

City News

Published Monthly For Residents & Businesses in Diamond Bar

Free Emergency Preparedness Workshop

Local public safety and emergency personnel will come together this month with one important purpose in mind: to educate and empower residents on how to be "emergency prepared."

The City in cooperation with the Diamond Bar/Walnut Sheriff's Station and LA County Fire Department is hosting an Emergency Preparedness Workshop on Wednesday, May 25, from 6:30 to 7:30 pm at the Diamond Bar Center.

Aimed at promoting action on emergency preparedness, the workshop will focus on readying attendees to cope on their own for at least three days with no outside assistance from emergency personnel.

Topics will include: how to assemble emergency supply kits for homes and vehicles, and create a family reunification plan.

Admission and parking are free, and reservations are not required.

The Diamond Bar Center is located at 1600 Grand Avenue. For more information, contact Management Analyst Anthony Santos at 909.839.7034 or anthony.santos@ci.diamond-bar.ca.us.

Memorial Day Closure

City offices and facilities will be closed Monday, May 30, in observance of the Memorial Day holiday. Regular office hours resume at 7:30 am on Tuesday, May 31. Please note that street sweeping services will not be affected, however refuse collection will be delayed by one day.

Proposed Library Project Update

Proposed efforts to incorporate the Diamond Bar branch of the Los Angeles County Library into the future City Hall building recently took an important step forward.

Fourth District County Supervisor Don Knabe last month, during the Friends of the Diamond Bar Library's Annual Wine Soirée fundraiser, pledged his support for construction of the new library and announced plans to bring it before the Los Angeles County Board for approval.

The proposed library would be located on the first level of the two-story building, located across the street from the existing City Hall. Conceptual plans call for the branch to occupy 22,000 square feet – more than doubling its existing size – and



include a reading garden, a children's library, a young adult and teen reading area, a reference and technology section, and a dedicated Friends of the Library bookstore.

Additional updates to both the City Hall and proposed Library projects will be published in future editions of City News as well as posted on the City website www.CityofDiamondBar.com.



BE EMERGENCY READY

FIND US on Facebook & Twitter
REGISTER/UPDATE your phone, cell phone, or email for Emergency Alerts www.CityofDiamondBar.com

Emergency in Progress:
LOG ON www.CityofDiamondBar.com
TUNE IN to Ch. 3 (Time Warner)/ Ch. 47 (Verizon FiOS)

Food Drive Reminder



Remember to place your donation of nonperishable food items near your mailbox on the morning of Saturday, May 14 if you plan on participating in Stamp Out Hunger, the nationwide food drive sponsored by the National Association of Letter Carriers.

Your letter carrier will pick them up during his or her mail route and deliver them to local food banks. For more information, visit www.HelpStampOutHunger.com.

New Lieutenant Leads Diamond Bar's Public Safety Team

The City recently welcomed its new Special Assignment Lieutenant, and said goodbye to a lieutenant who retired after 34 years of service to the Los Angeles County Sheriff's Department.



Lieutenant Steven Katz last month assumed the dual role of Diamond Bar's Special Assignment Lieutenant and Head of the Detective Bureau at the Diamond Bar/Walnut Sheriff's Station, following the retirement of Lieutenant Joe Maxey, who served in this same capacity for nearly 10 years.

Previous to his appointment, Lieutenant Katz served two years as Watch Commander and Public Information Officer for the Patrol Division of the City of Industry Sheriff's Station. He holds a Bachelor of Arts degree in Political Science from California State University, Northridge, and began his career with the Department in 1984. After graduating from the Sheriff's Academy, he completed assignments at the Men's Central Jail, and the Carson Station.

In 1998, Lieutenant Katz was promoted to Sergeant and worked Internal Affairs until 2001 when he transferred to the Office of the Sheriff where he served as a Sheriff's Aide to Sheriff Lee Baca.

He was promoted to Homicide Investigator in 2002 and spent seven years in the Detective Division investigating homicides and receiving training in areas that included response to suicide bombing attacks, and crisis negotiation for critical incidents, and earning certification in the P.O.S.T. (Peace Officer Standards and Training) Management Course.

May is National Older Americans Month

"Age Strong! Live Long!" is this Year's Theme



In celebration of National Older Americans Month, adults 65 and older are encouraged to participate in a host of activities and events available this month and year-round through the City's Senior Services Division.

Educational and recreational opportunities available in May include the following:

Extended Tour and Travel Slide Shows on Wednesday, the 11th, Thursday, the 12th, and Thursday, the 26th highlighting upcoming extended getaway opportunities. Fee: None.

Legal Seminars on Monday, the 9th and Monday, the 23rd from 10 am to noon explaining the difference between wills and trusts, the meaning of power of attorney, healthcare directives, new tax laws, and how to qualify for Medi-Cal benefits while legally protecting assets. Fee: None.

Reverse Mortgage Seminar on Friday, the 13th at 11 am covering the particulars of reverse mortgages, the requirements, recent changes, and associated costs. Fee: None.

Bus Trip to Casino in Indio on Wednesday, the 25th from 8:30 am to 6:30 pm; trip-goers receive round-trip transportation, and \$15 in player's card credit courtesy of the casino. Fee: \$20.

BINGO! Thursdays from 11:30 am to 2 pm and Fridays from 10:45 am to 1:15 pm. Fee: 10 games for \$2.

Card & Board Games including Bridge and Mahjong-Pinochle every Wednesday from 12:30 pm to 4 pm. Fee: None.

Now in its 48th year, National Older Americans Month was first designated as Senior Citizens Month in May 1963 by President John F. Kennedy. A 1980 proclamation by President Jimmy Carter changed the name to Older Americans Month. Its purpose, however, remains unchanged and that is to encourage the nation to pay tribute to older people across the country.

All the activities offered through the City's Senior Services Division are open to adults age 55 and older. For more information about or to register for an activity or event, call the City's Recreation Services Division at 909.839.7070.

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

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*All meetings take place at the AQMD/Government Center, 21865 Copley Drive. Additional event and meeting details are available at www.CityofDiamondBar.com.

Be Wary of Utility Worker Impersonators

Prompted by the recent burglary incident in Rialto involving an individual impersonating a Southern California Edison subcontractor, the City would like to remind residents to be wary of individuals who try to gain access to homes by posing as utility personnel.

When it comes to home visits by utility personnel, residents should keep in mind that it is very rare that utility companies send employees out to homes without prior notice, and that personnel always carry official identification with them, and wear clothing and drive a vehicle that bears the official company logo.

If a resident suspects that someone at their door is not a legitimate utility company representative or feels even the least bit uneasy, he or she should call the company directly to confirm the validity of the visit.

The contact information of the companies

that provide utility services in Diamond Bar is provided here and can also be found on your statements:

So Cal Edison - (electricity) 800.611.1911

So Cal Gas - (gas) 800.427.2200

Time Warner Cable - (cable television) 888.892.2253

Verizon - (telephone/FiOS television) 800.483.5000

United States Post Office - 800.275.8777

Walnut Valley Water District - 909.595.7554

Valley Vista Services - (multi-family/businesses) 800.442.6454

Waste Management - (residential) 909.599.1274

As always, suspicious persons or activities should be immediately reported to the Diamond Bar/Walnut Sheriff's Station at 909.595.2264.

Buckle up...or Get Ticketed

Round-the-clock seat belt law enforcement



The Diamond Bar/Walnut Sheriff's Station is joining law enforcement agencies nationwide in cracking down on seat belt violators as part of the annual **Click It or Ticket** mobilization, May 23 through June 5.

During this two-week mobilization period, the Station will heighten its enforcement of seat belt laws by issuing citations – not warnings – to drivers and passengers who fail to wear their seat belts.

Since evening commuters are least likely to buckle up during the evening commute, nighttime enforcement is a priority of this year's mobilization.

Under current State law, drivers are responsible for seat belt compliance for all passengers. If the seat belt violator is over 16 years of age, both the driver and the passenger can be cited separately. Offenses may also result in points to the violator's driving record, which could raise insurance rates.

Click It or Ticket is a nationwide seat belt enforcement campaign aimed at reducing the number of highway fatalities and injuries due to non-seat-belt use. For more information, visit the National Highway Traffic Safety Administration website <http://www.nhtsa.gov/CIOT>.

Outdoor Spring Cleaning Checklist

A little effort can go a long way...by incorporating these four simple tasks in your spring cleaning plan you will not only improve the appearance of your property, but also comply with the City Code.

Maintain Landscaping

Maintain landscaping in a neat and orderly manner by mowing, grooming, trimming, pruning, and adequately watering all vegetation. *Tip: Create a property maintenance schedule to keep track of your property's landscaping needs.*

Clear Yard Areas of Trash

Clear yard areas (visible from an adjacent street or sidewalk) of trash, debris, or any other abandoned or unused object. *Tip: Take advantage of your four free annual Bulky Item and/or E-Waste Pickups available through both Waste Management (909.599.1274) and Valley Vista (800.442.6454).*

Donate Inoperable Vehicles

Park nonfunctioning vehicles or those being repaired or dismantled in an area not visible from the street or other public or private property. *Tip: If the vehicle is no longer repairable, consider donating it to a charitable organization in exchange for a tax credit.*

Put Away Refuse Containers

Store refuse, green and recycle containers out of public view. Also, do not place containers out for pickup any earlier than sunset on the day preceding your scheduled collection, and put them away before 10 pm the day of collection. *Tip: You can keep your containers in the garage, back or side yard, or in a screened enclosure.*

For more detailed information about these and the rest of our City Codes, please refer to the City's Municipal Code, available at City Hall and in an electronic, searchable format at www.CityofDiamondBar.com, or contact the City's Community Development Department at 909.889.7030.



Contract Class Instructor Opportunity

The City is currently looking for contract instructors to teach new classes, currently not offered by its Recreation Services Division. The proposal form and other instructor application material is available for download on the City website www.CityofDiamondBar.com or can be requested by mail by contacting the City's Recreation Services Division at 909.839.7070. Deadline for proposals is 4 pm on Wednesday, May 11.

As a reminder, all individuals conducting business within city limits are required to have a business license, available at City Hall for an annual fee of \$10.

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Council Member Carol Herrera
Council Member Jack Tanaka
City Manager..... James DeStefano

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City Services	909.839.7000
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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	909.839.7015
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	909.839.7075
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	909.860.1904
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

24-Hour Hotlines:	
Building Inspection Hotline	909.839.7027
Graffiti Hotline	800.794.7384
Job Hotline	909.612.4636 x 1410

*For emergencies, dial 9-1-1

Update Your Book Stock

Did your spring cleaning efforts turn up gently used books that you no longer want? Bring them to Basically BOOKS, the Friends of the Diamond Bar Library's bookstore located at 23447 Golden Springs Road, near the intersection of Golden Springs and Diamond Bar Boulevard. Book donations are always welcome, and sale proceeds benefit the Diamond Bar Library. Past proceeds have been used to replace worn books, add to the best-seller and foreign language collections, and help pay for needed library repairs.



Basically BOOKS is open 10 am to 5 pm on Mondays, Wednesdays and Thursdays; 10 am to 7 pm on Tuesdays and Fridays; and 10 am to 4 pm on Saturday. It is closed on Sundays. For more information, call 909.396.9954 or email BasicallyBOOKS@aol.com.

Snapshots Around The Community

STATE OF THE CITY...

Progress on the new City Hall and County Library, the impending launch of a Smartphone application, and an interchange improvement project planned for next year. Diamond Bar's mayor recently addressed these and other topics when presenting the annual State of the City Address at the Diamond Bar Center on March 31. A video of the Address is available for viewing on the City website www.CityofDiamondBar.com. It is also being shown through the end of this month on the City channel (DBtv – Channel 3 for Time Warner subscribers and Channel 47 for those with Verizon FiOS) starting at 7 pm every day except for Tuesday.



BATTER UP!... Stop by Pantera Park any Thursday at 10 am and you'll find the "Diamonds" hitting, pitching, fielding and base-running. The 50-and-older senior softball team comprising 25 Diamond Bar residents has been dutifully practicing since it first formed in February. It is part of the larger local league, Inter-City Senior Softball League, which opened its playing season on April 21.