

City News

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Bridal Show Vendor Opportunity



On Sunday, March 23, 2014 from 11 am to 3 pm, the City will host a Bridal Show at the Diamond Bar Center, 1600 Grand Avenue in Diamond Bar. Wedding or special event vendors wishing to promote their services or wares are invited to reserve their space by calling 909.839.7065 or visiting diamondbarca.gov/bridalshow. Space is limited.

This year marks the 10-year anniversary of the opening of the Diamond Bar Center in May 2004. Located in picturesque Summitridge Park, the Center features banquet and meeting rooms with views of the San Gabriel Valley. The 22,500 square foot facility is designed in the modern Craftsman style architecture theme and equipped with state-of-the-art multimedia capabilities and a full catering kitchen. Diamond Bar Center has been featured on Style Network's "Whose Wedding Is It Anyway?" and WE tv's "Bridezillas."

The March 23 Bridal Show Vendor application deadline is February 7. For more information, call 909.839.7065.

Special Section to Highlight 1989 News

The year is 1989. George H. W. Bush is inaugurated as the 41st President of the United States ... the world's first satellite Skyphone opens ... the final TV episode of "Family Ties" airs ... "Indiana Jones and the Last Crusade" premieres ... and Diamond Bar becomes an incorporated City.

Starting with this issue, every monthly City News through the end of 2014 will feature a special section entitled "This Month In 1989." This section will feature snippets of news relating to incorporation efforts and the beginnings of self-governance as reported in local newspapers and publications during 1989. Check it out on page 2.

January 18 Winter Snow Fest

Kids and kids-at-heart, get your snow-friendly clothing ready!

Jack Frost is visiting Diamond Bar on Saturday, January 18 and bringing with him more than 90 tons of snow to help the City kick off its year-long schedule of events commemorating Diamond Bar's 25 years of cityhood with the popular Winter Snow Fest event.

This family-friendly event takes place at Pantera Park, 738 Pantera Drive, from 10 am to 4 pm. It features a large play area, four sledding hills, winter-themed games and crafts, food booths, and live entertainment by community groups.

Admission and access to the snow play areas is free, however sledding, game and craft areas are subject to a minimal fee – \$5 for unlimited sledding and \$1 to participate in four games/crafts.

Free shuttle service to and from Pantera Park and the surrounding neighborhood will be available regularly throughout event hours. Sleds will be provided; waterproof gloves and closed-toed shoes are encouraged.

Winter Snow Fest is the first event of many scheduled throughout the year to commemorate Diamond Bar's silver anniversary as an incorporated city.



A list of upcoming anniversary events and a historic timeline leading to the City's incorporation can be found on the City website diamondbarca.gov/DB25. For more information, call 909.830.7070.

Report for Reward's First Payout

Four Diamond Bar residents each recently got \$500 for reporting suspicious activity that helped the Diamond Bar-Walnut Sheriff's Station apprehend three suspected burglars.

The financial rewards were approved by a committee comprising Sheriff's personnel and City staff under the Report for Reward program which went into effect November 15, 2013.

Report for Reward aims to help combat residential and vehicular crimes within city limits by providing members of the public with a monetary incentive of up to \$500 for information leading to the arrest of individuals who damage or destroy property while attempting or executing a residential or vehicular burglary. The program is open to everyone; City and Sheriff's employees, however, are not eligible for a reward.

To encourage wider participation in the Report for Reward program, City staff and Sheriff's deputies in late November 2013 met with Diamond Bar employees of

the United States Postal Service and the City's contract street sweeping company to inform them of the program and guide them on how to detect suspicious behavior while out in the field. Additional meetings are planned with other City vendors and area service providers in the coming weeks. Community groups who would like a presentation on the Report for Reward program may contact City Hall at 909.839.7000.

Residents are reminded that the key to combating burglary crimes in their respective neighborhoods is to remain vigilant, look out for their neighbors, trust their instincts, and immediately call the Sheriff's Station if something does not look or feel right.

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 way to report suspicious activity as part of the Report for Reward program.

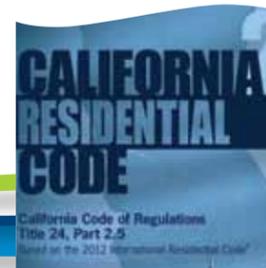
More information about the program, including answers to frequently-asked questions, is available on the City website diamondbarca.gov/RFR.



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Business of the Month

Mr. G's Pizzeria & Pasta



2767 S. Diamond Bar Boulevard
909.598.9400 / mrgspizzeria.net
Pizza, Pasta, Italian Food

Open: Monday-Thursday 11 am - 9 pm
Friday-Saturday 11 am - 9:30 pm
Sun 12 - 9 pm

This Month in 1989

With the March 7, 1989 Election Day drawing nearer, the month of January was a busy month for cityhood supporters.

Amid putting up signs throughout town with the message "Vote Yes for Cityhood," mailing a pro-cityhood brochure to 13,000 households with registered voters, the Diamond Bar Improvement Association (the largest, single entity advocating incorporation) launched a four-session seminar covering city government.

These seminars featured presentations by the San Gabriel Valley Association of Cities, California Contract Cities Association, Cal State Poly, League of California Cities - L.A. Division, and the University of La Verne College of Law.

The first two sessions were held on the Monday evenings of January 23 and 30 in the Diamond Point Racquet Club, and covered the "Role of a



Councilmember," and "Contract Cities." While designed specifically for potential council members, the seminars were free and open to all Diamond Bar residents.

January 1989 also sees the start of the Diamond Bar Curbside Recycling Program, with California Conservation Corps volunteers and students from Ganesha High School assisting the Diamond Bar Improvement Association on the morning of Monday, the 9th with the distribution of 9,000 recycling bins throughout Diamond Bar.

School

Happenings

Story contribution by the
Walnut Valley Unified School District

Castle Rock Students Show Off Business Skills

Over 100 Castle Rock Elementary second grade students presented their unique homemade items for sale at the annual Business Day. The children recently learned that consumers and producers depend on each other. They even created their own clever advertisements as they sold their products during the 50-minute sale.

"It was exciting to see how they used the I.B. Attitudes of creativity, independence, and confidence as they tried to convince shoppers to buy their product," said Principal Carol Sullivan.

The activity was the culmination of an IB unit on All Consumers and Producers

Across the World Depend on Each Other for the Exchange of Goods and Services.

Each student was given green "Castle Rock Cash" to shop and buy products from one another. And shop they did! Classrooms began buzzing with activity once students started making their purchases.

As the young consumers entered the classrooms for the sales, they scanned homemade caramel apples, notepads, friendship bracelets, piggy banks, decorated pencils, paper airplanes and more all displayed on desks. Students were instructed to spend every dollar, which was a cinch amid the variety of treats and trinkets. Some of the clever bargain hunters negotiated on the prices, then proudly plucked their buys into shopping bags.

The school welcomed over a hundred parents and staff members to the shopping extravaganza. Superintendent Dr. Robert Taylor and Cabinet Members also joined the super sale and found the best buys in town!

"Thanks to our second grade teachers and students for an outstanding job! We are so proud that they are becoming global learners, thinkers, and prepared for the 21st century," Sullivan added.



Parents and visitors including Superintendent Robert Taylor and Cabinet Members enjoyed participating in the moneymaking venture

Students Invited to Celebrate DB

Diamond Bar: My City and Why I Love Living Here

In celebration of Diamond Bar's upcoming 25th anniversary as an incorporated city, the Diamond Bar Historical Society is sponsoring a contest for Diamond Bar students in grades 1-12.

All Diamond Bar residents attending public, private, or home schools are invited to enter the contest involving original work (painting, poetry, drawing, essay) based on the theme: Diamond Bar: My City and Why I Love Living Here.

Entries (no larger than 8 1/2" x 11") must be submitted by March 15, 2014 to Diamond Bar City Hall, 21810 Copley Drive) in an envelope addressed to the Diamond Bar Historical Society. Winners will have their entry displayed at the City's Birthday Party and included in a special time capsule that will be scheduled for opening when the City turns 50 in 2039.

For more information or to download the application form, visit diamondbarca.gov/DB25 or call the City's Public Information Division at 909.839.7055.

Become an Ambassador

If you are a Diamond Bar business owner or member of a local nonprofit organization, you still have time to join the City's 25th Anniversary Ambassador Program.

The role of an Ambassador is to enhance the City's year-long schedule of special events with additional activities or promotions commemorating Diamond Bar's 25 years of cityhood, and to become a go-to-person or business for information related to the City's 25th anniversary festivities.

Participation is free, and upon sign-up you will receive a special "Ambassador Kit" containing the special events list, and several 25th anniversary-branded items including a logo for use on print material, and a glass cling for displaying on a storefront or vehicle.

To learn more about the program or to sign up, contact the City's Public Information Division by phone call 909.839.7055 or email info@diamondbarca.gov.



AMBASSADOR

2013 Photo Contest Winners

The City's sixth annual community photo contest turned out 19 winning photographs depicting Diamond Bar living in the categories of People, Pets, Places, Nature, and Digitally-Altered.

The winners were recognized by the Diamond Bar City Council during its regular meeting of Tuesday, November 19, 2013. They each received certificates of recognition from the City Council and several local elected officials, as well as cash prizes courtesy of the Diamond Bar Community Foundation.

Congratulations to our winners:

Youth Division: XENA CHACON, NATALIE CAIRE, LINDSEY SIMMONS, and JEREMY LEE) and **Adult Division:** GABRIEL PEREZ, ERIK MUNOZ, and STEVE SIMMONS

Honorable Mentions were also awarded to: GABRIEL PEREZ, ERIK MUNOZ, AARON MORALES, WILLIAM



ANDERSON, JOSEPH LEE, DAVID MORENO, ALEX MAN, KRISTIN M. INGOGLIA, and GERRY PLUNK

Co-sponsored by the Diamond Bar Community Foundation, the City's photo contest is aims to raise community pride while showcasing the photography skills of Diamond Bar residents of all ages. All 2013 Diamond Bar Through My Lens contest-winning photos are found on the City website at diamondbarca.gov/2013winners.

Housing Element Update - Draft Available

Residents are reminded that the City's first draft of its 2013-2021 Housing Element Update continues to be available for review online diamondbarca.gov/housingelement and at City Hall, 21810 Copley Drive, and the Diamond Bar Library, 21800 Copley Drive.

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. The State Housing Element Law, enacted in 1969, mandates that it be updated periodically.



Diamond Bar City Council is scheduled to hold a public hearing during its regular meeting of January 21 or February 3, 2014 to consider adoption of this Draft Housing Element Update.

City Hall is open Monday through Thursday 7:30 am to 5:30 pm, and Friday 7:30 am to 4:30 pm; Diamond Bar Library is open Monday through Friday noon to 9 pm and Saturday and Sunday 10 am to 5 pm. For more information, contact Senior Planner Grace Lee by phone 909.839.7032 or email glee@diamondbarca.gov.

Sheriff's Team Welcomes New Officer



Photo courtesy of Marc Saunders @ MARC SHOT THIS Photography

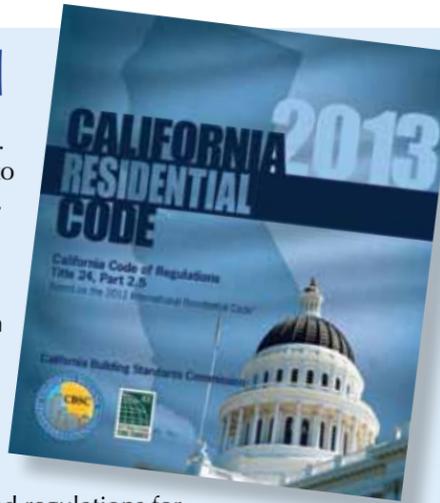
Diamond Bar Sheriff's Team last month grew a deputy stronger. Deputy Heidi Villasenor, who joined the Los Angeles County Sheriff's Department in 2006, is the newest member of the Diamond Bar Sheriff's Team. Deputy Villasenor has been working patrol at the Diamond Bar-Walnut Sheriff's Station since May 2012, and is currently assigned to the special assignment deputy position, which focuses on deterring property crimes and identifying public safety-related issues in the community and developing solutions.

2013 Building Codes Adopted

On January 1, 2014, California's new building codes went into effect. All construction projects submitted on or after January 1 will have to comply with the 2013 Edition of the California Building Standards Code, which addresses both commercial and residential structures.

Among other things, the updated Code calls for the replacement of plumbing fixtures with low-flow fixtures where 10 percent of floor area is modified or \$150,000 of work is proposed. Also, the California Green building Code will now also apply to additions and alterations, where previously it only applied to new structures. Another update under the California Energy Code calls for stricter insulation and window glazing requirements as well as "solar-ready" installations for larger developments.

The California Building Standards Code establishes statewide codes and regulations for building construction and fire safety. The California Building Standards Code is published every three years by order of the California legislature. A copy of the 2013 Code is available online at bsc.ca.gov.



Street Sweeping Reminder

Here's a reminder that the City's contract street sweeper will be in operation within Diamond Bar on a weekly basis through the end of February to help with the increase in wind-blown debris. Please do your part to keep Diamond Bar roads litter-free by keeping your car off streets scheduled for sweeping. No parking signs indicating street sweeping days and times are posted at the entrances to individual streets and at the main entrances to residential neighborhoods. A free 2014 magnet street sweeping schedule is available for pick up at City Hall, 21810 Copley Drive, Diamond Bar Library, 21800 Copley Drive, and at the Diamond Bar Center, 1600 Grand Avenue.

Free Sandbags

Residents who live in areas prone to light flooding during the rainy season are encouraged to prepare by stocking up on sandbags. During cold weather months, sand and sand bags are available at no cost at most County of Los Angeles fire stations, including location 119 (20480 Pathfinder Road) and 121 (346 Armitos Road) here in Diamond Bar. Service is self-serve, and households are each allowed up to 25 sandbags; work gloves and shovels are recommended for sandbag filling.

For more information, call the City's Public Works Department at 909.839.7040. Fire Station 119 personnel can be reached at 909.598.4290; the phone number for the 121 location is 909.396.0165.

Free Tax Preparation for Seniors

The 2014 tax season is here, and the City has again partnered up with AARP to offer adults age 55 and older free tax preparation assistance with their federal and state tax returns. Three AARP



tax preparers will be available Wednesday mornings from 8 am to 11:30 am at the Diamond Bar Center, 1600 Grand Avenue, from February 5 through April 9. Appointments are required, and can be made by calling 909.839.7070.

Outstanding Volunteers Award Nominations

The search is on for those very special people who make a real difference in our community. They are out there – relatives, friends, neighbors, classmates, or business owners – who graciously give their time, talent and resources to improve the lives of others.

We need you to identify them and nominate them for the City's Outstanding Volunteer Awards program. The nomination process takes only a moment and can be done online diamondbarca.gov/ovan.

The City established the Outstanding Volunteer Award Program as a means to recognize individuals of any age who are committed to serving the Diamond Bar community through volunteerism.

Nominees are selected in each of the following categories: adult (18 years and older) and youth (17 years or younger). Awards are presented in April during the City's Annual Birthday Party, this year set for Saturday, April 13.

The nomination period closes on Friday, March 2. For more information, contact the City's Community Services Department at 909.839.7060.

For Your Safety... Downed Power Lines

Downed or fallen wires should always be treated as energized – meaning they carry an electric current that can cause serious or even fatal injuries. Southern California Edison urges everyone to not approach or touch the line or any person or object in contact with it, and immediately CALL 9-1-1 and inform the operator it's an electrical emergency.

Diamond Bar/Walnut Sheriff's Station 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



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
-  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 Commission meetings are held at Diamond Bar City Hall, 21810 Copley Drive. Additional event and meeting details are available at DiamondBarCa.gov/eventcalendar



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Elected Officials

Mayor..... Carol Herrera
Mayor Pro Tem..... Steve Tye
Council Member..... Ling-Ling Chang
Council Member..... Nancy A. Lyons
Council Member..... Jack Tanaka
City Manager..... James DeStefano

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SNAPSHOTS AROUND THE COMMUNITY

NAUGHTY OR NICE LIST?... This group of Diamond Bar girl scouts are beaming ... probably after confirming that their names did in fact make Santa's Nice List. A visit with Santa was just one of many the things that the City's annual Candy Cane Craft Fair offered its attendees. The popular event was held on Saturday, December 7 at the Diamond Bar Center, and provided 5 hours of browsing and shopping for handmade wares that included clothing, jewelry, painting, and edibles. Also, while parents shopped, children were entertained with free supervised holiday-themed crafts. For additional event photos, check out the City's online photo gallery diamondbarca.gov/photogallery.



25th ANNIVERSARY AMBASSADORS...

A group of community organization representatives last month answered the City's call to help boost the planned year-long schedule of festivities commemorating the 25th anniversary of Diamond Bar's incorporation as a City. City staff and the volunteers representing more than a dozen nonprofits met on Thursday, December 12 at City Hall during which information was shared about events planned and the role of an ambassador. The presentation was led by Public Information Manager Marsha Roa. For more information about the City's 25th Anniversary Ambassador Program, turn to page 2.

City Council Meeting Location Reinstated

After several months of taking place in the City Hall building, Diamond Bar City Council meetings last month went back to being held at their original location of the South Coast Air Quality Management District (SCAQMD) Auditorium, 21865 Copley Drive.

The move means that City Council meetings are again being streamed live on the City website diamondbarca.gov and broadcast live via Time Warner Channel 3 and Verizon FiOS Channel 47.

City Council meetings had to be temporarily

relocated to Diamond Bar City Hall in July due to the unavailability of the SCAQMD auditorium while it underwent audio-visual upgrades.

Diamond Bar City Council meets on the first and third Tuesday of every month starting at 6:30 pm.

Re-broadcasts of the meetings are aired on Saturday and Sunday at 9 am and alternate Tuesdays at 8 pm on Time Warner Channel 3 and Verizon FiOS Channel 47. Meetings are also archived and available for viewing online diamondbarca.gov/dbtv.