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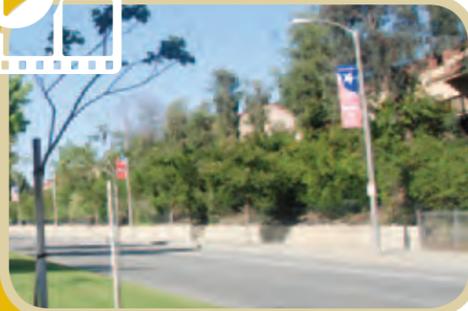


Beginning with this issue of DBConnection, readers will notice this special icon attached to some of the articles. This icon indicates that a video is available online to supplement the article. We are excited to expand story coverage through this popular medium and encourage you to check out the City's growing video library available on the City website www.diamondbarca.gov/videos and on the City's official YouTube page www.youtube.com/diamondbarca.

Armed Forces Banner Program Gets Tech Boost



The City has launched a new online tool, powered by a geographic information system (GIS), which allows residents to easily and conveniently obtain the photo and location of the banner honoring their family member or friend through the City's Armed Forces Banner program. For more details, check out a two-minute video on the City website www.diamondbarca.gov/videos or YouTube page at www.youtube.com/diamondbarca.



Back To School Safety



Armed with stencils, reflective glass beads and a paint compressor, members of the City's Public Works Department Jason Fuentes and Rafael Lopez teamed up during the summer to refresh all the school safety-related pavement markings within Diamond Bar's elementary and middle school zones before the start of the new academic year.

Now that school is back in session, here is a reminder to pedestrians and drivers alike that preventing accidents is a shared responsibility. Below are a few tips to help ensure safe travel for students on their way to and from school.

BEHIND THE WHEEL

- ◆ Lower your speed and remain alert for pedestrians – 25 mph is the maximum speed when children are present.
- ◆ Watch for and yield to pedestrians in crosswalks and at all intersections – they have the right-of-way at these locations.
- ◆ If a vehicle stops in front of you, slow down and practice patience – it may have stopped for pedestrians.
- ◆ Never pass a school bus when it is stopped with flashing red lights and stop sign displayed – children are either exiting or entering the bus

ON FOOT

- ◆ Cross the street only at signalized or marked crosswalks, and check for oncoming traffic in all directions before stepping off the curb.
- ◆ Make eye contact with drivers to make sure they can see you before crossing in front of them.
- ◆ Eliminate opportunities for distraction such as the use of cell phone, hand-held games, or music devices.
- ◆ Watch for cars entering or exiting driveways or parking lots.
- ◆ As an added security measure, the Diamond Bar/Walnut Sheriff's Station will be committing additional law enforcement resources at school zones and key city intersections to strictly enforce traffic safety laws, including speeding, cell phone use, illegal parking, jaywalking, and non-seatbelt usage.

Water Conservation Information

Mandates, Tips and Rebates

Prompted by the continuing severe drought conditions coupled with the results of a survey showing that water consumption statewide has slightly increased, the State Water Resources Control Board last month implemented emergency restrictions aimed at curtailing outdoor water usage.



These mandatory water restrictions prohibit hosing down driveways and sidewalks, washing cars without a shut-off nozzle, using potable water for fountains or other ornamental purposes unless the water is recirculated, and overwatering lawns and gardens that results in runoff.

Individuals who are already abiding by the water restrictions are encouraged to further conserve water by making some simple adjustments to their water use habits, by doing things such as:

- ◆ Thinking before emptying water down the drain – there may be another use for it such as watering a plant or cleaning.
- ◆ Avoiding flushing the toilet unnecessarily – dispose of used tissues and other similar waste in the trash bin.
- ◆ Turning off the tap between rinses – do not let the water used between washing your hands, brushing your teeth or shaving.
- ◆ Discontinuing the practice of thawing meat or other frozen goods under running water – a better option for defrosting your food is to leave it overnight in the refrigerator or use the defrost setting on your microwave.

Additional tips on water conservation as well as a free tool to calculate your household's water use is available at www.saveourh2o.org. Information about rebate programs for a variety of water-saving devices such as toilets, clothes washers, sprinkler nozzles and rain barrels is available at www.wvwd.com.

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September is National Preparedness Month

Focus for the month of September is on preparedness – specifically discussing, writing, and practicing the steps you and your family will take to respond to and recover from the next natural disaster. As a general rule, you should be prepared to take care of yourself and your family for at least the first three days following an emergency. Here is a simple four-step process to help you prepare:



Step 1 – Make a Plan

Depending on when the disaster strikes, your family may not be together. Reaching one another, identifying the “safe spots” and exits within your home, and establishing an out-of-state emergency contact are a few of the topics that need to be discussed as part of your emergency plan. The plan should be developed as a family, practiced on a regular basis, and displayed in an easy-to-access location.

Step 2 – Prepare a Supply Kit

Pick a storage method that suits your family’s specific needs – a duffel bag may be sufficient for a family of one or two people while a 35-gallon trash bin may be a better option for a larger family. Consider what you will need to meet your needs for at least three days, including water (one gallon per person, per day) and food that won’t spoil. Be sure to include prescription medication and emergency tools such as a battery-powered radio. It is recommended that you keep a kit in your car trunk and another at home in an easy to access location.

Step 3 – Hazard-Proof your Home

Inspect your home for potential hazards and identify and secure furniture or items that may break, fall, or obstruct an exit during an emergency, such as mirrors, televisions, computers, bookcases, and water heaters. All responsible members of your household should also know how to turn off the main switch for water, gas or power in the event that lines are damaged or you are instructed to do so by the utility companies.

Step 4 – Stay Informed

In the event of an emergency, most people will turn to their radio, television or social media feeds for general information on what is happening. For information on what to do such as whether or not to evacuate, what roads to avoid and where shelters have been set up, Diamond Bar residents are encouraged to visit the City website www.diamondbarca.gov or tune in to DBtv (Time Warner Ch. 3 (15-233) or Verizon FiOS Ch. 47). You’ll also want to be sure you are registered to receive notifications through the City’s free emergency alert system. If you are already registered, take a moment to make sure your information is updated by visiting www.diamondbarca.gov/alerts or calling 909.839.7055.

A series of videos on emergency preparedness is available for viewing online at www.youtube.com/diamondbarca. Additional tips and printable checklists are available by visiting www.ready.gov.



Roads Renewed

The surface of more than a mile of arterial roadway and more than 16 miles of residential streets was treated last month to correct deterioration issues and extend its life by up to 10 years. A brief video that captured the work in progress is available for viewing online on the City website www.diamondbarca.gov/videos and YouTube page at www.youtube.com/diamondbarca.



Become a Certified CERT Member

Free training in November

In November, firefighters from the Los Angeles County Fire Department will be offering free training in basic response skills such as fire safety, emergency medical operations, and light search and rescue as part of its Community Emergency Response Team (CERT) training program.

Approved by the Federal Emergency Management Agency, the Emergency Management Institute and the National Fire Academy, CERT curriculum aims to prepare adults age 18 and older to take care of themselves, their family and neighbors in the moments immediately following a disaster when emergency response services are strained.

The 21-hour CERT course will be taught in three class sessions taking place on Saturdays, November 1, 8 and 15 from 8:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m. at Diamond Bar City Hall which is located at 21810 Copley Drive. Participants must attend all three sessions to receive a certificate of completion.

Space is limited and advance registration is required by visiting www.eventbrite.com/e/la-county-fire-department-cert-training-city-of-diamond-bar-registration-12467754389. Registration will close on Wednesday, October 29, 2014 or when all spaces are filled. Questions regarding the CERT program or training may be directed to the Los Angeles County Fire Department at 909.469.2659.

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SPEEDS ADJUSTED

Drivers, take note: Last month, posted speed limits on several roadway segments within town were updated to coincide with the findings of a traffic and engineering study completed in June 2014. The study, which reviewed all speed limits within Diamond Bar, determined that 5 or 10-miles-per-hour adjustments be made to portions of Brea Canyon Road, Diamond Bar Boulevard, Golden Springs Drive, Lycoming Street, Pathfinder Road and Via Sorella. For more information about the Citywide Speed Zone Survey Update, visit www.diamondbarca.gov/publicworks or call 909.839.7040.



SPEAKINGSAFETY: New Bicycle Safety Law

A new State law this month does away with the ambiguity of “safety distance” by clearly establishing three feet as the minimum required distance for motorists passing bicyclists. Assembly Bill 1371, which goes into effect on September 16, 2014, means that motorists who violate this “three-foot” rule are subject to a base fine of \$35 (\$233 once court and administrative fees are added) for injury-free incidents. If the violation involves a collision that injures a bicyclist, then the fine more than quadruples to \$959 after all court and administrative fees have been assessed. To learn more about AB 1371, visit <http://calbike.org>.



Veterans Display: Photos Needed

The City is making a special request for photographs of Diamond Bar veterans to create an exhibit that will be prominently displayed at this year’s Veterans Recognition Ceremony.

Photographs submitted for exhibit consideration should be of the veteran in uniform and/or during active service, and include identification information such as name, military branch and occupation specialty, dates of service and awards earned. It is suggested that copies be submitted as photographs will not be returned. Contact information for the person submitting the photograph(s) is also appreciated.

Submissions should be sent no later than Friday, October 3, 2014 to Community Services Coordinator Andee Tarazon by email to atarazon@diamondbarca.gov or mailed/hand-delivered to Diamond Bar City Hall, 21810 Copley Drive, Diamond Bar, CA 91765.

The 2014 Veterans Recognition Ceremony takes place on Wednesday, November 5 from 9:00 a.m. to 11:00 a.m. at the Diamond Bar Center. For more information, call 909.839.7067.



Youth Writing Contest

Top three winners score a Kindle

If you are a student between the ages of 13 and 18, the Friends of the Diamond Bar Library invites you to enter its writing contest for a chance to score a Kindle.

Titled "How a Book Changed My Life," the contest seeks entries in the form of personal letters to an author, living or dead, which explain how their work changed your way or thinking about the world or yourself. Entries should be no more than 1,000 words in length and must be mailed or hand-delivered to the Diamond Bar Library by Friday, October 3, 2014.

Three winners will be selected with first place being awarded a Kindle Fire and second and third place each receiving a Kindle Paperwhite.

The winners will be announced and prizes issued following a talk by Law Librarian of Congress David Mao, scheduled for 2:00 p.m. on Saturday, October 18, 2014 at the AQMD auditorium. Reservations are required to attend the talk, and must be made by calling 626.960.2861 before Friday, October 10.

The Diamond Bar Library is located at 21800 Copley Drive in Diamond Bar. For more contest details, visit www.dblibraryfriends.org or call the Friends organization at 909.629.2711.

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PURE CHEER



Hours of pair and group games brought out the friendly competitive spirit in the more than two hundred teens who participated in the City's annual Teen Night Out held on Friday, July 18, 2014 at Sycamore Canyon Park. Among the games enjoyed by event-goers were bungee run, air tag, human sphere, jousting, and inflatable basketball. Teen Night Out is one of several opportunities organized by the City's teen group

DB 4Youth "In Action" for Diamond Bar youth to socialize and have fun in a safe environment. Pictured is DB4Youth member Makiah Josephson supervising a bungee race. For more information about DB4Youth in Action, visit www.diamondbarca.gov/db4youth or call 909.839.7062.

Special Talk by Law Librarian of Congress

Reserve your seat by October 10

Next month brings a unique opportunity for community members to meet and listen to Law Librarian of Congress David S. Mao talk about digital literacy in the 21st century, including the current and future role of U.S. public libraries with regard to providing and enhancing access to the latest technology tools and interactive media.

This special event, organized by the Friends of the Diamond Bar Library with help from Congressman Ed Royce and the County of Los Angeles Library, takes place on Saturday, October 18, 2014 at 2:00 p.m. inside the AQMD building located at 21865 Copley Drive in Diamond Bar. A light reception will follow the talk.

Attendance is free and open to the public; however, seating is limited and reservations must be made no later than Friday, October 10, 2014 by calling 626.960.2861.

Mr. Mao manages the operation and policy administration of the Law Library of Congress, which contain the world's largest collection of legal materials and serves as the leading research center for foreign, comparative, and international law.

More information about this event is found online at www.dblibraryfriends.org.



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MAKING AN IMPRESSION



Cousins Mark Braun, 12, (left) and Bernard Cardenas, 13, took advantage of the free child identification services offered by the Los Angeles County Sheriff's Department as part of the City's National Night Out activities during the August 6, 2014 Concerts in the Park event at Sycamore Canyon Park. In a matter of minutes, Sheriff's Explorers Johnny Rivera (left) and Isaiah Garcia provided Mark and Bernard with an ID

booklet containing a set of their finger prints. The booklet, intended for a parent's safekeeping, also has fill-in areas for photos, identification details, a DNA sample, and other vital information to help the Sheriff's Department locate a missing minor. For more information about the Sheriff's Child Identification Program, call the Diamond Bar-Walnut Sheriff's Station at 909.595.2264.

School

Happenings

Article contribution by the Walnut Valley Unified School District

✓ Five Walnut Valley Elementary Schools Distinguished At State Ceremony

✓ Five award-winning Walnut Valley elementary schools were honored during a regional California Distinguished Schools Ceremony.

✓ Evergreen, Westhoff, Maple Hill, Quail Summit, and Vejar elementary schools earned the state's highest level of recognition for public schools in 2014. Evergreen Elementary received an additional award for their Exemplary Arts Program.

✓ This year, 424 public elementary schools in California received the prize for their innovative approaches to improving academic achievement.

"I applaud these strong, thriving schools that are making such impressive strides in preparing their students for continued success," State Superintendent Tom Torlakson said. "This award is well-deserved by these school communities for their enduring dedication to high standards, hard work, and unwavering support." Each school received an engraved plaque and banner to display on their campuses.



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SMART TRASH CANS

Three of the City's most visited community parks are now outfitted with solar-powered trash compactors. These compactors, purchased with grant funding from the CalRecycle Beverage Container Recycling



Program, use a solar panel to charge its compacting technology that reduces the size of the trash deposited by 80 percent. Additionally, the compactors have a

computer chip that keeps track of load levels and electronically notifies City staff when they reach full capacity and need emptying. You can find these trash compactors at Sycamore Canyon Park, Peterson Park and Pantera Park.



25th Anniversary Time Capsule

An assortment of documents, memorabilia and other items of historical significance are now being compiled by City staff for inclusion in a time capsule marking Diamond Bar's 25th year anniversary as an incorporated city.



Once filled and sealed, the time capsule will be housed inside one of the walls of the first level of the City Hall building. A ceremonial time capsule dedication event is planned for Saturday, October 25, 2014 at 4:00 p.m. at Diamond Bar City Hall located at 21810 Copley Drive.

The plan is to have the time capsule opened in 2039 when the City celebrates 50 years of cityhood. To learn more about the time capsule or to suggest content for inclusion, visit the City website www.diamondbarca.gov/timecapsule or contact the City's Public Information Division at info@diamondbarca.gov or 909.839.7055 no later than Friday, September 19.



Thursday, September 11 is Diamond Bar Day at the Fair!

Admission on this day is only \$5 when you use promo code: diamond bar when buying your tickets online at www.lacountyfair.com/buytickets or at the LACF gates when you present a special coupon available for printing through the City website www.diamondbarca.gov/fair. Diamond Bar Day \$5 ticket sales proceeds benefit the Big Yellow Bus program which pays for bus transportation for Diamond Bar students to attend the fair as part of a school-sponsored fieldtrip.



We're looking for residents of all ages with a passion for photography or videography and tons of community pride to enter the City's annual DB Through My Lens contest. In addition to photos, this year's contest is also accepting video entries. There is no cost to enter and submissions are accepted until 4:30 p.m. on Friday, November 14, 2014. Full contest details, rules and the entry form are available at City Hall, the Diamond Bar Center, and on the City's website www.diamondbarca.gov/photocontest. To talk to a City staff person about the contest, call 909.839.7057.



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City Clerk's Office	909.839.7010		
City Manager's Office	909.839.7010	Utilities:	
Community Development	909.839.7030	So Cal Edison (electric)	800.611.1911
Community Services	909.839.7060	So Cal Gas (gas)	800.427.2200
Facility Reservations	909.839.7070	Time Warner (cable TV)	888.892.2253
Finance	909.839.7050	Verizon (telephone)	800.483.5000
Human Resources	909.839.7018	Walnut Valley Water	909.595.7554
Library	909.861.4978	Waste Disposal:	
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Voter Registration	562.462.2748	Employment Opportunities	909.348.8300
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Business Information:		Graffiti Removal	800.794.7384
Business Licenses	909.839.7030		
Chamber of Commerce	626.810.8476		

*For emergencies, dial 9-1-1



Check out DiamondBarCA.gov/db25 for more anniversary-related happenings

September 2014

S	M	T	W	T	F	S
	1 Labor Day City Offices closed	2 City Council Meeting Canceled	3	4	5	6
7	8 Street Sweeping	9 Street Sweeping	10 Street Sweeping	11 Diamond Bar Day at the Fair (details on page 2) Street Sweeping	12 Street Sweeping	13
14	15	16 City Council Meeting Canceled	17	18	19 Time Capsule Items Due call 909.839.7055 for details	20
21	22 Street Sweeping	23 Street Sweeping	24 Street Sweeping	25 Street Sweeping	26 Street Sweeping	27
28	29	30 Transit Late Night				

Calendar Key

- City Council Meeting* - starts at 6:30 pm Planning
- 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 - Street sweeping is taking place somewhere within the city; see neighborhood signage for your street's designated day and time.

*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 DiamondBarCA.gov/eventcalendar

