

# City News

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## 2012 State of the City Address

Everyone is invited to attend this year's State of the City Address, set to take place at the Diamond Bar Center on Thursday, March 22.

The Address, delivered by the Mayor, will touch on the City's current fiscal health, economic development efforts, local and regional traffic projects, and public safety programs.

Doors will open at 6 pm, with the Address starting promptly at 6:30 pm. Admission is free and open to the public, and refreshments will be provided.

For more information, contact the Public Information Division at 909.839.7055 or email [info@diamondbarca.gov](mailto:info@diamondbarca.gov).

## Mark Your Calendars – 23rd Annual City Birthday Party

Saturday, April 14  
Pantera Park (738 Pantera Drive)  
11 am-5 pm (carnival rides until 6 pm)

Kid Game Zone – Teen Action Zone

– Carnival Rides – Concession Stands – Car Show – Business Showcase – Information Booths – Public Safety Demonstrations – Disaster Preparedness Display – Environmental Giveaways – Community Entertainment – Free Birthday Cake

### Event Contacts:

General event information – 909.839.7070  
Food/ Game/Information (Nonprofit) Booths, Carnival Ride Operation – 909.839.7067  
Car Show – 909.839.7072  
Business Showcase – 909.869.0701 (Regional Chamber of Commerce – San Gabriel Valley)



Thousands of candy-filled eggs will be spread throughout Pantera Park's grass field for children to collect as part of the annual Easter Egg Hunt sponsored by the City and the Diamond Bar Breakfast Lions Club.



The spring event, taking place on Saturday, April 7, begins at 8:30 am with a pancake breakfast provided by the Fire Explorers Post 19 for \$5 a plate. The free egg hunt follows at 10 am for children, toddler through sixth grade. Photos with the Easter Bunny will also be available for a nominal fee.

Children should bring their own baskets or bags to collect eggs. Pantera Park is located at 738 Pantera Drive in Diamond Bar. For more information, call the City's Recreation Services Division at 909.839.7070.

## Outstanding Volunteer Award Program

We all know at least one individual who consistently volunteers his or her time or talent to improve the lives of others, without seeking or expecting compensation.

Now through Friday, March 16, you can show that individual how much you appreciate them by nominating them for the City's Outstanding Volunteer Award.

Organized in conjunction with the City's annual Birthday Party every April, the award program honors deserving adults and youth for their good deeds or community service with a special award from the City Council and a mention in the City's monthly newsletter.

Nominations can be submitted online by visiting the City website [www.diamondbarca.gov/volunteerrecognition](http://www.diamondbarca.gov/volunteerrecognition), clicking on "Survey" in the top right corner and completing the "Outstanding Volunteer" form. Hard copies are also available for pickup at City Hall, 21810 Copley Drive, and the Diamond Bar Center, 1600 Grand Avenue.

For further information about the award program, call 909.839.7067.

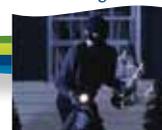
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## Energy Upgrade Program

Residents interested in making their homes more comfortable and energy efficient can still take advantage of up to \$4,500 in rebates and incentives available through the statewide Energy Upgrade Program.

Administered by the California Public Utilities Commission, the program connects homeowners to available financing options and pre-approved contractors to perform select energy-saving home upgrades that include air conditioner or heater replacements, insulation installation, window replacements, and lighting and control improvements.

Also, as a pilot component of this program, residents living in select Diamond Bar neighborhoods can access special "neighborhood energy upgrade packages" for incentives that further boost savings.

For more information or to check if your home is eligible for the special neighborhood energy upgrade package, visit [www.energyupgradeca.org](http://www.energyupgradeca.org). Incentives are available on a first come, first served basis while funding lasts.

## Living With Wildlife

In cities where homes border open space, sharing living space with wild animals is a way of life.

For the most part, these animals – which in Diamond Bar include deer, squirrels, raccoons, and coyotes – provide great wildlife watching opportunities on the condition that individuals keep a respectful distance and do not disturb their normal activities.

Wild animals are by nature fearful of humans, but when intentionally or unintentionally given easy access to food and water sources, their behavior changes and they lose the fear.

Do your part to keep wild animals wild in their natural habitat by following these simple precautions:

- Do not feed any wild animals. It encourages them to lose their natural



fear of humans and develop reliance for easy access food.

- Feed pets indoors or promptly remove dishes when they complete their meals outdoors. Store bags of pet food indoors.
- Clear brush and dense weeds from around private property. This deprives rodents of shelter and reduces protective cover.
- Pick fruit off property trees as soon as it ripens and dispose of fruit that has fallen to the ground.

For additional wildlife information resources, visit:

[www.diamondbarca.gov/wildlife](http://www.diamondbarca.gov/wildlife).

## Kites, Balloons, and Power Lines

With spring just around the corner, So Cal Edison reminds readers of the importance of following some simple safety rules when playing outdoors with kites and metallic balloons.

Due to the metallic coatings of certain kites and Mylar helium-filled balloons, contact with power lines can be fatal or at minimum cause power outages.

SCE suggests finding a park or a wide-open area, away from television and radio antennas, to fly kites or play with balloons, and:

- Never fly kites in the rain or during an electrical storm and make sure the string, wood, and paper are completely dry.
- Never use a kite made with wire or other metallic materials.
- Never cross a road or street while flying a kite.
- Never attempt to free a kite or balloon caught in a power line; instead immediately call SCE at 800.611.1911 to have properly trained personnel with safety equipment remove it.

### 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
- Transit Late Night - City Hall open until 7 pm
- Street Sweeping Week

\*City Council meetings take place at the AQMD/Government Center (21865 Copley Drive), while City Commission meetings are held at Diamond Bar City Hall (21810 Copley Drive). Additional event and meeting details are available at [www.DiamondBarCA.gov/eventcalendar.gov](http://www.DiamondBarCA.gov/eventcalendar.gov).

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# Burglar-Proof Your Home... and Habits



Burglaries typically occur one of two ways – impulse or premeditation. In both instances, opportunity is present; either the burglar comes across it and seizes it; or the burglar seeks, finds, and plans it out.

Therefore, eliminating the opportunity is key to reducing the chances your home will become a target of burglary.

To help with this, the Diamond Bar Special Projects Sheriff's Team urges all residents to take some time to conduct a simple assessment of their property and daily routine, and offers the following suggestions:

## Property Assessment

### *Make your home unattractive to burglars*

- Eliminate concealment aids. Are there areas on your property that are not visible to neighbors or from the street, or not lit at night? A combination of landscape altering and motion-activated lighting can be the solution. When trimming and thinning out shrubbery, the objective is to facilitate visibility and make it impossible to hide behind it and enter your home undetected by the public.
- Deny access. Your yard should be kept clear of items that can double as forced entry tools, such as ladders and hammers. Pay extra attention to the back of your house like sliding doors, which often offer burglars the easiest way to gain entry. It is also recommended you do not leave a spare key under the doormat, top of the doorframe, or any other place where a burglar will know to look.

## Daily Routine Assessment

### *Keep burglars from memorizing your habits*

- Continually alter your schedule. If you are in the habit of leaving your home unattended even if it is just long enough to go for a jog, walk your dog, or have coffee with the neighbor, it is a good idea to change the times so that your schedule does not become predictable.
- Safeguard entry points at all times. Even if you are just going to your backyard or on a quick errand, be certain that all your doors and windows are closed and securely locked at all times. This includes second-story windows and doors to the house from an attached garage.
- Keep your home in a "lived in" appearance. If you plan on being away, take measures to ensure mail, newspapers or deliveries do not accumulate on your driveway or front porch. Arrange for a relative or friend to pick them up or advise your post office and newspaper company to hold deliveries until your return date. Other tips include keeping a vehicle in your driveway at all times, and using automatic timers to turn lights on and off in various parts of the house at appropriate times.

*To further strengthen your efforts, your Sheriff's team also offers two anti-burglary services free of charge:*

- Assistance with creating or joining a Neighborhood Watch team. A trained Sheriff deputy is available to help you start or join a Neighborhood Watch team. Participants get acquainted with their neighbors, and learn how to implement basic crime prevention techniques and report suspicious activity.
- Have your property checked out while you're away. This free "Property Vacation Check" service involves a Sheriff's deputy or trained Volunteer on Patrol monitoring your property at least once a day while you are away. As part of its courtesy property inspection, the uniformed Sheriff's representative checks for unlocked windows or doors, evidence of possible forced entry, and any other suspicious activity.

For more information on either of these programs, contact the Diamond Bar/Walnut Sheriff's Station at 909.595.2264.



## Ask City Hall

Answers to commonly asked questions about City services, codes, and other matters pertaining to living and working in Diamond Bar.

**Q** One of my neighbors constantly puts out his trash bins a day or two before collection day. It's such an eyesore! Isn't there a City ordinance that regulates the putting out and storing of trash bins?

**A** Yes, section 22.34.030(a) of the Diamond Bar Municipal Code requires that all trash and recycle containers be stored out of public view (in the garage, back or side yard, in a screened enclosure, etc.) Also, containers should not be placed at curbside any earlier than sunset on the day preceding a scheduled collection. Empty containers should be put away before 10 pm the day of collection.

## Change Your Clock – Check Your Batteries

When changing your clocks forward one hour for the start of Daylight Savings Time on Sunday, March 11, the County Fire Department encourages everyone to also check their smoke alarms and, if necessary, replace the batteries. As a reminder, smoke alarms should be installed on each level of the home and close to sleeping areas; and need to be replaced every 10 years.

## Spring Dance For Seniors

Adults 55 and older are invited to celebrate the arrival of spring at a special City-hosted event featuring dinner, dancing, and prizes. The spring-themed dance will be held at the Diamond Bar Center on Wednesday, April 19 from 6 to 9 pm. The Center is located at 1600 Grand Avenue, and event tickets (\$15 each) will be available for purchase up until noon on Friday, April 6. For more information, please call 909.839.7068.

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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# 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	909.839.7077
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
<b>24-Hour Hotlines:</b>	
Building Inspection Hotline	909.839.7027
Graffiti Hotline	800.794.7384

\*For emergencies, dial 9-1-1

## Snapshots Around The Community

**MUSICAL MEDLEY...**Earlier this year, the Diamond Bar Center again played host to over 150 bands from throughout southern California as part of an annual California Park & Recreation Society (CPRS) event. Concert Share, as the event is known, is aimed at assisting City representatives in choosing which bands to contract with for their respective summer concerts series. In addition to sampling music and obtaining pricing from band representatives, attendees also have a chance to network with colleagues and obtain band reviews based on past experience.



**ARRESTING PRESENTATION...**As part of the L.A. County Sheriff's Department Success Through Awareness & Resistance (STAR) program, Deputy Kim Whitlow regularly visits area schools to impart drug, gang, and violence prevention lessons to elementary and middle school age students. On this occasion, Deputy Whitlow's audience comprised three Maple Hill Elementary School second grade classes taught by teachers Theresa Rovira, Rhonda Barnes, and Lynda Keelan. After reading "Officer Buckle And Gloria" by Peggy Rathmann to the attentive bunch, Deputy Whitlow provided students an overview of the various career opportunities available with the Sheriff's Department, as well as the tools and equipment used by field deputies.

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