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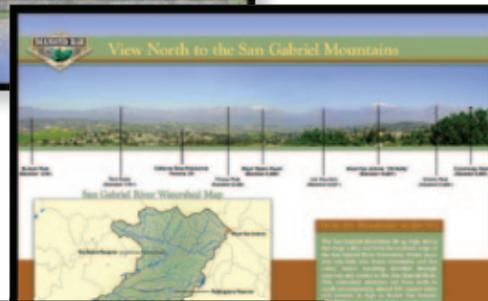
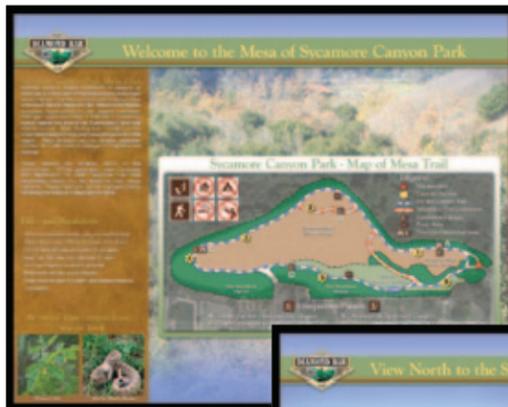
## New Trail Interpretive Exhibits

A series of eleven new interpretive exhibits are set to be installed along the Sycamore Canyon Park trail system. Aimed at enhancing the trail experience for all park visitors, some of the exhibits will highlight the flora and fauna of the area as well as its history and cultural landmarks while others will focus on the role and importance of the local watershed system. Additional exhibits, positioned at key locations along the trail, will depict the panoramic views of mountain ranges and provide the names and elevations of each peak.

The exhibits will be spaced out along the trail for a mile and a quarter-span that starts at the trailhead at Diamond Bar Boulevard, between Tin Drive and Clear Creek Canyon, and ends at the trailhead adjacent to the Diamond Bar Center lower parking lot.

Funding for the exhibits was secured through the State of California's Nature Education Facilities Grant Program from the Proposition 84, 2006 Bond Act.

Plans call for five panels to be in place before the end of this month, with the final six installed by mid-March.



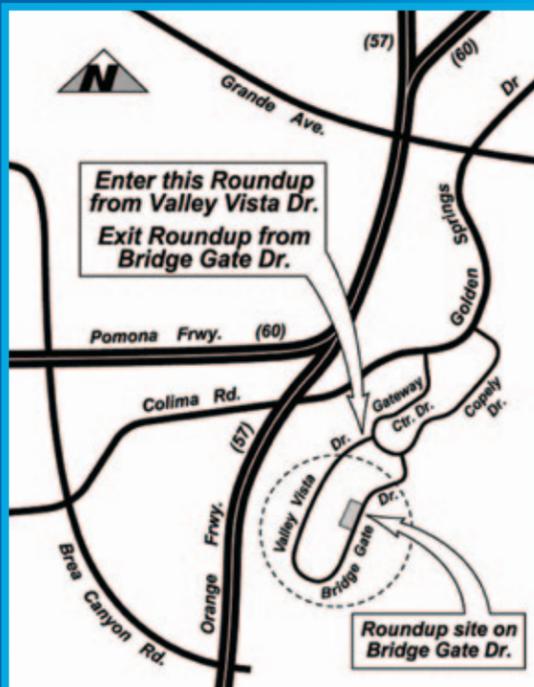
## Free HHW / E-Waste Collection

The County's popular mobile Household Hazardous Waste and Electronic Waste (HHW/E-Waste) Collection event is coming to Diamond Bar on Saturday, February 18, 2012.

From 9 am to 3 pm, residents are welcome to drive to the 1300 block of Bridge Gate Drive in Diamond Bar to drop off items that cannot be disposed of in the regular trash, such as computers, television sets, batteries, expired medicine, paint, and pesticides.

To participate, residents should place the items they wish to dispose of in the trunk of their vehicles. At the collection site, event personnel will ask drivers to remain in the car while they remove the waste from the trunk.

For more information or a complete list of what you can and cannot bring, call 1.888.253.2652. For details about the event, contact the City's Environmental Services Division at 909.839.7015 or [greendb@diamondbarca.gov](mailto:greendb@diamondbarca.gov).



## Tour City Hall on February 21

After occupying rented space for over 22 years, Diamond Bar City Hall last month settled into its permanent home, a two-story, 57,000 square foot facility located at 21810 Copley Drive.

And on Tuesday, February 21 from 4 pm to 6:30 pm, the doors to this new facility will be thrown wide open to welcome community members with refreshments and guided tours of the second floor.

**You're Invited!**

**What: City Hall Open House**

**When: Tuesday, February 21, 4:00 – 6:30pm**

**Where: 21810 Copley Drive, 2nd Floor directly across the South Coast Air Quality Management District building**

The City purchased the building in September 2010 with the dual goal of addressing space needs for City operations and creating a new home for the nearly 40 year-old library branch.

With 27000 square feet of space, the second floor adequately houses all City government service functions, a team of Sheriff's Department personnel, and a dedicated Emergency Operations Center. It also features a large, efficient public service counter and several meeting rooms.

Relocating from its existing location on Grand Avenue, the County branch library will occupy the first floor. It will be triple its current size and include separate children, teen, and adult reading sections, an outdoor reading garden, and office space for the Friends of the Diamond Bar Library bookstore "Basically BOOKS."

Please note that the first floor and future home of the library is still under construction and therefore will not be open to the public during the February 21 Open House event. Once the library opens, in late summer 2012, a Building Dedication event will be held to provide the public access to the entire building.

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



## Free Tax Preparation Assistance

In partnership with AARP, the City is again offering adults age 55 and older free tax return preparation assistance from February 1 through April 11. The free service will be available by appointment every Wednesday from 8am to 11:30am at the Diamond Bar Center, 1600 Grand Avenue. Tax filers should bring with them copies of their previous year's returns, and all other documents reflecting income and expenses for 2011. For more information or to make an appointment, call the Recreation Services Division at 909.839.7070.



Get your child kindergarten-ready...registration for the spring session of Tiny Tots starts next month.  
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## New Child Passenger Safety Law

Here's a reminder to parents that as of January 1, 2012, California Law requires children to ride in the back seat in a properly secured child passenger safety restraint until they are at least 8 years old or until they are at least 4 feet 9 inches in height.

Previously the law, passed in 2005, only required that children be properly restrained in the rear seat if they were under age 6 or weighed less than 60 pounds.

Also under this law, for each child under 16 who is not properly secured, drivers can be fined more than \$475 and get a point on their driving record.

The AAA suggests the following guidelines when securing children in vehicles:

- Use a rear-facing car safety seat for children, aged birth until age 2 or until they weigh between 30 and 45 pounds.
- Use a forward-facing car safety seat once a child is 2 or older, or has outgrown the rear-facing weight or height limit.
- As a safety measure, the U.S. National Highway Traffic Safety Administration recommends all children 12 years and under should be in the back seat.
- Use a belt-positioning booster seat once a child has outgrown the height limit for their forward-facing restraint.
- Children should use booster seats until they are 4' 9" tall and are between 8 and 12; and all children under age 13 should ride in the back seat.

Parents interested in getting their child's car seat or other restraint inspected to make sure it is being used properly can visit one of several nationally-certified child passenger safety technicians throughout California. To locate the nearest "fitting station," call the Baldwin Park CHP office at 626.338.1164 or visit the National Highway Traffic Safety Administration's website at [www.nhtsa.gov](http://www.nhtsa.gov).



## Volunteer Program

Are you between the ages of 13 and 15 and looking for a fun way to earn work experience in the recreation field this summer?

As part of its annual summer Volunteer program, the City is again making available a limited number of recreation assistant positions to Diamond Bar youth.

To be eligible to participate, you must be available to work June 4 through August 17 for a minimum of 5 to a maximum of 40 hours per week. Hours are mutually arranged between the Volunteer program coordinator and the participant.

If selected, you will have the choice of assisting in one of a variety of City-sponsored summer programs such as pre-school, day camp, youth sports, senior programming, and Concerts in the Park.

Examples of duties include coaching a youth baseball team, engaging pre-school age children in fun learning activities, demonstrating how to make a lanyard in day camp, serving snacks to seniors, or helping in the arts and crafts booth during Concerts in the Park.

Applications for this year's program become available Monday, February 27 at City Hall, the Diamond Bar Center, and online [www.diamondbarca.gov](http://www.diamondbarca.gov); they are due back no later than 5:30 pm on April 19.

After this cutoff date, all applications received will be reviewed and qualifying applicants will be invited to an interview.

For more information, visit [www.diamondbarca.gov/volunteers](http://www.diamondbarca.gov/volunteers) or call 909.839.7062.



## Volunteer Award Nominations Sought

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.diamondbarca.gov/volunteerrecognition](http://www.diamondbarca.gov/volunteerrecognition). Nominations close on Friday, March 16.

The City's Outstanding Volunteer Award Program aims to recognize 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 as well as local elected officials during the City Birthday Party, this year set for April 14.

For further information about the award program, contact the City's Community Services Department at 909.839.7060.



### Save The Date

## 2012 State of the City Address

Mark your calendars for the City's annual State of the City Address taking place on Thursday, March 22 at the Diamond Bar Center.

This once-a-year event will summarize the City's noteworthy accomplishments of 2011 and outline the goals and projects for the current year and beyond. Doors open at 6 pm for refreshments and appetizers, with the presentation commencing promptly at 6:30 pm.

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

## Presidents' Day Closure

City offices and facilities, including the Diamond Bar Public Library will be closed Monday, February 20, in observance of the Presidents Day holiday. Refuse collection and street sweeping will not be affected.

## Tiny Tot Registration

A new session of the City's popular Tiny Tots program is set to get underway Monday, April 2, with registrations accepted beginning March 5.

The 11-week enrichment program for children ages 3 to 5 is aimed at encouraging intellectual, physical, and social growth for a positive transition into kindergarten. Activities include story time, music, art, and play time in a safe, fun recreational setting.



Tiny Tots is available from 9am to 12:30pm at both Heritage Park (2900 S. Brea Canyon Road) and Pantera Park (738 Pantera Drive). Three year-olds will meet on Tuesdays and Thursdays, while four and five-year-olds will meet Mondays, Wednesdays, and Fridays.

Enrollment cost is \$308 for three-year-olds and \$448 for four-and five-year-olds, with the option of a two-payment plan. The first half of the payment is due at registration time and the second no later than the fourth week of the session.

Registration forms are available at City Hall, 21810 Copley Drive, and the Diamond Bar Center, 1600 Grand Avenue. It is also available for download via the City website [www.diamondbarca.gov](http://www.diamondbarca.gov). Completed forms may be walked into the Diamond Bar Center, mailed to Diamond Bar City Hall, Attn: Recreation-Tiny Tots, 21810 Copley Drive, Diamond Bar, CA 91765 or faxed to 909.612.4580.

For more information, call the City's Recreation Services at 909.839.7070.

# Join in the City's Birthday Party

*Fundraising, volunteering, and entertaining opportunities available*

The month of April, when the City celebrates its 23rd year of incorporation, will present a great opportunity for nonprofits to raise funds for their causes, entertainment groups to perform on stage, and high school students to earn community service hours.

**Fundraising:** Fundraising opportunities for Diamond Bar nonprofits consist of operating a food, craft, or game booth. The \$100 participation fee helps cover the cost of supplies and rentals – games and prizes for game booths, supplies for arts & craft booths, and a 10x10 canopy with two 6-foot tables and two chairs. Food booth operators each keep their individual earnings, while game and craft booth operators split wristband sale proceeds between participating organizations and the City. Applications are available via the City website and due back to City Hall no later than Friday, March 2 before 4:30 pm.

**Entertaining:** The opportunity to perform on stage is open to Diamond Bar residents of all ages with a pre-rehearsed solo or group act under 30 minutes in length. An entertainment application is also available on the City website and due back to City Hall no later than Friday, March 2 before 4:30pm.

**Volunteering:** Assistance with event setup, operation, and cleanup is needed between the hours of 8am and 7pm. This volunteering opportunity is open only to high school-aged Diamond Bar residents or students attending Diamond Bar High School or Diamond Ranch High School. Volunteers must wear closed-toe shoes and bring their school I.D. or proof of residence to show at check-in time.

The referenced applications are available in person at City Hall (21810 Copley Drive) or the Diamond Bar Center (1600 Grand Avenue), and can also be downloaded by visiting [www.diamondbarca.gov/citybirthday](http://www.diamondbarca.gov/citybirthday).

Considered the largest annual City-hosted event, the Birthday Party is taking place from 11am to 5pm on Saturday, April 14 at Pantera Park, 738 Pantera Drive. It will feature live local talent, amusement rides, games, food and information booths, as well as a classic car show and local business showcase. Amusement rides and Teen Action Zone games will be available until 6pm.

For general event-related inquiries, contact the City's Community Services Department at 909.839.7070. Individuals seeking information about the car show should call 909.839.7072, while business owners or managers interested in being part of the Business Showcase should contact the Regional Chamber of Commerce – San Gabriel Valley at 909.869.0701.



## Day Trip to Getty Villa

The City's Recreation Services Division is organizing a bus trip to the Getty Villa in Malibu on Saturday, March 10.

The Getty Villa in Malibu is an educational center and museum dedicated to the study of the arts and cultures of ancient Greece, Rome, and Etruria. It features 23 permanent galleries and five alternating galleries with antiquities dating back to 6500 B.C.

Upon arriving at the Getty, lunch will be provided and consist of turkey, ham, roast beef, or Mediterranean veggie sandwich and chips, cookie, and a drink. Following lunch, trip-goers get the rest of the afternoon to browse the Getty's exhibit areas on their own.

Trip cost is \$36 per person and includes roundtrip transportation, lunch, museum admission, and a return-trip snack.

The bus departs from the Diamond Bar Center, 1600 Grand Avenue, at 10:30 am and returns at approximately 6 pm. For more information or to reserve a seat, call 909.839.7070.



## Third Annual Walnut Valley 5K Run/Walk and 1K Fun Run

Story contributed by the Walnut Valley Unified School District

### *Saturday and Sunday events planned on March 3 and 4*

The 3rd Annual Walnut Valley Unified School District 5K Run/Walk and 1K FunRun will be held on Sunday, March 4 at Diamond Bar High School beginning at 8 a.m.

This two-day event is sponsored by the Walnut Valley Educational Foundation (WVEF) a non-profit organization dedicated to raising important funds that ensure a quality education for the children in Walnut Valley Schools.

Since 1997, WVEF has raised over a million dollars to fund grants for innovative classroom projects and scholarships for graduating seniors.

Saturday, March 3 will also be an exciting day! A Wheel Food Fest featuring several popular gourmet food trucks will be held at Walnut High School – offering a delicious way to support our schools! During this pre-race day event, participants may register, and pick up their racing bibs and t-shirts. There will also be a student art sale and entertainment showcase featuring talented elementary, middle and high school students.

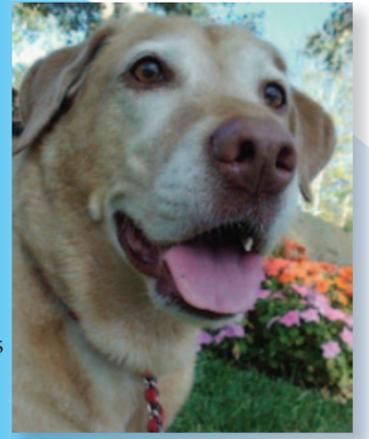
Last year over 1,850 participants including toddlers, students, parents, staff, community members, and local officials helped raise funds, one step at a time, at this fun school, family, and community event.

Proceeds have provided teacher grants for new programs, technology upgrades, sports equipment, library books, music supplies, and other important items needed in the schools.

Please plan to join us March 3 and 4!

Event information is available at [www.wvusd.k12.ca.us](http://www.wvusd.k12.ca.us) and register for the race at [www.active.com](http://www.active.com).

## Dog Park



Now in the design phase, plans for the construction of Diamond Bar's first dog park are swiftly moving forward.

Aimed at creating a place for licensed dogs to exercise and safely play off-leash, the park will be located within Pantera Park on a 1.35-acre meadow site adjacent to the basketball courts.

It will feature an ADA-accessible pathway; separate fenced, wood chip surface areas for small and large dogs; litter bag dispensers; and dog-friendly drinking fountains.

It is anticipated construction will commence in May, with the park officially opening to the public in August.

*Maggie, an 8-year old Labrador and Diamond Bar resident*

## Golden Springs Drive Slope Repair

Caltrans last month started repair work on the hillside at Golden Springs Drive, adjacent to the 60 freeway. Construction activities, consisting of slope anchoring, netting, and hydroseeding, are taking place weekdays between the hours of 8 am and 4:30 pm and require the closure of the southbound curb lane on Golden Springs Drive. Caltrans anticipates all work to be completed by late February, weather permitting.

## Par Course Nearing Completion

Good news for individuals looking for a new way to get in shape while enjoying the outdoors.

The end of this month signals the completion of a project that will add nearly 2000 feet of path to the developed trail system at Sycamore Canyon Park. This path will lead trail users to a new par course featuring 10 different exercise stations.

Additional work being completed as part of this project includes the restoration of a riparian habitat using native shrub and tree species, installation of benches in key areas of the park, as well as improvements to the park's drainage system.

## Curb Ramp Project Planned

The walking routes to Maple Hill Elementary and Chaparral Middle schools will soon be more pedestrian-friendly.

Next month a construction project gets underway to install new curb ramps or upgrade existing aging curb ramps in 75 locations within the vicinity of both these locations.

In accordance with ADA Standards, these new ramps will have a textured surface that can be felt underfoot or with a cane by individuals who are blind or have low vision to assist them with making the transition from a pedestrian-only area to a roadway.

This project will be funded by the Community Development Block Grant Program.

# Find it Fast Phone Directory

<b>City Services</b>	<b>909.839.7000</b>
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	909.839.7018
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	909.839.7076
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
<b>Business Information:</b>	
Business Licenses	909.839.7030
Chamber of Commerce	909.869.0701
<b>School Districts:</b>	
Pomona Unified	909.397.4700
Walnut Valley Unified	909.595.1261
<b>Utilities:</b>	
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
<b>Public Safety:</b>	
Animal Control	909.623.9777
Fire (LA County)*	909.629.9671
Police (LA Co. Sheriff)*	909.595.2264
Vector Control	562.944.9656
<b>24-Hour Hotlines:</b>	
Building Inspection Hotline	909.839.7027
Graffiti Hotline	800.794.7384
<b>*For emergencies, dial 9-1-1</b>	



## 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

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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](http://www.DiamondBarCA.gov).



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### Elected Officials

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

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## Snapshots Around The Community

**FUN IN THE SNOW...** Stephen, Lily & two-year-old Audrey Leung were among the several hundred individuals who didn't have to go far this past month to enjoy access to ten tons of snow. The family attended the City's 11th annual Winter Snow Fest held on January 14, 2012 at Pantera Park. Among the activities the Leungs enjoyed was making this snowman. In addition to snow play areas, the festive event also featured sledding hills, winter craft activities, and photo opportunities with Slurry the Sledding Penguin. Additional event photos are posted online at [www.diamondbarca.gov/photogallery](http://www.diamondbarca.gov/photogallery).



## 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 Gas Dinner Dance on Wednesday, March 14. 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 9. Diamond Bar Center is located at 1600 Grand Avenue. For more information or to make reservations, call 909.839.7070.

## City Channel Broadcast Issues

Due to technical difficulties related to the relocation of City Hall, DBtv – the City Channel – is temporarily not broadcasting any City programming via Time Warner Channel 3. City staff and contractors are working with Time Warner Cable to address the pending issues and anticipate programming, which includes the live airing of City Council meetings, will be restored by late-February. In the meantime, City Council meetings will continue to be taped and uploaded to the City website [www.diamondbarca.gov/videos](http://www.diamondbarca.gov/videos) for viewing the Thursday following the meeting. We thank you for your understanding, and regret any inconvenience this may cause. For more information, contact the City's Public Information Division at 909.839.7055.



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