

City News

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- WANTED -

Early Diamond Bar Memorabilia

We need your help!

In April 2014 when Diamond Bar celebrates its 25th year of incorporation, we want to tell the story of our city's history. But in order to do so, we need your help. We are on a mission to borrow any memorabilia whether it be photographs, school diplomas, marriage licenses, event brochures, or toys. Everything is welcome.



If you have something and are willing to share, you can deliver it to City Hall or request that it be picked up at your house. Items will be carefully handled and returned.

For more information or to loan your memorabilia, contact the City's Public Information Division at 909.839.7055.



Stories of Early Diamond Bar

Also in preparation for the City's 25th anniversary celebration, we are looking for stories that capture our history of Diamond Bar.

What are your memories of early Diamond Bar? Did you get married? Buy your first car or home? Grow your family?



Whatever your story, we want to hear it.

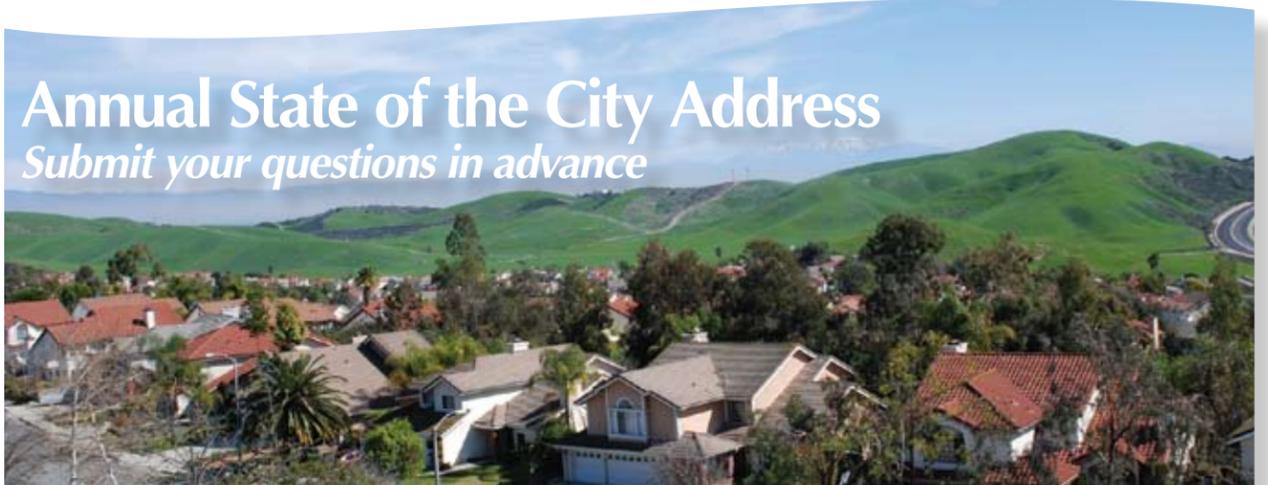
The story does not have to be long, and you can choose the relaying method, be it in writing, video, or voice recording.

For those who like the idea of a sharing their story on video, a videographer will be available at the Diamond Bar Center on an appointment basis.

For more information or to schedule your appointment, contact the City's Public Information Division at 909.839.7055.

Annual State of the City Address

Submit your questions in advance



Planning for the City's annual State of the City Address is now underway, and residents are invited to submit questions on City-related matters they would like included in the 30-minute presentation.

Aimed at updating the community about recent City accomplishments and key projects currently underway, the Address is scheduled to take place at the Diamond Bar Center on Thursday, March 31.

Doors open at 6 pm for refreshments, with the presentation commencing promptly at 6:30 pm;

admission is free and open to the public.

Questions may be submitted online by visiting the City website www.CityofDiamondBar.com and clicking on the top right-corner "Surveys" link or by emailing info@ci.diamond-bar.ca.us and referencing "State of the City" in the subject line.

Diamond Bar Center is located at 1600 Grand Avenue. For more information, contact the City's Public Information Division at 909.839.7055.

Interchange Improvement Project

Plans for the construction of a new freeway interchange at Lemon Avenue on State Route 60 took another step forward last month when the Diamond Bar City Council approved a freeway agreement with the State Department of Transportation (Caltrans).

Identified as a priority by the Diamond Bar City

Council in its Goals and Objectives for 2010-2011, the freeway interchange is a partnership project between the Cities of Diamond Bar and City of Industry, and Caltrans.

Once completed, the interchange will consist of a SR-60 westbound on-ramp, eastbound on-ramp and eastbound off-ramp at Lemon Avenue. It will help relieve traffic congestion at the existing Brea Canyon Road interchange and improve safety and traffic movement on the SR-60 and SR-57 freeways as well as local arterials.



Funding for the project includes \$8.63 million in SAFETEA-LU funds, \$2.29 million in Metro Prop C funds, and \$400,000 in Highway Safety Improvement Program grant funds secured by the City of Diamond Bar as well as a \$4.9 million pledge from the City of Industry.

Under the California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA) and the National Environmental Policy Act (NEPA), Caltrans is the lead agency for this project.

Although several project components are already in place including the Environmental Impact Report,

final design and funding, construction is not scheduled to begin until late 2012 with completion anticipated mid 2014.

Project updates, construction schedules, and traffic impacts will be posted on the City website www.CityofDiamondBar.com as they become available.

Crime Rate Drops for the Third Year in a Row

According to the latest annual crime statistics published by the F.B.I., Diamond Bar continues to have one of the lowest Part I crime rates in the nation for cities with comparable populations.

The statistics reflect a 12.27 percent drop during the 2008-2009 reporting year. This drop is on the heels of a 6.10 percent decrease in 2007-2008. In a continued downward trend, data collected by the Diamond Bar/Walnut Sheriff's Station on Part I crime rates reported during the past 9 months marks a further decline by 15.57 percent.

Part I crimes comprise seven offenses that fall into the categories of violent crime (homicide, rape, robbery, and aggravated assault) and property crime (burglary, larceny,

and motor vehicle theft).

Captain Dave Halm reported on the F.B.I. and Sheriff's station-collected statistics during the November 16 City Council meeting. In addition to the proactive and innovative policing strategy employed by Sheriff's personnel, Captain Halm credited the decline in crime to residents who take an active role in crime prevention through participating in Neighborhood Watch.

He also reminded residents to remain alert for any suspicious activity or cars in the neighborhood and immediately report it to the Sheriff's Station.

For information on Neighborhood Watch, contact the Sheriff's Station at 909.839.7077.

New Emergency Registry for Residents with Special Needs

In an effort to better prepare for and respond to disasters and emergencies, County of Los Angeles now has a new voluntary emergency registry in place for persons with special needs.



The Specific Needs Awareness Planning registry, better known by its acronym as S.N.A.P., is designed to give emergency planners and first responders an additional tool to identify, locate, and assist individuals whose lifestyle includes the use of special aids.

Examples of aids include wheelchairs, crutches, respirators, life support systems and other devices that rely on electricity to function, medications that require refrigeration, guide dogs, and sign language interpreters.

Data gathered through S.N.A.P. will be used by LA County personnel to create disaster plans and maps which emergency planners and responders can access when disaster strikes. Registration is free, voluntary, and information provided is kept confidential.

For more information or to sign up, visit <http://snap.lacounty.gov>.

New Green Building Codes



January 1, 2011 marked more than just the beginning of a new year. It also marked the adoption of the nation's first ever statewide mandatory green building code.

Commonly referred to as CALGreen, the California Green Building Standards Code comprises mandatory measures that all new commercial and residential construction must employ to help achieve reductions in greenhouse gas emissions, energy consumption, and water use statewide.

These measures include diverting 50 percent of construction waste from landfills, reducing indoor water consumption by 20 percent, and installing low-pollutant-emitting materials.

For more information on the State code, visit the California Building Standards Commission website www.bsc.ca.gov.

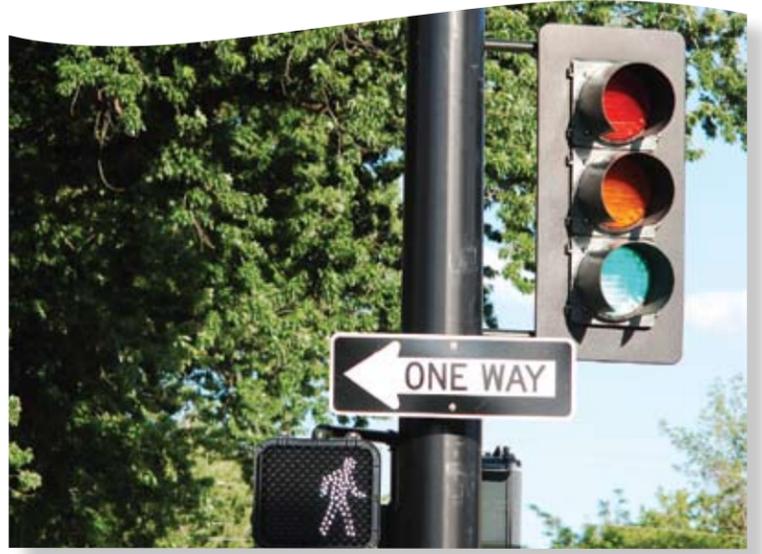
Traffic Management System Update

With most of the necessary infrastructure now in place for a city-wide Traffic Management System, motorists can look forward to traffic flow improving as early as fall of this year.

Designed to provide remote communication between the traffic signals along major City arterials and City Hall, the system will enable City staff to monitor City-wide traffic signals, detect signal malfunctions, and make signal timing adjustments without having to leave the office.

This will improve staff's ability to diagnose malfunctioning equipment and make immediate modifications and by having exact knowledge of the malfunction it will also improve maintenance responses.

Efforts to implement the system included the City-wide synchronization of traffic signals completed in



2004, and the integration of a traffic signal interconnect network and video detection tools completed last year. Still on the to-do list is the installation of several more traffic signal battery backup systems and Closed Circuit Television Cameras (CCTV).

To learn more about the Traffic Management System, visit the City website www.CityofDiamondBar.com.

Call 811 Before You Dig

A quick and free 811 phone call may help prevent serious injuries, costly property damage, and the interruption of utility service.

That's the message local utility companies hope homeowners and professional excavators bear in mind prior to beginning any type of project that requires digging.

Because pipelines, conduits, wires and cables are located sometimes just inches below the surface, even small projects such as planting a tree or installing a mailbox can result in damage to underground infrastructure.

One call to the Underground Service Alert (USA) at 811, at least two business days before digging, notifies all local utility companies to go out and mark the location of their underground facilities in and around the excavation site at no cost to the property owner.

As an important note, calling 811 will get only utility-owned lines located and marked; customer

owned utility lines are not located or marked.

Utility-owned lines are typically located from the street to your meters. Piping and cabling between the meter and your appliances or equipment belong to and are the responsibility of the property owner.

To have customer-owned lines located and marked, customers need to call a private company. For more



information, visit www.call811.com.

Did you know that utility companies use a universal color code to mark their underground infrastructure?

- Red – Electric**
- Orange – Communications, Telephone/CATV**
- Blue – Potable Water**
- Green – Sewer/Drainage**
- Yellow – Gas/Petroleum Pipe Line**
- Purple – Reclaimed Water**
- White – Premark site of intended excavation**

Free Calendar and Street Sweeping Schedule

Residents who have not obtained free copies of this year's City Calendar & Services Guide and Street Sweeping Schedule Magnet are encouraged to do so, while supplies last. Both the calendar and magnet are available at City Hall (21825 Copley Drive) and Diamond Bar Center (1600 Grand Avenue).



CITY HALL ONLINE

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

"Locating City Statistics"

Curious about Diamond Bar's median property value, average household income, or land use allocations?

You can find this and more related information in the "City Stats" page found by clicking on the "About Us" tab on the City website homepage. Also available under this tab is a History section, courtesy of the Diamond Bar Historical Society.

Before you Head to a Big-Box Bookstore...

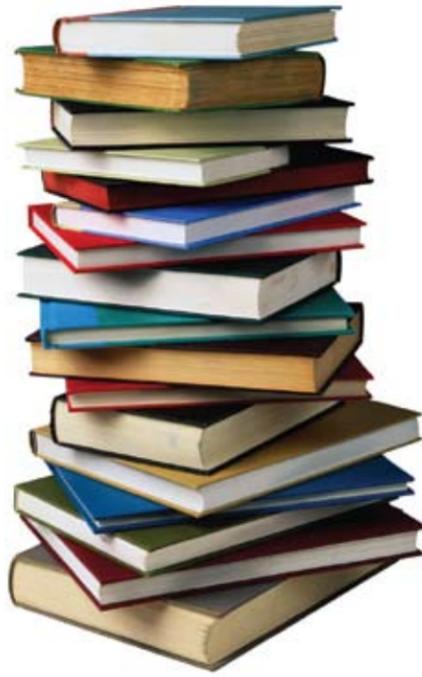
Do our library a favor and pay the Friends' a visit. The Friends of the Diamond Bar Library operates Basically Books, a nonprofit bookstore stocked with a variety of quality, gently-used books priced as low as 25 cents for paperbacks and 50 cents for hard backs.

Basically Books is staffed by volunteers, and proceeds from book sales assist the Friends' efforts to preserve and strengthen the Diamond Bar Library by providing financial support for special programs and services not available through the library's budget.

Basically Books is located at 23447 Golden Springs Drive in Diamond Bar. Store hours are:

Monday, Wednesday and Thursday	11 am to 5 pm
Tuesday and Friday	10 am to 7 pm
Saturday	10 am to 4 pm

For further information or to become a Friends member, call 909.396.9954.



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've noticed that a lot of houses in my neighborhood are still displaying holiday lights. Isn't that against the City's Municipal Code?

A: Yes, the City's Municipal Code states that exterior holiday lights and decorations must be removed within 30 days of installation, and no later than January 15.

Besides contributing to blight, keeping holiday lights installed for an extended period of time creates the potential for a fire hazard because of their temporary-use nature.

The City's Neighborhood Improvement Division is now assertively searching out homes still displaying electrical decorations.

Homeowners found not to be in compliance will be issued a courtesy notice to correct the violation within 10 days. Failing to remove the lights within the allotted time frame can result in a \$100 fine.

Questions regarding this code should be directed to the Neighborhood Improvement Division at 909.839.7030.

Hazardous and E-Waste Roundup



If the holidays brought you new electronics, next month you'll have an opportunity to properly dispose of the older items you no longer want.

The City is holding its annual free Household Hazardous Waste & E-Waste Round-Up on Saturday, February 19, from 9 am to 3 pm at the Gateway Corporate Center on the 1300 block of Bridge Gate Drive.

Co-sponsored by the City and Los Angeles County, the round-up is designed to collect unwanted household and electronic items that are not allowed in the regular trash, such as computers, television sets, batteries, expired medicine, paint, and pesticides.

For more information or a complete list of what you can and cannot bring, call 1.800.238.0173. For details about the event, call the City's Environmental Services Division at 909.839.7035.

Farmers Market



Fresh produce, handmade crafts, and live entertainment... the Regional Chamber of Commerce - San Gabriel Valley invites everyone out to the Jack Neuw's Farmers Market every Saturday from 8 am to 2 pm, rain or shine, at Mt. San Antonio College, Parking Lot B located at 1100 N. Grand Avenue at San Jose Hills Road in Walnut, CA 91789. In addition to seasonal organic produce, fresh-made breads and cakes, olive oils, cheeses and spreads, products for sale also include nursery plants and handmade arts and crafts. For more information, call the Chamber at 909.869.0701.

Drive Safely...Watch your Speedometer

If you feel speeding is an issue in your neighborhood, you are not alone. Regardless of their city of residency, individuals consistently rank speeding as a top traffic safety concern. What may come as a surprise, however, is that local traffic surveys often reveal that it is the residents themselves contributing to the speeding issue.

The Diamond Bar/Walnut Sheriff's Station reminds motorists that all residential streets within city limits are regulated at 25 miles per hour, and provides the following tips to avoid speeding:

- Make a conscious effort to slow down
- Check your speedometer frequently
- Be aware of the speed limit wherever you are
- Always keep a safe distance between your vehicle and the one in front of you

By monitoring our driving habits and complying with speed limits, we can help ensure Diamond Bar remains

Free Curb-side Holiday Tree Collection

Waste Management customers can take advantage of free curbside tree collection 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.



City of Diamond Bar **Over 90 tons of real snow!**

WINTER Snow Fest

Featuring "Flurry" the sledding penguin

January 15 - 10 am to 4 pm

Pantera Park - 738 Pantera Drive

Snow Sledding & Snow Play Area

Kids Crafts • Food Booths Entertainment • Games

Free admission to snow play area
Free shuttle pick-up from Pantera Park and surrounding neighborhood.

Event Information: Community Services Department @ 909.839.7070
www.cityofdiamondbar.com

Snow Hill Sledding
4 hills to choose from!
Sledding wristbands available for purchase at event
\$5 - Unlimited sledding
\$1 - 4 games/crafts

Sleds will be provided. No outside sleds allowed.
Children should wear gloves and closed-toed shoes.

Valentine's Day Dance

Cupid will be aiming his bow and arrow toward the Diamond Bar Center on Thursday, February 10 when the City hosts its annual Senior Valentine Dance from 6 to 9 pm. The event featuring dinner and dancing is open to adults 55 and older. Tickets are \$15 each and will be on sale until noon on Friday, February 4.

The Center is located at 1600 Grand Avenue. For more information, call 909.839.7068.



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

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Snapshots Around The Community

WINNING SMILES...

Bearing congratulatory certificates and prize checks, the winners of the 2010 community photo contest, "Diamond Bar Through My Lens" took time to pose for a photo following the November 16 City Council meeting. Pictured (top, from left) is a relative of contestant Nadia Lee, Cesar Ayala, Evangeline Morones, Dolores Suviate, Armando Pedroza, Vivian Chen, Chun Chien Yang, and (bottom, from left) a relative of Nadie Lee, Eunice Eunjin Oh, Diana Dieu, Alysa Cuevas, Evelyn Yeh, and Sabrina Bawa. Winners not photographed were Quynh Tran and Allys Reginaldo. Eunice Eunjin's entry took First Place and Grand Prize. Visit the City website www.CityofDiamondBar.com and click on "Community Photo Contest" in the "Residents" Tab to view all the winning entries.



EYE-CANDY GALORE...

It was wall-to-wall crafts at the Diamond Bar Center when the City held its annual Candy Cane Craft Fair on December 4. While adults browsed and shopped for one-of-a-kind handcrafted items at more than 80 booths, little ones were entertained with holiday-themed crafts and activities. To see more photos from this event, visit the City website www.CityofDiamondBar.com and click on the top-right corner link "Photo Gallery."

FOCUS IS THE WORD...

After months of hard work and preparation, Sensei Jerry Short's apprentices demonstrated their knowledge of kicks, punches, blocks, and stances of traditional Japanese Shito-ryu style Karate during the City's annual Contract Class Showcase. New 10-week sessions for beginner and advance-level karateists begin January 12. Class price and details can be found on page 10 of the winter 2011 Community Recreation Guide or by calling 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
- Winter Snow Fest - 10 am-4 pm at Pantera 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.