

City News

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City Council Adopts New Budget

Residents can look forward to preserved City and public safety service levels, and continuing progress of road improvement projects during fiscal year 2010-11.

Despite anticipated revenue losses due to the continuing poor economy and unresolved state budget crisis, the new City operating budget supports current service levels while maintaining significant reserve levels, thanks in great part to Diamond Bar's long history of prudent budgeting by City officials.

Among the planned road improvement projects for this new fiscal year are the Grand Avenue Beautification Project and drainage improvements at Brea Canyon Road and Via Sorella.

In addition to the budget, the City Council also approved a set of Goals & Objectives, for the current fiscal year and beyond, in areas that include traffic mitigation, fiscal responsibility, economic development, and communications.

Both the approved budget and City Council list of goals and objectives are available for viewing at City Hall, 21825 Copley Drive, during the City's business hours of 7:30 am to 5:30 pm, Monday through Thursday and 7:30 am and 4:30 pm on Friday.

For more information, call the City's Public Information Division at 909.839.7055.

Verizon "FiOS" Update

Due to financial constraints, Verizon is temporarily delaying further expansion of its FTTP network in many southland cities including Diamond Bar.

To date, Verizon has wired 4,200 homes in the northern and southern portions of Diamond Bar, and remains committed to installing its fiber-optic cable citywide when it resumes construction in 2011.

Questions about the Verizon FiOS construction schedule may be directed to Gary George, Verizon Director of Government & External Affairs, by calling 909.261.0663. To check if the FiOS service is available in your area, visit the Verizon website at www.verizon fios.com/verizon.



Wednesday evenings in Diamond Bar will be sizzling again this summer with this month's return of the City's annual Concerts in the Park and Movies under the Stars combo series to Sycamore Canyon Park.

The free concerts start at 6:30 pm and are followed by the movie as noted on the schedule. Parking and shuttle service to the park is also free and continuously available at the Diamond Bar Golf Course from 5:30 pm until the end of the movie.

Free Prescription Discount Card Program

Later this month, the City will join hundreds of Cities nationwide in launching a special Prescription Discount Card Program that entitles individuals with limited or no health insurance to a discount of up to 20 percent off the retail price of commonly prescribed medication.

Sponsored by the National League of Cities in collaboration with CVS Caremark, the program will officially launch in Diamond Bar on July 14.

There is no enrollment form or membership fee required to obtain an NLC prescription discount card, and there are no age, income level, or existing health coverage restrictions or limits on how often the card may be used.

The NLC card is accepted at more than 60,000

participating retail pharmacies across the country, including Diamond Bar-based Target, Sav-On, and CVS.

For more program information including frequently asked questions and contact information of participating pharmacies, visit the City website www.CityofDiamondBar.com and click on "NLC Prescription Discount Card" located in the "Residents" tab.

Founded in 1898, the National League of Cities is a voluntary nonprofit association of more than 19,000 Cities nationwide. Its mission is to act as resource and advocate for its members while strengthening and promoting Cities as centers of opportunity, leadership, and governance. For more information about NLC, visit www.nlc.org.

Be Prepared for Fire Season...

Wildfire Preparation

Residents who live on or near hillsides or brush-covered canyons are reminded that while National Wildfire Awareness Week may be observed in May, staying ready for the eventuality of a wildfire should be a year-round effort.

County of Los Angeles Fire Department officials recommend taking three simple steps to make homes more wildfire-resistant and prepare families for a quick and safe evacuation in the event of a wildfire.

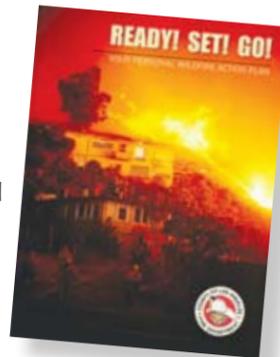
These steps, which include removing dead vegetation, retrofitting homes with fire-resistive features, and creating and practicing a Family Disaster Plan, are included in the "Ready, Set, Go! Personal Wildfire Action Plan" published last year by the Fire Department.

For more information or to download a copy of the Action Plan as well as a list of local vendors that provide hazard reduction services, visit www.Fire.LACounty.gov.

Fire Safety Campaign

The U.S. Fire Administration's latest public awareness campaign focuses on the importance of practicing fire safety.

The nationwide campaign dubbed "Install. Inspect. Protect." encourages people to install smoke alarms



and sprinklers, practice fire escape plans, and perform a home safety walk-through to remove fire hazards from their home.

When it comes to effectively installing and maintaining smoke alarms and sprinklers, the USFA suggest the following:



- ✓ Purchase dual sensor smoke alarms, which contain both ionization and photoelectric smoke sensors.
- ✓ Place smoke alarms both inside and outside of sleeping areas and on every level of your home.
- ✓ Test alarms monthly and change out batteries at least once a year. Tip: Use a date you already know, such as your birthday or on Daylight Saving Day
- ✓ If possible, install residential fire sprinklers in your home.
- ✓ Avoid painting or covering fire sprinklers because that will affect the sensitivity to heat.

For more information on the "Install. Inspect. Protect." Campaign and other fire prevention tips, visit www.usfa.dhs.gov/smokealarms.

July 28
Country Line (Contemporary Rock)
Movie: Imagine That

August 4
Cold Duck (70s Top 40)
Movie: Cloudy with a Chance of Meatballs

August 11
Sound Bytes (Pop 60s - 90s)
Movie: Where the Wild Things Are

August 18
Hot August Night
(Neil Diamond Tribute Band)
(Concert sponsored by the Diamond Bar Community Foundation)
Movie: The Princess and the Frog



Mark your calendar!

July 7
The Answer (Classic Rock)
Movie: Planet 51

July 14
Suave (Latin)
Movie: Shorts

July 21
Doo Wah Riders (Country)
Movie: Monsters vs. Aliens



Business Awards

June - Business of the Month

Burger King – Two Locations
Fast Food Restaurant



2711 S. Diamond Bar Blvd.



527 Grand Ave.

Hours:
Monday – Friday
6:00 am to 11:00 pm

Saturday and Sunday
11:00 pm to 1:00 am

Disposing of Sharps the Proper Way

Individuals who use Sharps to administer their own medical injections at home are reminded that disposing of used needles, syringes, or lancets in regular trash containers is hazardous and illegal. Here are some safe and legal disposal options available to Diamond Bar residents with medical waste:

Mail-back:

Purchase a "Disposal by Mail System Kit" and mail to an approved disposal facility using the enclosed pre-paid postage return box. *Residents are annually entitled to purchase up to three "Sharps Disposal by Mail System Kits" from Diamond Bar-based Target, CVS, or Rite Aid at the discount price of only \$5 each.

Drop-Off:

Once filled, take the Sharps container* or rigid, puncture-resistant container with screw top (e.g. bleach or laundry detergent bottle) clearly marked "contains Sharps," to one of the following locations:

Diamond Bar/Walnut Sheriff's Station

21695 E. Valley Boulevard (Walnut, CA)

Collection boxes are located outside the station for the safe depositing of unwanted/expired medications or syringes 24 hours a day, 7 days a week

(S.A.F.E) Collection Center

2649 E. Washington Boulevard (Los Angeles, CA)
For hours of operation, call 1.800.988.6942

Weekly HH/E-Waste Roundup

Held in various locations throughout the county of Los Angeles. The next roundup will be held on Saturday, July 17 from 9 am to 3 pm at La Puente Park (501 N. Glendora Ave.) in La Puente. For more details, call 1.888.CLEAN.LA or visit www.CleanLA.com.

More information on properly disposing of medical waste can be found on the California Integrated Waste Management Board website at www.ciwmb.ca.gov.

Senior Volunteers Recognized

Four long-time residents and volunteers were among a select group of individuals recently honored by the County of Los Angeles with a special award and reception for their exemplary dedication to community service in Diamond Bar.

Olga Esquivel, Doreen Hsu, Tulsi Savani, and Sou-Lan Shih were nominated by their peers to participate in the County's 45th Annual Older Americans Recognition Day Awards Program hosted by the Board of Supervisors and Commission on Aging.

Ms. Esquivel is well known throughout the community and beyond for her extensive community involvement. She was nominated by the Diamond Bar Senior Club, of which she is a member and current secretary. She is also a member of the Diamond Bar Woman's Club and the local Women's Council, and can be relied on to assist upon request.

Ms. Hsu, nominated by the Diamond Age Senior Citizens Association, is a professional and talented dance instructor. She is a dependable volunteer and has dedicated her past 15 years to teaching others a variety of dance styles, including Tango, Cha-Cha, Rumba, Salsa, and Waltz.

Mr. Savani has served the community in a variety of volunteer capacities for over 37 years. He was nominated by the Sunshine Seniors Association, a nonprofit group he joined when it first formed in 1997. When he is not participating in activities with his senior group, Mr. Savani is volunteering at the Adult Daycare Health Center in Diamond Bar.

Ms. Shih, an active community volunteer since



Pictured, from left, is the City's Recreation Specialist for Senior Services Lorry Meyer with honored volunteers Olga Esquivel, Doreen Hsu, and Sou-Lan Shih. Not pictured is Tulsi Savani.

1990, was nominated by the Diamond Bar Evergreen Club. She is credited with establishing and overseeing the Club's dance group and teaching more than a dozen classes in areas that include English, Social Dance, Chinese Opera, Gardening, and Tai-chi.

The County's Annual Older Americans Recognition Day Awards Program, now in its 45th year, coincides with Older Americans Month, observed nationally every May, to celebrate the accomplishments of maturing adults and honor the contributions they have made and continue to make.

Utility Bill Discounts and Energy Efficiency Assistance

If keeping your home cooler this summer is a concern because of the effect it will have on your electric bill, it may be a good idea to look into the bill discount and energy efficiency assistance programs offered by your utility companies.

Both Southern California Edison (SCE) and Southern California Gas Company (The Gas Company) offer a variety of programs designed to help qualifying customers lower their bills.

One of those programs is the California Alternate Rates for Energy (CARE) program, which provides qualifying customers a discount of 20 percent on their monthly electric and gas bills.

To help increase your home's energy efficiency, SEC offers rebates of new products including appliances, lighting, air conditioners, pool pumps and motors as part of its Energy Management Assistance program, while The Gas Company provides eligible customers, upon request, free energy-saving home improvement services that include door weather-stripping and caulking, attic insulation, and water heater repair or replacement.

For more information, contact SCE at 800.950.2356 or visit www.sce.com/assistance or contact The Gas Company at 800.427.2200 or visit www.socalgas.com/extrahelp.

Free Lamp Exchange



Southern California Edison customers may exchange up to 10 inefficient halogen and incandescent light fixtures for new, Energy Star labeled lamps during a special Free Lamp Exchange Event scheduled for July 17 and 18.

The event, sponsored by SCE as part of its energy efficiency efforts, will be held from 8 am to 1 pm at the front parking lot of the Kmart located at 2900 North Bellflower in Long Beach.

Pre-registration is not required; however lamp quantities are limited and the exchange will be handled on a first-come, first-serve basis. Proof of residency (electricity bill or CA driver license) within SCE service territory is required. For more information, visit www.scelampexchange.com or call 800.865.6483.

CITY HALL ONLINE

24 hours a day, 7 days a week
www.cityofdiamondbar.com

Quick Links to Most Searched
Web Items under the
I Want To Tab....



The "I Want To" tab, located on the City website homepage, contains more than 50 quick links to the most often searched topics. With so many choices ranging from reading the

electronic version of this newsletter to reporting sidewalk damage and searching the Municipal Code, the use of this feature can be a true time saver. If you'd like to suggest topics for the "I Want To" tab, don't hesitate to contact the Public Information Division by phone at 909.839.7056 or email at publicinfo@ci.diamond-bar.ca.us.

Free Summer Reading Program

The theme of this year's Summer Reading Program "Make a Splash @ Your Library" is offered at all County of Los Angeles libraries, including the Diamond Bar branch.

The free reading program, aimed at encouraging children to read over the summer, awards participants prizes based on the number of books they read through August 12.

It also features fun group activities every Thursday at 2 pm and a movie matinee with free popcorn and juice on the second and fourth Friday of each month.

Some Thursday afternoon activities require advance



signups, such as a Pirate Party (June 15), Egyptian Party (June 29), Sand Art Workshop (June 21), Design a T-shirt Workshop (June 28), Tie Dye Beach Towel Workshop (July 12), and Beach Bag Workshop (July 19).

For the complete Summer Reading Program schedule of events, visit the City website

www.cityofdiamondbar.com and click on the "Residents" tab, "Community Information" and "Diamond Bar Library."

The Summer Reading program concludes on Thursday, August 13 with a Finale Party. For more information or to sign-up, call the Diamond Bar Library at 909.861.4978.

Teen Night Out

Teen Night Out returns for its second time on Friday, July 16!



Themed "Sycamore Night Safari," the event is restricted to Diamond Bar teens ages 13 through 19 and features Laser Tag, carnival games, bounce houses, and DJ music from 6 to 10 pm at Sycamore Canyon Park.

Concession goods, keepsake photographs by John Horvath, and glow necklaces will be available for purchase.

The free event is organized by DB4Youth "In Action," a City-sponsored group formed in 2006 to encourage an active and community-oriented teen population. Aside from planning teen-oriented special events, the group regularly volunteers with local non-profits.

For more information about the event or to learn more about DB4Youth, call Community Services Coordinator Alison Meyers at 909.839.7024.

Vaccination Clinic

Inland Valley Humane Society's traveling vaccination clinic is making a stop in Diamond Bar later this month to help residents safeguard their pets against rabies.

On Thursday, July 29, IVHS staff will be at Pantera Park (738 Pantera Drive) from 7 pm to 8 pm to administer rabies shots to dogs for \$6 and cats for \$10 as well as 5-in-1, corona and bordatella vaccinations for \$15 each.

Due to their popularity, attendees should anticipate long wait times; service is provided on first-come, first-serve basis. Dogs must be on leashes and cats in carriers.

As a reminder, rabies vaccinations are required by

state law for all dogs four months and older, and necessary for the licensing of both dogs and cats. For more information, call IVHS at 909.623.9777.



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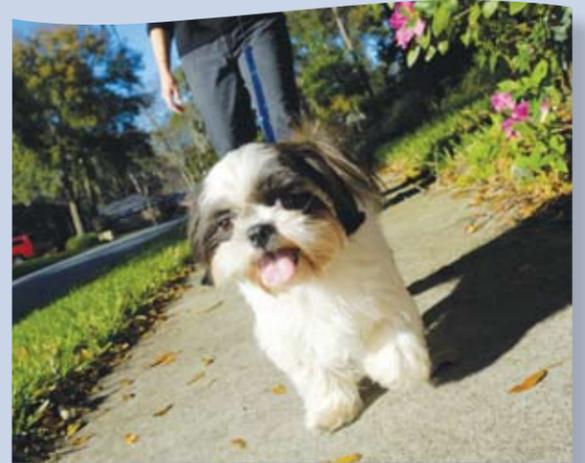


Ask City Hall

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

Q: The sidewalk in front of my house is constantly a target for pet waste. Isn't it against City law for pet owners to walk their dogs and leave their waste uncollected? What can I do about it?

A: Yes, failing to pick up and properly dispose of pet waste in Diamond Bar public areas is unsightly, unsanitary, and a violation of the City's Municipal Code, Section 6.00.090. The ordinance applies to all recreational areas and public spaces in the City, including public right-of-ways.



When taking their dog for a walk in a public area, residents are required to clean up any litter left by their pets.

Responsible pet ownership on everyone's part will keep our City looking clean and prevent the spread of diseases caused by bacteria and parasites found in pet waste.

Foothill Transit Line to Brea Mall saved

Residents who enjoy the convenience of riding Foothill Transit Line 286 to get to Brea Mall may continue to do so, despite the recent service reductions implemented by the local public transit agency.

Earlier this year, the agency had proposed a fare increase and over \$9 million in service reductions in response to a budget deficit caused by declining sales tax revenue and severe cuts in State transportation funding.

These reductions included the elimination of 13 lines, including 286 which provides daily trips on the hour from six stops along Diamond Bar Boulevard to the popular shopping center.

However, thanks in large part to a new diesel tax initiative signed by the governor in April, the agency was able to revise its reductions to amount to only \$3 million in cuts that translate into nominal fare increases, elimination of only two lines (184 and 852) due to low ridership, and route and schedule frequency modifications to 17 other lines.

The new pricing for local fares (up from \$1 to \$1.25) and other fares and passes (up close to 10 percent) went into effect on June 27, while the revised bus routes will be implemented on July 18. For more information, contact Foothill Transit at 626.967.3147 or visit its website at www.foothilltransit.org.



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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	909.869.0701

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
- 4th of July Blast - 5-9 pm at Diamond Bar High School
Fireworks show at 9 pm
- Concerts in the Park/Movies Under the Stars - 6:30 pm at Sycamore Canyon Park

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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.

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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Because Every Drop Counts...

Summer is here and, among other things, it translates into increased water consumption. We all know the common water-saving tips such as "taking shorter showers," "operating clothes washers only on a full load," and "turning the water faucet off while we brush our teeth." Here are some easy tips that may not be so common, but are worth implementing:

- Rather than emptying leftover water or ice down a drain, find another use for it such as watering plants.
- Refrain from using running water to thaw meat or other frozen foods. Defrost food overnight in the refrigerator or by using the defrost setting on your microwave.
- Operate automatic dishwashers and clothes washers only when they are fully loaded; or properly set the water level for the size of load you are washing.
- Dispose of tissues, insects and other such waste in the trash bin rather than the toilet to avoid unnecessary flushes.

Additional water-saving tips can be found at www.BeWaterWise.com.

Snapshots Around The Community



WORLD CUP FEVER...

In the spirit of the 2010 World Cup, several participants of the City's Summer Day Camp Program took to the field to learn the basics of playing soccer such as dribbling, passing, trapping and scoring. City Recreation Leaders Mike Vidarre and Brian Soo even taught campers some of the soccer moves put into practice by the pros, such as the "pick-up," "full volley," and "half preki." The City's popular 11-week summer program for children ages 6 to 12 is offered every year and runs June through August.

IN THE SWING OF THINGS...

Nutz, the City's popular Summer Concerts in the Park mascot recently made a stop at several community venues - including the Diamond Bar Golf Course - as part of a traveling photo shoot assignment. As customary, Nutz, will be making a special appearance during this year's concert evenings at Sycamore Canyon Park. The photos taken will form part of "Where's Nutz?," a fun on-screen game that challenges event-goers to guess the locations visited by the friendly squirrel.

