

City News

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State of the City Address

Diamond Bar's Mayor will be delivering the City's annual State of the City Address on Thursday, March 21 at the Diamond Bar Center, and everyone is invited to attend. During his speech, the Mayor will address, amongst other key issues, public safety, economic development, and traffic management. Doors will open at 6 pm, with the speech commencing soon after. Event is free and open to the public. For more information, contact the Public Information Office at 909.839.7055 or email info@diamondbarca.gov.



How are we doing?

Here's a reminder that whether you are looking for a way to offer feedback, share a suggestion, or relay a concern, you can do so by way of the City's

resident satisfaction survey postcard.

The brief three-section questionnaire is available both electronically on the City website www.diamondbarca.gov/comments and in pre-paid postage postcard form at all City facilities.

Completed postcards and online comments or concerns received are immediately forwarded to the appropriate City department for review or response. To obtain a copy of the postcard by mail, contact the City's Public Information Division at 909.839.7055.

2012 Photo Contest Winners

From the quality and creativity of the photos entered into the City's fifth annual community photo contest, it is apparent photography skills and community spirit are in no short supply in Diamond Bar!

The City thanks everyone who participated, and congratulates the winners of the 2012 Diamond Bar Through My Lens Photo Contest! Among the winners were:

Winner (Adult-Nature)
Richard R. Valencia
Deer Friends from Diamond Bar



Winner (Youth-Pets)
Heather Chan
Sink into Dreams with Me



Contest winners will be publicly recognized and presented with their monetary award courtesy of the Diamond Bar Community Foundation at the regular City Council meeting on February 5.

Winning entries in all categories are available for viewing on the City website www.diamondbarca.gov/photocontest. The 2013 contest will begin accepting entries in March, so keep your camera handy and snap photos everywhere you go in Diamond Bar!

For more information about the contest, call the City's Public Information Division at 909.839.7055.

Free HHW/E-Waste Collection

A free Household Hazardous Waste and Electronic Waste Collection is taking place on Saturday, February 16, 2013.

Sponsored by the County of Los Angeles, the collection will be stationed from 9 am until 3 pm along the 1300 block of Bridge Gate Drive. To participate, simply load your items into your trunk. Once at the collection site, 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.

For more information, including a list of what you can and cannot bring, call 1800.238.0173. For details about the event, call the City's Administration Department at 909.839.7013.



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January 2013 New Business of the Month



Sushi Koshu

Japanese Cuisine & Sushi Bar
20627 Golden Springs Drive, Suite 2K
909.869.7881

sushikoshu.com

Hours: Open Tuesday through Friday
11:30 am-2:30 pm, Tuesday through Saturday
5 pm-10 pm, and Sunday 5 pm-9:30 pm

Nonprofits Invited to Participate in Birthday Party



Diamond Bar's most festive annual celebration will again serve as a vehicle for local nonprofits to raise funds for and awareness about their cause.

Set for Saturday, April 13, the City's annual Birthday Party will feature several carnival rides, concession stands, game areas, and information booths operated by area nonprofit organizations.

Nonprofits interested in working the event have until Friday, March 1 to turn in an application to City Hall. A \$100 fee to participate helps cover canopy, table, and chair rental costs.

Proceeds from wristband and game card sales will be split among all the game area and carnival ride booth operators. Since all food-related operations, including the purchase and preparation

of meals, are managed separately by each nonprofit,

concession stand vendors keep all of their individual profits.

More information as well as the participation form is available on the City website www.diamondbarca.gov/bday as well as by contacting Community Services Coordinator Andee Tarazon at 909.839.7067.

Business License Fee Increase

A new State-mandated \$1.00 fee will be applied to every new and renewed city business license application processed on and after February 4, 2013.

This new fee, required by Senate Bill 1186, will be used to increase disability access and compliance with construction-related accessibility requirements and to develop educational resources for businesses in order to facilitate compliance with federal and state disability laws.

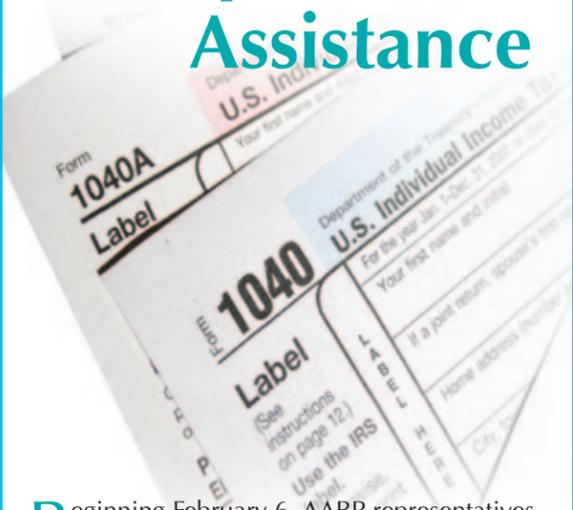
The new annual cost to obtain or renew a basic business license is \$11.00. For more information about the City's Business Licensing program, visit the City website www.diamondbarca.gov/business.

Friends Sidewalk Book Sale

The Friends of the Diamond Bar Library invites everyone to shop its Giant Sidewalk Book Sale planned for Saturday, February 16 from 10 am to 3 pm outside of its main bookstore, located at 23447 Golden Springs Drive. The sale will feature hundreds of books of varying topics, from biographies and cookbooks to science fiction and mysteries – many of which will sell for 25 cents. For more information, call 909.396.9954.



Free Tax Preparation Assistance



Beginning February 6, AARP representatives will be available at the Diamond Bar Center every Wednesday through April 6 to assist Diamond Bar taxpayers age 55 and older prepare and file their income tax returns. Appointments are required, and filers should bring with them copies of their previous year's tax returns, and all other documents reflecting income and expenses for 2012. The Diamond Bar Center is located at 1600 Grand Avenue. For more information or to make an appointment, call the City's Recreation Services Division at 909.839.7070.



Improvements to Dog Park

New amenities aimed at improving visitors' experience at Bark Park began to take shape last month. Benches were added inside each of the fenced areas, and additional doggie waste bag dispensers and trash receptacles were installed along the walkway leading into the dog park.

Additional planned improvements to the park include ADA-accessible walkways to the entrances of both the small and large dog areas, as well as permanent directional and informational signage.

Bark Park opened on November 17, 2012. It is located on a 1.35-acre site on the south side of Pantera Park near the basketball courts.

For more information, visit www.diamondbarca.gov/barkpark or call the Community Services Department at 909.839.7060.

Volunteer Program



During summer break, a handful of Diamond Bar teens will have the opportunity to gain valuable work experience through the City's annual Volunteer Program.

The popular volunteer leadership program is offered every summer, and is aimed at offering teens ages 13 to 15 the opportunity to become involved in their community while getting a taste of work life.

Similar to a real job, teens interested in participating in the Volunteer Program are asked to submit an application along with a recommendation. Applications are reviewed by City staff, and those who best meet the qualifications are then invited to come into City Hall for interviews.

To be eligible to participate in the Volunteer Program, students must be able 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.

Volunteers 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 the City's 2013 Volunteer Program will be available starting Monday, February 25 both online at www.diamondbarca.gov/volunteer and at City Hall, 21810 Copley Drive, and the Diamond Bar Center, 1600 Grand Avenue. For more information visit the City website or call 909.839.7024.

School Happenings

Story contribution by the Walnut Valley Unified School District

Mission to Mars South Pointe Students Learn About NASA'S Curiosity Rover Landing

NASA Scientist Dr. Mike Wong recently visited South Pointe Middle School to share news about the landing and capabilities of the latest rover investigating the red planet. He told 8th graders about the mission that involved over 2,000 NASA scientists and was a decade in the making during 50-minute interactive assemblies throughout the day. He brought a detailed rover model, photos, and a short video of the actual landing. The Curiosity is just a few months into its two-year mission.



Students got to touch an actual parachute that helped another rover successfully float to the blue Atlantic. They also passed around a Pyrotechnic Actuator that was used for the heat shield release of the parachute for the rover landing. Three volunteers were selected to come on stage with a full-size rover wheel to demonstrate the length of the Curiosity.

"The information sent from the rover will answer fundamental scientific information about Mars and we'll find out if it has organics," Wong said. He showed students the drill-down instruments that are being used to help determine if life ever existed in the Martian atmosphere.

"Our students will be learning more about Mars later this year," said Kellie Muragishi, 8th grade science teacher. South Pointe Panthers are involved in Science Olympiad and Project Lead the Way, a new program focusing on integrating science and math through engineering. "Seeing the Curiosity and the learning about the mechanics will help them in the program," she added.



Water Conservation Needed

The Walnut Valley Water District is calling on its customers to voluntarily decrease their water usage and increase their practice of conservation measures from Thursday, February 21 through Sunday, February 24, 2013.

These dates coincide with the scheduled shutdown of the Weymouth Water Treat Plant by the Metropolitan Water District of Southern California in order to carry out maintenance and construction work.

It is anticipated that the temporary shutdown of this plant will result in the reduction of more than 25 percent of local water supplies, which is why adhering to responsible water use measures is of great importance.

These measures should include limiting all non-essential indoor uses, turning off all irrigation/sprinkler systems, and refraining from unnecessary outdoor water usage.

Information about this planned shutdown as well as additional water conservation tips can be found on the Walnut Valley Water District website www.wvwd.com. Water waste can be reported by calling 909.348.8228 or emailing savewater@wvwd.com.

For Your Safety... Neighborhood Watch

Tip - By getting to know each other and their immediate community, neighbors become better connected and informed, and therefore able to greatly minimize their chances of becoming a victim of a burglary or theft. There are several dozen active Neighborhood Watch Groups throughout the city. To find out how to join or form a group in your area, please call the Diamond Bar Sheriff's Team at 909.839.7077.

Diamond Bar/Walnut Sheriff's Station 909.595.2264
LA County Sheriff's Department 909.595.2264
LA County Fire Department 909.629.9671
(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



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Council Member..... Ling-Ling Chang
Council Member..... Carol Herrera
Council Member..... Steve Tye
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Snapshots Around The Community



EMERGENCY DRILL... Last month, City Hall staff took the opportunity to sharpen their emergency preparedness procedures by staging an evacuation drill during business hours. The 20-minute exercise included the activation of the fire alarm and the complete evacuation of the building to a designated area in the parking lot. Take a moment to update your family emergency plan, including the places where you will meet – both within and outside of your immediate neighborhood. For more emergency preparedness tips and resources, visit www.diamondbarca.gov/emergency.

NEW GROCERY STORE... Diamond Fresh Farmers Market, the city's newest neighborhood grocery store, is set to open its doors to the public this month. Located where an Armstrong Garden Center once stood, the family-owned and operated market will stock a large selection of organic and conventional produce from local and state farmers, international dairy items, nuts and dry goods, bread and groceries from the Middle East and Asia. A section of the store will feature fresh flowers as well as garden accessories and pottery. Diamond Fresh Farmers Market is located at 21144 Golden Springs Drive; its hours of operation are Monday through Sunday from 8 am until 8 pm.



ROAD RULES REINFORCED... A few residents took advantage of the AARP-sponsored Mature Driving Class to refresh their driving skills last month. The two-day class taught by AARP representative Bill Hsu covered current road rules and provided useful driving adjustments to common age-related changes in vision, hearing, and reaction time. Upon completion of the class, participants received a certificate of completion, which may be used for auto insurance discounts. The AARP Mature Driving Class will again be offered on March 12-13 at Diamond Bar City Hall. For more information or to register, call the City's Recreation Services Division at 909.839.7070.

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 is taking place somewhere within the city; see neighborhood signage for your street's designated day and time.

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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