

City News

Published Monthly For Residents & Businesses in Diamond Bar

One City. One ZIP Code.

By now, Diamond Bar residents and businesses in the 91789 ZIP Code area should have received a survey in their mailboxes from the United States Postal Service (USPS).

This survey is the tool the USPS is using to determine if it will consolidate all Diamond Bar addresses into one single ZIP Code; currently, 3,000 Diamond Bar residents and businesses use the Walnut, 91789 ZIP Code.

The utilization of a single ZIP Code of 91765 will benefit these residents and businesses by eliminating the potential hindrance to accessing public safety services, and assist with timely mail and parcel delivery. It will also reinforce community identity by clearly identifying city boundaries, and most importantly ensure sales tax dollars stay in Diamond Bar and are used for such services as road maintenance, public safety, and recreation.

If you are one of the 3,000 residents or business owners/managers in the 91789 ZIP Code area, take a moment to complete and return your survey if you have not already done so.

Learn more about this ZIP Code consolidation effort by visiting www.DiamondBarCA.gov/ZipCodeSurvey or contacting the City's Public Information Division at 909.839.7055.



Veterans Recognition Ceremony

On Wednesday, November 9, the City will host its annual Veterans Recognition Ceremony to honor the service of America's military and their families.

The patriotic event will take place at the Diamond Bar Center from 9 to 11 am and feature orchestra music, an awards presentation, and



a continental breakfast. A display of military memorabilia will also be available for viewing.

If you or someone you know has not previously been honored by the City Council and wish to be included in the presentation, please contact Community Services Coordinator Andee Tarazon by Wednesday, October 26 by calling 909.839.7067 or emailing atarazon@diamondbarca.gov.

The ceremony is free and open to the public but requires reservations be made no later than Friday, November 4 by calling 909.839.7070.

America Recycles Day Event



Covering soil with a layer of mulch helps keep soil moist, reduces weeds, and improves the appearance of landscapes.

Next month, residents will have the opportunity to safely get rid of unwanted electronic waste, have confidential documents securely shredded, and take home free mulch as part of a special environment-themed event.

Organized in support of America Recycles Day, the event will take place Saturday, November 12 from 10 am to 2 pm in the AQMD parking lot (21865 Copley Drive in Diamond Bar).

It will include the following four environment-themed components:

Environmental Booth: Hand-outs promoting the City's environmental programs and services, as well as the popular mail-back battery/fluorescent bulb and cell phone/ink cartridge recycling kits will be available for pickup.

E-Waste Recycling: Electronic waste (e-waste) includes items such as computers, monitors, cell phones, TVs, and vacuums. Recycling of microwaves requires a \$5 per unit disposal fee.

Paper Shredding: A licensed and bonded document destruction company will be conducting on-site shredding

of unwanted confidential and sensitive paper materials (e.g. loan or insurance documents, and financial, medical, or legal records), with the shredding process viewable through a monitor. Cardboard items will not be accepted. The shredded material will be recycled and thereby diverted from the landfill.

Mulch Giveaway: Waste Management, the City's residential waste hauler, will be offering up to 80 gallons of mulch to each resident in attendance. Mulch distribution will be handled on a first-come, first-serve basis until supplies are depleted. Residents should bring their own shovel and containers to collect their supply of mulch.

Event participation requires proof of Diamond Bar residency (driver's license or photo I.D.).

America Recycles Day, observed nationwide since its inception in 1997, is aimed at encouraging and raising awareness about recycling.

For more information about this event, call the City's Environmental Services Division at 909.839.7035. For details about America Recycles Day, visit www.AmericaRecyclesDay.org.

Who will Take Home the First-Ever Mayor's Cup Title?

Cheer on your team!

DIAMOND BAR BRAHMAS
VS.
DIAMOND RANCH PANTHERS

Diamond Bar High School
21400 Pathfinder Road, Diamond Bar

Friday, October 7

Starting at 7 pm

More Info: 909.839.7055

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FOOTBALL

VOTING REMINDERS

Election Day is Tuesday, November 8

Key Dates

Monday, October 10, 2011

First day to request a Vote By Mail Ballot



Monday, October 24, 2011

Close of Registration Period



Tuesday, November 1

Last day to request a Vote By Mail Ballot



Online Resource

www.LAVOTE.NET

Download sample ballot, verify voter registration, locate your polling place, and request a Vote By Mail Ballot

Pantera Celebrates 10th Anniversary with a Carnival

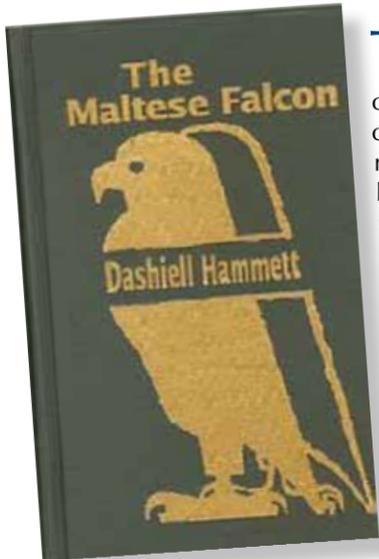
In celebration of its ten year anniversary, Pantera Elementary School (801 Pantera Drive in Diamond Bar) is hosting a carnival on Friday, October 28 from 5 to 8 pm.

This family-friendly event featuring entertainment, face painting, bounce houses, and games is open to the public; however school officials are making a special call for Pantera families and alumni to join in the celebration.

Former students are asked to contact Alumni Coordinator Michelle Tadros at michelle.tadros@ymail.com. For more event-related information, call 909.397.4475 or visit www.PUSD.org/Pantera.

Read Together Diamond Bar

Read the book and join in discussions, movie screenings, and more!



The annual friendly challenge for the community to read the same book at the same time, wraps up this month with a series of events based on the featured classic noir detective novel "The Maltese Falcon" by Dashiell Hammett.

These events include classic

noir movie screenings every Tuesday evening from 6:30 to 8:30 pm, October 11 through November 1; a presentation on noir literature and book signing on Saturday, October 15 at 2 pm by Denise Hamilton, acclaimed author and editor of the first and second volumes of "Los Angeles Noir"; a Book Discussion on "The Maltese Falcon" led by Library staff on Thursday, October 20 at 7 pm, and the Middle School Challenge on Tuesday, October 25, in which Diamond Bar middle school students compete answering questions about "The Maltese Falcon".

With the exception of the Middle School Challenge, which takes place at Mt. San Antonio College, all the above-listed events are open to the public and held at the Diamond Bar Library (1061 S. Grand Avenue in Diamond Bar).

Read Together Diamond Bar is aimed at promoting literacy and strengthening the city's sense of community by encouraging everyone to read the same novel and partake in activities based on the featured novel's theme.

For information, contact the Friends at 909.396.9954, or visit its website at www.dblibraryfriends.org.

SPOOKY, GREEPY AND MONSTROUSLY FUN EVENTS!



Halloween Dinner & Dance

Gals and ghouls age 55 and older are invited to an early Halloween celebration at the Diamond Bar Center. A fun costume contest, dinner, dancing, and prizes will all be part of a special Halloween Dinner/Dance event set for Thursday, October 20 from 6 to 9 pm. Tickets to the event are \$15 per person, and costumes are optional, but reservations are a must. Call 909.839.7070 for more information or to reserve your spot.

Hall of Horrors

Make no bones about it – Heritage Park Community Center will be the place to be on Sunday and Monday, October 30th and 31st, if what you thirst for is hair-raising thrills and chills.

From 6 to 9 pm on both these evenings, the Center will double as the lair of choice for nightmarish creatures prepared to frighten those who wander through the 5-minute stretch of winding paths featuring 3D effects. The Hall of Horrors is recommended for ages 8 and older, and admission is \$5 per person.



Fall Fun Festival



No tricks...just treats for the little ones this Halloween! The City is again offering parents a safe and fun alternative to trick-or-treating when it holds its annual Fall Fun Festival.

Set to take place at Heritage Park on Monday, October 31 from 4:30 to 8:30 pm, the popular event features several game areas with prizes and candy for participants, an arts and crafts

zone, and a picture-taking opportunity. The event is recommended for children ages 2 to 8, and admission is \$5 per child and free for parents.

Diamond Bar Center is located at 1600 Grand Avenue, and Heritage Park Community Center is located at 2900 S. Brea Canyon Road. For more information on any of these events, contact the City's Community Services Department at 909.839.7070 or visit www.DiamondBarCA.gov/SpecialEvents.

Halloween Safety Tips

Children's Costumes:

-  Use make-up instead of masks, since they can obstruct a child's vision.
-  If the costume is dark in color, use reflective tape to make sure your child can be seen at night.

Trick-or-Treating:

-  Have young children trick-or-treat in groups, with at least one responsible adult supervising.
-  If older children are trick-or-treating with friends, get together beforehand to map out a safe route with well-lit streets.

Pets:

Tips from the American Society for the Prevention of Cruelty to Animals (ASPCA)

-  Chocolate in all forms - especially dark or baking chocolate - can be very dangerous for dogs and cats; keep it out of your pet's reach.
-  Make sure your dog or cat has proper identification. If for any reason your pet escapes and becomes lost, a collar and tags and/or a microchip increases the chances that he or she will be returned to you.

Volunteering Opportunity for Teens

Hey teens! Here's a chance to be part of the volunteer crew that gives life to the City's popular "Hall of Horrors" and "Fall Fun Festival."

Members of this volunteer crew get to dress up in costume and assist in various setup and operation capacities, including set design and construction, and game booth operation.

This volunteer opportunity is open to youth of high school ages who either live in Diamond Bar or attend Diamond Bar or Diamond Ranch high schools. School identification will be requested.

A mandatory informational meeting is set for Wednesday, October 19 from 6 to 7 pm at the Diamond Bar Center. Event detail and volunteer roles will be discussed, and waiver forms will be distributed.

For more information, call the City's Recreation Coordinator Andee Tarazon at 909.839.7067.

Got Handmade Crafts?

Artists, crafters, and hobbyists - here's an opportunity for you to display and sell your handmade wares!

Applications are currently being accepted from individuals interested in participating in the City's annual Candy Cane Craft Fair on Saturday, December 3 from 9 am to 2 pm.

The event takes place at the Diamond Bar Center

(1600 Grand Avenue) and features several dozen handmade craft vendors, "photos with Santa," and free art and craft activities for children. All the crafts are handmade, but are not limited to seasonal or holiday items.

To be eligible to participate in the Fair, crafters must submit to City Hall a completed vendor application

along with a minimum of three photos (hard copy or electronic) of the wares they plan to sell no later than 4:30 pm on Friday, November 4.

For the vendor application, participation fee, display space sizes, and other event details, visit www.DiamondBarCA.gov/CCCFairVendor. To speak to someone about the event, call 909.830.7067.

Residents' NTMP Efforts Reach Implementation Phase

A group of residents seeking a solution to traffic concerns near their homes will soon see the fruit of their efforts. Last month work got underway to outfit Decorah, Briar Creek, and Willow Creek roads with several traffic calming improvements aimed at encouraging slower driving and enhancing pedestrian safety. To get to this point, the residents followed the City's Neighborhood Traffic Management Program (NTMP).

Developed by the City in 2004, the NTMP gives residents a procedure for requesting traffic calming improvements in their neighborhoods. It comprises four phases that begin when residents notify the City's Public Works Department in writing of traffic concerns in their neighborhood.

The first phase of the NTMP – assessment – involves City staff working together with the affected residents to clearly identify the traffic concerns, and collect traffic speed and volume data.

Using the data collected, as well as various planning and engineering analysis, the City then prepares a conceptual plan of potential traffic calming improvements to address the traffic issues.

The plan is presented to the neighborhood through a series of public meetings, and together the City and residents decide on the measures to best address the traffic issues.

In the case of this NTMP effort, parking lane and center line striping, as well as speed cushions were selected as the preferred traffic calming measures. As required by the NTMP process prior to implementation, the measures were approved by two-thirds of the project area



neighborhoods.

It is anticipated that work will be completed by mid-October. To obtain more information about the NTMP, visit the City website

www.DiamondBarCA.gov/NTMP or call the City's Public Works Department at 909.839.7040.

Diamond Bar
Through My Lens
Photo Contest
 open to Diamond Bar residents of all ages

Be a Photo Contest Judge

Do you have an email address and access to a computer? If the answer is "yes," then you are invited to be a judge in the City's fourth annual *Diamond Bar Through My Lens* photo contest.

From 8 am on Monday, October 31 through 10 pm on Sunday, November 6, the public will be able to go online

www.DiamondBarCA.gov/photocontest

to vote for their favorite photo from five of the panel of judges' top picks for the Residents' Choice award. The entry with the most online votes takes the award as well as a \$100 check, courtesy of the Diamond Bar Community Foundation. For more information, contact the City's Public Information Division at 909.839.7059.



Properly Draining Swimming Pools

Here's a reminder to residential swimming pool owners to use proper procedures when draining their pools this fall.

The preferred method of draining swimming pools is to the sewer system because the water is treated before it is discharged into the waterways, however not all homes are equipped with sanitary sewer lines.

If this is the case, pool water should be dechlorinated and tested before it is drained onto the owner's property.

There are two ways to dechlorinate pool water:

1. Allow pool water to get sun exposure and not add any chlorine for 10 or more days.
2. Purchase a dechlorination chemical from any pool or spa care vendor.

Prior to discharging pool water outside of the sewer system, individuals should ensure the pool meets these guidelines:

The water is free from any unusual coloration; the residual chlorine does not exceed 0.1 mg/L (ppm); the pH is between 6.5 and 8.5; and that there is no discharge of filter media or acidic cleaning waste.

Also of importance is that the discharged water does not run off onto any adjoining properties or cause stagnant water. This is of particular concern when pools are located on a hillside, since heavy water runoff can result in soil erosion, flooding, and potentially mud slides.

For more information or to report possible discharges, contact the City's Environmental Services Division at 909.839.7035.



The heavy-chlorination of swimming pool water makes it an Environmental Protection Agency-regulated discharge when drained.

CITY HALL
ONLINE

24 hours a day, 7 days a week
www.DiamondBarCA.gov

"RFP, RFQ, Bids"

Recently added to the City website, the "RFP, RFQ, Bids" page makes it easier for contractors to obtain information about City construction project bids. The page

www.DiamondBarCA.gov/ConstructionBids includes a brief description of City projects out to bid, location map, and related notice and specs.

Wood Burning Restrictions

Voluntary wood-burning restrictions, when and where particulate pollution is unhealthy for sensitive groups, will become mandatory as of November 1, 2011, under the Air Quality Management District (AQMD) Rule 445.

The rule only affects indoor/outdoor residential wood burning from the beginning of November through the end of February, and applies only to residences in the South Coast Air Basin at elevations below 3,000 feet.

AQMD Rule 445 was adopted on March 7, 2008 and among its key components establishes that no permanently installed indoor or outdoor wood burning device can be installed in new developments. Open hearth fireplaces with a gas log set or other design feature that precludes wood burning are acceptable.

Based on current air quality conditions, AQMD anticipates that there may be 10 to 25 mandatory curtailment days in specific areas, but as air quality improves there may be fewer or no curtailment days.

Also, if mandatory wood burning curtailments are issued on high pollution days, households where wood is the sole source of heat, or low income households, or households with no natural gas service will be exempt, as will the use of ceremonial fires.

Individuals who are sensitive to outdoor air conditions are encouraged to sign up for free daily email alerts regarding air quality forecasts by visiting www.enviroflash.info.

For more information on Rule 445 and alternatives to wood burning, visit <http://healthyhearth.org>.



National Fire Prevention Week, October 9-15

This year's campaign focuses on the leading causes of fires in the home: cooking, smoking, electrical, intentional (arson), and heating.

And since eliminating potential fire hazards in the home is the first line of defense in reducing the chance of a fire occurring, fire officials offer the following tips:

- ✓ Keep matches, lighters and other heat sources out of children's reach.
- ✓ Avoid plugging several appliance cords into the same electrical socket.
- ✓ Replace old or frayed electrical wires and appliance cords, and keep them on top of, not beneath rugs.
- ✓ Keep flammable items such as clothing, furniture, newspapers or magazines away from the fireplace, or portable heaters.
- ✓ Store all flammable liquids such as gasoline outside of the home.

For more tips on how to prevent fires in your home, visit the National Fire Protection Association at www.NFPA.org.

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

WELCOME, SEE'S CANDIES!...

From live entertainment by the Hotsy Totsy Boys Jazz Band to vintage cars with rumble seats, See's Candies last month celebrated in Roaring '20s style the opening of its Diamond Bar store. The 1,500-square foot shop joins Albertsons, It's a Grind Coffee House, and other retailers and eateries in the Towne Center Village, located at Grand Avenue West of Diamond Bar Boulevard. Incorporated in November 1921, See's Candies has over 200 shops and offers more than 100 varieties of candies and chocolates.



2011 COMMUNITY HEROES...

Three Diamond Bar volunteers last month received special recognition by the L.A. County Fair Association as part of its 2011 Community Days program. Aggie Kee, Rick Rogers, and Hoi Wong were publicly thanked for their volunteer contributions and named "2011 Community Heroes" on Diamond Bar Day at the Fair. Aggie is described by her peers as "someone whose attitude has always been of some inspiration to those around her;" Rick is credited for his contributions of time and talent to local nonprofits that include Friends of the Diamond Bar Library and Diamond Bar Breakfast Lions; and Diamond Bar High School student Hoi is recognized for the hundreds of volunteer hours he has contributed this past year to bettering the community while remaining an active and well-rounded student. Well done, Aggie, Rick, and Hoi! View more DB Day at the Fair photos at www.DiamondBarCA.gov/PhotoGallery.

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
- Fall Fun Festival - 4:30-8:30 pm at Heritage Park recommended for ages 2 to 8
- Hall of Horrors - 6-9 pm at Heritage Park recommended for age 8 and older

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Emergency in Progress:
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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.