

City News

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Annual City Birthday Party

Opportunities for nonprofits, businesses and show car owners!

Diamond Bar non-profits looking for a fun way to raise some cash or awareness of their organization or group are in luck.

The City is currently accepting applications from nonprofits wishing to participate in its 22nd annual Birthday Party as a food vendor, game or information booth operator, or carnival ride operator.

Considered the largest annual City-hosted event, the Birthday Party features live local talent, amusement rides, games, a business showcase, classic car show and a variety of food and information vendors.

This year's celebration is set for Saturday, April 16, 2011 from 11 am - 5 pm (carnival rides until 6 pm) at Pantera Park (738 Pantera Drive).

Space is also available for business owners interested in being included in the Business Showcase, and show car owners who want to enter their vehicle in the Classic Car Show.

Event Information Contacts:

Carnival Ride, Food, Game, and Information Booths (open only to Diamond nonprofits):
Community Services Coordinator,
Andee Tarazon – 909.839.7067

Car Show:
Community Services Coordinator,
April Batson – 909.839.7072

Business Showcase:
Regional Chamber of Commerce - SGV,
909.869.0701

Hazardous & E-Waste Roundup

If the holidays brought you new electronics, you'll have an opportunity to properly dispose of the older items you no longer want during the City's annual Household Hazardous Waste & E-Waste Round-Up on Saturday, February 19.

Co-sponsored by Los Angeles County, the round-up will take place from 9 am to 3 pm on the 1300 block of Bridge Gate Drive. It 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 800.238.0173. For details about the event, call the City's Environmental Services Division at 909.839.7035.



A New Façade for Sunset Village Shopping Center



A project aimed at enhancing the aesthetic appeal of one of the city's

shopping centers is slated for completion early this month.

Financed by the property owner, the project will give the Sunset Village shopping center an updated exterior building frontage, new illuminated tenant and entry monument signage, and enhanced landscaping.

Located near the intersection of Grand Avenue and Diamond Bar Boulevard, the 113,683 square foot center comprises restaurant, retail, and service providers that include Diamond Palace Cuisine of India, Greenhills Market and Bakery, Sylvan Learning Center, and Tomato Bank.

The center's new architectural features, colors, and materials are compatible with other recently-remodeled commercial buildings in the city.



Storm Drains

Work on a storm drainage improvement project is currently underway along Brea Canyon Road, between Pathfinder Road and Via Sorella Street.

Slated for completion early this month, the project will improve water runoff during heavy rainfall events by increasing the catch basin capacity along the eastern side of this heavily-traveled roadway. The improvements include the reconstruction of three existing catch basins to increase their capacity as well as the construction of a new concrete cross gutter.

During construction, road access will remain open in both directions; however the northbound lanes of Brea Canyon Road between Pathfinder Road and Via Sorella Street will be reduced to one lane.

The \$85,250 improvement project is being funded by the City's General Fund. Questions regarding this project may be directed to the City's Public Works Department at 909.839.7040.

Curb Ramps

Several more city neighborhoods are set to benefit this spring from the City's ongoing efforts to create an accessible sidewalk network for pedestrians of all abilities.

Early this month a construction project gets underway to install new curb ramps or replace existing aging curb ramps in 58 locations within the neighborhoods of Adel Avenue/Germdal Street, Calbourne Drive, and Golden Prados Drive.

The new or upgraded ramps are installed following federal accessibility guidelines established by the Americans with Disabilities Act (ADA). These guidelines call for curb ramps to have a textured, yellow-colored surface that is distinguishable underfoot and by cane and provide a visual cue for low-vision pedestrians.

Curb ramp projects are funded with Community Development Block Grant (CDBG) monies. For more information, call the City's Public Works Department at 909.839.7040.



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Business of the Month

Sushi Koyo
Japanese Food, Sushi Bar



868 North Diamond Bar Blvd.
909.861.6537
www.sushikoyo.com

Hours: Monday thru Saturday,
Lunch, 11:30 am - 2:00 pm
Dinner, 5:00 - 8:30 pm

Residents with Spirit!

Holiday Home Decorating Contest Winners

Following a competitive round of judging held on the evening of December 15, three Diamond Bar homes decked out in their festive finest were selected the winners of the City of Diamond Bar's 2010 Holiday Home Decorating Contest.

Nearly doubling last year's entrants, this second annual contest saw 70 homes vying for the top spot in the categories of "Best Holiday Spirit," "Best Lawn Display," and "Most Energy-Efficient." Judging was based on display creativity, curb appeal, and use of lighting.

In the "Best Holiday Spirit," category the award went to second-time winners "The Gudvangen Family." The Gudvangens took first place in last year's award for this same category. For "Best Lawn Display," the winning spot was taken by "The Medina Family," while the winners in the "Most Energy-Efficient" category were "The Ledbetter Family."

Organized by the City's Environmental Services Division, the contest recognizes Diamond Bar residents who enhance the spirit of the season in the community while making an effort to incorporate energy-efficient practices into their outdoor holiday trimmings by using at least one strand of LED lights.



Power Outages

Planned and Unplanned

Planned outages happen when Southern California Edison (SCE) temporarily interrupts power service in order for its work crews to safely and efficiently carry out necessary maintenance work or upgrades to its infrastructure. Outages of this type are scheduled in advance, and SCE notifies the affected households at least three calendar days before starting work.



Unplanned outages are the result of the loss of a section of the power network due to a fault. A storm is the most common cause of a widespread power outage. However, outages also result from vehicle accidents that damage utility poles and bring down wires, high power demands that overburden electrical equipment cause it to melt or fail, homeowners or contractors who accidentally dig into underground cables while gardening or installing fence posts, and small animals that climb onto equipment and cause a short circuit. In these situations, advising households of an impending outage is not a possibility.

Whether the next outage you experience is planned or not, following are some important tips to keep in mind:

Before

- Know how to manually open and close any electricity-powered doors, garages, and gates.
- Install surge protectors to help safeguard valuable electronic equipment such as computers and home entertainment systems.
- Have an emergency plan in place if a member of your household depends on life-support or needs other medical equipment, such as a back-up power source or transportation to another facility.

During

- Shut-off electronic equipment that was operating when the power went out as well as major electric appliances. This will help stabilize the electric system when power is restored.
- Turn off any lights you have on, except for one so you'll know when power is restored.

To report power outages or lines down, or any other related emergency, call 1.800.611.1911. For more power outage related information, visit www.sce.com/outage.

2011 State of the City

Tell us What to Address!

If you are interested in learning about the City's overall financial condition, the accomplishments met last year, and the service and economic development goals for the coming year, you are encouraged to attend the annual State of the City address scheduled for Thursday, March 31.

The address will be held at the Diamond Bar Center, located at 1600 Grand Avenue, starting at 6:30 p.m., but doors will open at 6 p.m. for refreshments. Admission is free and open to the public.

To suggest a topic for inclusion in the address, visit the City website www.CityofDiamondBar.com and click on the "Surveys" link at the top right corner. The deadline for suggestions is Friday, March 18.

For more information, contact the Public Information Office at 909.839.7055 or email info@ci.diamond-bar.ca.us and reference "State of the City" in the subject line.



FREE Tax Preparation



In partnership with AARP, the City is again offering free tax return preparation for adults age 55 and older. The free service is available Wednesdays in February and March from 8 am to 11:30 am at the Diamond Bar Center (1600 Grand Avenue). Appointments are required, and filers should bring copies of their previous year's tax returns and all other documents reflecting income and expenses for 2010.

For more information or to make an appointment, call the Recreation Services Division at 909.839.7070.

Winter Gas Bill Help

Between February and April, the Southern California Gas Company will again be issuing one-time grants to help income-qualified customers pay their gas bill. The program, known as the Gas Assistance Fund, is administered by the United Way of Greater Los Angeles and funded by donations from customers, shareholders, and employees of The Gas Company.

For more information, including income qualification guidelines, call 800.427.2200 or visit <http://www.socalgas.com/assistance/>.

Presidents' Day Holiday Schedule

City offices and facilities, including the County of Los Angeles - Diamond Bar branch Public Library will be closed Monday, February 21, in observance of the Presidents Day holiday.

Refuse collection and street sweeping will not be affected.

Managing Nuisance Rodents

Rodents come with the territory when open space surrounds a property. And while having them pass through a yard is not of major concern, having them take up residency is a whole different story, particularly when the rodent is the burrowing type.

This burrowing type include pocket gophers that get their names from the fur-lined, external cheek pockets they use to carry food and nesting material. They range from 6 to 10 inches in length, range in coloration from grey-brown to brown, and have a very short tail, tiny ears and eyes, and large, curved front claws.

As part of their lifestyle, gophers dig an extensive network of underground tunnels that can cover as much as 2000 square feet.

These tunnels divert and carry off irrigation water, which can lead to soil erosion. On hillside properties, soil erosion is of particular concern as it can contribute to slope instability and failure.

Other damage caused by gophers includes the destruction of underground utility cables and plastic water lines and lawn sprinkler systems.

A report published by the UC Davis Statewide

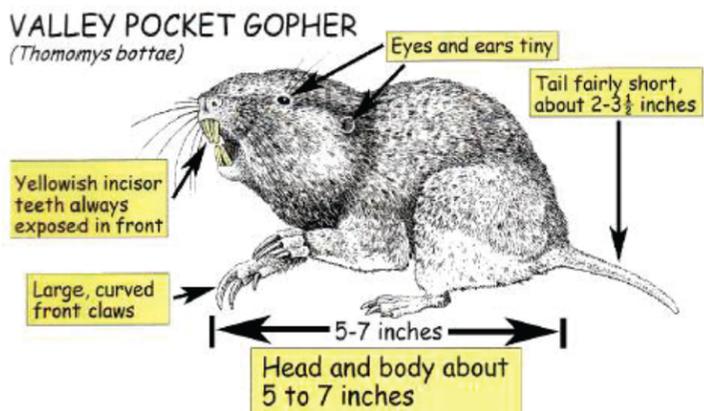


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Integrated Pest Management Program cites early detection and implementation of control measures as the best approach for managing gophers.

The California Fish and Game Code classify gophers as nongame mammals, which means no permit is required to control them. If you have a gopher issue on your property, you can purchase traps or toxicants

at any hardware supplies store or contact a licensed private pest control company. For the abatement of gophers within City property, contact the Community Services Department at 909.839.7060.

Further advice about gopher control can be obtained from the Pest Management Division of the Los Angeles County

Agricultural Commissioner/Weights and Measures Department by visiting

<http://acwm.co.la.ca.us/> or calling 626.575.5462.

Sources: LA County Dept. of Agriculture Commissioner/Weights and Measures – Pest Management Division,

http://acwm.co.la.ca.us/pdf/Gopher_pdf.pdf

University of California, Davis – Agriculture and National

Resources: Statewide Integrated Pest Management Program,

<http://ipm.ucdavis.edu/PMG/PESTNOTES/pn7433.html>

Nominate an Outstanding Volunteer

It's time again to recognize the members of our community who enhance our lives through acts of kindness and/or the selfless donation of their time and talent – nominations are now open for the City's annual Outstanding Volunteer Award Program.

You can pick up a nomination form at City Hall, Diamond Bar Center, or the Diamond Bar Library; or visit the City website

www.CityofDiamondBar.com and click on

“Survey” on the top right corner to complete the form electronically. Nominations close on Friday, March 18.

The Outstanding Volunteer Award Program recognizes individuals of all ages who demonstrate a commitment to community service through exceptional volunteer effort and dedication. Winners will be formerly recognized by the City Council during the City Birthday Party, this year set for April 16.

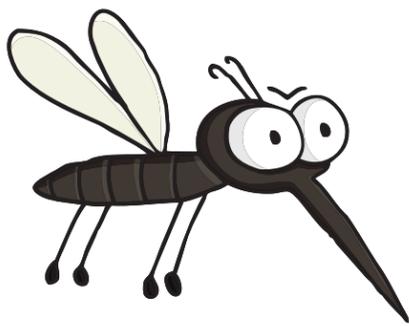
For further information about the award program, contact the City's Community Services Coordinator Andee Tarazon at 909.839.7067

School District Fundraiser

Walnut Valley Educational Foundation is extending an invitation to community members to lend support to local schools by participating in its 2nd Annual 5K Run Walk and 1K Fun Run. Scheduled to take place at 8am on Sunday, March 6 at Diamond Bar High School (21400 Pathfinder Road), the fundraiser will benefit the education, athletic, art and music, and technology programs provided at Walnut Valley Unified School District schools. Additional information, including registration and sponsorship details, is available at www.Active.com or by calling 909.595.1261.

Mosquito Art Contest

This One's For the Kids!



If you are in fourth, fifth, or sixth grade and like to draw, keep reading to learn about a cool opportunity to earn cash and star-status!

The agency responsible for

controlling disease-transmitting animals and bugs in the area, also known as the Greater Los Angeles County Vector Control District or GLACVCD, is holding its second annual Student Poster Design Contest.

Themed “Bite Back Against Mosquito Attacks,” the contest is looking for posters that answer the question, “How would I defend myself against mosquitoes?” Examples include dumping and draining standing water, wearing mosquito repellents, and avoiding outdoor activities between dusk and dawn.

One winning poster will be chosen

from each grade level to receive a \$100 U.S. savings bond. From these top scoring entries, a grand prize winner will be selected to be featured on GLACVCD's website and its mobile classroom known as the VecMobile. Winners will be

announced in April during California Mosquito Awareness Week.

Get started on your poster today – it needs to be turned in to GLACVCD no later than 3:30 pm on Friday, March 11!

Visit www.glacvcd.org or call 562.944.9656 for more contest information and to get an entry form. Good luck!



New Senior Softball Team Forming



A new senior softball team is forming in Diamond Bar and men and women age 50 years and older are invited to join. The team will form part of Inter-City Senior Softball, an existing league comprising 12 teams of players in their 50s through 70s. Practice begins in March, with season games played April through October. For more information, please call the City of Diamond Bar's Senior Services Division at 909.839.7068.

Let's Go to The Getty!

Next on the list of one-day bus trips offered by the City's Recreation Services Division is the Getty Center on Saturday, March 12.

The trip begins with a stop at Lawry's Prime Rib in Beverly Hills for lunch.

Once at the Getty Center, trip-goers are free to tour the museum on their own. The Getty comprises permanent collections of pre-20th century European paintings, drawings, sculptures and 19th and 20th century American and European photos, as well as traveling exhibits.

Trip cost is \$52 per person and includes round trip transportation, lunch, museum admission, and a return-trip snack.

The bus departs from Diamond Bar City Hall, 21825 Copley Drive, at 10:30 am and returns at approximately 5:30 p.m. For more information or to reserve a seat, call 909.839.7070.



Interested in helping preserve Diamond Bar's rich history by sharing your memories & memorabilia? Turn to page 4 for more details.

Playing Field Condition Hotline

As a reminder, the City occasionally has to close or restrict use of local playing fields as a result of rainy weather or for routine maintenance. To keep the public informed, it maintains a Field Condition Weather Hotline 909.612.4636 x1714 that relays the most current condition of playing fields.

Find it Fast Phone Directory

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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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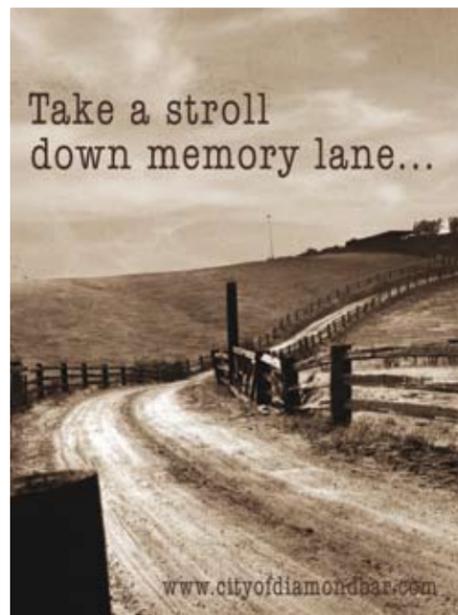
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Snapshots Around The Community

Tons of Fun!

Over 90 tons of manufactured snow transformed Pantera Park into a winter carnival last month as part of the City's 10th annual Winter Snow Fest. The popular event drew a crowd of approximately 3,000 youngsters and "youngsters-at-heart" eager to sled down the 25-foot long slides, partake in winter-themed arts and craft activities, and enjoy routines by local performers. To view additional photos, visit the City website www.CityofDiamondBar.com and click on "Photo Gallery" at the top right corner.



Diamond Bar History Project

The City is seeking the donation or loan of historical items for archive and display, and current or past residents to video document their Diamond Bar story.

What do I donate? Suggested items include ranch-era tools & photos, Transamerica Corporation documents dated from the late 1950's to the early 1970's, news items about early incorporation attempts, as well as 1989 incorporation, or any other items or photos of historical significance.

No items?...videotape your story! What was DB like when you first moved into town? Share your favorite story or memory via video, voice recording, or in writing.

Drop off items at City Hall. Videotaping takes place at the Diamond Bar Center. If needed, we'll gladly arrange to pick up your items or make a house call to videotape or voice record your story.

For more information or to schedule your video appointment, contact the City's Public Information office at 909.839.7055 or by email at info@ci.diamond-bar.ca.us.

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
- State of the City - 6 pm at the Diamond Bar Center
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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.