

City News

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Annual Veterans Recognition Ceremony



The efforts of Diamond Bar veterans will again be commemorated during the City's annual Veterans Recognition Ceremony on Wednesday, November 10. Scheduled to take place at the Diamond Bar Center from 8 to 10 am, the ceremony will feature patriotic entertainment, an awards presentation, and continental breakfast. Also as part of the event, members of the U.S. Armed Forces who are no longer actively deployed will be presented with their Armed Forces Banners previously displayed along City thoroughfares. If you or you know someone who has not previously been honored by the City Council and wish to be included in the presentation, please contact Community Services Coordinator Lorry Meyer at 909.839.7068. The ceremony is free and open to the public but requires reservations be made no later than 5:30 pm on Wednesday, November 3 by calling the City's Community Services Department at 909.839.7070.



Learn how to reduce your carbon footprint

Pantera Park
738 Pantera Drive • Diamond Bar
November 6

A special City event planned for Saturday, November 6 from 10 am to 2 pm at Pantera Park will give residents the opportunity to connect with ideas, products, and services to make their home more environmentally sustainable. Dubbed "Eco Expo," the family-friendly event will feature representatives from several earth-conscious companies with valuable information on the monetary incentives and earth-saving benefits of using green products and technologies. Fun earth-themed arts and crafts will be available to entertain children up to age 12. At the event, Diamond Bar residents will also have the

opportunity to:

- Drop off unwanted electronic waste,
- Obtain up to two bags of free mulch, courtesy of Waste Management*;
- Exchange up to two incandescent holiday light strands and/or incandescent light bulbs for new energy-saving LED holiday light strands and CFL light bulbs**; and
- Enter the City's second annual Home Holiday Decorating Contest

For more information, visit the City website www.CityofDiamondBar.com or call the City's Public Works Department at 909.839.7040.

*coupon required. Look for the coupon in your upcoming Waste Management bill.
**limited supplies. Exchange will take place until supplies are exhausted.



Every now and then, the City receives requests from residents to promote certain issues that may not be emergencies but are just plain annoying. One that is often mentioned is irresponsible pet owners who do not clean up after their dogs, whether in parks, on sidewalks, or on their neighbor's lawn.

An advertising campaign entitled, "Don't Embarrass Your Pet..." is making its way to local papers, shopping center bulletin boards, newsletters, and even bus stop shelters as a reminder to pet owners to be to be courteous to their fellow residents and respectful of their community.

BE EMERGENCY READY

FIND US on Facebook & Twitter
REGISTER/UPDATE your phone, cell phone, or email for Emergency Alerts
www.CityofDiamondBar.com

Emergency in Progress:
LOG ON www.CityofDiamondBar.com
TUNE IN to Ch. 3 (Time Warner)/Ch. 47 (Verizon FiOS)

New Online Municipal Code Features

Several enhancements were recently made to Municode.com, the online searchable database that stores the municipal codes of thousands of cities nationwide, including Diamond Bar.

Among the new features touted is the print, save, and email functionality available at every level of the Code.

To access Diamond Bar's Code, visit the City website www.CityofDiamondBar.com and click on the top right link titled "Municipal Codes." You can research a particular law by choosing from the topics listed in the Table of Contents or entering a keyword into the "Search" box and clicking "Go."

The Municipal Code covers the structure of government and serves as the official book of laws and rules that govern every aspect of living and doing business within a city.

VOTE ONLINE "Residents' Choice" Award

Over the next few weeks, a judging committee will be busy scoring the entries received in response to the City's third annual Diamond Bar Through My Lens photo contest.

And beginning Monday, October 18 at noon, you too will have a chance to select your favorite photo from five of the judges' top choices.

Voting will take place online via the City website www.CityofDiamondBar.com in the "Community Photo Contest" page located by clicking on the "Residents" tab.

The entry with the most online votes will earn a "Residents' Choice" award of commendation and a \$100 cash prize, courtesy of the Diamond Bar Community Foundation.

Voting closes at midnight on October 31. For more information, contact the City's Public Information Division at 909.839.7059.

Business Awards

September Business of the Month



Ralphs

Grocery, Bakery, Floral, Bank

1180 S. Diamond Bar Boulevard
909.860.6999
www.ralphs.com

Hours:
Monday – Sunday
6:00 am to 1:00 am

Is Your Home Burglar-Friendly?

How to make your home unattractive to burglars

One characteristic shared by all criminals is that of being opportunists, especially when it comes to burglarizing homes. Unlocked doors, overgrown landscaping, and darkened paths all create opportunities for burglars looking to enter and escape homes quickly and undetected.

Five tips to make your home less attractive to burglars:

1 Deny access into your home. Take a “burglar’s perspective” when conducting an assessment of access ways into your home and address the problem areas. Access ways include glass sliding doors, windows without locks or close to ground level, and a spare set of keys hidden in obvious places such as under doormats and in plant pots. Also, don’t leave garden or home improvement tools (ladder, hammer, etc.) that could aid a burglar’s entry into your home.

2 Eliminate hiding areas. Trimmed and thinned out shrubbery, landscape and path lighting, and motion-detecting lighting can work together to give burglars less places to hide.

3 Be a good neighbor. Neighbors failing to watch out for one another improve a burglar’s chance of being successful. If you haven’t already, get acquainted with your neighbors. Offer to keep an eye on their homes while they’re away and ask that they do the same for you. Invite them to join or form a Neighborhood Watch group – remember there’s “strength in numbers.” To find out if there’s a group established in your area or for help with starting up a new one, call the Diamond Bar Sheriff’s Team at 909.839.7079.

4 Break your established routine pattern. In advance of committing a crime, some burglars “case” a neighborhood for several weeks to find homes

with a clock-work like routines. A couple ways to break day-to-day habits include stopping by or having a friend or relative stop by your house at different times during the day or relocating your car a couple times a day. If a burglar doesn’t know when you’re coming or going, he’ll be less likely to target your home.

5 Maintain the appearance of an occupied home. If you plan on being away, even if only for a weekend, ask a friend or neighbor to check your mailbox and pick up any newspapers or circulars left on your doorway. You should also pay attention to your indoors – install a security system, put a timer on interior lighting, keep a vehicle in the driveway. Remember you can also enlist for free Vacation Check service from the Diamond Bar/Walnut Sheriff’s Station by calling 909.595.2264 or visiting 21695 E. Valley Boulevard in Walnut.

A few other reminders:

1 Your friends and family may not be the only people following you on Facebook. Refrain from posting comments on your social media sites or “tweeting” about being on vacation or out for the evening. If you want to share details about your latest getaway, do it once you’ve returned home.

2 Experienced burglars take less than five minutes to make a clean sweep of a home. Leaving your attached garage open while you tend to your backyard or leaving your front door unlocked while you dash to the pharmacy is more than plenty time for a burglary to take place.

3 Leaving your windows open during hot-weather months to let in a bit of fresh air, may also reveal to potential burglars some of the high-priced items you have inside such as your entertaining or gaming systems. The same goes for new item packaging left outside of your refuse or recycling bins.

What’s Happening at the Library!

Read Together Diamond Bar

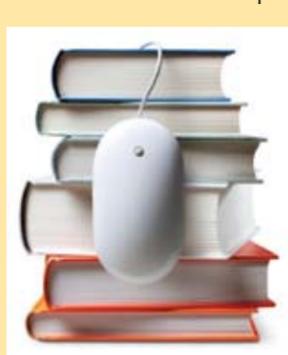
There’s still time to read the Ray Bradbury novel “Fahrenheit 451” in time for the series of events tied to the Read Together Diamond Bar program sponsored by the Friends of the Diamond Bar Library.

Events start mid-October and will include a writers’ workshop titled “Book Publishing 1-2-3,” a screening of the movie, and a book discussion. Additional event details and times are listed on the County of Los Angeles website www.colapublib.org.



Free Online Tutoring Service

If you need help with homework or a refresher on a particular school subject, the County of Los Angeles library invites you to use your library card to access its free online tutoring service known as Live Homework Help.



The service offers one-on-one tutoring to students in grades Kinder through 12, as well as those taking introductory college courses in the subject areas of English, science, math, social studies, and essay review. Adults may access the service as well to obtain career

help, including resume review, job search, and interview preparation.

Tutoring is available every day in 20-minute blocks from 1 pm to midnight in both English and Spanish, and 4 pm to 7 pm in Vietnamese. For more information or to access Live Homework Help, visit the County of Los Angeles Library website www.cola-publib.org.

National Fire Prevention Week 2010

Data collected by the National Fire Protection Association (NFPA) show that working smoke alarms cut the chance of dying in a fire nearly in half...but they must be working properly to do so. The City joins NFPA in encouraging residents to visit www.FirePreventionWeek.org to learn how to better protect their loved ones from fire through the installation of smoke alarms and the use of new technologies for maintaining them.



Free Landscaping Class

Want to create a more water-efficient garden without compromising your property’s curb-appeal? Learn the basics on landscape design, California-native plant identification and selection, irrigation system installation, and maintenance recommendations during the Walnut Valley Water District’s upcoming free residential landscape class.

When: Saturday, October 2
Where: Walnut Valley Water District Office
271 South Brea Canyon Road, Walnut

To reserve a spot, call the District at 909.595.7554, ext. 370, and leave your name, address, and phone number. A District representative will return your call to confirm your attendance.



Free Air Quality Email Alerts

The City joins the AQMD in encouraging individuals who are sensitive to outdoor air conditions to sign up for free daily email alerts regarding air quality forecast. Managed by the US Environmental Protection Agency, Enviroflash emails provide the same air quality information that local television and radio stations provide, along with suggested safety measures. To sign up, visit www.enviroflash.info.



Certified Used Oil Collection Centers



Do-it-yourselfers who change their own motor oil are reminded that there are several State and City-certified centers for the recycling of your used oil and filters. These centers accept used oil from the public at no charge during their regular business hours, and even offer a 16 cent per gallon refund.

Here in Diamond Bar, the certified used oil collection centers are:

Autozone
303 W. Diamond Bar Boulevard
909.396-4682

Firestone Tires
1150 S. Grand Avenue
909.861.4140

Jiffy Lube
(also accepts filters)
2845 S. Diamond Bar Boulevard
909.869.7273

For more information, contact the City’s Environmental Services Division at 909.839.7035.

HALL OF HORRORS

Your worst nightmare will again darken the doorstep of Heritage Park Community Center on the evenings of Saturday and Sunday, October 30th and 31st to transform the Center into a Hall of Horrors. Fright fans, 8 years of age and older, are challenged to visit the Hall of Horrors between 6 and 9 pm and take the 5-minute self-guided tour featuring heart-pounding thrills and terrifying scare zones. Admission into the popular haunted attraction is \$5 per

person. Visit the City website www.CityofDiamondBar.com to print a special 2-for-1 coupon good for one free ticket with the purchase of one ticket on the evening of Saturday, the 30th.

Heritage Park Community Center is located at 2900 S. Brea Canyon Road.

For more information, call the City's Recreation Services Division at 909.839.7070.



Parents looking for family-friendly daytime fun for little ones this Halloween need to look no further than the City's annual Fall Fun Festival.

The not-so-scary Halloween event set to take place on Sunday, October 31 from 4:30 to 8:30pm at Heritage Park will feature arts and crafts, balloon animals, games, toy prizes and candy for children ages 2 to 8.

Also, attendees can have their photo taken by a professional photographer for a nominal fee, and help support the efforts of teen-group DB4Youth "In Action" by patronizing its snack booth.

Admission to this event is \$5 per child and free for parents. For more information, contact the City's Recreation Services Division at 909.839.7070.

GASTING CALL!

CALLING ALL GALS AND "GHOULS" WITH A KNACK FOR BUILDING, DESIGNING, AND SCARING!

The City's Recreation Services Division is looking for young volunteers interested in playing a role in the City's popular annual "Hall of Horrors" haunted house set for Saturday and Sunday, October 30th and 31st.

Volunteers must be of high school age and either live in Diamond Bar or attend Diamond Bar or Diamond Ranch high schools. School identifications will be requested.

If you are interested and meet the requirements, plan on attending a mandatory volunteer orientation on Tuesday, October 12 starting at 6 pm at the Heritage Park Community Center located at 2900 Brea Canyon Road. Event details and volunteer roles will be discussed, and waiver forms will be distributed.

For more information, call the City's Recreation Coordinator Andee Tarazon at 909.839.7067.

Senior Halloween Dance

Adults 55 years of age and older are invited to BOO-gie to dance favorites and classic



Halloween songs during the annual Senior Halloween Dance set to take place at the Diamond Bar Center on Wednesday, October 27 from 6 to 9 pm.

As customary, Keith Johnson will act as the DJ and the evening will include dinner, dancing, and prizes. Admission to this event is \$15 per person and

requires reservations be made no later than noon on Friday, October 22. Costumes are optional. For more information or to make reservations, call the City's Recreation Services Division at 909.839.7070.

Senior Health Fair & Flu Clinic

On Monday, November 1, adults age 55 and older are invited to drop by the Diamond Bar Center between 9 am to noon to enjoy free refreshments and learn how to improve their health during the City's annual Senior Health Fair & Flu Shot Clinic.

The event will feature various health-related vendors and giveaways, as well as free flu shots for those who qualify. Reservations are not needed for the event, but flu shots need to be pre-booked by calling 909.839.7070. The Diamond Bar Center is located at 1600 Grand Avenue.

New Floral Design Workshops

The art of flower arranging is the focus of two new hands-on workshops available to individuals 16 and older as part of the City's fall menu of enrichment choices.



The first workshop scheduled for Saturday, November 6 from 1 to 3 pm, will teach participants how to create centerpieces for a variety of occasions, while the workshop set for Tuesday, December 7 from 7 to 9 pm, will teach participants the steps to crafting holiday wreaths.

Participants will each get materials to craft either a Thanksgiving centerpiece on November 6 or a holiday wreath on December 7.

Workshops take place at the Diamond Bar Center, 1600 Grand Avenue.

The cost for each one-day workshop is \$15 for registration and a \$20 material fee payable to the instructor on the meeting day. For more information, call the 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: My street light is out. How do I get it fixed?

A: All street lights within the City are the property of Southern California Edison. You can report an inoperable street light by calling the City's Public Works Department at 909.839.7040 or Southern California Edison at 800.655-4555 or via their website at www.sce.com/forms/ReportStreetLightOutage.aspx.

You will need the following information:

- the address specific location (address or nearest cross streets),
- the streetlight pole number (if available, it is found at eye level), and
- the nature of the problem.

If the streetlight is located within a City park, contact the City's Community Services Department at 909.839.7060 or complete a service request via the City's website at www.CityofDiamondBar.com.

Community Invited to Provide Input on Proposed Site D Development

The City Council invites the community to provide input regarding the proposed development of the 30-acre vacant property located at the corner of Brea Canyon Road and Diamond Bar Boulevard, or more commonly known as Site D. The meeting, hosted by the Walnut Valley Unified School District, takes place on Saturday, October 16 from 8:30am to 12:30pm at Castle Rock Elementary School, 2975 Castle Rock Road. For more information, contact the Walnut Valley Unified School District Superintendent's office at 909.595.1261



Handcraft Vendors Wanted

Handcrafters are invited to turn their hobby into profit by participating as a vendor in the City's annual Candy Cane Craft Fair scheduled to take place at the Diamond Bar Center on Saturday, December 4 from 9 am to 2 pm.

To be eligible to participate in the Fair, crafters must submit to City Hall a completed vendor application along with a minimum of four photos (hard copy or electronic) of the wares they plan to sell no later than 4:30 pm on Friday, November 5. Crafts must be handmade, but are not limited to seasonal or holiday items.

The vendor application, participation fee, display space size, and other event details are available on the City website www.CityofDiamondBar.com in the "Special Events" section found under the "Recreation" tab.

For additional information, contact the City Recreation Services Division at 909.830.7070.

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	909.869.0701
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



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Snapshots Around The Community



3, 2, 1, ACTION!...

Diamond Bar Center recently doubled as the filming location for a commercial promoting SCAN, the fourth largest nonprofit Medicare Advantage health plan in the United States. A variety of furnishings transformed the Center's Pine and Maple rooms, as well as 1/3 of the Grandview Ballroom into living rooms complete with bookcases, sofas, and portraits. Pictured is the commercial director prepping members of the professional cast for the next scene. The commercial is now airing on regular network television.

MUSIC MAKING...

Using a variety of play instruments including jingling bells, maracas, and accordions, several parents and their children are pictured making music together during one of the City's Kindermusik Adventures class. The class, open to parents and their toddlers age 1 to 4, is designed to stimulate children's development through a combination of music and movement. The next Kindermusik class "ABC Music & Me: Let's Play" will run October 27 to December 28. Class meets on Wednesdays from 10:00 am to 10:45 am at the Diamond Bar Center. For more class details or to register, call the City's Recreation Services Division at 909.839.7070.



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
- Fall Fun Festival - 4:30-8:30 pm at Heritage Park recommended for ages 2 to 8
- Hall of Horrors - 6-9 pm at Heritage Park recommended for age 8 and older
- Echo Expo - 10 am-2 pm at Pantera Park Details on Page 1



COMMUNITY HEROS...

Diamond Bar residents, Mei Lien Chang (left) and Yolanda Gong, are unsung heroes no more. Both volunteers were recognized for their dedicated community service to Diamond Bar and named "Community Heroes" by the L.A. County Fair Association during the September 16 Diamond Bar Day at the Fair celebration. Among other things, Mei Lien is credited with helping establish and maintain various nonprofit programs in the community, including the Diamond Bar Chinese American Association, while Yolanda is acknowledged for volunteering hundreds of community service hours benefiting a great number of nonprofits through her membership in the Lions-sponsored Leo Club. Congratulations, Mei Lien and Yolanda!

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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.