

City News

Published Monthly For Residents & Businesses in Diamond Bar

Water Use Notice

Diamond Bar community members are being called upon to voluntarily curtail water usage from Tuesday, March 18 through Sunday, March 27.

These dates coincide with the scheduled shutdown of a La Verne water treatment plant by the Metropolitan Water District of Southern California in order to carry out critical maintenance work.

It is anticipated that the temporary shutdown of this plant will result in the reduction of more than 50 percent of local water supplies, which is why adhering to responsible water use measures is of great importance.

Recommended measures include limiting all non-essential indoor uses, turning off all irrigation/sprinkler systems, and refraining from unnecessary outdoor water usage.

Information about this planned shutdown as well as conservation tips can be found on Walnut Valley's website www.wvwd.com. Water waste can be reported by calling 909.348.8228 or emailing savewater@wvwd.com.

Family Fun Without Leaving Town

Next month, Diamond Bar will be offering a host of special events well worth marking your calendar!

22nd Annual City Birthday Party – Saturday, April 16
Pantera Park, 738 Pantera Drive
11 am - 5 pm (Carnival rides until 6 pm)



Kid Game Zone, Teen Action Zone, Carnival Rides, Picnic Games, Concession Stands, Car Show, Business Showcase, Information Booths, Public Safety Demonstrations, Disaster Preparedness Display, Environmental Giveaways, Community Entertainment, and Free Birthday Cake!

Senior Spring Dinner & Dance – Thursday, April 21
Diamond Bar Center, 1600 Grand Avenue, 6 pm - 9 pm

For Adults age 55 and older: Dinner, Dancing and Prizes!

Arbor Day Celebration – Friday, April 22
Pantera Elementary School, 801 Pantera Drive, Starts at 9:30 am



Special Student Presentations, Tree Planting Ceremony, Recognition of the 2011 National Arbor Day Foundation Poster Contest

Easter Egg Hunt – Saturday, April 23
Pantera Park, 738 Pantera Drive
8:30 am (Breakfast) • 10 am (Egg Hunt)



Egg Hunt – Photos with Easter Bunny – Pancake Breakfast

More details about these events are available within the attached Community Recreation Guide or by calling the City's Recreation Services Division at 909.839.7070.



Revised Animal Control Code Now In Effect

An updated Animal Control Code aimed at creating a more efficient system for pet owners and the community at large took

effect last month. Approved by the Diamond Bar City Council at its regular meeting of January 18, the modified provisions were necessary as much of the previous Code had remained largely unchanged since acquired from the County during the City's incorporation in 1989.

Among the modified provisions is the extension of the cat and dog licensing grace period from 15 to 45 days, the designation of Inland Valley Humane Society as the sole authority for the issuance of all pet licenses, and the transfer of administration of kennel and

pet grooming parlor licenses from the County Tax Collector to the City's Community Development Department.

Other modifications included simplifying the appeals process by establishing a one-person City administrative system in place of a three-officer appeals board, and clarifying the process for investigating and enforcing nuisance animal complaints such as barking dogs and excessive noise.

Mardi Gras Dinner Dance for Seniors

The Grand View Ballroom at Diamond Bar Center will be livened with metallic purples, greens, and golds when the City holds a special Mardi Gras Dinner Dance on Wednesday, March 30. The event, open to adults age 55 and older, will be held from 6 to 9 pm and feature dinner, dancing, and prizes. Tickets cost \$15 per person and reservations must be made no later than noon on Friday, March 25. Diamond Bar Center is located at 1600 Grand Avenue. For more information or to make reservations, call 909.839.7068.

Get Your Nominations In!

Do you know someone who makes a difference in our community? Someone who inspires volunteerism in others? Friday, March 18 is the last day to enter him or her into the City's Outstanding Volunteer Award Program.

The volunteers chosen will be acknowledged with a special certificate from the Diamond Bar City Council and local elected officials as part of the City's 22nd annual Birthday Party on April 16.

Aimed at recognizing community members who demonstrate a commitment to community service through continuous volunteering, the Award Program is open to Diamond Bar residents of all ages.

For more details about the program or to submit your nomination online, visit the City website www.CityofDiamondBar.com and locate "Nominate" in the "I Want To" tab. Hard-copy forms are also available at all City facilities and Diamond Bar Library.

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.



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.

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

You're invited to attend the City of Diamond Bar's annual address...

State of the City

Annual Address by Mayor Steve Tye

Take advantage of this once-a-year opportunity to learn first-hand about the accomplishments of 2010 & the challenges and goals for 2011

Thursday, March 31, 2011
6:30 p.m. to 7:30 p.m.
Doors open at 6:00 p.m. - Mayor's presentation begins at 6:30 p.m.

Diamond Bar Center
1600 Grand Avenue, Diamond Bar

Admission is free and light refreshments will be served.

For more information, contact the City's Public Information office at 909.839.7055

Don't Forget to Attend!

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)

March 2011

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

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27	28	29	30	31 <small>State of the City</small>		

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

Speed Zone Adjustments

Motorists are advised that speed limits on several city roads will be adjusted this month as a result of a recently completed traffic and engineering study.

The study, conducted in accordance with California Vehicle Code (CVC)

requirements, evaluated all posted speed limits on streets within the city's roadway network.

Results revealed that the existing speed limit of 45 mph on Brea Canyon Road

(between north city limits and Lycoming Street) should be reduced to 40 mph, while the current limit of 50 mph on Golden Springs Drive (between west city limits and Lemon Avenue) should be reduced to 45 mph, and the existing limit of 40 mph on Washington Street (between Brea Canyon Road and northeast city limits) should be reduced to 35 mph.

A 35 mph speed limit was assigned

for roadway segments not previously surveyed along Bridgegate Drive (between Copley Drive and Valley Vista Drive) and Valley Vista Drive (between Gateway Center and Bridgegate Drive).

As a reminder, California law establishes the maximum speed of 65

mph for all passenger vehicles, the 25 mph limit in business and residential zones, the part-time 25 mph in school zones during times of student activity and the 15 mph limit in alleys,

at blind intersections and blind railroad grade crossings.

Local government is given the authority to set intermediate speed limits between 25 and 65 miles per hour on the basis of traffic and engineering studies.

For more information about the Citywide Speed Zone Survey Update, contact the City's Public Works Department at 909.839.7040.



Online Driver's Ed Available Year-Round

Included in the City of Diamond Bar's year-round enrichment class offerings is an Online Driver's Ed course that individuals 15 and older can complete at home, at their own pace.

This DMV-approved course teaches participants the rules of the road, accident-avoidance techniques, and other responsibilities that come with having a drivers' license via videos, animated driving scenarios, and sample test questions. It also includes a set of sample test questions.

State law requires that in order



for teens age 16 through 17 1/2 to be issued a driver's license, they need to first take and pass an approved driver's education course. California teens may receive a learner's permit at age 15 1/2 and a driver's license at 16 years of age.

The \$43 class fee includes an official certificate of completion. For more information or to register for the class, visit the City website or call the Recreation Services Division at 909.839.7070.

Red Imported Fire Ant (RIFA)

As of the beginning of this year, the Red Imported Fire Ant (RIFA, for short) is no longer on the list of insect pests controlled by the Los Angeles County Agricultural Department.

Prior to discontinuing its RIFA eradication program due to financial constraints, County Agriculture staff would inspect private properties and treat fire ant infestations free of charge, upon request. It is now the responsibility of the homeowner to control RIFA using a store-purchased bait treatment or hiring a licensed private pest control company.

RIFA are reddish-brown in color and range in

length from one-sixteenth to one-fourth inch. They require



moisture and prefer to build their mounds, which can be up to 18 inches wide and appear as piles of fine soil with several small holes, on open sunny turf areas.

RIFA are known for their quick fierce response to any disturbance to their nest or a food source. Though not usually life-threatening, RIFA stings are known to cause a burning sensation and become easily infected. They may cause complications for individuals who are hypersensitive to fire ant venom.

To reduce the chance of being stung, survey your property for suspected ant mounds before any outdoor activity; teach children in your household about fire ants and their potential hazards; and make sure you and your family dress properly when walking, playing, gardening, or digging outdoors.

If you find suspicious mounds or ants foraging on your property that seem to fit the RIFA description, you can get help confirming if that's the case by calling the free 24-hour California Department of Food and Agriculture (CDFA) Fire Ant Hotline 1888.4.FIREANT (1888.434.7326).

Fire ant mounds or activity in Diamond Bar parks or parkways should be reported to the City's Community Services Department at 909.839.7060.

Additional RIFA information can be obtained by visiting the Los Angeles County Agricultural Department website www.acwm.co.la.ca.us.

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Elected Officials

Mayor..... Steve Tye
 Mayor Pro TemLing-Ling Chang
 Council MemberRon Everett
 Council Member Carol Herrera
 Council Member Jack Tanaka
 City Manager..... James DeStefano



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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	909.860.1904

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

Move Your Clock Ahead, Check your Alarms

While advancing your clocks ahead one hour for Daylight Savings Time on Sunday, March 13, take a moment to also test your home's smoke and carbon monoxide alarm units and replace the batteries, if needed. Alarms should be installed in every bedroom and level of a home, and replaced every ten years. More information related to smoke alarms can be found on the LA County Fire Department website by visiting http://www.fire.lacounty.gov/FirePrevention/PDFs/Smoke_Detector.pdf.



Snapshots Around The Community



BANQUET OF BANDS...For its second year in the row, the Diamond Bar Center played host to several dozen musicians and entertainers eager to serve up their menu of talent to representatives from Cities throughout the Southern California region. Aside from affording them the opportunity to sample the various band sounds, the event also gave representatives a chance to obtain pricing details and advice from colleagues to help in their selection of an entertainment lineup for their respective summer concert series.

FROSTED FLAKES... "What's in a name?" In the case of a local 6 & 7 year old girls' soccer team, the answer to the famous question posed by Shakespeare helped them score a private practice session with a renowned sports celebrity. As the Grand Prize winner of a national Facebook contest sponsored by Kellogg's Frosted Flakes cereal, the A.Y. S.O. Diamond Bar Region 31 team fittingly named "Frosted Flakes" was treated to breakfast with "Tony the Tiger" as well as a pep talk and private soccer practice session with Former New York Yankee Tino Martinez.

