

City News

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“Saturday Stroll at Sycamore”

Following the recent completion of several improvements, Sycamore Canyon Park now boasts a safer, more convenient, and aesthetically pleasing trail path spanning a quarter-mile.

New split-rail fencing, a concrete staircase at the trailhead, and decomposed granite path are among the enhancements the popular trail received as part of Phase III of a trail improvement project, funded in part by Safe Neighborhood Parks Proposition funds from the local Supervisor's office and a grant from Land and Water Conservation Fund.

To celebrate completion of this long-anticipated project, the City is hosting “Saturday Stroll at Sycamore,” a special dedication ceremony on Saturday, April 10 from 10 am to noon at the trailhead adjacent to Diamond Bar Boulevard.

Admission is free and open to the public; and the first 500 guests receive a free drawstring backpack - perfect for taking along on walks or hikes.

In addition to a ribbon-cutting ceremony and optional stroll along the new trail, the event will also give attendees a chance to tour the Park's building, recently brought up to current ADA standards.

Parking will be available at the park's two trail heads (Golden Springs Drive and Diamond Bar Boulevard), with free shuttle service to and from each location provided from 9:30 am to 12:30 pm.

For more information about the event, contact the City's Community Services Division at 909.839.7070.

Diamond Bar Through My Lens Photo Contest 2010

open to Diamond Bar residents of all ages

Photographers of all ages and skill levels are invited to submit their pictorial point of view of Diamond Bar into the City's third annual community photo contest.

Now in its third year, “Diamond Bar Through My Lens,” is co-sponsored by the Diamond Bar Community Foundation (DBCF) and aims to showcase the photography talents of residents while raising community pride.

The contest is free to enter and consists of two divisions – Youth and Adult, and seven categories – People, Pets, Nature, Places, Black & White, Historical Reference (taken prior to 1989), and Residents' Choice.

Submissions will be accepted in print or digital formats, and should be received by City Hall no later than 4:30 pm on Friday, October 1.

Contest winners will receive cash prizes and special recognition by the Diamond Bar City Council. Their entries may also be featured on the City website and cable channel, and some photos may also be published in future City and DBCF publications.

For a complete set of rules, to download the entry form, or for more information, visit the City website www.cityofdiamondbar.com and click on “Community Photo Contest” found in the “Residents” tab, or call the City's Public Information Division at 909.839.7059.

Diamond Bar is Turning 21! You're Invited to the Party

City staff has been in full birthday planning mode for the past few months...and on Saturday, April 17 their efforts will culminate with a special Birthday Party celebrating Diamond Bar's 21 years of incorporation.

The day-long celebration features a variety of entertainment, crafts, games, carnival rides, and giveaways; and admission is free and open to the public.

Free off-site parking will be available at Pantera Elementary School and the surrounding neighborhood, with continuous free shuttle service provided from each location to the park, beginning at 10 am.

For more information about the event, visit the City's website www.cityofdiamondbar.com and click on “Special Events” found by clicking on the “Recreation” tab, or contact the City's Recreation Services Division at 909.839.7070.

21 Things To Do at the Birthday Party...

1. Nab a free, limited-edition City Birthday Party commemorative pin.
2. Indulge in fair food favorites... kettle-corn, funnel cake, and fresh-squeezed lemonade – to name a few.
3. Be a kid or get in touch with the kid in you... hop on one of the 10 popular carnival rides, including a 45-foot tall Ferris Wheel and 100-foot long Fun Slide.
4. If you're 17 or younger, enter a special tile-decorating contest... chosen artworks will be incorporated into the design of a future neighborhood mini park (turn to page 3 to read story).
5. Check out the car show featuring vintage autos, stock or custom.
6. Challenge your friends to a good old-fashioned picnic game of tug-of-war, potato sack race, or hot potato.
7. Browse the Business Showcase featuring local product and service-providers to obtain samples and discount coupons for a variety of home, health, and recreational activities.
8. Conquer your fear of heights...climb a 20-foot rock wall...with the assistance of a harness.
9. Meet “Nutz,” the City's very own “Concerts in the Park” mascot.
10. Get tips from American Red Cross on how to assemble an economical yet effective emergency supplies kit.
11. Take a break near the main stage and enjoy entertainment provided by local performers.
12. Tour the inside of the Los Angeles County Fire Department's HazMat vehicle featuring state-of-the-art equipment for search and rescue, hazardous materials responses and other emergencies.
13. Stroll through the community booth section for valuable information (and giveaways).
14. Stop by the Inland Valley Humane Society booth to learn about its services and meet sss-special guests.
15. Step into Edison's Mobile Energy Unit to learn how to save money and energy via hands-on interactive demonstrations.
16. Travel back in time to unincorporated Diamond Bar years, courtesy of the Historical Society.
17. Learn how to be waste-wise and resource-savvy with a few helpful hints from Waste Management staff.
18. Obtain free KidPrint cards for each of your children, containing emergency-vital such as your child's fingerprints, height, weight, and date of birth (child must be present).
19. Create a special Earth Day craft using recycled items.
20. Join Council in recognizing this year's winners of the City's annual Outstanding Volunteer Award.
21. Enjoy a free slice of vanilla or chocolate-flavored birthday cake.

Saturday, April 17
Pantera Park
738 Pantera Drive
11 am - 5 pm
(Carnival rides until 6 pm)



Business Awards

March - New Business



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Hours:

Walk-in Service

Monday - Friday, 2 pm - 7 pm
Saturday, 10 am - 2 pm

Appointments outside of those hours available upon request.

Know Someone Who Deserves Recognition?

The City is again joining L.A. County Fair Association in soliciting nominations for its annual Community Hero Program.

The program, aimed at recognizing individuals whose volunteer efforts contribute to the quality of life of Diamond Bar residents, is part of the festivities planned for Diamond Bar Day at the Fair, this year scheduled for Thursday, September 16.

Chosen nominees are honored throughout the day with free valet parking and admission to the Fair, reserved seat at a horse race, float/car ride along with the fairgrounds' main thoroughfare, live entertainment, and special "Community Hero" award.

Nominees may be of any age and may include family members, neighbors, teachers, students, work colleagues, or business owners. To obtain a nomination form, stop by any City facility or download copy via the City website www.cityofdiamondbar.com.

Once completed, forms should be mailed to: L.A. County Fair Community Hero Program, 1101 W. McKinley Ave., Pomona, CA 91768; or faxed to 909.629.2067.

For more information, contact the Fair Association at 909.865.4075 or via e-mail to santee@fairplex.com.

New STOP Sign Installed

The City's Public Works crew recently installed a new stop sign and pavement legend on a local neighborhood street in an effort to improve line-of-sight for motorists. The installation of the sign, located at the corner of Charmingdale Road and Gold Rush Drive, was approved by the City Council at its February 16 meeting, and funded by the 2009-2010 signing and striping maintenance budget. Pictured at work is Senior Maintenance Worker Jason Fuentes.



Did You Return Your Census Form?

Just a reminder to complete the Census questionnaire you received in the mail last month and return it in the postage-paid envelope provided, if you haven't already.

All responses provided on the questionnaire are confidential, protected by a federal law, and reported in statistical format only.

If you lost, misplaced, or are having trouble completing your questionnaire, call the Census Questionnaire Assistance Center at 1.866.872.6868. Assistance is available 8 am to 9 am, seven days a week, now through July 31.

The Census Bureau will not send out any confirmations for forms received; however they will assign census takers to visit households that did not mail back the forms to take the count in person beginning May 1.

New Leadership Class

Individuals 16 and older looking to develop or improve their professional communication skills are encouraged to register for a new class now being offered as part of the City's spring 2010 recreation offerings.

The four-week class, "Communication and Leadership," runs April 19 through May 10 and meets every Monday from 7 to 8 pm at Pantera Park, 738 Pantera Drive. The fee is \$42 per person.

Class topics will include productive meeting hosting, effective leadership skills, and proper job interview etiquette. Time will also be allotted for practice presentations with feedback.

To register for the class, log on to the City website www.cityofdiamondbar.com, call 909.839.7070, visit the Diamond Bar Center, 1600 Grand Avenue. You can also complete the Activity Registration Form found on page 2 of the City's recreation guide and return it by fax to 909.612.4580 or mail: City of Diamond Bar, 21825 Copley Drive, Diamond Bar, CA 91765.

Lawnmower Exchange

If you still own a gas-powered mower, here's an incentive to trade it in for a more environmentally-friendly model.

South Coast Air Quality Management District (AQMD) is again offering a special program that allows residents to trade in their old gasoline model in exchange for a new, zero-emission, cordless electric lawnmower at a discount price.

The models available for purchase include

14-inch cut model for \$100 and a 19-inch cut for \$165. Further details, including the brand and features, are available on the AQMD website.

In order to qualify for the trade-in, your old mower must be in operational condition, and you must pre-register by visiting the AQMD website www.aqmd.gov or by calling 1.888.425.6247.

Pre-registration opens Wednesday, April 21 at 8 am, and is conducted on first-come, first-serve basis.

CITY HALL ONLINE

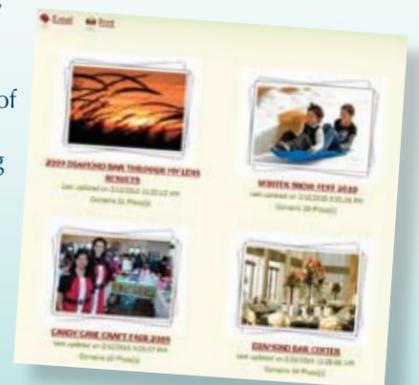
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www.cityofdiamondbar.com

Locating Photos of City Events

If you've attended a City organized event or recreation class, chances are you have noticed City staff taking photographs of guests partaking in various activities.

The photos serve a variety of purposes, including documenting of the event and supplementing of the City's photo supply used when creating various marketing or informational material, such as flyers, newsletters, and recreation guides.

Some of those photos even make it on to the City website's Photo Gallery. The link to the gallery is located at the top right corner of the City website homepage www.cityofdiamondbar.com. You can choose to view each photo individually or together as a slideshow.



Arbor Day Celebration

Five new trees will soon be added to the community's already plentiful urban forest.

The 8-foot London Plane Trees, donated by West Coast Arborists, will be planted on the Pantera Elementary School campus by kindergarten through fourth grade students during the City's annual Arbor Day celebration on Friday, April 23.

Also as part of the celebration, the winner of the 2010 Arbor Day Poster Contest will be announced and representatives from the Forestry Division of the Los Angeles County Fire Department will present the City with a special Tree City USA award.

This is the 9th consecutive year, the City is designated a Tree City USA community, an honor conferred upon municipalities that demonstrate a commitment to the environment through the protection and care of public trees.

The celebration is taking place at Pantera Elementary School, 801 Pantera Drive, starting at 9 am. Attendance is free and open to the public; however guests must first check in and obtain a visitor pass at the school's main office.



Arbor Day, founded in 1872, is the nation's oldest environmental holiday celebrating the important role trees play in the production and conservation of energy. For more information about the celebration, please contact Community Services Coordinator Andee Tarazon at 909.839.7067.

Spring Dance for Seniors



Adults 55 and older are invited to celebrate the arrival of spring at a special City-hosted event featuring dinner, dancing, and prizes. The "Swing into Spring" dance will be held at the Diamond Bar Center on Wednesday, April 21 from 6 to 9 pm.

The Center is located at 1600 Grand Avenue, and event tickets (\$15 each) will be available for purchase up until noon on Friday, April 16. For more information, please call 909.839.7068.



Family Theater

The City's Recreation Services Division is hosting a trip to the Cerritos Performing Arts Center on Sunday, April 18 for a special Cirque D'Or presentation.

Inspired by centuries-old customs of China, the family-friendly presentation features acrobatic feats, spectacular traditional dance, breathtaking costumes, and ancient and contemporary music.

Tickets cost \$45 per person and include round trip transportation, admission to the show, and a snack. The bus departs from Diamond Bar City Hall, 21825 Copley Drive, at 1:30 pm and returns at approximately 6:00 pm.

Early registration is recommended; sign-ups are processed on a first-come, first-serve basis. For more information or to reserve a seat, call 909.839.7070.

Fire Prevention Presentation

"Residential Fires and Wildfires" is the topic of the next free presentation the local chapter of American Red Cross will be hosting on Tuesday, May 4 at the Flintridge Operating Foundation.

The hour-long presentation starts at 6 pm and covers the necessary steps to prepare for and prevent a home fire; protect loved ones and material goods in the event of a home or wild fire; and help fire victims.

The Flintridge Operating Foundation is located at 236 W. Mountain Street in Pasadena, CA 91103. Seats are limited and advanced registration is required. For more information or to register, call Miho Yoshimura at 626.372.4330.



Driving Refresher

The City is again teaming up with the American Association of Retired Persons (AARP) to give drivers age 50 and older an opportunity to refresh their driving skills during a special two-day class.

The AARP Mature Driving Class will be held at the Heritage Park Community Center from 9:30am to 2:30pm on May 13 and 14. Current road rules and useful driving adjustments to common age-related changes in vision, hearing, and reaction time will be discussed.

Participants must attend both days to receive a certificate of completion from AARP and preregistration is required. Depending on eligibility, the certificate may be used for auto insurance discounts.

The cost of the class is \$12 for AARP members and \$14 for non-members. For more information or to register, call the City's Recreation Services Division at 909.839.7070.



Ask City Hall

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

Q: What can I do about my neighbor's barking dog?

A: Dogs bark for a number of reasons that aren't always justifiable, and it is the owner's responsibility to correct this behavior.

Diamond Bar City Ordinance Sec. 6.00.100 makes it unlawful for the owner or keeper of any animal to allow frequent or continuing noise, such as barking, whining, or howling.

The City contracts with the Inland Valley Human Society (IVHS) to provide animal care and control services, which include enforcement of this ordinance.

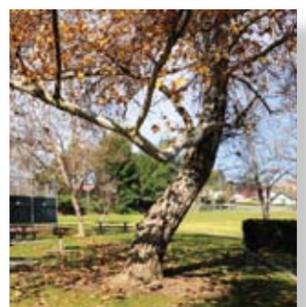
It is recommended that you first try to politely resolve the issue with your neighbor. However, if that doesn't work, you should contact IVHS at 909.623.9777 for further assistance.

Program to Address Homelessness

Under a special program funded by the American Recovery and Reinvestment Act, the County of Los Angeles is offering assistance to individuals who recently became homeless or at risk of becoming homeless due to the economic crisis. Primary forms of assistance available under the Homeless Prevention and Rapid Re-Housing Program (HPRP) include temporary rental assistance, security deposits, utility connection fees and past due payments. Eligibility is determined by income and proof of residency. For more information, visit the County's Housing Resource website <http://housing.lacounty.gov> or call 800.973.3370.

New Park

Plans for a new neighborhood mini park moved a step closer to reality following the City Council's approval of a concept design at its regular meeting of February 16.



The vision for the park began in the summer of 2008 when Council seized the opportunity to purchase a 1500 square foot vacant parcel of land at the southeast corner of Washington Street and Lincoln Avenue in an effort to address park needs in the area.

It is anticipated that park construction will take approximately one year to complete, with work commencing in the fall.

When completed, the one-third acre size park will incorporate many of the features suggested by residents through a series of community meetings, including a shaded picnic area and picnic tables, a toddler play area, trees and shrubs, benches, split-rail fencing, and security lights. It will also employ several environmentally-conscious designs such as drought-tolerant foliage and a natural filtration system, known as a bio-swale.

Staff plans to include this project in the City's 2010/11 Capital Improvement Project list; however it is actively seeking state and federal funding to help offset park construction costs.

For more information about the project, visit the City website www.cityofdiamondbar.com and click on "Park Construction Projects" located in the "Residents" tab.

Find it Fast Phone Directory

City Services	909.839.7000
City Council	909.839.7010
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
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
-  Easter Egg Hunt - 8:30 am - 12:30 pm at Pantera Park
-  City Birthday Party - 11 am at Pantera Park

April 2010

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May 2010

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30	31   Memorial Day City Offices Closed					

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



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Council Member..... Jack Tanaka
City Manager..... James DeStefano

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Enviro-Link

Keep an eye out for this year's edition of EnviroLink, the City's annual environmental newsletter. The popular guide, packed with useful information, tips, and resources for going green in Diamond Bar, is set to arrive in mailboxes later this month. It includes

recipes for alternative household cleaning products, information regarding the various recycling options available in and around town, and details about available rebates and tax incentives for incorporating energy-efficiency practices into your lifestyle.

Snapshots Around The Community

PAST, PRESENT, FUTURE...

Last month's State of the City address brought residents, City staff, and community leaders together to reflect on City accomplishments over the past year, learn of capital improvement projects underway, and review plans for the future. The 30-minute presentation was taped and is now playing Wednesday at 7 pm and Saturday and Sunday at 3 pm on DBTV, the City channel found on Time Warner channel 3 and Verizon FiOS channel 47. It can also be viewed on the City website www.cityofdiamondbar.com by clicking on "DBTV - Live Meetings."



PLANET-CONSCIOUS...

More than 1,500 individuals turned up for the City's recent Household Hazardous & Electronic Waste & E-Waste (HHW/E-W) event to retire more than 20,000 pounds worth of obsolete or unwanted items, including Sharps, car batteries, computers, microwave ovens, and televisions. A combined 4,885 gallons of motor oil, antifreeze, and paint were also turned in for proper disposal. A County-organized HHW/E-W event is planned for Saturday, June 12 from 9 am to 3 pm at the Pomona Fairplex. For details on this and other free collection events, visit <http://dpw.lacounty.gov/epd/cleanla/>.

SEUSSICAL FANTASTICAL...

Dressed in hand-crafted top hats resembling the one wore by the infamous cat character in "Cat in the Hat" hat, (from left) Sara Maity, 4, Children's Librarian Julie McCasland, Isabel Chu, 7, and Nikki Lee, 5, were among the celebrants of the 106th birthday of the late children's book author Theodor Seuss Geisel. The special celebration, aimed at spreading the importance of literacy, was held at the Diamond Bar Library on March 2, and included Dr. Seuss stories, crafts, and birthday cake.

