

# City News

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## Housing Element Update



The City has completed the first draft of its 2013-2021 Housing Element Update, and encourages all interested residents to review the document and provide feedback.

Residents may access a copy of the Element online [www.diamondbarca.gov/housingelement](http://www.diamondbarca.gov/housingelement) or in person at City Hall (21810 Copley Drive – open Monday through Thursday 7:30 am to 5:30 pm, and Friday 7:30 am to 4:30 pm) and the Diamond Bar Library (21800 Copley Drive – open Monday through Friday noon to 9 pm and Saturday and Sunday 10 am to 5 pm).

A component of the City's General Plan, the Housing Element addresses the city's current and projected housing needs in terms of availability, affordability, and accessibility. State Housing Element laws mandates that it be updated periodically.

Diamond Bar City Council is tentatively scheduled to hold a public hearing in February 2014 to consider adoption this Draft Housing Element Update.

For more information, contact Senior Planner Grace Lee by phone 909.839.7032 or email [glee@diamondbarca.gov](mailto:glee@diamondbarca.gov).

## Candy Cane CRAFT FAIR

Still have names to check off your holiday gift list? Chances are you will find just the right item at the City's Candy Cane Craft Fair taking place on Saturday, December 7 from 9 am to 2 pm at the Diamond Bar Center.

The popular handmade craft fair features several dozen vendors, as well as free holiday-themed crafts for children, and photos with Santa for a nominal fee.

Diamond Bar Center is located at 1600 Grand Avenue. For more information, call 909.839.7070.

## Street Sweeping Schedule



A new edition of the City's Annual calendar magnet denoting street sweeping days in 2014 will be available later this month.

To have a magnet sent to your Diamond Bar mailing address, submit your request online [diamondbarca.gov/ssmagnet](http://diamondbarca.gov/ssmagnet) or call the City's Public Information Division at 909.839.7054.

Requests will be accepted until 4:30 pm on Monday, December 16, 2013. After this date, the calendar will be available for pick up at various community locations, including City Hall (21810 Copley Drive), Diamond Bar Library (21800 Copley Drive), and Diamond Bar Center (1600 Grand Avenue).

## Enter the Holiday Decorating Contest

We are looking for residents with homes decked out for the season to enter the City's annual Holiday Home Decorating Contest. The deadline for entries is Friday, December 13.

Residents may enter their home into one of three categories: Best Holiday Spirit (festive lights and decorations), Best Use of Theme (specific theme throughout the entire display), and Most Innovative (use of new technologies and/or original decoration methods or styles).

Winners in each category receive a special recognition yard sign and special certificate of recognition from the Diamond Bar City Council.

More details, including the entry form, are available online [www.diamondbarca.gov/holiday](http://www.diamondbarca.gov/holiday) or by calling the City's Community Services Department at 909.839.7070.



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## Holiday Diamond Ride



**H**oliday shopping in town? Leave your car at home, and catch a free cab ride to and from a Diamond Bar shopping center as part of the City's annual Holiday Diamond Ride program.

Free rides will be offered until Wednesday, January 1, 2014, and can be booked by calling 800.578.6555.

Holiday Diamond Ride is aimed at supporting local businesses and keeping tax dollars in town.

Riders must be at least 18 years of age, or accompanied by an adult. Proof of Diamond Bar residency (license or utility bill) is required.

## Holiday Tree Collection

**H**ere's a reminder that on regularly scheduled collection days between December 26 and January 10, the City's two waste haulers will be picking up retired holiday trees from single-family residences and multi-family complexes, at no additional cost to customers.

Trees must be free of excess items such as stands, decorations, lights, and tinsel (snow flock is okay). Valley Vista Services asks that customers cut their tree in half if it is longer than six feet in length.

For more information, call Waste Management at 800.266.7551 or Valley Vista at 800.442.6454.

## Holiday Closures

**C**ity facilities will be closed Tuesday, December 24 and Wednesday, December 25 in observance of Christmas Day, as well as Wednesday, January 1 in observance of New Year's Day. If your refuse collection or street sweeping day falls on or after December 25 and January 1, service will be delayed by one day.

## Dog Park Reopened



**B**ark Park @ Pantera Park has reopened following a series of improvements aimed at improving accessibility. Project upgrades included new paved walkways from the existing park path to the entry gates into the dog play areas, as well as a new set of stairs. The entrance into Bark Park is across from Pantera Elementary School, near the basketball courts. Site amenities include benches, drinking fountains with pet bowls, and complimentary dog waste bags.

## Free Sandbags

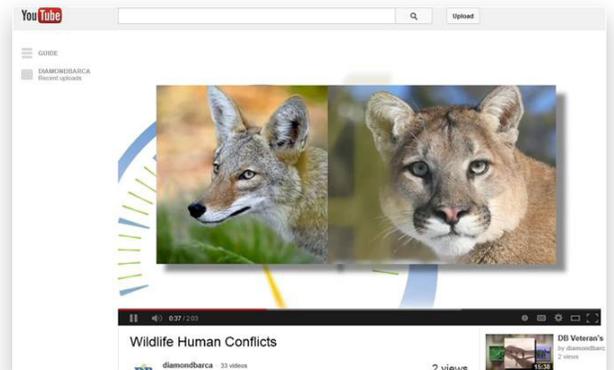
**D**uring the rainy weather season, most County of Los Angeles fire stations double as free self-serve sandbag stations. If your home is prone to flooding when it rains, stop by local station 119 (20480 Pathfinder Road – 909.598.4290.) or 121 (346 Armitos Road – 909.396.0165). Don't forget your work gloves and shovels for sandbag filling. A maximum of 25 sandbags will be allowed per household. For more information, call the City's Public Works Department at 909.839.7040.

## New Wildlife Videos

"Coexisting with Wildlife" is the theme of a series of videos now available for viewing on the City website [www.diamondbarca.gov/wildlife](http://www.diamondbarca.gov/wildlife) and YouTube Page [www.youtube.com/diamondbarca](http://www.youtube.com/diamondbarca).

These videos feature Environmental Scientist Rebecca Barboza from the California Department of Fish and Wildlife providing information on mountain lion and coyote characteristics, as well as tips on how to wildlife-proof properties and minimize the potential for wildlife-human conflicts.

As a reminder, sightings of mountain lions and coyotes are a common occurrence in cities with abundant open space such as Diamond Bar. For your safety and theirs, admire them from a safe distance and do not attempt to approach them. If you feel threatened, call 9-1-1. To report a wild animal that may be a danger to the community, call City Hall at 909.839.7000 or complete a brief online form at [www.diamondbarca.gov/servicerequest](http://www.diamondbarca.gov/servicerequest).



# Neighborhood Watch Program Update

The Diamond Bar Sheriff's Team is in the process of revivifying its Neighborhood Watch Program, and is making a special call for existing groups to update their contact information.

Ideally, every group should have one member serve as captain and another as alternate. This way, all group communications including crime alerts and notices from the Sheriff's Team can be channeled to the group through one contact person.

To update your Neighborhood Watch program information, contact Special Projects Deputy Aaron Scheller by calling 909.839.7079 or



emailing [ascheller@diamondbarca.gov](mailto:ascheller@diamondbarca.gov).

Neighborhood Watch is a crime prevention program which enlists the active participation of residents in cooperation with law enforcement to reduce the incidence of crime within specific neighborhoods.

## REPORT FOR REWARD

SEE IT.  
REPORT IT.  
GET REWARDED.

The City last month launched a new program to incentivize the public to remain alert to and immediately report suspicious

persons, vehicles, or activities occurring within city limits.

Under the Report for Reward program, representatives from the City and the Sheriff's Station will team up to review suspicious activity

reports to determine if they warrant a financial reward, and the amount of the award (up to \$500).

To qualify for a reward, the information provided will have been considered as playing a key role in the identification and arrest of individuals who damage or destroy property while attempting or executing a residential or vehicular burglary.

A phone call to the Sheriff's Station at 909.595.2264 (9-1-1 if the burglary incident is in progress) is currently the only for reporting suspicious activity as part of the Report for Reward program.

More information about the program, including answers to frequently-asked questions, is available on the City website [www.diamondbarca.gov/RFR](http://www.diamondbarca.gov/RFR).



## Search for Ambassadors Underway

This coming April marks 25 years since the incorporation of Diamond Bar, and the City wants everyone to join in the festivities.

If you own a business or form part of a community organization, we want to hear from you.

As part of a special Ambassadors Program, the City will be lending its commemorative 25th Anniversary Logo for businesses and community organizations to brand their special events, services, or promotions.

"Ambassadors" receive window stickers to decorate their storefronts, free promotion of their activities via various City communication mediums, and anniversary-themed giveaways for qualifying events.

A meeting to provide information about the City's 25th Anniversary Ambassadors Program is scheduled to take place on Thursday, December 12 at City Hall, 21810 Copley Drive.

For more information or to confirm meeting attendance, call 909.839.7055 or email [info@diamondbarca.gov](mailto:info@diamondbarca.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.*

### December 2013

S	M	T	W	T	F	S
1	2	3	4	5	6	7 Candy Cane Craft Fair
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15	16	17	18	19	20	21
22	23	24 Christmas Eve City offices closed	25 Christmas Day Holiday City offices closed	26	27	28
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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](http://www.DiamondBarCA.gov/eventcalendar).

# 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 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

**DISASTER DRILL...**The City's Emergency Operations Center Management Team took advantage of the October 17 statewide California Great Shakeout to sharpen its disaster preparedness and response skills. The disaster drill posed a 7.0-magnitude earthquake scenario that included scripted events that continually tested City staff's ability to effectively manage the situation in the face of downed power lines, destroyed roadways, collapsed buildings, and inaccurate news reports among other issues.



Everyone who lives or works in Diamond Bar is encouraged to register with the City's emergency notification system, which is used to alert the community of important information during emergency situations. Individuals have the option to specify their preferred notification method, be it a voice message on a land line, a text to a cell phone, or an email (up to three phone numbers and two email accounts may be registered per individual). [www.diamondbarca.gov/emergencyalerts](http://www.diamondbarca.gov/emergencyalerts).



**PATRIOTIC PAUSE...**City officials and community members took pause to honor the men and women who have served this country during the City's annual Veterans Recognition Ceremony held on November 7 at the Diamond Bar Center. The patriotic event included the presentation of awards to community veterans not previously recognized by the Diamond Bar City Council, as well as the viewing of a video featuring the military stories of three local veterans. Additional event photos may be

accessed at [www.diamondbarca.gov/photogallery](http://www.diamondbarca.gov/photogallery). The video "Military Service Stories" can be found on the City's YouTube page [www.youtube.com/diamondbarca](http://www.youtube.com/diamondbarca).

**SUSTAINABILITY-SAVVY SCOUTS...**Members of the Diamond Bar Boy Scouts Pack 737 are a little savvy regarding environmental matters following a fun visit to City Hall last month that included a narrated and interactive tour of the City's annual Eco Expo Event held in the parking lot of the AQMD. The scouts, ages 7 and 8, got the chance to learn about the processes behind recycling electronic waste, as well as a variety of textile and footwear items. They also learned about the features of electronic vehicles and the beneficial properties of mulch. Additional photos of the City's Eco Expo event are available online [www.diamondbarca.gov/photogallery](http://www.diamondbarca.gov/photogallery).

