

City News

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City staff is busy brewing up a host of spooktacular events that are sure to get everyone into the Halloween spirit! Page 3 has the details.

25th Anniversary Ambassadors Wanted

Next year marks the 25th anniversary of the incorporation of Diamond Bar, and the City is turning to local businesses, community organizations, and nonprofits to serve as ambassadors and lend spirit and support to this celebration.

In brief, the role of an ambassador organization or business is to supplement the City's year-long program of festivities with additional events and activities that help commemorate Diamond Bar's 25-year history. Ambassadors are allowed use of the City's commemorative 25th anniversary logo to brand their events or provided with a window sticker to display on their business storefront.

In exchange for their support, ambassadors are acknowledged via the City's communication mediums, receive free promotion of their events on the City's website, and may request a City-staff operated booth to furnish 25th-themed giveaways at one of their special events.

An informational meeting to discuss the City's 25th Anniversary Ambassador Program is planned for December. Anyone interested in being an ambassador should contact the Public Information Division at info@diamondbarca.gov or 909.839.7055.



General Municipal Election

Here's a reminder for residents wishing to participate in the upcoming General Municipal Election that the deadline to register to vote is Monday, October 21.

There are three seats on the Diamond Bar City Council to be voted upon in the November 5, 2013 election, which has been consolidated with local school district elections.

Anyone who is not registered, has recently moved into town, or changed their name needs to register.

To register to vote or check your voter registration status, visit www.lavote.net.

Paper voter registration applications are available at City Hall, 21810 Copley Drive, and at the Diamond Bar Post Office, 1317 S Diamond Bar Boulevard.

ADA Improvements to Dog Park

Another round of improvements is set to get underway this month at Bark Park @ Pantera Park. Aimed at improving ADA accessibility, these renovations include constructing paved paths from the existing park walkway to each of the entry gates of the dog play areas, as well as building a new set of stairs. Following the construction of the new walkways and stairs, an additional five benches will be installed along the ADA-compliant route. Bark Park opened in November 2012, and features two enclosed areas where dogs can exercise and socialize leash-free. Existing amenities include two shade structures, three pet-friendly drinking fountains, five dog waste bag dispensers, twelve benches, and four refuse receptacles. It is anticipated that construction will begin early October, and be completed by the end of November 2013.



Eco Expo 2013

In celebration of America Recycles Day, the City is once again teaming up with Waste Management to provide residents the opportunity to responsibly dispose of difficult-to-recycle items and take home free mulch.

This year's annual Eco Expo will be held on Saturday, November 2 from 10 am until 2 pm at the South Coast Air Quality Management District (AQMD) parking lot.

At this event, residents will have the opportunity to obtain information about the City's recycling programs; get rid of unwanted electronic waste, unwearable clothing and footwear and old textile products; have their confidential documents (two-box limit) shredded; and take home a batch of up to 80 pounds of mulch for their flowerbeds and gardens.

As a reminder, only household electronic items (such as computers and monitors, TVs, VCRs, stereos, cameras, and video game equipment) will be accepted, and microwave ovens are subject to a \$5 disposal fee. Bedding, curtains, and all shoes and clothing will be accepted no matter the condition.



Also, the mulch giveaway is self-serve so attendees should bring a shovel, gloves, and a container, and be prepared to load onto their vehicle.

Please note that the event is open to the public; however participation in paper shredding and mulch collection requires proof of Diamond Bar residency (photo identification). AQMD is located at 21865 Copley Drive in Diamond Bar. For more information, visit www.diamondbarca.gov/dbrecycles or call 909.839.7013.



Veterans Day Ceremony

A special ceremony to recognize and pay tribute to Diamond Bar veterans is slated for Thursday, November 7 from 9 am to 11 am at the Diamond Bar Center. This annual ceremony features patriotic entertainment, and awards presentation, and light refreshments. Attendance is free and open to everyone, but requires reservations to be made by calling 909.839.7070.

Retired or discharged service members who have not previously been recognized by the Diamond Bar City Council are encouraged to contact Community Services Coordinator Andee Tarazon at 909.839.7067 or atarazon@diamondbarca.gov before Friday, October 11 to be included in the ceremony.



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New Business of the Month September 2013



Grand Army-Navy Surplus

1139 Grand Avenue

909.861.8394 / grandarmysurplus.com

military surplus clothing & accessories; emergency preparedness supplies; outdoor survival gear

Open: Mon-Sat 10 am - 7 pm, Sun 11 am - 5 pm

New Business of the Month October 2013



Hunan Restaurant

1155 S. Diamond Bar Boulevard, Unit L

909.860.8488

Hunan Chinese Restaurant featuring more than 100 dishes prepared mild or spicy, including the popular steamed fish head

**Open: Sun-Thurs 11 am - 9 pm,
Thurs-Fri 11 am - 10 pm**

Median Modification Projects

Work crews this month will be undertaking median modifications at two locations in town in an effort to improve line of sight for drivers. The raised medians are located at the intersections of Grand Avenue and Summitridge Drive, and Diamond Bar Boulevard and Silver Hawk Drive. Work will be carried out simultaneously at both locations and consist of narrowing the width of the medians, which will allow the left turn pocket to shift for vehicles making left turn movements. Construction is expected to begin mid October, and be completed by mid November. For more information, contact the City's Public Works Department at 909.839.7040.

Check Before You Burn

If your home has a fireplace, here's a reminder that the South Coast Air Quality Management District's annual Check Before You Burn program is in effect 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.

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 e-notices or call AQMD's 24-hour Check Before you Burn toll-free information line 866.966.3293.

School Happenings

Story contributed by the Walnut Valley Unified School District

Walnut Valley Teachers of the Year Announced

Walnut Valley Unified School District will pay tribute to the fourteen 2012-2013 Teachers of the Year during the Salute to Teachers awards program on October 16 in the Diamond Bar High School Theatre.

Maggie Strand, a science teacher in the Design-Based Learning (DBL) program at Chaparral Middle School, will be recognized as the 2013 District Teacher of the Year.

Maggie represented the WVUSD in the Los Angeles County Teacher of the Year competition.

Maggie shared during the WVUSD All-Staff Welcome Back event that she recites the "Top 10 Things I am Grateful for" out loud each morning. She includes her students on the personalized list.



"I am struck by how much I feel that (gratitude) in my heart," as I say the word 'student' each day. This is the feeling that ignites us as teachers. Not the latest test scores or test trends, but the internal desire to motivate, inspire and reach every student who enters our classroom," she said.

2013 Great California ShakeOut!

What are you doing on October 17 at 10:17 am? The Southern California Earthquake Center hopes the answer is "practicing how to Drop, Cover, and Hold On."

No matter where you are at that moment – home, school, work, or outdoors – you should: drop to the ground, take cover by getting under a sturdy desk or table, and hold on to it for at least 60 seconds.

Emergency management experts all agree that "Drop, Cover, and Hold On" is the best action to take in order to reduce injury and death during earthquakes.

If there is no table or desk near you, drop to the ground and then, if possible, move to an inside corner of the room. Remain in a crawling position to protect your vital organs and be ready to move if necessary, and cover your head and neck with your hands and arms.

If outdoors, move to a clear area if you can

safely do so; avoid power lines, trees, signs, buildings, vehicles, and other hazards.

If driving, pull over to the side of the road, stop, and set the parking brake. Avoid overpasses, bridges, power lines, signs and other hazards. Stay inside the vehicle until the shaking stops; and if a power line falls on the car, stay inside until a trained person removes the wire.

The ShakeOut Drill began in California in 2008 and has also been organized in many other states and countries. For more information or to register to be counted in the drill, visit www.shakeout.org/california.



Fire Prevention Week

Fires that start in the kitchen from unattended cooking are the leading cause of residential fires, which is why it was selected as the theme of this year's fire safety campaign.

According to research conducted by the National Fire Protection Association, two of every five home fires begin in the kitchen – more than any other place in the home. Also, cooking fires are also the leading cause of home fire-related injuries.

Tips on preventing kitchen fires:

- ✓ Never leave boiling, frying, or broiling food unattended. If you leave the kitchen for even a short period of time, turn off the stove.
- ✓ If you have young children, use the stove's back burners whenever possible. Keep children and pets at least three feet away from the stove.
- ✓ When cooking, wear clothing with tight-fitting sleeves or securely roll up loose sleeves to prevent them from catching fire. Keep flammable items such as oven mitts, wooden utensils, and food packaging away from your stovetop
- ✓ Plug cooking or other kitchen appliances directly into an outlet not an extension cord as it can overload the circuit and cause a fire.



- ✓ Follow manufacturer's instructions and code requirements when installing, cleaning, and operating cooking equipment.

Fire Prevention Week is the longest running public health and safety observance on record. For more fire prevention tips, visit www.fpw.org.

SENIOR HALLOWEEN DANCE

Adults age 55 and older are invited to boo-gie along to the Diamond Bar Center for the City's annual senior Halloween Dance, taking place on Thursday, **October 24** from 6 to 9 pm. The evening will consist of dinner followed by a costume contest, dancing, and prizes. Costumes are optional; the cost is \$15 per person.

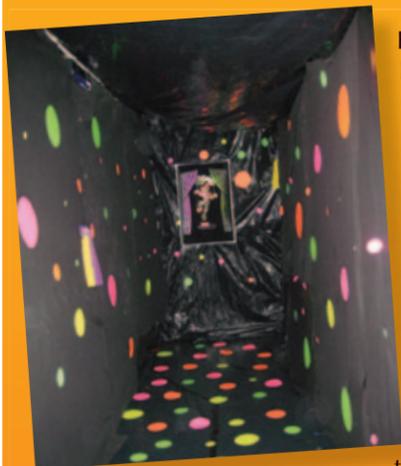
For more information or to reserve a seat, call 909.839.7068.

SPOOKY SKETCHPADS ACTIVITY

The Diamond Bar Community Library invites adults and teens to reach into their bag of tricks to bedeck the covers of a sketchpad with all things spooky on Saturday, **October 26**. The free activity in celebration of Halloween will be held from 2 to 3 pm in the Windmill Room, 21810 Copley Drive. Interested library patrons will be served on a first-come, first-served basis as supplies are limited. For more information, call 909.861.4978.

HALLOWEEN HAUNTED HOUSE

If a good scare quickens your pulse and you don't pale easily at the sight of zombies, scary clowns, and other nightmare-inducing characters, you'll want to check out the City's popular Haunted House at Heritage Community Center. This fang-tastic attraction is available on the evenings of Wednesday, **October 30** and **Thursday, October 31** from 6 to 9 pm.



Be advised that the Haunted House is not recommended for children younger than age 8 and those who scare easily. Admission is \$5 per person, with a "buy one-get one free" coupon available for Wednesday night.

For more information or to download the

coupon, visit www.diamondbarca.gov/hauntedhouse.

Craft Vendors Wanted

The City is seeking vendors of handmade wares to participate in the City's festive Candy Cane Craft Fair scheduled for Saturday, December 7.

The popular annual fair will be held at the Diamond Bar Center, 1600 Grand Avenue, from 9 am to 2 pm. It will feature photos with Santa, free holiday-themed activities for children, and of course, hundreds of handmade items that include décor, jewelry, clothing, and other wares.

All crafts proposed for sale must be original handmade creations, and need not be limited to seasonal or holiday items.

The deadline to apply to be a vendor is Friday, November 1 at 4:30 pm. The cost is \$50 for an 8' x 8' space and \$75 for a 10' x 10' space (includes



two tables and two chairs). Electricity is provided at no additional cost. For more information or to obtain a vendor application, go online www.diamondbarca.gov, visit City Hall, 21810 Copley Drive, or call 909.839.7067 to request a packet by mail.



It will be all treats-no tricks at the City's annual Fall Fun Festival taking place Thursday, October 31 from 4:30 pm to 8:30 pm at Heritage Park.

Parents are encouraged to bring their children ages 2 to 8 to enjoy a scare-free Halloween filled with crafts, games, snacks, and picture-taking opportunities. Admission is free; however participation in games or crafts requires the purchase of a \$5 punch card (good for 10 games). Heritage Park is located at 2900 S. Brea Canyon Road.

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

Annual Reading Campaign Postponed

The annual "Read Together Diamond Bar" campaign, sponsored by the Friends of the Diamond Bar Library, is going on hiatus this year.

The postponement will give the team of volunteers time to revamp the program and bring back next year under its new name "One Book, One Diamond Bar."

The program's premise, however, will remain the same - to promote literary and strengthen 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.

The Friends are currently in the process of selecting a book and planning activities around its theme. For more information, visit www.dblibraryfriends.org or call 909.629.2711.



For Your Safety...

Test and Replace Batteries

Daylight Saving Time ends at 2 am on Sunday, November 3 – while setting your clocks back one hour, it's a good idea to also check and, if necessary, replace the batteries in smoke alarms and carbon monoxide detectors. As good practice, you should test your home's alarms and detectors every month to ensure they work properly. Smoke alarms should be replaced every eight to ten years, while carbon monoxide detectors should be replaced every five years.

Diamond Bar/Walnut Sheriff's Station 909.595.2264
LA County Fire Department 909.629.9671
(dial 911 for all EMERGENCIES)

DBtv Goes Digital

Attention, DBtv viewers:

Time Warner is in the process of transitioning its basic TV service to an all-digital cable TV signal. As a result, starting on or around October 8, all televisions connected directly to Time Warner Cable service will require a digital adapter or QAM tuner in order to access certain basic channels, including the City's government access channel (DBtv) on Channel 3. This conversion will not affect televisions currently connected to Time Warner Cable Digital TV via a set-top box or CableCARD. For more information, visit www.timewarnercable.com or call 1.855.286.1736.

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 meetings (normally held in the AQMD/Government Center) have been temporarily relocated to the Windmill Community Room of City Hall, 21810 Copley Drive, due to construction work happening at the AQMD.

- 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
- For the specific day and time your street is swept, refer to the "No Parking" sign on your block.

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*City Council meetings take place at the AQMD/Government Center, 21865 Copley Drive, (City Council meetings, normally held in the AQMD/Government Center, have been temporarily relocated to the Windmill Community Room of City Hall, 21810 Copley Drive, due to construction work happening at the AQMD). 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

MAYORS IN THE MAKING...

Accompanied by their teachers Sherry Robertson and Maggie Strand, these 60 sixth graders from Chaparral Middle School are flashing confident smiles and thumbs-up signs following a lesson in urban planning and city government from the Diamond Bar mayor and City staff. The lesson, held on September 12, was aimed at augmenting their curriculum-based knowledge on how cities are planned, built, and governed. Using SimCity software, these students who are assuming the role of mayors, are designing and building functional virtual cities for populations of 50,000. In the coming months, they will be constructing three-dimensional models paired with history narratives of their cities. The project culminates with the Future City Competition at regional and national levels.



Photo courtesy of the WVUSD



TERRIFIC TRIO... The many contributions to the community made by Tony Torng, Bea McMillan, and Atharshna Singarajah were rightfully recognized this past month as part of the City's Diamond Bar Day at the Fair festivities. Before an audience of friends, family and neighbors, Tony, Bea, and Atharshna were named the 2013 Diamond Bar Community Heroes by the Los Angeles County Fair Association. In addition to receiving certificates from the Diamond Bar City Council and other local elected officials, the three volunteers were treated to a small

reception and a spot in the parade that made its way through the fair grounds. Additional photos from the Day at the Fair event are available as part of the City's online photo gallery www.diamondbarca.gov/photogallery.

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