

City News

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City to Celebrate Its 24th Birthday!

Next month, there will be 24 candles on Diamond Bar's birthday cake – and as tradition calls for, the City will be hosting its annual Birthday Party!

The celebration in honor of the 24th anniversary of Diamond Bar's incorporation as a City will take place on Saturday, April 13 at Pantera Park from 11:00 am until 5:00 pm (rides until 6 pm).

Admission is free and open to the public, and will feature an array of family-friendly activities, from a classic car show and carnival attractions to game booths and children's arts and crafts.

Also as part of this event, the City will recognize its 2013 Outstanding Volunteer Award winners, the Los Angeles Fire and Sheriff's departments will team up to provide information on how to prepare for and respond to a disaster, and the local Chamber of Commerce will host its annual Business Showcase featuring several dozen city-based products and service providers.

Free event parking is available at Pantera Elementary School, 801 Pantera Drive, and along surrounding neighborhood streets. Beginning at 11:30 am, complimentary and continuous shuttle bus service will be available from parking locations to Pantera Park, 738 Pantera Drive.

Additional event details are available by visiting the City website www.diamondbarca.gov/bday or calling the City's Recreation Services Division at 909.839.7070. To register for the car show, call 909.839.7072, or for information about the Regional Chamber of Commerce – San Gabriel Valley's Business Showcase, call 909.869.0701.

Pantera Park will spring to life when the City and the DB Breakfast Lions again team up to host the annual Easter Egg Hunt on Saturday, March 30.

This annual favorite begins at 8:30 am with a pancake breakfast provided by the Fire Explorers Post 19 for a nominal fee. The free hunt featuring 11,000 treat-filled plastic eggs begins promptly at 10:00 am. Hunting areas will be divided into six areas based on age groups, with parental assistance allowed for the youngest attendees.

Also, photo packages with the Easter Bunny will be available for a cost starting at \$10. Children need to bring their own



baskets for the egg collection. 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 or visit www.diamondbarca.gov/eeh.

Freeway Project Public Hearing

City of Industry and Caltrans are hosting a public hearing meeting on Wednesday, March 6 at 5:30 pm at the AQMD/Government Center for the purpose of presenting information and soliciting input on the planned SR 57/60 Confluence Project at Grand Avenue. This project is aimed at improving traffic operation along the 2.5 mile confluence area, and increasing traffic weaving distance to improve safety on the freeway mainline.

The AQMD/Government Center is located at 21865 Copley Drive in Diamond Bar. For more information, contact the City's Public Works Department at 909.839.7040.

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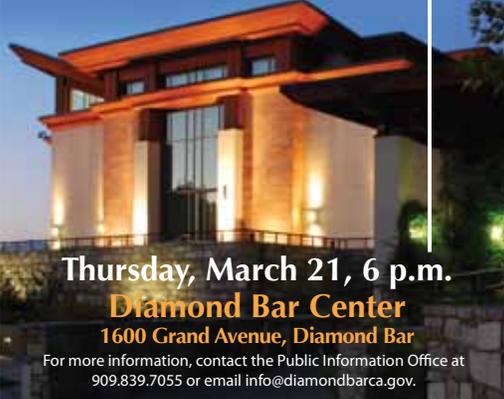


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City of Diamond Bar

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Thursday, March 21, 6 p.m.
Diamond Bar Center
1600 Grand Avenue, Diamond Bar

For more information, contact the Public Information Office at 909.839.7055 or email info@diamondbarca.gov.

**February 2013
New Business of the Month**



Ranch House Cafe & Grill
Cafe/Grill, American Food, Breakfast
21130 Golden Springs Drive
www.rhgrill.com
909.598.5359
Open Monday through Sunday
7 am - 10 pm,
Breakfast served until 2 pm

SUMMER Daze Camp

Trips to popular amusement parks, cool art and craft activities, sports, and fun indoor and outdoor games are part of what's in store for the participants of the City's 2013 Summer Daze Camp, open from June 3 to August 16.

The popular 11-week summer program for children ages 6 to 12 is offered in one-week sessions at Heritage Park, 2900 S. Brea Canyon Road, Monday through Friday, from 7:00 am to 6:00 pm.

Registration opens Monday, March 11, and forms are available online for download www.diamondbarca.gov/summercamp as well as for pickup at City Hall, 21810 Copley



Drive and the Diamond Bar Center, 1600 Grand Avenue.

For more details, refer to the included Community Recreation Guide or call 909.839.7070.

FRIENDS Fundraiser

The Diamond Bar Friends of the Library is hosting its 20th annual Wine Soiree at the Diamond Bar Center on Sunday, April 21 from 4 pm to 7 pm. Adults are invited to purchase tickets to this fundraising event featuring food from local restaurants, internationally-awarded wine, music, and silent and live auctions.

Tickets cost \$50 per person in advance, or \$60 at the door, with all proceeds benefiting the Diamond Bar Library.

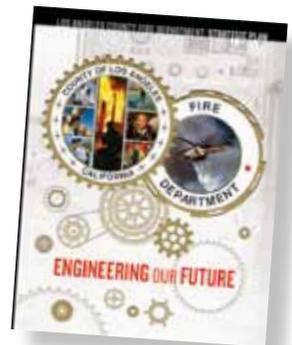
For more information or to purchase tickets, call 909.861.2002.

Fire Department Publishes Strategic Plan

The Los Angeles County Fire Department has published *Engineering our Future*, a strategic plan to address its goals and priorities toward providing more effective emergency services.

Among the goals detailed in this 52-page report are preventing injury and illness, innovating new delivery systems, ensuring the Department's financial stability, containing risks, increasing its use of technology, forming better communication with each community and building relationships with local public, private and non-profit organizations.

Everyone is encouraged to download and read *Engineering our Future*, available on the Fire Department's website www.fire.lacounty.gov.



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
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.

Curb Ramp Improvement Project

Efforts are continuing this month to improve the accessibility of the City's sidewalk network.

A curb ramp installation project is now underway in the vicinity of the Pathfinder Road and Peaceful Hills Road neighborhoods, as well as the Gateway Corporate Center along Copley Drive.

The project consists of reconstructing outdated curb ramps at 64 locations, and upgrading ramps at 5 other locations by installing truncated domes as required by current Americans with Disabilities Act regulations. It is anticipated that work will be completed by the end of this month.

Curb ramp projects are funded with Community Development Block Grant (CDBG) monies. For more information, call the City's Public Works Department at 909.839.7040.

Truncated domes, installed where the ramp meets the road, provide a tactile surface to alert pedestrians with visual impairments.



Story contributed by the Walnut Valley Unified School District

Free Parent Workshops

Walnut Valley Unified School District is currently hosting a series of free Parent Workshops, and invites interested parents and community members to attend.

The workshops are titled "Homework Help: Strategies," "Time Management and Organization Skills," "Bullying Prevention Strategies" and "Behavior 101: and Practical Tools for Managing Kids at Home." Remaining meetings are taking place March 13 and April 17 from 6:30 pm - 7:30 pm at WVUSD elementary school multipurpose rooms.

For more information or to view Parent Workshops' schedules and handouts, visit www.wvusd.k12.ca.us.



Before You Dig...Call 811



Prevent serious injuries, costly property damage, and utility service interruption. Homeowners planning spring home-improvement projects that require digging are reminded that the first step in their to-do list should be a toll-free phone call to 811.

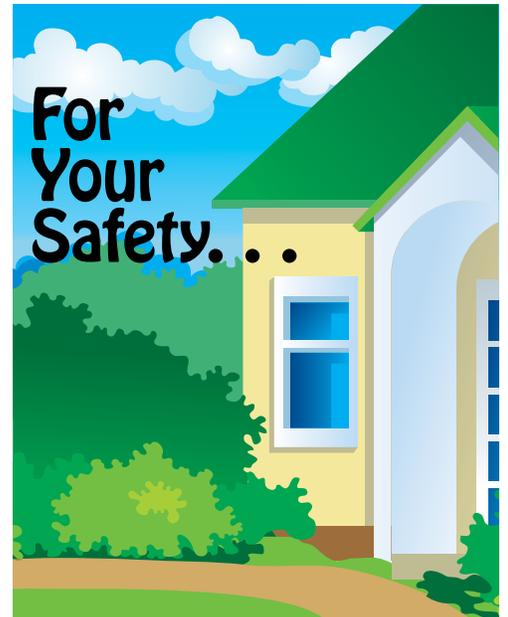
Because pipelines, conduits, wires and cables are located sometimes just

inches below the surface, even simple projects such as planting a tree or installing a mailbox can result in damage to underground infrastructure.

Calling 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 a reminder, 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.

For more information, visit www.call811.com or call 811.



Tip – Know where your gas shut-off valve is located so that in the event of an emergency, you can shut it off. As a reminder, you should only turn it off if you smell or hear gas escaping, and if it is safe to do so. Do not turn it back on yourself, instead call the Gas Company 800.427.2200 to turn the meter back on and relight the pilots. A diagram and instructions on how to safely shut off your gas is available at www.socalgas.com/safety/shut-off.shtml

LA County Sheriff Dept. 909.595.2264

LA County Fire Dept. 909.629.9671

(Dial 911 for all EMERGENCIES)

Elected Officials

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



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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

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

24-Hour Hotlines:	
Building Inspections	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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Snapshots Around The Community

FAMILY AFFAIR... The Guillen family knows that a few hours of fun in the snow is just the trick to keeping away the winter blues. In what's become an annual tradition, Zoe, 6, Cayden, 4, and their parents attended the City's annual Winter Snow Fest on Saturday, January 19, 2013. They were among the estimated 3,000 people who partook in the variety of winter-themed activities which included sledding down snow hills, making snowballs and snowmen, decorating snowflake crafts, playing booth games, and enjoying local entertainment. Additional event photos are available online www.diamondbarca.gov/photogallery.



HAPPY HEELS... In just a few lessons, and in some cases with no prior experience, the participants of the Modern Western Square Dance class had the art of "promenade," "sashay," and other basic steps down to a science. While the steps are classic to America's 200 year old dance, the calls made by instructor William Sutman are done to a variety of music ranging from country to current pop. Modern Western Square Dance, open to ages 10 and

older, will be offered again at Heritage Park this spring with class meeting on Thursday evenings (see included recreation guide for more details).

MUSIC MEDLEY... The annual Concert Share event, hosted by the City of Diamond Bar for its fourth consecutive year, once again struck the right note with City representatives from the counties of Los Angeles, San Bernardino, and Orange. The popular event provides an opportunity for musicians from throughout Southern California to promote their shows to City representatives looking to secure a lineup for their upcoming summer concert series. This year's event was held at the Diamond Bar Center on Thursday, January 17, 2013 and featured 153 bands.

