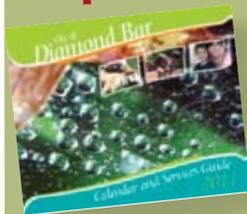


City News

Published Monthly For Residents & Businesses in Diamond Bar

Reserve Your Copies



Two highly sought-after resident resources will be available later this month – the City’s popular Calendar and Services Guide and the Street Sweeping Schedule Magnet. Among the sections comprising the award-winning Calendar and Services Guide are:

- local parks and trails
- A-Z community resources phone directory
- emergency preparedness information
- recycling services and tips
- property maintenance reminders

To request that a copy of one or both of these items be mailed to you, call the City’s Public Information Division at 909.839.7026. You may also email the request to publicinfo@ci.diamond-bar.ca.us.

City Welcomes New Assistant Fire Chief

A 24-year veteran of the Los Angeles County Fire Department recently became City of Diamond Bar’s new Assistant Fire Chief.

Angel Montoya began his career in the fire service as a firefighter in 1986. Since that time he has promoted through the ranks and served in the positions of Firefighter Paramedic, Engineer, Captain Battalion Chief, and Assistant Fire Chief.



In his new role as Assistant Fire Chief for Division 8 of the Los Angeles County Fire Department, Chief Montoya is responsible for overseeing the fire protection and life safety services provided to Diamond

Bar and four other cities as well as four unincorporated areas.

Chief Montoya was an original member of the Fire Department’s Urban Search and Rescue (USAR) team and unit, developed to respond to countywide specialized heavy and technical rescues. He was also a task force member of the Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA), where he responded to disasters that included the Northridge Earthquake and Hurricane Iniki in Hawaii. During the November 16 City Council meeting, Chief Montoya expressed his enthusiasm to work with the City and its citizens on fire protection and safety-related issues.

Holiday Home Decorating Contest

The City is hosting a Holiday Home Decorating Contest to recognize residents for contributing to the community’s festive atmosphere through outdoor holiday trimmings.

Homes must fit in the category of “Best Holiday Spirit,” “Best Lawn Display,” or “Most Energy Efficient,” and use at least one strand of LED lights, regardless of the category.

Winners will be acknowledged with a special recognition yard sign, a mention on the City cable channel, website, newsletter, and recognition at an upcoming City Council meeting.

To register online, visit the City website www.CityofDiamondBar.com and locate “Holiday Home Decorating Contest under the “Residents” tab. Paper entry forms are available for pickup at City Hall.

Deadline for entries is 4:30 pm on Friday, December 10. Judging takes place between 7 pm and 10 pm on Wednesday, December 15; participants do not need to be present, but outdoor decorations must be lit. For

more information or to request a form by mail, call 909.839.7040.

Free LED Holiday Lights

For a limited time, every contest entrant who visits Diamond Bar City Hall (21825 Copley Drive) will receive two free strands of multi-colored LED lights. Due to limited supplies, the strands are limited to two per household and participants must bring a valid California ID or copy of a recent utility bill to show proof of Diamond Bar residency. Distribution will be handled on a first-come, first-serve basis.



LED lights use up to 90 percent less energy than standard lights, last about 100,000 hours, and are cool to the touch making them less of a fire hazard.



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

Business Awards

October Business of the Month



Aljibani Halal Market

23385 Golden Springs Drive
909.861.3865

Market

Hours: Tues. - Sun., 9 am - 8 pm

Holiday Shopping? Use the Holiday Diamond Ride



With the holiday season fast approaching, many of us will give a lot of thought to **what** gift items we will purchase and for **whom**. But did you know that **where** we buy the items is equally as important?

When you buy a gift from a local merchant, you can be sure that you are doing more than just checking off items from your holiday shopping list – you are supporting local businesses, helping keep jobs in town, and generating sales tax dollars that fund valuable City services that include law enforcement, fire protection,

park maintenance, and recreational programs.

Now through Sunday, January 2, Diamond Bar residents can take advantage of free cab rides from their home to a Diamond Bar-based shopping center and back home, as part of the City's annual Holiday Diamond Ride program.

To use the Holiday Diamond Ride program, residents must be 18 years of age or older or be accompanied by an adult, and have proof of Diamond Bar residency (driver license or utility bill). To schedule a ride, call 800.578.6555.

Holiday Dinner Dance for Seniors

Adults 55 and older are invited to ring in the holidays on Wednesday, December 15 by attending the annual Senior Holiday Dinner Dance at the Diamond Bar Center. The traditional favorite event will run from 5:30 to 9:30 pm and feature dinner, beverages, prizes and dancing.

Tickets cost \$15 per person and reservations must be made no later than noon on Friday, December 10. Diamond Bar Center is located at 1600 Grand Avenue in Diamond Bar. For more information or to make reservations, call 909.839.7068.



Free Curbside Holiday Tree Collection

Waste Management customers can take advantage of free curbside tree collection from December 27 through January 17. Trees should be free of lights, tinsel, and stands (flocking is okay), and placed at the curb on collection day.

For more information, contact Waste Management at 800.266.7551.

December City Office Closures

Here's a reminder that City offices will be closed Thursday and Friday, December 23-24 in observance of Christmas and Friday, December 31 in observance of New Year's Day. As a result of these holidays, refuse pickup will be delayed 1 day.

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

December 2010

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12	13	14	15	16	17	18
19	20	21	22	23 <small>Christmas Holiday City Offices Closed</small>	24 <small>Christmas Holiday City Offices Closed</small>	25
26	27	28	29	30	<small>New Year's Holiday City Offices Closed</small>	

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

Don't Embarrass Your Pet

They are hard to miss. They aim to deliver a simple yet important message. They are the bus stop shelter ads featuring a visibly embarrassed dog and blaring message "Don't Embarrass Your Pet... Be Responsible – Clean Up After Them." The ads, located on several bus stop shelters throughout Diamond Bar have been up since fall and will remain in place until the end of this month. They are part of a new public education campaign undertaken by the City to remind residents that cleaning up litter left by their dogs is part of every pet owner's responsibility.

For more information about this campaign, contact the City's Public Information Division at 909.839.7055.



Responsible pet ownership helps keep our City clean and prevents the spread of disease caused by bacteria and parasites found in pet waste.

Rainy Weather Preparations

In addition to increasing the frequency of street sweeping efforts during wet weather months, the City also contracts with the County of Los Angeles every year to inspect and clear Diamond Bar's 1,258 catch basins to ensure they can handle the potential heavy flow of rainwater.

If you haven't already, consider doing your part to prepare for the rainy season by:

- ✓ Inspecting your roof for leaks;
- ✓ Cleaning out gutters and downspouts;
- ✓ Resetting automatic irrigation systems; and
- ✓ Picking up free sand and sandbags at your local fire stations 119 (20480 Pathfinder Road) or 121 (346 Armitos Road).

Street Sweeping

Just a reminder that during the months of December and January, streets are swept weekly to handle the increase in debris due to the winter season. The street sweeper operates on two shifts, 7:30 am to 1:00 pm and 11:30 am to 5:00 pm. Neighborhood signage indicating the exact day and time are posted throughout the City. For more information, contact the Public Works Department at 909.839.7040.



Street Sweeping Fun Fact:

The City contracts with R. F. Dickson Company to sweep close to 10,900 curb miles of city streets annually.

WINTER Snow Fest

Pantera Park will be brimming with holiday cheer and good old-fashioned family fun when the City hosts its annual Winter Snow Fest on Saturday, January 15 from 10 am to 4 pm. The festive event will feature snow play areas, snow ramps, craft activities, and photo opportunities with Flurry. Live entertainment will be provided by local schools and community groups. Food and refreshments will be sold, with proceeds benefiting Diamond Bar-based non-profit organizations.

Admission to the event and access to the snow play areas is free, however sledding, game and craft areas are subject to a minimal fee. Special \$5.00 wristbands to ride the sleds unlimitedly and \$1.00 tickets to participate in up to 4 games/crafts will be available for purchase at the event. Parents are encouraged to dress their children in closed-toed shoes and gloves. No outside sleds will be allowed. Free shuttle service to and from Pantera Park and the surrounding neighborhood will be available regularly throughout event hours.

For more information, visit the City website www.CityofDiamondBar.com or call the Community Services Department at 909.830.7070. Pantera Park is located at 738 Pantera Drive.



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 refuse, green, and recycle containers be stored out of public view (in the garage, back or side yard, in a screened enclosure, etc.) Also, the containers should not be placed at curb side any earlier than sunset on the day preceding a scheduled collection. Empty containers should be put away before 10 pm the day of collection.

Rose Parade 2011, Reserve Your Seat

Grandstand seat tickets are still available for those who want to ring in the New Year at the 122nd annual Tournament of Roses Parade on Saturday, January 1, 2011. This is an all-ages trip, however individuals under age 18 must be accompanied by an adult.

The ticket price of \$103 per person covers the cost for round trip transportation, a continental breakfast, reserved grandstand seating, Diamond Bar seat cushion, an official Rose Parade program, and a return-trip snack.



The bus departs from City Hall, 21825 Copley Drive, at 5:30 am and returns at 2:00 pm. For more information or to purchase tickets, contact the City's Recreation Services Division at 909.839.7070.

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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	909.860.1904

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

Miss Diamond Bar, Now Accepting Applications



Miss Diamond Bar Pageant, Inc. is now accepting applications from individuals interested in vying for the 2011 Miss Diamond Bar title. Contestants must be at least 16 years of age and no older than 27 and attend all related dress rehearsals to be eligible to participate in the pageant scheduled for Sunday, March 20, 2011. For more information or to obtain an application, visit www.missdiamondbarpageant.org or call 909.861.8454.

Snapshots Around The Community



CROCHET CRAFTERS... Just in time for the cooler months, participants of the City's "Crochet for Beginners" class wove skeins into scarves after mastering the basic crocheting techniques of reading patterns, choosing materials for projects, and distinguishing stitches. Crochet for Beginners will again be available to individuals 16 and older for a class fee of \$72 during the City's winter recreation class session. Participants will meet at the Diamond Bar Center every Monday evening from 6 pm to 7:30 pm from January 10 through March 14. For more details, call the City's Recreation Services Division at 909.839.7070.

ECO EXPO... Last month's environmentally-friendly City event aimed at connecting residents with "green" ideas, products, and services drew several hundred participants. While children were entertained with fun earth-themed arts and crafts, adults had a chance to discuss the monetary incentives and earth-saving benefits of using green products and technologies with several companies including Edison, Walnut Valley Water District, South Coast AQMD, and Valley Vista. Also at the event, attendees had the opportunity to drop off unwanted electronic waste, get free LED holiday



light strands, CFL light bulbs, and mulch bags. Pictured giving her dad (Richard) a hand with her family's share of mulch is 6-year-old Elise Harrington.