

City News

Published Monthly For Residents & Businesses in Diamond Bar

Trail Map Inside!

You don't have to go far to escape the hustle and bustle of city life - take advantage of the more than 6 miles of back-country trails located here in Diamond Bar.

To help get you going on your nature adventure, this edition comes with a pull out trail map (conveniently located in the middle of the Recreation Guide) with information that includes locations of trailheads, access points, and rest stops. It also features a trail difficulty barometer.

New trail users are encouraged to tune in to DBtv (Time Warner channel 3 or Verizon FiOS channel 47) or log on to www.DiamondBarCA.gov to watch a brief "Take a Hike" video to learn more about the community's trails and obtain useful hiking tips.



91789, A ZIP Code Survey is in the Mail

A single ZIP Code for all Diamond Bar residents and businesses is contingent on the results of a mail survey to be conducted this month by the United States Postal Service.

Only residents and businesses in the Walnut, 91789 ZIP Code service area will receive this survey.

It is aimed at gauging support for the consolidation of more than 3,000 Diamond Bar homes and businesses currently with a 91789 ZIP Code into the 91765 ZIP Code used by the remaining 18,000 Diamond Bar addresses.

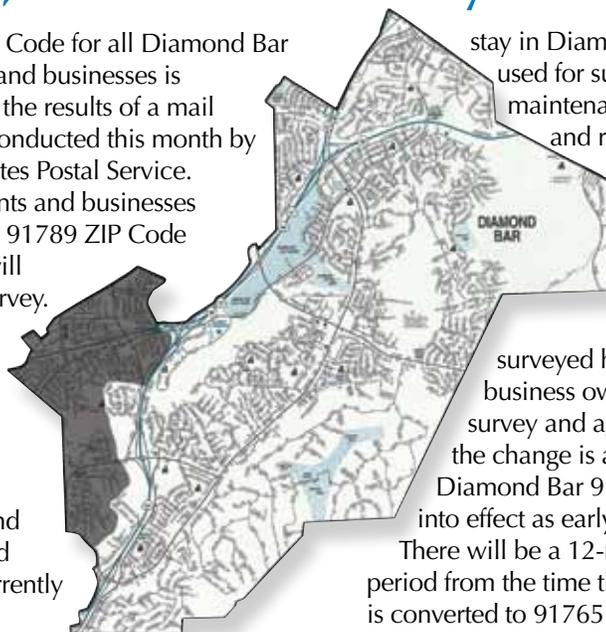
Among other things, the consolidation will help strengthen the community's identity by clearly defining city boundaries. It will also assist in correctly identifying local businesses to ensure sales tax dollars

stay in Diamond Bar and are used for such services as road maintenance, public safety, and recreation.

In order for the consolidation to take effect, the USPS requires that a combined majority of the surveyed homeowners and business owners respond to the survey and agree to the change. If the change is approved, the citywide Diamond Bar 91765 ZIP Code will go into effect as early as summer of 2012.

There will be a 12-month transition period from the time the 91789 ZIP Code is converted to 91765 to ensure there is no interruption of mail delivery service regardless of the ZIP Code used.

For more information, please visit the city website www.DiamondBarCA.gov and locate "ZIP Code" in the "Residents" tab or contact the City's Public Information Manager Marsha Roa at 909.839.7055.



Introducing the DB Smartphone App

Owners of iPhones are a free download away from the latest way to connect to Diamond Bar City Hall – a smartphone app.

Now in its first phase, this smartphone app enables users to utilize built-in iPhone technology such as GPS, video, and camera to quickly report issues such as potholes and graffiti to City Hall.

It also provides access to:

- Maps and directions to City and County facilities
- One-touch direct phone or email connection to City Council members and City departments
- The news, and meeting & event calendar sections of the City website
- Informational and educational videos posted on the City's government YouTube site; and the latest feeds on the City's official social network (Facebook and Twitter).

"The integration of this new smartphone app further broadens the City's communication tools and creates another convenient avenue

for residents to make requests for service, around the clock from anywhere," the City's Public Information Manager, Marsha Roa, said.

While the app is currently only available for iPhone users, future plans call for expanding access to other mobile phone platforms, including iPad and Android.

"We are in the initial stage of our plans for this app," Roa said. "Many new features and functions will be added in the coming months, largely based on feedback we hope to obtain from the app users."

To download this free app, visit the iTunes app store and search "Diamond Bar." For more information, contact the City's Public Information Division at 909.839.7055.



Got Hazardous and Electronic Waste?

If your latest household clean sweep effort turned up any hazardous or electronic waste, here's a chance to dispose of it properly and at no cost.

The County's mobile Household Hazardous Waste and Electronic Waste (HHW/E-Waste) Collection event is coming to John A. Rowland High School, 2000 South Otterbein Avenue in Rowland Heights, on Saturday, August 27.



Simply load your items (if liquid, in original or non-leaking sealed containers) into your trunk and bring them to the collection site between 9 am and 3 pm. You will be directed to a drop-off location where event staff will retrieve your items from your car, without you having to get out.

As a reminder, there is a limit of 15 gallons or 125 pounds of hazardous waste per trip and white goods (refrigerators, stoves and washing machines), tires, ammunition, explosives, and radioactive materials are not accepted.

For more information, including a complete list of accepted and unaccepted items, visit www.CleanLA.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-owner 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* – Pre-mark site of intended excavation

Calendar Key

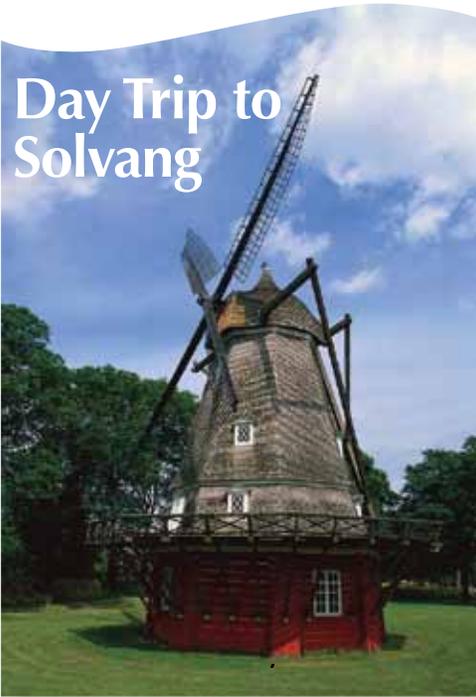
- City Council Meeting* - starts at 6:30 pm
- Planning Commission Meeting* - starts at 7 pm
- Traffic & Transportation Commission Meeting* - starts at 7 pm
- Parks & Recreation Commission Meeting* - starts at 7 pm
- Transit Late Night - City Hall open until 7 pm
- Street Sweeping Week
- Concerts in the Park/Movies Under the Stars - 6:30 pm at Sycamore Canyon Park

August 2011

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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.DiamondBarCA.gov.

Day Trip to Solvang



The City's fall menu of one-day excursions kicks off with a September 17 bus trip to the 100-year old city of Solvang, the "Danish Capital of America."

Trip goers will get several hours to walk the village blocks and revel in the Danish history and culture through the authentic food, music, folk dancing, parades, and living history demonstrations that are part of the annual Danish Days Celebration.

Now in its 75th year, the celebration includes displays of Old World Danish Folk Art, storytelling by Randel McGee as Hans Christian Andersen, and demonstrations of actual weapons used during the Viking era.

The trip is open to all ages, costs \$31 per person, and includes roundtrip transportation and a return-trip snack.

Bus departure is scheduled for 7:30 am from Diamond Bar City Hall (21825 Copley Drive), with arrival set for 7:30 pm. For more information or to reserve a seat, call 909.839.7070.

Playing Fields Closed For Maintenance

Residents and sports organizations are advised that the playing fields at Pantera Park and Lorbeer Middle School are closed for routine turf maintenance. Fields at Pantera Park will be open for use mid August, while the field at Lorbeer Middle School will available late August.

Free Admission to the County Fair

Next month, the L.A. County Fair returns to Pomona, bringing with it the much-favored Community Days Program honoring over a dozen local cities through the duration of the Fair.



Diamond Bar's day in the spotlight is set for September 15, with the fairgrounds featuring a host of activities honoring the city, including a parade and high school marching band competition, horse race, Community Hero presentation, and live entertainment.

For free admission to the fair on Diamond Bar Day between noon and 6 pm, simply present a new or gently-used book at the Fair gates. Donations will go to a national book organization. For more information, contact Fairplex Community Relations Coordinator Shanell Santee, at 909.865.4075 or santee@fairplex.com.

City Hall Online 24 Hours a Day, 7 Days a Week



www.DiamondBarCA.gov

"Favicon"

Do you visit the City website frequently? Use the favicon, short for Favorites Icon, to create a shortcut to the City homepage for quick-click reference. The favicon is the little symbol before the City website URL in the address bar.

To create the shortcut, simply left-click and hold on to the image, and drag it onto the left end of the location bar or onto the desktop. Try it right now.

New Law Requires Carbon Monoxide Detectors in Homes

As of July 1, new legislation is in effect requiring homeowners to install carbon monoxide detectors in every California home.

Though previous laws only required newly-constructed homes to have CO alarms, the state's new Carbon Monoxide Poisoning Prevention Act (Senate Bill 183) requires owners of all existing single-family homes with an attached garage or a fossil fuel source to install CO alarm devices within the home.

Owners of multi-family leased or rental dwellings, such as apartment buildings, have until January 1, 2013 to comply with the law.

Carbon monoxide (CO) is a colorless, odorless gas that is produced from heaters, fireplaces, furnaces and many types of appliances and cooking devices. The best way for homeowners to stay protected from CO is to have a carbon monoxide detector installed on every floor and outside each sleeping area.

For more information on how to prevent carbon monoxide poisoning visit the CAL FIRE website at www.fire.ca.gov.



Elected Officials

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



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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	909.860.1904
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

Concerts in the Park and Movies Under the Stars

This year's lineup is already in full swing, but even if you missed July's concerts and movies, you can still catch the remaining events:

August 3
Cold Duck (70's Top 40)
Movie: Tangled

August 10
The Night Tides (Beach)
Movie: The Sorcerer's Apprentice

August 17
LIGHTS (Journey Tribute Band)
 (concert sponsored by the Diamond Bar
 Community Foundation)
Movie: Toy Story 3

Concerts are held at Sycamore Canyon Park starting at 6:30 pm and are followed by a movie. Free parking and shuttle service to the park is available at the Diamond Bar Golf Course starting at 5:30 pm.



All concerts are taped and broadcast on DBtv (Time Warner Ch. 3 and Verizon FiOS Ch. 47) Monday and Thursday at 8 pm and Saturday and Sunday at 1 pm and 6 pm.



Concerts in the Park



Movies Under the Stars



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Emergency in Progress:

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TUNE IN to Ch. 3 (Time Warner)/Ch. 47 (Verizon FiOS)