

City News

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City Birthday Party

A festival complete with entertainment, games, carnival rides, concession goods, and giveaways will be held on Saturday, April 16 in honor of the City's 22nd incorporation anniversary.

Considered the largest annual City-hosted event, the celebration will take place at Pantera Park, 738 Pantera Drive from 11 am to 5 pm (carnival rides until 6 pm) and feature plenty of things for the entire family to see and do, including the following:

Business Showcase featuring community-based products and services for your home, health and recreational activities.

Car Show displaying several dozen classic cars and hotrods.

Disaster Preparedness Display with information on how to prepare for and protect yourself and your family for an emergency, including onsite production of free KidPrint cards containing your child's emergency-vital information such as fingerprints, height, weight, and date of birth.

Environmental Section with tips and rebate information to help you green up your lifestyle, and Earth Day crafts for children.

Games and Rides, including a 48-foot tall Ferris wheel, a jumbo slide 100 feet in length, bumper cars, and a merry-go-round. Also, bounces houses and crafts for younger visitors.

Local Entertainment ranging from choreographed dances to martial arts.

Outstanding Volunteer Recognition Ceremony to celebrate this year's honorees.

Birthday Cake immediately following volunteer recognitions.

Free off-site parking will be available at Pantera Elementary School and the surrounding neighborhood, with continuous free shuttle service provided to and from the park, from 10 am to 7 pm

For more event information about the event, visit the City's website www.CityofDiamondBar.com and click on "Special Events" found by clicking on the "Recreation" tab, or contact the City's Recreation Services Division at 909.839.7070.

New City Hall Project Update

With a target date month of January 2012, progress continues to be made toward the relocation of City Hall operations to its permanent location.

This location, a two-story building located only 299 feet from the existing City Hall, has 55095 square-feet of space and 300 parking spaces.

Preliminary design drawings call for a proposed City Hall/Public Library facility, with the library on the first floor and City Hall on the second level.

However, as of publishing time, the Los Angeles County Board of Supervisors had not finalized its decision to relocate the Diamond Bar branch library, but had approved a reimbursement agreement to compensate the City for costs associated with the library-portion of the architectural design.

Now in the design process, this new City Hall project has involved various efforts by City staff to keep construction costs low, while ensuring the final outcome is a City Hall that is aesthetically-pleasing and functional long-term.

These efforts have included seeking out grant opportunities to fund eligible project components, such as the installation of rooftop solar panels and

ADA retrofits, as well as acquiring ownership of an existing conduit line to save money on the relocation of communications infrastructure.

Also, due to the cost of replacing existing functioning items such as water-using equipment or fixtures, City staff is not seeking LEED-certification but is taking steps to minimize the project's environmental impact by renovating rather than gutting out the second floor, repurposing existing windows, doors, and fixtures, and donating the



unnecessary, reusable items.

The overall project budget, including design, construction, and furnishing costs is estimated at approximately \$4 million, however the actual budget will not be known until this project goes out to bid and a contractor has been hired to put the final costs together. Construction is expected to begin late summer.

An update on this project, including the County's decision on the library component, will be featured in next month's edition of City News. A projected construction timeline, final design drawing, and other project-related information will be available on the City website www.CityofDiamondBar.com when it becomes available

Take Part in the Annual Photo Contest

Residents are invited to submit their favorite photos of Diamond Bar for a chance to be among the winners of this year's Diamond Bar Through My Lens contest.

Co-sponsored by the City and the Diamond Bar Community Foundation (DBCF), the annual contest aims to showcase the photography talents of residents while raising community pride. Participation is free and open to residents of all ages.

Contest winners are recognized in November with cash prizes courtesy of DBCF and congratulatory awards from the Diamond Bar City Council. Winning entries are featured in ongoing City and DBCF publications and promotions, with credit given to photographers when their photos are used.

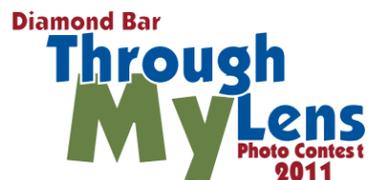
Entries may be submitted in print or digital format, and

should be entered in either the adult or youth (17 and under) division in any or all of six categories: People, Pets, Nature, Places, Black &

White, and Historical Reference (taken prior to 1989). Deadline for entries is 4:30 pm on Friday, September 30. Full contest details, including rules and official entry form, are available on the City website

www.CityofDiamondBar.com.

Questions may be directed to the City's Public Information Division at 909.839.7059 or via e-mail at photocontest@ci.diamond-bar.ca.us.



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Go Green Guide

Keep an eye out for this year's edition of EnviroLink, the City's annual environmental newsletter. The popular guide, packed with useful information, tips, and resources for going green in Diamond Bar, is set to arrive in mailboxes later this month. It includes recipes for alternative household cleaning products, information regarding the various recycling options available in and around town, and details about available rebates and tax incentives for incorporating energy-efficiency practices into your lifestyle.

Business of the Month

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Hours: M 8 am - 5 pm, T 10 am - 7 pm,
W 9 am - 6 pm, Th/Fri 7:30 am - 4:30 pm,
Alternate Saturdays 8 am - noon

Annual Brush Clearance Inspection Starts May 1

In an effort to help raise awareness among property owners about the potential fire hazards around their homes, the Los Angeles



County Fire Department will begin conducting its annual brush clearance inspection on May 1.

As part of the inspection, Fire Department personnel will canvass the city and deliver 30-day correction notices to residents whose property fails to comply with the Los Angeles County Fire Codes.

Property owners are reminded that failing to maintain one's property in a fire-safe condition is not only a safety hazard, it is a legal responsibility. Some of the steps residents can take to mitigate potential fire hazards around their homes include:

- Removing all flammable vegetation or other combustible growth within 30 feet of any structure or within 50 feet of any structure in areas determined to be high hazard.
- Thinning out or removing vegetation an additional 70 to 100 feet from the structure for a total of up to 200 feet.
- Landscape with plants that are drought tolerant and fire resistant.
- For trees taller than 18 feet, pruning lower branches within 6 feet off the ground. For trees and shrubs of less than 18 feet, pruning lower branches to one third of their height.
- Stacking wood at least 30 feet from structures and remove flammable vegetation within 10 feet of the woodpile.
- Locating fixed butane/propane tanks at least 10 feet from any structure and give them 10 feet of clearance.
- Removing dead tree branches overhanging your roof and clean all dead leaves from your roof and rain gutters.
- Covering your chimney outlet with a spark arrestor consisting of a metal or non-flammable screen 1/2 inch or smaller in size.

For more information, call the Los Angeles County Fire Department at 323.881.2411 or visit its website at <http://fire.lacounty.gov/Forestry/BrushClearance.asp>.

New Professional Office Building

Construction is now underway in the Diamond Hills Plaza, where a new professional office building and wayfinding signage system are planned.

The three-story, 36,142 square-foot building will comprise 30 unit office spaces ranging in size from 375 to 2,407 square feet that will each be sold as office condominiums governed by one association.

It is being constructed using the same contemporary architecture and finishes of the Plaza's existing tenant buildings, such as the sand-finish stucco walls, stone-veneer building base, and exterior wall sconce-lighting.

The implementation of the wayfinding signage system will consist of installing four directional signs throughout the Plaza to help visitors easily locate its tenants.

It is expected that the office building will be ready for occupancy in the fall. Diamond Hills Plaza is located on

Diamond Star Office Building Rendered Elevations



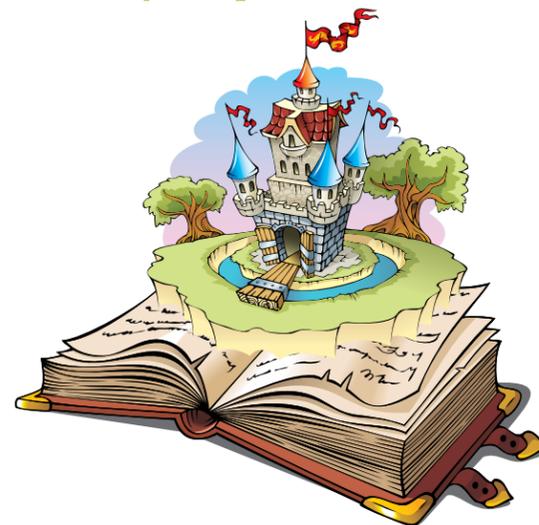
Diamond Bar Boulevard, between Cold Spring Lane and Fountain Springs Road. Pricing and availability inquiries may be directed to Peichin Lee with CGM Development at 626.354.8843.

National Food Drive

Next month, the National Association of Letter Carriers will again be holding its annual Stamp Out Hunger food drive to benefit thousands of food banks or pantries nationwide. Those wanting to participate can simply place their nonperishable food items near their mailboxes before their letter carrier delivers the mail on Saturday, May 14.

Examples of acceptable items include canned soup, pasta, rice, or cereal. For more information about the food drive or to sign up to receive an email reminder of the event, visit www.helpstampouthunger.com.

Library Opera Tales



The highly-acclaimed Opera Tales program is making its way to Los Angeles County libraries and will arrive at the Diamond Bar Library on Saturday, April 9. Sponsored by L.A. County Supervisor Don Knabe, Opera Tales is designed to introduce children and families to the world of opera. The program highlights opera's combination of story and music, with five professional opera singers and a pianist acting out key scenes from popular German opera stories. For more information, call the Library at 909.861.4978.

Steep Canyon Trail Re-Route



Just in time for spring, the City last month completed a project to connect two trails along the Summitridge Park Trail System.

Funded with Safe Parks Act monies, this project involved re-routing a 140-yard section trail that makes it possible for hikers to hike a 3-mile loop using any one of three access points as their start and end point, including the Diamond Bar Center lower parking lot.

The Summitridge Park Trail System, comprising three trails, is a hikers' favorite because of its panoramic views of the San Gabriel Valley – Mt. Baldy to the north, The Los Angeles Civic Center to the west, and Chino Hills and Tres Hermanos to the east. Hikers are reminded that because of their undeveloped state, trails may be slippery due to loose rocks and soil, vegetation, and dampness.

Tune in to DBtv (Time Warner channel 3 or Verizon FiOS channel 47) or log on to www.CityofDiamondBar.com to watch a brief "Take a Hike" video to learn more about the community's trails and obtain hiking tips.

Lawnmower Exchange

If you still own a gas-powered mower, here's an incentive to trade it in for a more environmentally-friendly model.

South Coast Air Quality Management District (AQMD) is again offering a special program that allows residents to trade in their old gasoline model in exchange for a new, zero-emission, cordless electric lawnmower at a discount price.

Five models, ranging in cost from \$40 to \$170, are available for purchase. All models operate for 45-60 minutes on a single charge of the battery, and come with a rear-mounted bag as well as a mulching kit. Further details, including the brand and features, are available on the AQMD website.

In order to qualify for the trade-in, your old mower must be in operational condition, and you must register by visiting the AQMD website www.aqmd.gov or calling 1.888.425.6247 beginning Wednesday, April 20.

Annual Easter Egg Hunt

Co-sponsored by the City and the Diamond Bar Breakfast Lions Club



Egg-citement will be in the air when the City's annual Easter Hunt takes place on Saturday, April 23 at Pantera Park.

Children, toddler through 12 years of age, are invited to stop by to get their fill of pancakes, candy-stuffed eggs, and hugs from the Easter Bunny and his friends, "the Peeps."

The popular event kicks off at 8:30 am with a \$5 pancake breakfast fundraiser hosted by Fire Explorers Post 19, and the

free egg hunt featuring designated areas divided by age groups, starting promptly at 10 am. Studio-quality photos with the Easter Bunny will be available for a nominal fee.

Pantera Park is located at 738 Pantera Drive. Children should bring their own baskets or bags for the egg hunt. For more event information, call the City's Recreation Services Division at 909.839.7070.

Summer Camp Registration

Spring may have just begun, but City staff is already thinking summer fun. That's because registration is now open for the City's popular 11-week Summer Daze Camp, offered at Heritage Park Monday through Friday, 7 am to 6 pm from June 6 until August 19.

Open to children ages 6 to 12, this Camp features plenty of fun activities, including arts and crafts, games, sports, trips to a local pool, and excursions to places like Knott's Berry Farm, Disneyland, Glen Helen Water Park, and Castle Park.

Registration is available in one-week sessions, and parents can choose to enroll their children for any number of weeks. The \$130 fee for each one-week session covers the cost for one camp T-shirt, activity materials, and field trip transportation and admissions. Campers must bring their own bag lunches.

Heritage Park is located at 2900 S. Brea Canyon Road in Diamond Bar. Registration forms are available online at www.CityofDiamondBar.com or in person at the Diamond Bar Center, 1600 Grand Avenue, and City Hall, 21825 Copley Drive.

Early registration is recommended as camp is limited to 100 campers per week and slots fill quickly. For more details, check out page 9 of the spring Community Recreation Guide or call the Recreation Services Division at 909.839.7070.



Free Prescription Discount Card Program

Last summer, the City launched a free Prescription Discount Card Program that entitles individuals with limited or no health insurance to a discount of up to 20% off the retail price of commonly prescribed medication.

The program, sponsored by the National League of Cities in collaboration with CVS Caremark, continues to be available to all residents, regardless of age, income, or existing health coverage. There is no enrollment form or membership fee required.

Residents have the convenient option of printing a card directly from the web, or picking one up at Diamond Bar City Hall (21825 Copley Drive) or the Diamond Bar Center (1600 Grand Avenue).

The NLC card is accepted at more than 60,000 participating retail pharmacies across the country, including Diamond Bar-based Target, Sav-On (inside Albertsons), and CVS.

For more program information including participating pharmacies, visit the City website www.CityofDiamondBar.com and click on "NLC Prescription Discount Card" located in the "Residents" tab.



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 family and I are big on recycling, but we sometimes forget what we can and can't put in our recycling cart. Will you please provide a list?

A: As a general rule, most paper and cardboard, metals, glass, and plastics are acceptable and should be placed in your recycling cart. Following is a "Do's and Don'ts" guide to recycling:

Paper and Cardboard:

Do's

- Corrugated cardboard (boxes)
- Magazines
- Office paper (all colors)
- Newspapers
- Paperboard (cereal boxes)
- Paper cardboard dairy/juice cartons
- Unsolicited direct mail (even window envelopes are okay)
- Phone books

Don'ts

- Waxed paper
- Food-contaminated paper (such as a cheese-encrusted pizza box)
- Mixed metal and paper (paper must be free of staples to be recycled)



Metals:

Do's

- Aluminum cans
- Foil and aluminum bakeware
- Steel cans and tins (soup cans, veggie cans, coffee cans, etc.)
- Wire coat hangers
- Empty aerosol cans

Don'ts

- Automotive parts
- Plumbing parts
- Paint cans with wet or dried-on paint
- Electronics

Glass:

Do's

- Clear glass (mayonnaise containers, pasta sauces, pickle jars, etc.)
- Brown amber glass typically used for beer
- Green bottles typically used for wine

Don'ts

- Any glass contaminated with stones, dirt and food waste
- Ceramics, such as dishware, ovenware, and decorative items
- Heat-resistant glass, such as Pyrex
- Mixed colors of broken glass
- Mirror or window glass
- Metal or plastic caps, corks or lids
- Crystal
- Light bulbs
- Cathode-ray tubes

Plastics

All plastics #1 through #7, including Styrofoam, are acceptable and should be placed in your recycling cart.

It's also important to note that while recyclables should not be full of food or other product, washing them out is not necessary or recommended as it wastes valuable water resources; recyclables are cleaned out with a chemical/water solution during processing. For more recycling-related information, contact the City's Environmental Services Division at 909.839.7035.

Arbor Day Celebration



Pantera Elementary School students can look forward to a greener campus and reduced carbon footprint that will result from the City's Arbor Day Celebration taking place Friday, April 22 starting at 9:30 am.

In addition to recognizing the City's official designation as a Tree City USA for its 10th consecutive year, the celebration will include student performances, recognition of this year's National Arbor Day Foundation Poster Contest, and the planting of five 24-inch boxed London Plane trees, donated by West Coast Arborists.

Arbor Day, founded in 1872, is the nation's oldest environmental holiday celebrating trees and their energy-producing and conserving role. The Tree City USA program recognizes communities that invest and manage their urban and community forest resource.

Event attendance is free and open to the public; however guests must first stop by the school's main office, 801 Pantera Drive, to obtain a visitor's pass. For more event-related information, contact the City's Recreation Services Division at 909.839.7067.



Find it Fast Phone Directory

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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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Friends Fundraiser

Friends of the Diamond Bar Library is hosting its 18th annual Wine Soiree on Sunday, April 10 at the Diamond Bar Center. Adults are invited to purchase tickets to the fundraising event featuring food, wine, music, and live and silent auctions.

All event proceeds benefit the Diamond Bar Library. Tickets to the event cost \$60 at the door, or \$50 if purchased in advance at the Diamond Bar Library (1061 S. Grand Avenue), Basically BOOKS (23447 Golden Springs Drive), U.S. Bank (175 S. Grand Avenue), or Farmers Insurance (1200 S. Diamond Bar Boulevard, Suite 214).

Diamond Bar Center is located at 1600 Grand Avenue. For more information, call 909.861.2002.



Snapshots Around The Community



ENVIRONMENTAL STEWARDS...

Nearly 22,000 pounds worth of miscellaneous electronics, 6,510 gallons of auto fluids, paint, and other hazardous liquids, 346 computer monitors, and 30 car batteries were properly retired during the recent Household Hazardous & Electronic Waste & E-Waste (HHW/E-Waste) event co-hosted by the City and the County of Los Angeles. Future HHW/E-Waste events scheduled in nearby cities include May 21 in West Covina, and June 11 in Pomona. To be notified of upcoming events by e-mail, sign up for a free e-newsletter by clicking on the e-subscriptions button on the City website homepage.

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
- City Birthday Party - starts at 11 am, Pantera Park, (see front page for details)
- Easter Egg Hunt - starts at 8:30 am, Pantera Park (see page 3 for details)

READY TO RACE...

Over 1,850 runners (and walkers) helped the Walnut Valley Educational Foundation raise funds needed to support School District programs during its 2nd annual 5K Walk/Run and 1K Fun Run on Sunday, March 6. Proceeds from the 3.1-mile trek on local streets around the school will be divided among all Walnut Unified School District schools to fund the purchase of needed supplies and equipment.

Photo and caption courtesy of WVUSD



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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.