

City News

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Next month, residents will have the opportunity to lighten their environmental footprint when the City holds its annual Eco Expo in observance of America Recycles Day.

Set for Saturday, November 3, 2012 from 10 am to 2 pm, this Eco Expo will feature an on-site mobile paper shredding unit, a self-serve mulch area, and a certified electronic waste recycler at the AQMD parking lot located at 21865 Copley Drive in Diamond Bar.

Free Paper Shredding – Bring any unwanted confidential or sensitive paper materials such as bank statements, outdated medical records, credit card offers, or financial documents to be shredded by a licensed, bonded paper destruction company. Shredding services will be conducted onsite and available until maximum capacity is reached. Materials from businesses will not be accepted.

Free Mulch – Waste Management is supplying a heap of mulch for distribution to residents on a first-come, first-served basis while supplies last. This is a “self-serve” giveaway, so bring your own shovels and bags or containers in which to load the mulch. There is a limit of 80 gallons per household and proof of Diamond Bar residency (driver’s license or other photo I.D.) is required.

Free Electronic Waste Recycling – Discard your obsolete E-waste (electronic) items in a free and safe manner. E-waste includes computer hardware or accessories, telephones, cell phones, portable navigation and GPS devices. Microwave ovens are subject to a \$5 per unit disposal fee. Only residential waste will be accepted.

Started in 1997 by Keep America Beautiful, Inc., America Recycles Day is a nationwide initiative aimed at raising awareness about the importance of reducing waste by reusing, recycling, and buying recycled products. It is typically observed on the 15th day of every November. For more information about this event, contact the City Manager’s Office at 909.839.7013.

New Thai Restaurant

Grand opening festivities marked the September 13 opening of a new Thai cuisine restaurant in the north end of town. Located within the Ranch Center shopping center, The Hang Out Café fills the vacancy left by D’Antonio’s Ristorante. Specializing in authentic Chinese and Thai dishes, this restaurant is open seven days a week from 11 am until 10 pm and offers free WiFi.

The Ranch Center shopping center is located on Diamond Bar Boulevard, north of Sunset Crossing Road. For more information, call 909.860.3663.



Diamond Bar Makes “Best Places to Live” List

Diamond Bar has once again earned the recognition as one of the best places to live in the United States by CNN Money Magazine.

Among the factors that contributed to Diamond Bar landing one of the coveted spots were the City’s quality schools, low crime rates, cultural diversity, strong community spirit, parks and open space, a higher than national average family income, as well as the strong fiscal health of the City. Only four other California cities made the 2012 list.

Diamond Bar previously made CNN Money Magazine list of “Top 100 Best Places to Live” in 2007. That same year the city also made Family Circle Magazine’s list Of “10 Best Towns For Families. In 2009, Diamond Bar was listed by Business Week Magazine among the top three “50 Best Places to Raise your Kids.”

If you recently moved to Diamond Bar or are considering relocating, call the City’s Public Information Division at 909.839.7056 for a complimentary information packet about City services and amenities.

Veterans Recognition Ceremony

Veterans and their families and friends, as well as community members are invited to unite for a special ceremony in honor of all Diamond Bar servicemen and women.

The ceremony takes place Thursday, November 8, from 9 am to 11 am at the Diamond Bar Center. It will include patriotic entertainment, an awards presentation, as well as a brief video highlighting a few hometown veterans and their experiences of serving in the armed forces. Light refreshments will be served.

A special invitation is extended to all retired or discharged service members who have not previously been recognized by the Diamond Bar City Council to register to be acknowledged during this year’s ceremony.

Also, the City will continue borrowing war memorabilia and photographs of Diamond Bar veterans in uniform and/or during active service until 5:00 pm on Monday, October 15. All photographs and memorabilia received by City Hall will be used to create a special display that will be available for viewing during the ceremony.

To have yourself, a family member or friend included in the ceremony, or to contribute to the display, please contact the City’s Special Events Coordinator at 909.839.7067 or atarazon@diamondbarca.gov.



Vote Are you Registered?

Residents wishing to vote in the November 6, 2012 general election are reminded that they must register no later than 15 days prior to Election Day.

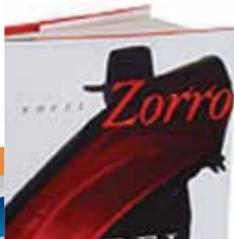
In order to qualify to register to vote, individuals must be:

- ✓ a United States citizen and resident of California;
- ✓ at least 18 years of age as of the day of the next election;
- ✓ not in prison or on parole for the conviction of a felony; and
- ✓ not declared mentally incompetent by a court.

There are several convenient ways to register or re-register to vote, including by mail, online, or in person. Registration forms are available at various community locations, including City Hall (21810 Copley Drive), the public library (21800 Copley Drive), and the post office (1317 Diamond Bar Boulevard). For more information, visit www.lavote.net or call 800.435.VOTE.



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Beware of Phony Fire Inspectors

Business owners, be advised that there has been a rash of scams both locally and statewide involving swindlers targeting businesses to perform questionable fire safety inspections

According to the County of Los Angeles Fire Department, the scam typically works this way: an individual wearing an official-looking "uniform" enters a business stating that they "need to inspect the fire protection system." Following the inspection, they will ask an employee to sign an authorizing form and several weeks later the business will receive an invoice.

The Fire Department reminds business owners that it inspects businesses annually and does not charge for these inspections.



Also, legitimate fire inspectors will always:

- ✓ Introduce themselves as a County of Los Angeles Fire Department employee or identify their business and produce a business card.
- ✓ Present a copy of their City business license, and a current contractor's license – "C-10" to inspect fire alarms or "C-16" to inspect fire sprinklers and fix fire protection systems. Licenses can be verified on the Contractors State License Board website www.cslb.ca.gov/consumers/hireacontractor/.
- ✓ Tell you what they intend to do and what the estimated costs will be, and accept a check as payment. This will prove useful in the event the inspection turns out to be fraudulent and you decide to seek legal action.
- ✓ Leave any broken and/or replaced parts with you, and provide a signed invoice.

Anyone seeking information about required service schedules for fire protection systems or assistance with verifying fire inspection companies, may contact the Fire Department at 323.881.2411 or info@fire.lacounty.gov.



Fire Prevention Week

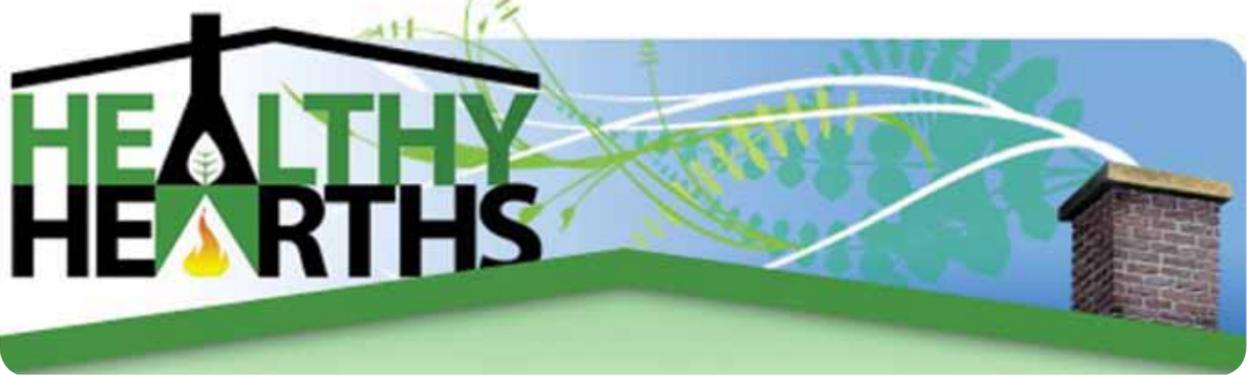
In the event of a fire we will instinctively want to exit through the front door but it may not be an option.

As part of its 2012 Fire Prevention Week campaign, the National Fire Protection Association urges everyone to take a moment to identify all possible exits in one's home and workplace and test them to make sure they work.

Also, every family member, including children, should know to how escape using at least two different ways.

For more information and fire safety tips, visit www.FirePreventionWeek.org.

Remember, smoke rises; fresher air will be near the floor so if you see or smell smoke, quickly crawl to your exit.



Check Before You Burn

In a continued effort to keep fine particle pollution down in the wintertime, the South Coast Air Quality Management District will again launch its *Check Before You Burn* program starting November 1 through the end of February.

A component of its Healthy Hearths initiative, the *Check Before You Burn* program is a mandatory program that prohibits residential wood burning on days when air pollution is forecast to be unhealthy. It is in effect during the winter months since that is when there is typically an increase in the use of fireplaces and fire pits.

Instead of burning wood or other solid fuels, AQMD urges residents to use cleaner-burning options such as natural-gas logs and electric fireplace displays.



Households above an elevation of 3,000 feet; wood-burning devices that are a household's sole source of heat; low-income households; properties where there is no existing infrastructure for natural gas service within 150 feet of the property line; and ceremonial fires are exempted from the wood-burning curtailment program. For more information, visit www.healthyhearths.org, or to learn when no-burn alerts are issued, visit www.airalerts.org and sign up for free email notices or call AQMD's 24-hour *Check Before you Burn* toll-free information line 866.966.3293.

Residential wood burning, which includes the use of fireplaces, wood stoves, and fire pits, greatly increases the amount of fine particles in the air that can be especially harmful to children, the elderly, and people with existing heart and lung conditions.

Senior Health Fair and Vaccine Clinic

Maintaining one's health and wellness after age 55 will be the order of the day when the City hosts its annual Senior Health Fair & Flu Shot Clinic on Wednesday, October 31 in the Diamond Bar Center.

From 9 am until noon, older adults will have the opportunity to enjoy free refreshments while picking up tips on how to improve their health.

This popular event features several health-related vendors and giveaways, as well as free flu, pneumonia and DPT vaccines.

Reservations are not needed for the event, but vaccines must be pre-booked by calling 909.839.7070. The Diamond Bar Center is located at 1600 Grand Avenue.



Read Together Diamond Bar

The novel *Zorro* by Chilean author Isabel Allende is this year's pick for the Diamond Bar Friends of the Library annual Read Together Diamond Bar program. Everyone is encouraged to enjoy the book and participate in a series of events surrounding Allende's literary prequel to the original Zorro story.

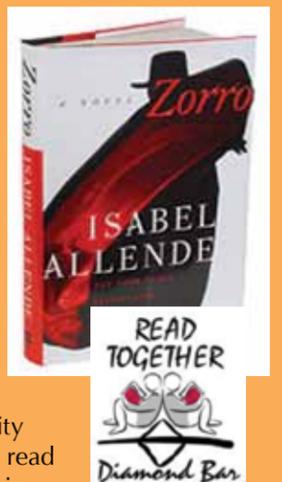
Events get underway with a Book Discussion on Monday, October 22 at 7 pm in which Library staff will lead a discussion of the novel. The following day on October 23 at 4 pm, teens and tweens are invited to get creative in a special art activity inspired by the masked man.

The next event on Saturday, November 3 at 2 pm caters to younger children and involves playing games and doing art activities inspired by Zorro and his era. Then on Monday, November 5 at 6:30 pm, adults and older teens are invited to enjoy complimentary popcorn while watching the 1998 version of the Zorro tale starring Antonio Banderas and Catherine Zeta-Jones.

It all wraps up with a Family Movie Matinee on Friday, November 9 at 2:45 pm featuring the charming 2011 animated riff on the Zorro legend and free popcorn for everyone.

Read Together Diamond Bar is aimed at promoting literary and strengthening the City's sense of community by encouraging everyone to read the same novel and partake in activities based on the featured novel's theme.

For more information or to borrow a copy of the book, visit the Diamond Bar Library online at www.colapublib.org/libs/diamondbar or in person at 21800 Copley Drive. The Library is open Monday through Thursday from noon until 9 pm and Friday and Saturday from 10 am until 5 pm.



HALLOWEEN Happenings

Halloween spirit will rule the Diamond Bar scene when a series of events get underway later this month. Whether you prefer cheer or fear, there is something for everyone to sink their fangs into!

Saturday, October 20

The Diamond Bar Library is planning a not-so-scary Halloween party on Saturday, October 20 at 2 pm for children age 10 and younger. Costumes for the little ones are encouraged as a parade and contest will be part of the festivities. No pre-registration is required.



Thursday, October 25

Classic Halloween songs will set the theme during the City's annual Halloween Dinner Dance for adults age 55 and older. The popular event takes place Thursday, October 25 from 6 to 9 pm, and features dinner, dancing, and prizes. Halloween attire is not required but suggested as a costume contest will also be part of the fun. Tickets to event are \$15 per person. Last day to buy tickets is 2 pm on Friday, October 19.

Saturday, October 27

Adults and teens planning on trick-or-treating this Halloween are invited to stop by the Diamond Bar Library on Saturday, October 27 from 2 to 3 pm to craft their very own frightfully delightful candy sack. Participation and materials are free, and pre-registration is not required.

Wednesday, October 30 & Thursday, October 31

Blood-chilling thrills and everyone's worst fears await those who dare set foot inside the City's popular haunted house – Hall of Horrors. This terrifying attraction comes to life from 6 to 9 pm on October 30 and 31 inside the Heritage Park Community Center, 2900 S. Brea Canyon Road. Fear fans will get their fill of hair-raising, heart-racing fun as they make their way through a winding maze packed with scare zones. Not recommended for children under age 8 or those faint of heart. Admission is \$5 per person; a special 2-for-1 coupon good for one free admission with one paid admission on October 30 is available online www.DiamondBarCA.gov/hauntedhouse.



Thursday, October 31

No tricks...only treats for the little boys and ghouls who take part in the City's Fall Fun Festival taking place October 31 from 4:30 pm to 8:30 pm at Heritage Park. This fun and safe alternative to trick-or-treating gives parents the opportunity to dress up their children in Halloween finery and enjoy several family-friendly activities including games, arts and craft activities, and picture-taking opportunities. Admission is free, but participating in activities requires purchase of a \$5 game/craft card.

For more information about any of these events, contact either City Hall at 909.839.7070 or the Library at 909.861.4978.

The Great California Shake Out

Everywhere throughout California at 10:18am on October 18, 2012, millions of people will seek shelter under a desk, table, or other sturdy object as part of the annual Great California Shake Out.

Now in its fifth year, this statewide earthquake drill is aimed at inspiring Californians to get ready for earthquakes, and to prevent disasters from becoming catastrophes through the simple yet potentially lifesaving action of "drop, cover, and hold on."

To show your support and register to participate, visit www.ShakeOut.org/california/register. Once registered, all you have to do at 10:18 am on October 18 is:

1. Drop to the ground
2. Take cover under a sturdy table or desk if possible, protecting your head and neck, and
3. Hold on to keep furniture from shifting or uncovering until the shaking completely stops (pretend a major earthquake were happening; stay down for at least 60 seconds)

If no table is nearby, drop to the floor near an interior wall facing away from windows or mirrors and cover your head and neck with your arms and hands.

Craft Fair Vendor Opportunities

Local craftspeople are invited to participate in the City's holiday craft fair taking place Saturday, December 1 from 9 am to 2 pm in the Diamond Bar Center.

The popular Candy Cane Craft Fair is held every year and features several dozen handmade craft vendors exhibiting and selling a variety of wares such as jewelry, clothing, and home accessories. It also features photos with Santa, and free holiday arts and craft activities for children.

All crafts proposed for sale must be original handmade creations, but need not be limited to seasonal or holiday items. Craft vendor applications will be accepted until 4:30 pm on Friday, November 2; the fee is \$50 for an 8' x 8' space and \$75 for a 10' x 10' space.

Vendor applications can be downloaded by logging on to www.diamondbarca.gov/CCCF, obtained in person by visiting City Hall (21810 Copley Drive), or requested by mail by calling the City's Community Services Department at 909.839.7060.

Volunteers Sought for



HAUNTED HOUSE

Teens, bring your bag of tricks and come work your magic!

High schoolers with a creative bone in their body and a thirst for community service hours are invited to pitch in to help transform Heritage Park Community Center into a Hall of Horrors Haunted House.

Assistance is needed with set building, decorating, and painting a week prior to the opening of the haunted house, as well as acting on the event dates of Tuesday and Wednesday, the 30th and 31st. Volunteers must be of high school age and live or attend school in Diamond Bar, and have school identification and a parent-signed waiver.

A volunteer information meeting, where event details and volunteer roles will be discussed, is planned for Monday, October 15 from 7 to 8 pm at the Heritage Park Community Center.

For more information and to obtain a waiver form, visit www.diamondbarca.gov/hauntedhouse or contact the City's Community Services Department at 909.839.7060.



For Your Safety...

Tip – Never open your door to strangers without first asking to see proper identification and verifying the purpose of their visit (if you did not request service). Do not rely on the visitor to provide you with a phone number; instead, look up the agency's phone number using the Internet, a phone book, or a recent statement. It helps to keep handy the phone numbers of the utility companies that service your area.

Diamond Bar/Walnut Sheriff's Station 909.595.2264
(dial 911 for all EMERGENCIES)

Find it Fast Phone Directory

City Services 909.839.7000

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

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	909.839.7027
Employment Opportunities	909.348.8300
Field/Weather	909.348.8310
Graffiti Removal	800.794.7384

*For emergencies, dial 9-1-1



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
- Fall Fun Festival - Heritage Park, 4:30 - 8:30 pm recommended for ages 2 to 8
- Hall of Horrors - Heritage Park, 6 - 9 pm recommended for age 8 and older

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*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



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Snapshots Around The Community

MASTERPIECES IN THE MAKING... With a general understanding of color theory, the paintings of (from left) Diane Zhang, Jolie Encalade, Trinity Penny and Joy Hata are off to a good start. These four girls were among the students who took the Fun Acrylic Painting for Kids class taught by instructor Kathy Breaux this past summer. The four-week class for ages 6 to 12, teaches various acrylic painting techniques and students produce one finished painting per session. The class is being offered again this fall starting October 16. It meets at the Diamond Bar Center on Tuesdays from 4:15 to 5:15 pm. Registration cost is \$46 with an additional \$4 due to the instructor on the first day of class to pay for materials. For more information, call 909.839.7070.



MESSAGES FOR MORGAN...

Luc Le and daughter Megan, 8 years old, were among the first residents to contribute their personal message to a Congratulatory Message Book the City is putting together to present to U.S. Olympic women's soccer team star Alex Morgan or her family at a future date. The idea for the community book came as a result of the outpouring of requests from residents for a means to acknowledge Diamond Bar native Alex Morgan for winning Olympic gold medal during the 2012 Summer Olympic Games held in London.

VOLUNTEERS HONORED... The L.A. County Fair once again provided the occasion to thank and recognize three Diamond Bar residents for their commitment to community service. Orien Pagan, Richard Malooly, and Josh Chen were each named "Community Heroes" by the L.A. County Fair Association during the September 6, 2012 Diamond Bar Day at the Fair as part of its Community Days program. Among their many contributions, Orien is a key member of the local Woman's Club and the Pacific Crest Youth Arts Foundation Board. Richard is an active contributor to the Kiwanis Club, and Josh is a dependable, valuable member of the Diamond Bar High School Leos Club. Congratulations, Orien, Richard, and Josh!

