons, art projects, and playtime to create opportunities for social and emotional growth. The winter program ends March 19, however a new session begins March 22. Call the City's Recreation Services Division at 909.839.7070 for more information.

BUSHEL OF FUN...

Over 80 tons of manufactured snow transformed Pantera Park into a winter carnival last month as part of the City's annual Winter Snow Fest. The popular event drew a large crowd of youngsters and "youngsters-at-heart" eager to sled down one of the 25-foot long slides, partake in winter-themed arts and craft activities, and enjoy routines by local performers. To view additional photos, visit the City website www.cityofdiamondbar.com and click on "Photo Gallery" in the top right corner.



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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.