

City News

Published Monthly For Residents & Businesses in Diamond Bar

New Earthquake Preparedness PSA

Be Ready Before an Emergency Strikes.

That's the message Diamond Bar public safety officials aim to deliver through a new Earthquake Preparedness PSA now playing on DBtv and streaming on the City website. The PSA consisting of an introduction and three sections, each under 2 minutes in length, was prepared by the City and the Walnut/Diamond Bar Sheriff's Station. It covers basic steps every family should take before a disaster strikes - Creating a Kit; Preparing a Family Emergency Plan; and Becoming Emergency-Ready.



To view the PSA, tune in to DBtv, the City channel located on Time Warner channel 3 and Verizon FiOS channel 47, or visit the City website www.cityofdiamondbar.com and click on "DBTV - Live Meetings."

Food Drive

Residents have an opportunity to participate in the largest annual one-day food drive in the nation. As it has since 1993, the National Association of Letter Carriers will be holding its Stamp Out Hunger food drive to benefit thousands of food banks and pantries nationwide. To participate, simply place nonperishable food items such as canned soup, pasta, rice, or cereal near your mailboxes before mail delivery on Saturday, May 8. For more information about the food drive or to sign up to receive an email reminder of the event, visit www.helpstampouthunger.com.



A New, Permanent Address for City Hall?

At its regular meeting of April 6, the City Council authorized City Manager James DeStefano to proceed with the purchase of an unoccupied office building City staff had been contemplating purchasing for the past couple months.

The two-story building, located across the street from the existing Diamond Bar City Hall, has 55,095 square feet of space that would adequately house existing City departments, as well as provide a larger and more efficient front-counter public service area, create a new dedicated Emergency Operations Center, establish on-site storage of important City documents, relocate a computer training room presently located at the Diamond Bar Center, and generate additional office space for public safety personnel.

With more than four times the square footage of the current City Hall location and an ample parking lot of 300 spaces, the building offers a unique setting for the provision of government services, and still leaves significant space with the flexibility to be used in a number of ways.

Two options now being considered for the extra space are to either partner with the County of Los Angeles to relocate the Diamond Bar Library, thereby solving present inadequate space, parking and vehicle access issues, or to transfer the City's senior programming from the Diamond Bar Center and lease the remaining space



to private tenants for income generation to offset building purchase and maintenance costs.

Details associated with the building's purchase are still being worked out; however the City's strong financial position allows for a selection of purchasing options including an all-cash payment, tax-exempt financing by way of municipal bonds, or a combination of cash-funding and financing.

City Hall has been at its present location, a 12,117 square foot space within the South Coast Air Quality Management District (AQMD) building, since March 2001. If the purchase goes through, City Hall could relocate to the new location by the Summer of 2011.

For more detailed information or timely updates on this project, visit the City website www.cityofdiamondbar.com and click on "Community Information" in the "Residents" tab.

Census 2010 Update

Beginning this month, census workers will visit households that have not returned their completed questionnaire form.

Census workers are easily identified by their official identification badge, Census Bureau canvas bag, and handheld device. Their sole responsibility is to record the answers to the questions on the form; they will not solicit donations or ask

for credit card, social security, or banking information.

For more information, call the Census Bureau Call Center at 800.923.8282 Monday through Thursday 8:30 am to 5:30 pm or Friday 8:30 am to 4:30 pm.



Business Awards And the Winner is... Ayres Hotel



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Buckle Up...Or Get Ticketed

The Walnut/Diamond Bar Sheriff's Station will join hundreds of law enforcement agencies in cracking down on seat belt and child safety seat violators as part of the national Click it or Ticket campaign. From May 24 to June 6, the Station will appoint a deputy to specifically look out for and cite drivers and passengers who are not buckled up and drivers who do not properly secure their child passengers.

Under current State law, drivers are responsible for seat belt compliance for all passengers. If the seat belt violator is over 16 years of age, both the driver and the passenger can be cited separately.

The cost of an adult seat belt violation in California is \$142, and up to \$445 for not properly restraining a child under 16. Offenses may also result in points to the violator's driving record, which could raise insurance rates.

For more information about the campaign, visit the National Highway Traffic Safety Administration website www.nhtsa.dot.gov or call the Walnut/Diamond Bar Sheriff's Station at 909.595.2264.



Pet Licensing Canvassing

This spring, Inland Valley Humane Society will again be conducting its annual compliance campaign to encourage Diamond Bar pet owners to renew or obtain new licenses for their dogs and cats.

During its two-month campaign, IVHS officers will perform door-to-door visits from Tuesday through Saturday, between the hours of 8 am and 5 pm to issue license renewals for existing pets and license tags for new ones.

Canvassers will have an IVHS badge and identification card and wear uniforms

consisting of blue polo shirts with the IVHS logo, navy-colored slacks or shorts.

As a reminder, City ordinance requires that all cats be licensed and dogs be licensed and vaccinated against rabies.

The annual cost for dog licenses is \$35.00 (\$15.00 if spayed or neutered), while the cost of cat licenses is \$10 (\$5 if spayed or neutered). Senior citizen dog owners pay a reduced rate of \$7.50 for a spayed or neutered license.

For more information regarding this canvassing effort, visit the IVHS website www.ivhsspc.org or call 909.623.9777.



New Recycling E-Newsletter



In conjunction with the 2010 edition of the City's annual environmental newsletter, staff has launched a new e-newsletter featuring information on upcoming recycling events, energy conservation tips and rebates, and other environmental topics. "EnviroLink e-News" is sent to subscribers at the beginning of every month and when updates become available.

To sign up, visit the City website www.cityofdiamondbar.com and click on the eSubscription button located on the left side of the homepage.

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

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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.

Enter the City Photo Contest

The City's community photo contest is now well underway, and residents of all ages are encouraged to take time today to enter their favorite photos of Diamond Bar.

Co-sponsored by the City and the Diamond Bar Community Foundation, the Diamond Bar Through My Lens Photo contest is made of six subject categories – people, pets, places, nature, black & white, and historical reference (taken prior to 1989).

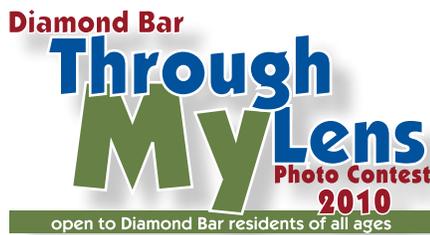
There's no cost to enter and top winners score spending cash, and the chance of having their entries published in the City's 2011 Calendar & Services Guide and other

City publications.

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. Deadline for entries is 4:30 pm on Friday, October 1.

Complete guidelines and entry forms are

available online www.cityofdiamondbar.com, in person at City Hall, at the Diamond Bar Center, and at the Diamond Bar Library. You may also request that a form be mailed out to you by calling the City's Public Information Division at 909.839.7059.



Fill-the-Boot!

Local firefighters will spend three days soliciting donations at the intersections near Diamond Bar Boulevard and Grand Avenue as part of the Muscular Dystrophy Association's signature Fill-the-Boot fundraising campaign.

From Thursday, May 13 through Saturday, May 15, firefighters will be taking donations from motorists from 9 am to 1 pm.

Organized on behalf of the Muscular Dystrophy Association (MDA), the Fill-the-Boot campaign is the International Association of Fire Fighters (IAFF) primary fundraiser benefiting area children and adults battling neuromuscular disorders. Muscular dystrophies are genetic diseases that cause progressive weakness and degeneration of the skeletal muscles that control movement.

For more information on the fundraiser or the MDA, visit www.mda.org or call 310.392.2892.

Avoid Mosquito Bites

The Greater Los Angeles County Vector Control District (GLACVCD) would

like to remind everyone to reduce the risk of possible illness from West Nile virus by taking



simple precautions. These precautions include: avoiding time outdoors between dusk and dawn when mosquitoes are most active, wearing long pants and long-sleeved shirts when outdoors, using insect repellent containing DEET or picaridin, and ensuring windows and doors have tight-fitting seals and screens. For more information on West Nile virus, call GLACVCD at 562.944.9656 or visit www.glacvcd.org. To report dead birds, visit www.westnile.ca.gov or call the West Nile virus Dead Bird Hotline at 1-877-WNV-BIRD (968-2473), between 8 am and 5 pm, seven days a week.

Participation cost is \$60 per child - \$55 due at the time of registration plus \$5 payable to the instructor on the first meeting day to cover insurance fees. Participants should come to class dressed in comfortable clothing.

To register, log on to the City website www.cityofdiamondbar.com, call 909.839.7070, or visit the Diamond Bar Center, 1600 Grand Avenue, Diamond Bar.

Kiddie Gymnastics

Parents interested in improving their toddler's strength, coordination, and flexibility may want to look into the City of Diamond Bar's Kiddie Gymnastics class. The class is open to children ages 4 and 5, and will be held on Tuesdays, 3 to 3:30 pm at the Diamond Bar Center from May 11 to June 8. Participants will receive instruction on bars, balance beams, tumbling mats, and vaults.



Ask City Hall

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

Q: I recently went to the AQMD Government Center to visit the Chamber of Commerce only to find that the office was vacant. Where did the Chamber go?

A: The Regional Chamber of Commerce of San Gabriel Valley relocated its office in December 2009 to a larger facility located at 19720 E. Walnut Drive South, Walnut, CA 91789, with business hours of 8 am to 5 pm Monday through Friday. The Chamber of Commerce is an independent, non-profit, membership-based organization that advocates for, and works with businesses of eastern San Gabriel Valley.

For more information about business-related services, programs, and information the Chamber offers its members, please call 909.869.0701 or visit its website at <http://chambersites.com/regionalchambersgv/>.

Free Bins

Diamond Bar households serviced by Waste Management in need of more space for recyclables and greenwaste are in luck. As part of its services, the residential waste hauler offers residents the chance to obtain up to two greenwaste and two recycling containers for free.

As reminders, "Gray Ray" recycling containers accept junk mail and envelopes; magazines, newspapers,



and ad inserts; all paper; cereal boxes; corrugated cardboard & cereal boxes; aluminum cans; clear, white & colored plastic containers; steel or tin cans; and glass bottles and jars.

"Green Irene" green waste containers take grass clippings; tree trimmings; leaves; brush & shrubbery clippings; sawdust; non-treated wood; and tree limbs (4' max diameter, 4' max length).

For more information, call Waste Management at 909.599.1274.

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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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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

Snapshots Around The Community

BEHIND THE SCENES... The City's Public Information Division recently welcomed members of local Cub Scout Pack 737 looking to learn about the various outlets the City uses to disseminate information to the public. The group of 7-year olds, their parents and advisors also got a chance to tour the DBtv production station and learn how content is developed and programmed for airing. DBtv, the City's Government Access Channel, is found on Time Warner Channel 3/Verizon FiOS Channel 47.



ART AND MORE... For participants of the City's Fine Art-Watercolor Painting Class, creating pieces of art is more than just an outlet for creativity and relaxation; it's also a means to camaraderie and fun. The hands-on class, taught by Anne Williams is open to adults 55 years of age and older and aims to teach the fundamentals of drawing, design, color, and composition. Participants may choose to meet Monday afternoons at the

Heritage Park Community Center, or Thursday afternoons at the Diamond Bar Center. Call the City's Recreation Services Division at 909.839.7070 for more details.

FUN AT THE PARK... Armed with a newly-revised Diamond Bar trail map, bottle of water, and biodegradable knapsack, (from left) Elvis Weller, 4, Angel Weller, 5, Asia Kozan, 4, and Justina Kozan, 6, were among the excited community members who turned up to celebrate the re-dedication of the trail path at Sycamore Canyon Park on April 10. Following brief remarks by City officials and local dignitaries, guests enjoyed a brisk quarter-mile walk through the newly-renovated trail and toured the Park's restroom building, recently modified to meet ADA standards. Visit the City website www.cityofdiamondbar.com and click on the Photo Gallery link at the top right corner to view more event photos.

