

City News

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New Operating Budget

A new City Operating Budget for fiscal year 2011-2012 went into effect July 1. This budget, approved by the Diamond Bar City Council at its regular June 7 meeting, calls for City staff to hold operating expenses at conservative levels while continuing to deliver valued community services such as public safety and recreation, as well as maintaining public infrastructure and facilities.

It also calls for the one-time use of General Fund reserves to finance expenditures related to the January 2012 move of City operations into a permanent 57,000 square foot City Hall and Library facility.

City Council Goals

A companion to the City's annual operating budget, the City Council's Annual List of Goals also took effect the beginning of this month.

This list comprises objectives that serve as the framework for how the City will move toward attaining goals in areas that include Traffic Mitigation, Fiscal Responsibility / Economic Development, and Communications.

As a result of progress made on, and in some cases attainment of, the goals during the past fiscal year, the City Council was able to update its list and add two new items.

Both the Operating Budget and List of Goals and Objectives for the fiscal year 2011-2012 are available for viewing online via the City website www.DiamondBarCA.gov and in person at City Hall, 21825 Copley Drive.

Online Calendar Has New Features

Keeping track of City and community events and meetings in Diamond Bar just got easier. The functionality of the already-popular event/meeting calendar component of the City website was recently improved with the integration of two new features – one to allow users to add upcoming events/meetings of their choice into their personal calendars and the other to link to a Google map for driving directions to the event location.

As a reminder, Diamond Bar-based nonprofits with 501(c)(3) status that benefit Diamond Bar residents are eligible to promote their fundraisers on the City website calendar, at no cost.

For more information, contact the Public Information Division at 909.839.7059.



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www.DiamondBarCA.gov

Emergency in Progress:

LOG ON www.DiamondBarCA.gov

TUNE IN to Ch. 3 (Time Warner)/Ch. 47 (Verizon FiOS)

Back-to-Back Events to Break Up the Week!

This summer, the hottest seat in town is the Sycamore Canyon Park grass field. That's because the park will again play host to the City's popular annual Concerts in the Park series featuring live music, information booths, children activities, and concession goods every Wednesday evening starting at 6:30 pm.

The lineup features:

Classic Rock – *The Ravelers* (July 6),
Latin – *Bumptown* (July 13),
80s Rock – *The Cords* (July 20),
Beatles Tribute Band – *SGT Peppers* (July 27),
70s Top 40 – *Cold Duck* (August 3),
Beach – *The Night Tides* (August 10), and
Journey Tribute Band – *Lights Premier* (August 17).

And the fun does not end when the band belts out its last tune...Immediately following each concert, an inflatable movie screen transforms Sycamore Canyon Park into an enclosure-free movie theater playing family-friendly movies.

The movie schedule starts with:

How to Train Your Dragon on July 6, followed by
Despicable Me on July 13,
MegaMind on July 20,
The Goonies on July 27,
Tangled on August 3,
The Sorcerer's Apprentice on August 10, and
Toy Story 3 on August 17.

Event-goers are encouraged to bring lawn chairs or blankets for lawn seating, and may bring a picnic dinner or patronize local nonprofits selling concession goods.

Parking and shuttle service to the park is free and continuously available at the Diamond Bar Golf Course from 5:30 pm through the end of the movie. Sycamore Canyon Park is located at 22930 Golden Springs Drive.

Visit the City website www.DiamondBarCA.gov



or call the Recreation Services Division at 909.839.7070 for more information.



Concerts in the Park



Movies Under the Stars



One City. One ZIP Code.

A longtime effort spearheaded by City officials to get the United States Postal Service to realign its 91765 ZIP Code boundary to comprise all Diamond Bar mailing addresses recently took a promising step forward.

This past May via a letter, USPS informed the City that its latest request for a single citywide ZIP Code had passed a formal study – an initial but important step in the "ZIP Code Boundary Review Process" – and would proceed to the next step.

City Manager James DeStefano said this next step, which involves the USPS mailing a survey to the more than 3,000 Diamond Bar addresses that have a 91789 ZIP Code – largely recognized as belonging to the city of Walnut addresses – is very good news.

"Over the years, the City has received numerous requests for assistance from Diamond Bar residents living within the 91789 ZIP Code service boundary, who contend this issue has resulted in mail delivery delays," DeStefano said. "USPS' decision to move forward with the survey is a step in the right direction and one that has been long-awaited."

Past endeavors undertaken by current and previous City Council members date back at least 14 years and include bringing the matter to the attention of local policymakers, lobbying with U.S. senators, and even seeking the assistance of the White House Office of Intergovernmental Affairs.

"This is the second time the City's request enters the USPS' ZIP Code Boundary Review Process, but the first time the study returns favorable results and leads to a survey," DeStefano added.

The referenced survey will be mailed by USPS to the affected residents and businesses in late August. If it returns a majority of respondents in support of the realignment, the relocation of Diamond Bar addresses that now have to use a 91789 ZIP Code into the 91765 service boundary will take effect as early as summer 2012. To help residents get acquainted with using the "new" ZIP Code, USPS will establish an 12-month grace period from the date the 91765 ZIP Code takes effect, during which the "Walnut, 91789" will still work.

For more information, contact the City's Public Information Manager Marsha Roa at 909.839.7055.

May 2011 Business of the Month



Shea Center Diamond Bar
667 Brea Canyon Rd., Ste 25
www.SheaProperties.com
Bus. 909.595.0499

This business park provides 265,875 square feet of multi-tenant, light industrial and warehouse space suited for a wide variety of tenants. Many of the suites provide drive-up surface parking, private suite access and office and warehouse space with roll-up delivery doors.

Preventing Home Burglaries

Are you laying out the welcome mat for burglars?

You may be if you leave your doors and windows unlocked, store a spare set of keys in an obvious hiding spot, keep valuables in plain view, or have overgrown landscaping.

The Diamond Bar/Walnut Sheriff's Station reminds residents that burglaries are most often crimes of opportunity, and therefore highly preventable.

Measures to help reduce the opportunity for break-ins include:

- **Eliminating concealment opportunities:** Keep shrubbery thinned and trimmed below three-feet in height to facilitate visibility; and install motion-activated flood lights on all sides of the home to help detect nighttime activity and illuminate your property.
- **Denying access:** Keep your yard free of items that can be used as burglary tools (ladder, hammer, etc.); and don't leave a spare key under the doormat, on top of the doorframe, or in any other obvious place.
- **Keeping your house in a "lived in" appearance:** If you plan on being away, stop mail, package and newspaper deliveries or have a neighbor or friend pick them up; keep a vehicle in the driveway; and use automatic timers to turn lights on and off in various parts of the house at appropriate times.
- **Being a good neighbor:** Keep an eye on your neighbor's home and ask them to do the same for you; if you see strangers or suspicious activity, make a reasonable effort (without endangering yourself) to get a good description and license number and notify the Sheriff's Station by calling 909.595.2264.

Also, refrain from leaving descriptive telephone answering machine messages or posting comments on your Facebook page about being on vacation or out for the evening.

Key Traffic Signals Get a Boost

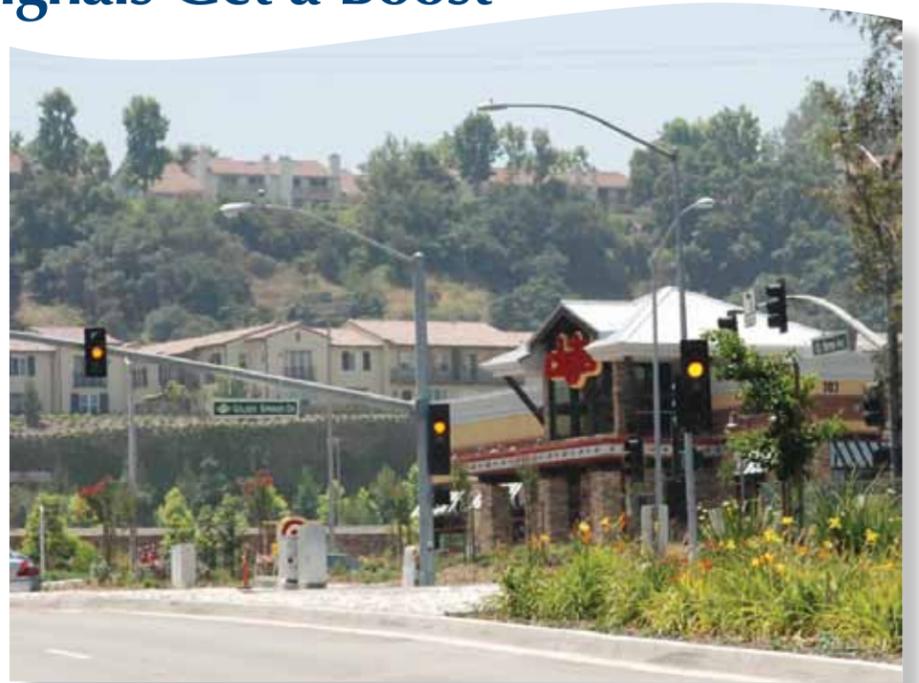
Efforts are currently underway to add battery back-up systems to City-owned and operated traffic signals along several high volume arterials.

The City first installed eight of these systems at key signalized intersections along Brea Canyon Road, Diamond Bar Boulevard, Golden Springs Drive, Grand Avenue and Pathfinder Road in the spring of 2010.

This summer, an additional 11 intersections along these same arterials will also be equipped with battery back-up systems.

These systems are designed to provide temporary power service during outages in order to keep traffic signals operating uninterrupted until electrical service is restored.

For more information about this project, contact the City's Public Works Department at 909.839.7040.



Check Your Tire Pressure



The key to better fuel efficiency and longer tire life!

With travel in most everyone's summer plans, here's a reminder from Cal Recycle to check your tire pressure regularly to stay safe on the road, get better fuel efficiency, and help make your tires last longer.

To determine the correct air pressure for your tires (measured in pounds per square inch or PSI) check the owner's manual or the sticker on the inside of your driver's side door frame. Be sure to check your tires when they are cool to the touch, to get an accurate measurement of air pressure.

For more tips and information, visit www.CalRecycle.ca.gov.

City Programming Now on YouTube



In a move to expand its presence in the widely-popular social media world, the City recently created an official YouTube government channel.

Through this free and well-established medium, City staff is able to disseminate its informational and educational videos to a wider audience.

Some of the videos now on the City's YouTube channel include the 2011 Year-in-Review, Trails Guide, Emergency Preparedness Guide, and Pool Safety Public Service Announcement. Content will be expanded as new videos are created. To locate the channel, visit www.youtube.com/DiamondBarCA.

For more information, call the City's Public Information Division at 909.839.7055.

Check out What's Playing on DBtv!

In addition to obtaining access to live and recorded gavel-to-gavel coverage of City Council meetings, tuning into DBtv (channel 3 on TimeWarner and channel 47 in the Verizon FiOS line-up) gets you information related to public safety and health, details about upcoming City and community events, and family-friendly programs.

Visit www.DiamondBarCA.gov/DBtv to view the latest programming schedule.



"Have a Smart phone?
Scan Me!"

QR Codes

If you own a smart phone, chances are you are familiar with QR Codes. QR (Quick Response) Codes are two-dimensional symbols, similar to barcodes, which store alphanumeric data such as phone numbers, URLs and email addresses.

Last month, the City began utilizing this free code system on City publications and promotional materials to provide smart phone users with instant access to additional event and program details.

A free QR Code reader app needs to be downloaded on your smart phone in order to scan the codes.

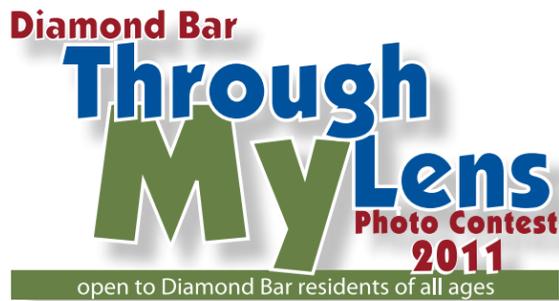
Give Us Your Best Shot!

The City's community photo contest is now well underway, and although the September 30th submission deadline may seem like a long way out, you know the expression "time flies."

So, don't put it off until tomorrow – take some time today to enter your favorite Diamond Bar photos into the **Diamond Bar Through My Lens Photo Contest**.

There's no cost to enter and winners score a spot in the City's popular annual Calendar & Services Guide as well as spending cash.

Co-sponsored by the City and the Diamond Bar Community Foundation, this year's categories are People, Pets, Places, Nature, Black and White, and Historical Reference (taken prior to incorporation of 1989).



Complete guidelines and entry forms are available online www.DiamondBarCA.gov/photocontest in person at City Hall, at the Diamond Bar Center, and at the Diamond Bar Library. You may also request that a form be mailed out to you by calling the City's Public Information Division at 909.839.7059.

Online Classes Available Year-Round

Here's a reminder to individuals who want to learn a new skill but don't have the ability to commit to a fixed class schedule.

Through a partnership with ed2go, the City offers a variety of online courses for both professional development and personal enrichment.

New six-week sessions start every month and include courses in the areas of Accounting and Finance, Computer Applications, Language and Arts, Technology, and Writing and Publishing.

Field-expert instructors lead every course, and lessons are supplemented with interactive quizzes, assignments, tutorials, and online discussion areas.

Upon satisfactory course completion, participants receive a letter of completion is requested. For more details, visit www.ed2go.com/diamondbar.



Don't Leave Children in Hot Cars

When left in a hot vehicle, a young child's core body temperature may increase three to five times faster than that of an adult, which can cause permanent injury or even death.

With summer in full swing, the American Academy of Pediatrics (AAP) wants to drive home this message of child safety to parents and caregivers.

The AAP reminds readers that even on mild spring days, bright sunshine can raise the temperature inside a car to dangerous levels and that a delay of just a few minutes can lead to tragedy. It offers the following tips to help keep children safe in and around cars:

- Teach children not to play in, or around cars.
- Always lock car doors and trunks - even at home, and keep keys out of a child's reach.
- Watch children closely around cars, particularly when loading or unloading. Check to ensure that all children leave the vehicle when you reach your destination - don't overlook sleeping infants.

Additional tips are available by visiting www.SafeKids.org.

3 Options for Disposing of Sharps

Residents who use Sharps to manage chronic medical conditions, have three convenient ways of legally disposing of their used needles, syringes, or lancets.

1. Waste Management (WM), the City's residential refuse collector and recycling service provider, manages a Sharps Home Delivery Program that allows residents to use a special mail-back container to dispose of needles properly. To participate in the program, residents should call WM at 800.266.7551 to request their free container, and a representative will deliver it to their home the following week. Once filled to capacity, residents simply mail the container back for safe disposal using the pre-paid postage label provided, and contact WM for a new kit.
2. Filled containers may also be deposited into the



appropriate collection box outside the Diamond Bar/Walnut Sheriff's Station (21695 E. Valley Blvd., Walnut), or dropped off at any one of the County's six Solvents, Automotives, Flammables and Electronics (S.A.F.E) Collection Centers, or regularly-held Household Hazardous Waste (HHW) drop-off events.

3. Visit <http://dpw.lacounty.gov/epd/hhw/> or call 888.253.2652 to obtain the locations of the County's S.A.F.E. Centers and/or the dates of upcoming HHW drop-off events.

As a reminder, State law makes it illegal to dispose of home-generated sharps waste in trash or recycling containers, and requires that all sharps waste be transported to a collection center in an approved container.



Ask City Hall

Answers to commonly asked questions about City services, codes, and other matters pertaining to living and working in Diamond Bar.

Q: My neighbors and I have noticed a lot of stray shopping carts in our neighborhood. Isn't it illegal to take carts from retail stores and is there anything we can do about it?

A: Yes. Shopping carts are private property and provided to shoppers as a customer service; removing them from their respective store parking lot is illegal.

Also, carts left on sidewalks or streets create visual blight and pose hazards to motorists, pedestrians, and bicyclists. This makes them a violation of 12.04.140 of the City's Municipal Code that prohibits encroachment within public streets and sidewalks.

Personnel from the City's Neighborhood Improvement Division regularly patrol city streets for health, safety, and aesthetic concerns that, if ignored, could lead to neighborhood decay.

When it comes to abandoned shopping carts, the Division calls the store the cart belongs to, and informs the manager about the cart(s) and the location. You and your neighbors can do the same.

Following are phone numbers to some of the major retail establishments in the area. Be sure to ask for the manager.

Target (747 Grand Ave.) 909.610.2149

Ralphs (1180 Diamond Bar Blvd.) 909.860.6999

Big Lots (1139 Diamond Bar Blvd.) 909.396.7775

Kmart (249 Diamond Bar Blvd) 909.861.7741

World Market (21080 Golden Springs Dr.)
909.839.1121

H-Mart (2825 Diamond Bar Blvd.) 909.839.0300

You can reach the Neighborhood Improvement Division by phone at 909.839.7030 or by email at neighborhoodimp@ci.diamond-bar.ca.us.



Ralphs to Close this Summer

Ralphs supermarket has announced that it will close several of its Southern California locations, including the one in Diamond Bar.

The supermarket located in the Diamond Bar Towne Center on the corner of Grand Avenue and Diamond Bar Boulevard plans to close mid-August, when its lease expires.

Since learning of Ralphs' plans to vacate the space, City staff has been working in close coordination with the property owners and manager to find a new tenant.

While the 40,000 square foot anchor space is zoned for a variety of uses, the City has made it a top priority to market the location to key national credit supermarkets in efforts to attract a tenant that brings weekly traffic into the center.

For more information, contact the City Manager's Office at 909.839.7010.

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	909.839.7015
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	909.869.0701
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 Hotline	909.839.7027
Graffiti Hotline	800.794.7384
Job Hotline	909.612.4636 x 1410

*For emergencies, dial 9-1-1



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Snapshots Around The Community



BRIGHT FUTURES... Donning their Sunday best topped with a graduation cap, a group of five-year-olds, alongside family members, last month celebrated their successful completion of the City's Tiny Tots pre-school program. In addition to receiving a diploma from their teacher Mariela Alvarez, the graduates were treated to food, entertainment, and art activities. The Tiny Tots program is aimed at encouraging intellectual, physical, and social growth for a positive transition into kindergarten. Activities include story time, music, art, and play time in a safe, fun recreational setting. A new session begins next month. For registration details, call the Recreation Services Division at 909.839.7070.

LEARNING THE ROPES... A fresh crop of City youth volunteers were prepped last month for what will be a busy yet rewarding summer. In addition to getting briefed on program expectations and rules, the "volunteens" learned several different children activities from City of Diamond Bar Recreation Leaders Vanessa Ayala and Brad Montano, and City of Rancho Cucamonga Recreation Leader Jeffrey Calle (pictured). If you have a child enrolled in City recreational classes or participate in City-hosted special events, chances are you'll meet some of these volunteens. The City's 2011 Volunteer Program runs June 9 through August 19, with participants helping out in the areas of youth day camp and sports, senior services, enrichment programs for pre-school aged children, and special events.



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
- Street Sweeping Week
- ** Concerts in the Park/Movies Under the Stars - 6:30 pm at Sycamore Canyon Park



EMERGENCY-READY... This past May, several individuals took advantage of the City's invitation to learn first-hand from local public safety officials how to best prepare for the next large-scale emergency. Tips on how to best protect homes from wildfire and earthquake destruction, must-have items for emergency preparedness kits, and common disaster-related myths were among the topics discussed by representatives from the City and the L.A. County Fire and Sheriff's departments during the City's inaugural Emergency Preparedness Workshop on May 25. The workshop was taped and is now airing Wednesday thru Monday at 8 pm on DBtv (Time Warner channel 3 and Verizon FiOS channel 47).

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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.DiamondBarCA.gov.