

City News

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Submit Your Volunteer Nominations!

Do you know someone who makes a difference in the lives of others? Someone who inspires volunteerism in others?

A neighbor, parent, teacher, colleague, or schoolmate whom you feel exemplifies the best of Diamond Bar through his or her volunteerism or community service.

The volunteers chosen will be acknowledged with a special certificate from the Diamond Bar City Council and local elected officials as part of the City's annual Birthday Party on April 17.



Mike and Marny Shay were 2009 recipients of both the City's Outstanding Volunteer Award, as well as the L.A. County Fair Association's Community Hero Award.

Nominations should be submitted no later than 4:30 pm on Friday, March 19, and can be done online www.cityofdiamondbar.com by clicking on the "Surveys" link on the top right corner, or in person at City Hall or the Diamond Bar Center.

For more information, visit the City website or call the City's Community Services Department at 909.839.7070.



Hey kids – get your baskets and fastest running shoes ready for the City's annual Easter Egg Hunt at Pantera Park on Saturday, April 3!

Participation in the popular hunt for colorful candy-filled eggs is free and open to children toddler-aged through sixth grade. A pancake breakfast will be provided by the Fire Explorers Post 19 starting at 8:30 am for \$5 a plate, with the Easter Bunny and his "Peeps" arriving shortly after to dole out hugs and pose for photos.

Age groups for the egg hunt will be divided into the following categories: parent-assisted; 4 years and under; 5 - 6 years; 7 - 8 years; 9 - 10 years; and 11 - 12 years. All of the categories will begin their searches at 10 am, but in separate areas throughout Pantera Park, 738 Pantera Drive.

The annual Easter Egg Hunt is co-sponsored by the City and the Diamond Bar Breakfast Lions Club. For more information, call the City's Recreation Services Division at 909.839.7070.

Census 2010, Be Counted

Census 2010 is April 1

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.

Everyone is urged to set aside 10 minutes of their time to complete the quick and easy, 10-question form that will help shape important decisions for the next 10 years.

By law, the Census Bureau cannot share the responses collected with anyone, including other federal agencies and law enforcement entities.

For more information, visit www.2010census.gov.



Free Advertising

If you're a Diamond Bar-based nonprofit looking to increase promotion of your events, the City can help you, at no cost. Simply complete a Slide Request form, available on the City website

www.cityofdiamondbar.com, and return it to City Hall at least four weeks prior to your event or meeting date. For more information, contact the City's Public Information Division by emailing info@ci.diamond-bar.ca.us, or calling 909.839.7056.

Accessing City Council meetings, PSAs and other videos online...

As a courtesy to residents without cable or FiOS TV access, the City makes available a wide selection of its video programming through its website.



These videos include City Council meetings, special annual events, instructional videos, and public safety PSAs. To access them, simply log on to the City website www.cityofdiamondbar.com and click on the button "DBTV – Live Meetings" located in the center, left-hand column. The videos are stored by categories and include the date it was posted and the length of the video. Longer videos, such as City Council meetings, have jump points to make it easier to quickly find the section viewers may be interested in locating.

Flood Preparedness Presentation

Community members interested in learning about flood preparedness are encouraged to attend a free presentation hosted by the American Red Cross – San Gabriel Pomona Valley Chapter on Thursday, March 18.

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.

Attendees will have the opportunity to obtain valuable emergency preparedness first-hand information from disaster experts, including the meaning of flood-related terminology; how to create effective family disaster plans and supplies kits; and easy and cost-efficient ways to safeguard properties against flood damage.



There is no cost to attend the presentation, but seats are limited and advanced registration is required. For more information or to register, call Miho Yoshimura at 626.372.4330.

Expanded Cell Phone Coverage

Now AT&T customers visiting or residing near Summitridge Park can enjoy improved cell phone coverage with the company's installation of antennas to strengthen its wireless frequencies.

Rather than constructing a new cell tower facility, AT&T mounted its antennas on a co-location tower installed by T-Mobile in the Fall of 2008. In exchange for the opportunity to install and maintain its equipment on public property, each telecommunication carrier contributes approximately \$2,000 a month to the City's General Fund.

This Fund represents more than 60 percent of the City's total revenue and helps fund most of the operations, programs, and administrative services.

Business Awards And the Winner is...

Business of the Month



Holiday Inn

21725 E. Gateway Center Drive
909.860.5440
www.holidayinn.com

Calendar Key

- City Council Meeting* - starts at 6:30 pm
- Planning Commission Meeting* - starts at 7 pm
- Traffic & Transportation Commission Meeting* - starts at 7 pm
- Parks & Recreation Commission Meeting* - starts at 7 pm
- Transit Late Night - City Hall open until 7 pm
- Street Sweeping Week

March 2010

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| 21 <small>Miss DB Pageant 2-5 pm - DBHS www.missdiamondbarpageant.org</small> | 22 | 23 | 24 | 25 | 26 | 27 |
| 28 | 29 | 30 | 31 | | | |

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

Summer Camp Registration

Trips to popular amusement parks, cool art and craft activities, sports, and games are part of what's in store for the participants of the City's 2010 Summer Daze Camp, open from June 2 to August 20.



The popular 11-week summer program for children ages 6 to 12 is offered in one-week sessions at Heritage Park, 2900 S. Brea Canyon Road, Monday through Friday, from 10 am to 4 pm, with extended hours available before and after camp (7am to 6 pm) for an extra \$20.00 per weekly session.

Registration begins Monday, March 15, and forms are available online on the City website www.cityofdiamondbar.com, and in person at the Diamond Bar Center, 1600 Grand Avenue, and City Hall, 21825 Copley Drive.

The fee for each one-week session is \$100 per child and includes camp T-shirt, class materials, and field trip transportation and admissions. Campers must bring their own bag lunches.

For a schedule of camp activities and trips planned, check out page 13 of the City's spring 2010 Community Recreation Guide or call the Recreation Services Division at 909.839.7070.

Job Training for Veterans

The LA Works, a nonprofit job training and placement center, continues to operate a special program to assist recently separated veterans of the US Armed Services or National Guard to find employment.

Funded by a grant from the Governor's Workforce Investment Act Veterans' Employment-Related Assistance Program, the program is designed to provide eligible veterans a variety of supportive services, including job training and referral.

For more information, contact Fabian Garcia, Client Services Coordinator, at 626.960.3964 ext. 2273, 626.856.3735 TTY or fabian.garcia@laworks.org.

Landscape Class

Looking to create a more water-efficient garden without compromising your property's curb-appeal?

If so, attend a free landscape class on Saturday, March 13 from 8:30 am to noon at the Walnut Valley Water District office, located at 271 South Brea Canyon Road in Walnut.

The class, taught by Water District staff, will cover landscape design, California-native plant identification and selection, irrigation system installation, and maintenance recommendations.

To reserve a spot, call the District at 909.595.7554, ext. 370, and leave your name, address, and phone number.



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 constantly puts out his trash bins a day or two before collection day. It's such an eyesore! Isn't there a City ordinance that regulates the putting out and storing of trash bins?

A: Yes, section 22.34.030(a) of the Diamond Bar Municipal Code requires that all trash and recycle containers be stored out of public view (in the garage, back or side yard, in a screened enclosure, etc.) Also, containers should not be placed at curbside any earlier than sunset on the day preceding a scheduled collection. Empty containers should be put away before 10 pm the day of collection.

Tax Prep Assistance

Thanks to a special partnership with AARP, the City has been able to again offer its residents, 55 and older, assistance with completing their income tax forms. The valuable service will continue to be available at the Diamond Bar Center every Wednesday through April 7. Appointments are required, and filers should bring with them copies of their previous year's tax returns, and all other documents reflecting income and expenses for 2009. For more information, call the City's Recreation Services Division at 909.839.7070.

Basically BOOKS has moved!

Book fans are reminded that the Friends of the Diamond Bar Library recently relocated its nonprofit bookstore and expanded its operating hours.

Basically BOOKS is now located at 23447 Golden Springs Road (near the intersection of Golden Springs and Diamond Bar Boulevard); and open Monday 10 am to 5 pm; Tuesday 10 am to 7 pm; Wednesday and Thursday 10 am to 5 pm; Friday 10 am to 7 pm; and Saturday 10 am to 4 pm.

Upcoming bookstore events include:

Saturday, March 6 (10 am) – Grand Opening

Tuesday, March 16 (noon) – Ribbon-Cutting Ceremony

Tuesday, March 24 (7 pm) – Book Discussion: The Commoner by John Burnham Schwartz

Tuesday, April 27 (7 pm) – Book Discussion: Loving Frank by Nancy Horan

For more information about the bookstore or events, call bookstore manager Mary Hackett at 909 396-9954 or email to BasicallyBOOKS@aol.com.

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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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| Building & Safety | 909.839.7020 |
| City Clerk's Office | 909.839.7010 |
| 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 |
| 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



Time Change, Alarm Check

As a good rule of thumb, you should consider replacing the batteries in your smoke/carbon monoxide alarms when adjusting your clocks one hour ahead for Daylight Saving on Sunday, March 14. If your alarm is older than five years, the U.S. Consumer Product Safety Commission recommends replacing it to ensure its effectiveness.

Snapshots Around The Community



POISED PERFECTION... Under the tutelage of sensei Jerry Short, the young participants of the City's "Beginning Junior Karate" class take away more than just knowledge of basic kicks, punches, blocks, and stances of traditional Japanese Shito-ryu style Karate, they also gain valuable lessons in respect and discipline. New 10-week sessions for beginner and advance-level karateists begin in April. Class price and details can be found on page 14 of the spring 2010 Community Recreation Guide.

SPEAKING ENGINEERING...

Accompanied by their advisers and parents, members of the Diamond Bar-based Cub Scout Pack 737 paid a special visit to City Hall last month to get the inside story on engineering from Senior Engineer Rick Yee and Assistant Engineer Erwin Ching. Talking to an engineer, drawing a floor plan, and building a catapult were among the requirements the scouts had to meet in order to earn the "Engineering Requirements" pin for their uniform. The pack of 4th and 5th graders is set to graduate into Boy Scouts at the end of the month.



COLORFUL CREATIONS... Every Thursday afternoon at the Diamond Bar Center, the soft hum of sewing machines provides the backdrop for this group of crafters to create a variety of handmade fabric items under the guidance of sewing instructor Beverly Carlson. The class "Sewing and Design," is open to adults 55 and older and teaches participants the basics of sewing, tailoring, pattern-making, cutting, and designing. For more class details, check out page 24 of the spring 2010 Community Recreation Guide.