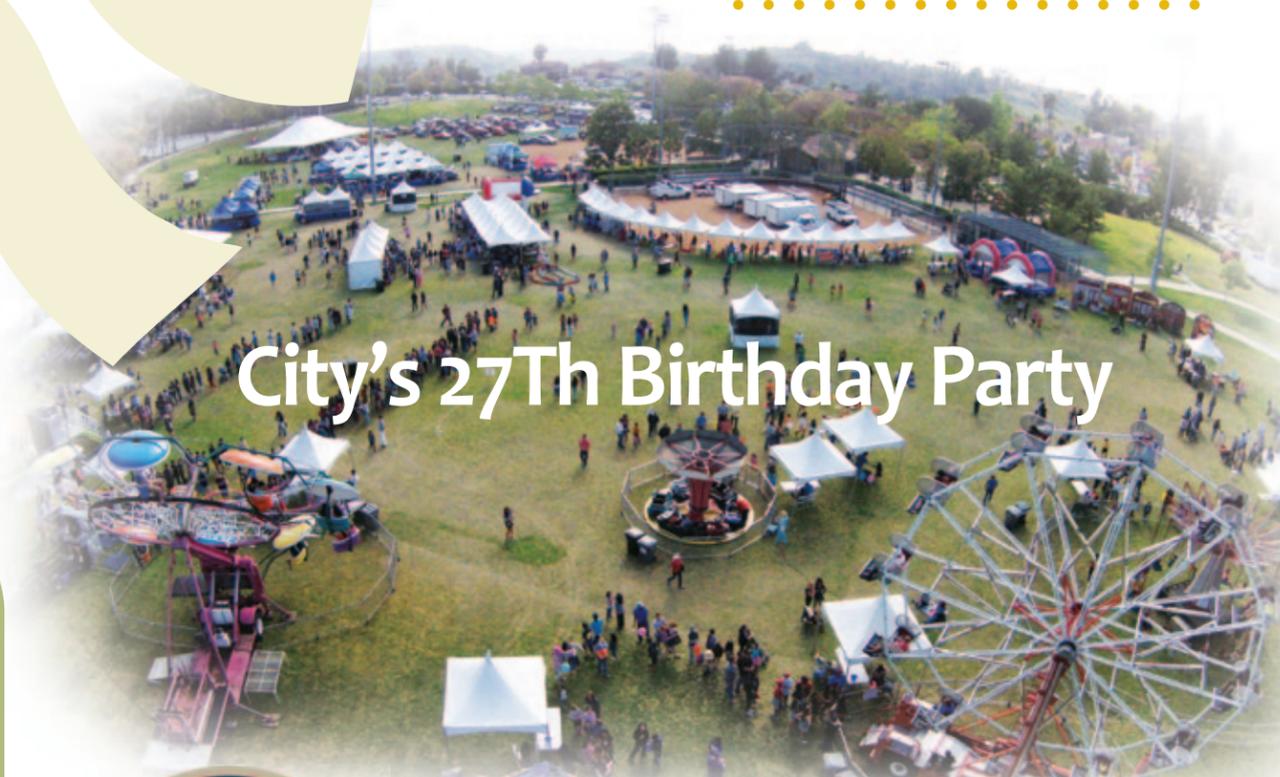


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City's 27th Birthday Party



If you like carnival attractions, games, demonstrations, classic cars, entertainment and giveaways, you'll want to visit Pantera Park on Saturday, April 16.

That's where and when the City will be holding its annual Birthday Party in recognition of Diamond Bar's 27th anniversary of incorporation.

The festivities take place from 11:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m., with carnival attractions operating until 6:00 p.m. Wristbands for unlimited carnival rides and punch cards for activities and games will be sold at the event – \$10 for each wristband and \$1 for each card (four activities per card). A variety of beverages, snacks and food plates will be sold by local area nonprofits.

There will also be numerous information booths offering giveaways and information related to emergency preparedness, crime prevention, recycling, recreation, pet adoptions, and more.

Additionally, at approximately 3:15 p.m., following the presentation of certificates to the honorees of this year's Outstanding Volunteer awards, free slices of birthday cake will be distributed near the main stage.

A few things to keep in mind:

- Leave your pets at home – only registered service animals will be allowed
- Bring cash – all transactions and purchases made onsite will require cash as payment
- Free and frequent shuttle service to and from Pantera Park will be available from surrounding neighborhood streets, starting at 10:30 a.m. and continuing until the end of the event

Pantera Park is located at 738 Pantera Drive. For more information, call 909.839.7070 or visit www.diamondbarca.gov/bday.

Curious About Composting – Attend a Free Workshop

How to turn food scraps and yard waste into rich soil amendment will be the focus of a free Smart Gardening Workshop taking place on Saturday, April 23 from 9:30 a.m. to 11:00 a.m. at the South Coast Air Quality Management District, located at 21865 Copley Drive in Diamond Bar.

Offered by the City in partnership with County of Los Angeles, this workshop will also cover water-wise gardening techniques, grasscycling, and other ways to improve your lawn or garden while reducing waste.

Reduced-price backyard compost bins will be available for purchase (cash or check only) at the end of the workshop: \$40 for a traditional bin or \$65 for one that uses worms. Information on their proper use and simple solutions to common composting problems will be provided.

This workshop is part of the City's annual Earth Day Celebration that also features a number of information booths, eco-friendly crafts and activities for children, giveaways, prizes, electric vehicle displays, and the on-site shredding of sensitive documents, recycling of unwanted clothes and other textiles, collection of electronic waste, and self-serve giveaway of mulch.

For more information about the Earth Day Celebration, visit www.diamondbarca.gov/earthday.

To register for the workshop, call 909.839.7015 or send an email with your name, address and phone number to greeDB@diamondbarca.gov.

Construction of New 57/60 Onramp Underway

Work on the construction of a new westbound State Route 57/60 onramp at Grand Avenue, adjacent to the vacant Honda dealership site, began last month with the temporary modification of traffic lanes.

The modifications, made along Grand Avenue between Golden Springs Drive and the existing westbound ramps (north of the Grand Avenue Bridge) temporarily narrowed northbound Grand Avenue from two through lanes and one dedicated right turn lane at the existing eastbound and westbound onramps to one through lane and one combined through/right turn lane.

The existing two through lanes and dedicated left turn lanes in the southbound direction were also narrowed but configuration of the lanes was kept the same.

As the project progresses, intermittent roadway and freeway ramp closures will be required; however, they will be scheduled during nighttime hours to minimize any inconvenience to motorists.

Caltrans is administering construction of the new onramp, and anticipates project completion in late August 2017.

This project is the first phase of a larger, multi-phase effort to make safety and traffic flow improvements to the 57/60 interchange.

For more information, visit www.diamondbarca.gov/5760 or contact the City's Public Works Department at publicworks@diamondbarca.gov or 909.839.7040.



Armed Forces Banner Program

The first of two annual deadlines for Diamond Bar residents to honor an immediate family member serving on active duty in the United States military through the City's Armed Forces Banner Program is coming up. Friday, April 8 is the first cutoff date

to submit a request to have a banner personalized with a loved one's name and military branch. Banner installations will occur in the month of May. Applications received after April 8 will be part of the second round of requests, with banners going up in November. Complete participation requirements and a downloadable application form are available online at www.diamondbarca.gov/armedforces or by calling the City's Community Services Department at 909.839.7060.



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EnviroLink

"Your Link to Protecting the Environment"

Go Green Diamond Bar

Earth Day was first observed on April 22, 1970.

Since then, significant progress has been made to actively protect the environment through the enactment of laws and the creation of programs, but most importantly, through the everyday actions everyone takes to reduce, reuse and recycle.

If you live, work, or go to school in Diamond Bar, there are a number of programs and services available year-round or as part of special events that make it easy and fun to adopt a greener, more sustainable lifestyle.

At Your Door Special Collection Program

One of these programs is the free At Your Door Special Collection Program offered by Waste Management.

Arranging for Waste Management to pick up a number of special waste items right from your doorstep is as easy as calling 800.449.7587 (Monday through Friday 5:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m.), emailing AtYourDoor@WM.com, or filling out a form online at www.wmatyourdoor.com.

Valley Vista Services' residential customers may also request free doorstep collection of a wide variety of refuse that falls under the hazardous waste category, including Sharps, paint and paint products, household cleaners, automotive fluids, household batteries and electronics. For more information or to schedule a pick-up, call 800.442.6454.



Get The Most Out Of Your Waste Collection Service

If you're only getting your trash, green waste and recycling bins serviced every week, then you are losing out on special waste collections and extra services you are entitled to and paying for, regardless of whether or not you use them.

These services include free doorstep or curbside pickups of waste that either does not fit or belong in your regular bins or is banned from landfill disposal because of its hazardous properties.

Examples of waste that meets this criteria are oversized or overweight appliances or furniture, electronics, paint, automotive fluids, household cleaners and batteries, garden products, and syringes.

Extra services include two anytime and two end-of-the-year excess trash pickups, dilapidated cart replacements, free second cards for recyclables and green waste, and rate discounts for seniors and persons with disabilities. Also, Waste Management account holders who are physically unable to wheel out their bins can request that waste collection staff retrieve the bins and return them to their original location after emptying the contents.

Information about these free services can be obtained by contacting your respective waste collection agency:

Waste Management

13940 E. Live Oak Avenue
Baldwin park, CA 91706
Monday –Friday
8:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m.
800.266.7551
wmservice@wm.com
www.diamondbar.wm.com

Valley Vista Services

17445 Railroad Street
City of Industry, CA 91748
Monday –Friday
8:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m.
800.442.6454
www.valleyvista.net



Identifying Special Waste

Certain items or products, due to their hazardous components, require responsible disposal to prevent harm to people and the environment, and therefore cannot be discarded in the trash.

These include:

Automotive Waste – used motor oil, antifreeze, gasoline, brake fluids, degreasers and solvents, cleaners and polishes, tires, batteries.

Household Hazardous Waste (HHW) – products that are ignitable, corrosive, reactive or toxic such as adhesives, fertilizers, household cleaners, pool chemicals, pesticides, solvents, varnish, and other products labeled with "caution," "warning," "danger," "poison," "toxic," "flammable," or "corrosive".

Electronic Waste (e-waste) – electronic products that have reached the end of their useful life either because they are nonfunctioning or obsolete. Common examples are computers, televisions, VCRs, stereos, copiers, and fax machines.

Universal Waste – batteries, pesticides, mercury-containing equipment and bulbs (lamps)



New Environmental Education Program For Students



DiscoveryCube
ORANGE COUNTY

Diamond Bar City Council has given the green light for a two-year pilot partnership between the City and Discovery Cube Orange County in an effort to enhance public environmental education and awareness.

Through the partnership, several hundred Diamond Bar fifth- and sixth-grade students will have the opportunity to take part in a unique program developed by Discovery Cube OC.

Eco Challenge, as it is known, aims to teach children ages 10-12 about sustainable

living practices that include waste prevention, hazardous waste disposal and recycling through an educational and engaging presentation, take-home activities, and interactive exhibits that meet state education standards.

Currently, the program is open to Armstrong, Diamond Point, Golden Springs, Pantera, Castle Rock, Evergreen, Maple Hill, and Quail Summit elementary schools, as well as Chaparral and South Pointe middle schools. It consists of three parts:

- A free 50-minute classroom presentation by Discovery Cube OC staff
- Free student activity booklets that highlight the recycling process and the importance of preserving the environment
- A field trip to Discover Cube in Santa Ana for students to take part in three

Eco Challenge interactive exhibits (free admission and \$200 bus stipend) Fifth- or sixth-grade teachers interested in their class taking part in the Eco Challenge program should contact Brian Scheidecker with Discovery Cube OC at bscheidecker@discoverycube.org or 714.263.3825. To obtain more information about the program, contact City Management Analyst Alfa Lopez at alopez@diamondbarca.gov or 909.839.7015.

Brush Clearance Reminder

Hillside property owners are reminded that the County of Los Angeles Fire Department will begin conducting its annual brush clearance inspection on May 1.

The inspection is part of the Fire Department's efforts to protect properties of the threat of wildfire, and includes fire personnel canvassing the city and issuing 30-day correction notices to residents whose property does not comply with the County's Brush Clearance requirements.

These requirements, aimed at creating defensible space in which firefighters can operate safely in order to help protect a home during a wildfire, are the legal responsibility of homeowners and include the following:

Removing all flammable vegetation or other combustible growth within 30 feet (50 feet in areas determined to be high fire hazard) of any structure; and

Thinning out or remove additional vegetation an additional 70 feet from the structure; an additional 100 feet of thinning or removal may be required in high fire hazard areas.

Additional measures to help safeguard homes from wildfires include:

Yard: Landscaping with fire-resistant, low-growing plants with high moisture content; and keeping woodpiles, propane tanks and combustible materials away from the house and other structures, such as garages and sheds.

Roof: Clearing pine needles, leaves, and other debris from the roof and gutters; screening or enclosing rain gutters to prevent accumulation of plant debris; and cutting any tree branches within 10 feet of the roof.

Vents: Covering all vent openings with 1/8 inch or smaller metal mesh; do not use fiberglass or plastic mesh because it can melt and burn.

Windows: Installing dual-paned with the exterior pane of tempered glass windows to reduce the chance of breakage in a fire.

To make the most of water supplies, it is also recommended to have multiple garden hoses that are long enough to reach any area of the house and other structures on your property; properties with pools or wells should also consider a pump.

For guidelines and tips for brush removal, download your free copy of the Ready, Set, Go! Wildfire Action Plan at www.fire.lacounty.gov/wp-content/uploads/2014/02/RSG-Booklet.pdf.

Are You Registered for the City's Monthly Environmental E-Newsletter?

Please be advised that this year the City will not mail out its annual environmental newsletter, "EnviroLink," as it is in the process of reformatting the publication's content into a guide for longer shelf-life and resource conservation. In the meantime, everyone is encouraged sign up to receive monthly recycling-related news by email by visiting www.diamondbarca.gov/esubscriptions.

School

Happenings

Story contribution by the Pomona Unified School District

Armstrong Elementary 'Living Museum' Celebrates Historical Figures

Armstrong Elementary fifth- and sixth-graders transformed themselves into some of the most influential and successful figures in United States history, from Civil Rights activist Rosa Parks and Civil Rights leader Martin Luther King, Jr., to former Secretary of State Colin Powell, for the Diamond Bar school's third annual "Living Museum of Historical People" program in February.

This year's Living Museum celebrated the contributions of African Americans in an interactive presentation that featured student-created movie trailers, murals and science boards and encouraged visitors to press buttons,

at which point students popped up and recreated a scene from American history, bringing to life characters who told impactful stories of how they changed the world.

"The students are remarkably creative in their presentations. They are very eager to demonstrate what they have learned, not only about American history, but also in computer, graphic and dramatic arts," Principal Cynthia Sanchez said. "Their performances are compelling and potent. Those who visit the museum leave knowing more about American history than they did when they arrived."

Teachers work with their students to create the exhibits and craft the narratives but allow the students to choose what historical figures they want to represent and to present the stories in their own way.

Aligned to the new California Standards, the Living Museum includes student-created exhibits and visual aids, written reports and iMovie trailers that are created with iPads to showcase the variety of subjects students are learning.

"Staging the Living Museum takes an extraordinary amount of effort and every year Armstrong students and teachers raise the bar," Pomona Unified Superintendent Richard Martinez said. "They show that history is not only an indispensable subject but that learning about it can be engaging and interactive. We are truly appreciative of their energy and teamwork, which inspires and invigorates us."



Story contribution by the Walnut Valley Unified School District

Chaparral opens doors to state-of-the-art classrooms

After eight years of construction, Chaparral Middle School threw a party on February 25 to celebrate the completion of the last of its projects.

Parents, students, staff, community members, and officials gathered in the remodeled multipurpose room to mark the milestone moment.

"I want to thank our community for the financial support that has made our dreams a reality!"



Shown: Chaparral Middle School celebrated the completion of construction projects on February 25.

said Principal Ron Thibodeaux during a grand reopening and ribbon cutting.

During the annual Open House following the ceremony, Chaparral reopened its modernized main building to the public, along with new "Cougar Conservatory" music education and "Cougar Kitchen" food services buildings.

Previous construction on campus included relocated athletic fields, construction of a new gymnasium, and a 14-classroom science and Design-Based Learning building. All projects were made possible by voter support of Bond Measures S & Y.

"Walnut Valley has an ongoing commitment to make sure its schools are the 'best of the best,'" said Thibodeaux, who described the scope of modernization and expansion plans at Chaparral as "nothing short of remarkable."

"Our children are so lucky! The renovations at Chaparral are complete and they are wonderful!" said Mingli Chang, president of the school's Chinese American Parent Association (CAPA).

"Tonight we celebrate this beautiful facility which is truly a 21st-century learning environment," said Superintendent Dr. Robert Taylor. "I'm very proud that our kids get to come and learn here every day."

Chaparral is also commemorating its 40th anniversary of providing outstanding education to children in the community.

Meet Sheriff's Lieutenant Marquez



The City's public safety team has been bolstered with the recent appointment of Phillip Marquez to the position of Service Area Lieutenant. He succeeds former Lieutenant Anthony Tachias who retired in December 2015, following a 32-year career with the Los Angeles County Sheriff's Department.

Lieutenant Marquez brings to the job more than 25 years of experience in law enforcement. He was promoted to sergeant in 2006 and to the rank of lieutenant in 2013. Throughout his years with the Sheriff's Department, Lieutenant Marquez has worked at several stations and in various capacities, most recently as the Detective Bureau Lieutenant of the Altadena Station and prior to that as the Watch Commander of the patrol division of the Altadena Station.

Lieutenant Marquez joined the Diamond Sheriff's Team in February 2016. In his new role as Service Area Lieutenant, he is responsible for leading Diamond Bar's law enforcement and crime prevention programs and strategies, as well as overseeing the Diamond Bar-Walnut Sheriff's Station's Detective Bureau.

Arbor Day Celebration

A greener, more aesthetic Pantera Elementary School will be the result of the City's Arbor Day Celebration taking place on Friday, April 29 in honor of Diamond Bar's 15 consecutive years of Tree City USA designation.

The celebration will start at 9:30am and include tree-themed student performances, recognition of the winner of the school's Arbor Day Poster Contest, and a tree planting ceremony on school grounds.

Founded in 1872, Arbor Day is the nation's oldest environmental holiday celebrating trees and their energy-producing and conserving role. The Tree City USA program recognizes communities that invest and manage their urban and community forest resource.

Event attendance is free and open to the public; however guests must first stop by the school's main office, 801 Pantera Drive, to obtain a visitor's pass. For more information, contact the City's Recreation Services Division at 909.839.7070.



County Library Has A New Director

A new director is at the helm of the Los Angeles County Library.

Ms. Skye Patrick, a seasoned library administrator, was appointed to her post on February 1 by the Los Angeles County Board of Supervisors.

Ms. Patrick previously served as the director of the Libraries Division of Broward County in Florida, where she earned numerous national and state awards for overseeing and managing several successful information systems projects.

Prior to that, Ms.

Library Director Skye Patrick is photographed being sworn in by Los Angeles County Chief Executive Officer Sachi A. Hamai at the Hall of Administration on February 10.

Patrick held the position of Assistant Director for the Queens Public Library in New York where she planned and oversaw library renovations, created a customer service training program for staff, and enhanced the collection development program.

Ms. Patrick holds a bachelor's degree in fine arts from Northern Michigan University, and a master's degree in library and information sciences from the University of Pittsburgh.

The County of Los Angeles Public Library was established in 1912, and is considered one of the nation's largest libraries. Its 85 regional and community libraries and three bookmobiles circulate an average of 14 million items annually.

Congressional Art Competition

Diamond Bar residents of high school age with an artistic interest have until Friday, April 15 to enter the 2016 Congressional Art Competition.

Artwork and student entry forms must be turned in no later than 5:00 p.m. to the office of U.S. Representative Ed Royce. Participants and their families will be invited to attend the Congressional Art Exhibit at the Fullerton Museum Center on Saturday, April 23, during which the winners of the 39th Congressional District will be announced.

The Grand Prize winner from every district nationwide receives two complimentary round-trip plane tickets to Washington D.C. to attend a special reception held in their honor, and their artwork is displayed in the U.S. Capital for one year.

This art competition began in 1982 to provide an opportunity for members of Congress to encourage and recognize the artistic talents of their young constituents. For more information, as well as the official contest rules and submission guidelines, visit www.Royce.House.Gov/constituentservices. Questions may be directed to Lauren Pong at lauren.pong@mail.house.gov or 626.964.5123.

Call 8-1-1 Before You Dig

With home improvement season now underway, the City would like to remind readers to call 8-1-1 before commencing any project that requires digging or excavating.

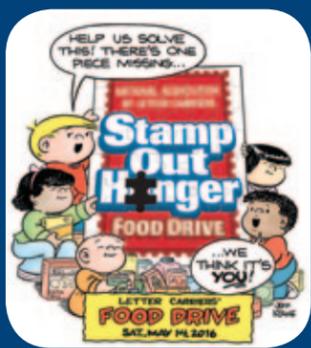
Even the most simple of projects such as planting a tree or installing a mailbox can lead to damage of underground utility pipes, which can have serious consequences.

One toll-free call to the USA Underground Service Alert (8-1-1) will alert all local utility companies of your planned project and schedule them to come out and mark the location of their respective 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 8-1-1.

USPS Annual Food Drive



Next month, residents will again have the opportunity to participate in the largest annual one-day food drive in the nation. As it has since 1993, the National Association of Letter Carriers will be holding its Stamp Out Hunger

food drive to benefit thousands of food banks or pantries nationwide. Those wanting to participate can simply place their nonperishable food items near their mailboxes before their letter carrier delivers the mail on Saturday, May 14. Examples of acceptable items include canned soup, pasta, rice, or cereal. For more information about the food drive or to sign up to receive an email reminder of the event, visit www.helpstampouthunger.com.



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- 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

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

