



# Diamond Bar CONNECTION

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## Diamond Bar Day of Service is May 18

If you are looking for a fun and meaningful way to make a positive difference in the community and connect with local service organizations, consider signing up to participate in the City's inaugural Day of Service event set for Saturday, May 18 from 8:30 a.m. - 1:30 p.m.

The event consists of a couple hours of clean-up and spruce-up activities at a few community park and trail locations followed by a Volunteer Fair where several Diamond Bar-based nonprofits will be on hand to share information on their missions, as well as membership and volunteer opportunities.

Participation in Diamond Bar Day of Service is open to ages 14 and older, and requires pre-registration. Check-in takes place at 8:45 a.m. at Sycamore Canyon Park, 22930 Golden Springs Drive, where volunteers will receive assignments and safety instructions, and given a T-Shirt and wristband for a free lunch after the clean-up. A signed waiver is required of all participants and youth 14 to 17 also need a signed parental medical consent form.

Day of Service is a component of the City's Healthy Diamond Bar initiative. Additional event details, assignment descriptions, and the registration and medical consent forms are available on the City website at [www.diamondbarca.gov/healthydb](http://www.diamondbarca.gov/healthydb).

## City to Roll Out New Recreation Registration System

**System goes live March 11, set up your account beginning March 4**

*Just in time for spring, the City is debuting a new online recreation registration system that makes it easier to browse and register for activities, reserve sports fields and picnic areas and learn about upcoming special events.*

The new system has a clean, modern look, offers improved navigation features that include a keyword search bar, and its content automatically adapts to display and function properly across all devices.

### New Accounts Needed

All online registrations and reservations will be processed through this new system starting March 11, however, since existing data will not be transferred over, the site will go live a week in advance, on March 4, to allow for account setups. Instructions and a link to the new system is available at [www.diamondbarca.gov/recreation](http://www.diamondbarca.gov/recreation). As with the previous system, only one account per household is needed. To get help creating an account, call the City's Parks and Recreation Department at (909) 839-7070 or visit City Hall, 21810 Copley Drive, or Diamond Bar Center, 1600 Grand Avenue, during business hours.

### Summer Day Camp Registration

Registration for the popular Summer Day Camp for children ages 6 to 12 opens to Diamond Bar residents on March 11 and to the general public on March 25. Camp is offered in one-week sessions from June 3 to August 9 and have limited spaces that fill up quickly. Check out weekly camp themes and planned excursions at [www.diamondbarca.gov/sdc](http://www.diamondbarca.gov/sdc) to be ready to register on opening day.

### Winter & Spring Recreation Guide

As a reminder, the recreation guide mailed in December 2018 features winter and spring recreation offerings. An electronic copy can be viewed and downloaded online at [www.diamondbarca.gov/recreation](http://www.diamondbarca.gov/recreation), and hard copies can be picked up at City Hall, Diamond Bar Center, or the Diamond Bar Library.

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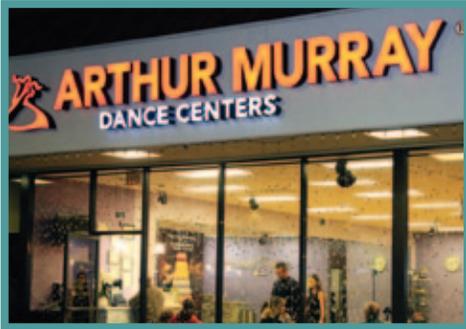


**4** Take a Healthy Hike



## BUSINESS OF THE MONTH

# Arthur Murray Dance Centers



303 S. Diamond Bar Blvd.  
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(909) 859-1596  
Open Mon-Fri, 1-9 p.m.

Maybe you are a fan of popular dance TV shows, or you have a wedding, prom, coming-of-age milestone or other special occasion. No matter your reason for wanting to master dancing,

this studio is guaranteed to make it happen. The instructors are specially-trained and certified in every dance style from traditional to modern, and lessons are available for all ages in private or group settings.

Have a moment? Check out a two-minute video clip at [www.youtube.com/DiamondBarCA](http://www.youtube.com/DiamondBarCA).

## New Online System for Bid Opportunities

It is now easier for contractors, vendors and service providers to learn about and bid for City contracts or projects.

In January, the City started using PlanetBids, an online vendor registration system, to streamline its procurement and bidding process and make it more open, fair and competitive. This system allows interested individuals to register online, create a profile, and receive email notifications anytime the City posts a request for a proposal or quote to provide goods, equipment or services.

More than 1,000 vendors are currently signed up to be notified of bidding opportunities with the City. For more information and a link to register as a vendor, or search for current bid opportunities visit [www.diamondbarca.gov/bids](http://www.diamondbarca.gov/bids).



## City Seeks Input on Park Projects

Projects to bring improvements to an existing park and develop a new park are currently in the planning stages, and the City is seeking community input via online surveys to help guide the conceptual designs.

The park slated for improvements is the 3.4-acre Heritage Park located at 2900 Brea Canyon Road, and the site where the new neighborhood park will be built is a vacant 2.83-acre lot located at 22555 Sunset Crossing Road.

Through these surveys, residents can share their opinion on the most needed improvements at Heritage Park, and rank the importance of amenities for the new park. Both surveys will be open through Monday, April 22, and take approximately 5-10 minutes to complete.

In addition to online surveys, the City is also hosting community meetings in the spring to provide information about each park project and obtain additional feedback and input.

For more information or to take one or both surveys, visit [www.diamondbarca.gov/parksurveys](http://www.diamondbarca.gov/parksurveys).

## General Plan Update



In keeping with State law, the City is in the process of comprehensively updating the Diamond Bar General Plan, which was adopted by City Council in 1995. This multiyear process began in fall 2016, and has been informed by historical data, research findings and public input that considers existing conditions and potential opportunities to guide development, housing, transportation, environmental quality, public services, and parks and open spaces for the next two decades. In addition to the General Plan, the City is also preparing a Climate Action Plan and environmental impact report. To learn more, visit <http://www.diamondbargp.com>.

## Settlement Agreement Reached on Tres Hermanos Ranch

Efforts by officials and administration staff from the cities of Diamond Bar and Chino Hills to thwart apparent plans by the City of Industry to purchase the Tres Hermanos Ranch property and enter into a lease with a private entity for the construction of a large solar generating facility came to a positive resolution last month.

The city councils of all three cities approved settlement agreements on February 5 that resolve long-standing concerns regarding the future of 2,450 acres of undeveloped open space located on both sides of Grand Avenue between Diamond Bar and Chino Hills.

Beyond ending the 15-month litigation, the agreement provides for the ownership of the land to be transferred from the City of Industry to a conservation authority in which all three cities will have representation, and places a deed restriction on the property which limits its use to open space, public use or preservation.

Visit [www.diamondbarca.gov/treshermanos](http://www.diamondbarca.gov/treshermanos) for more information.

# EARTH DAY & Arbor Day CELEBRATION

Two national observances in April that focus on

environmental awareness, appreciation and stewardship will again serve as the inspiration for an annual City event.

The City's Earth and Arbor Day event will take place this year on Saturday, April 27 from 9 a.m. to 2 p.m. in the South Coast Air Quality Management District (AQMD) parking lot. Attendees will have a chance to view displays, visit booths and take part in fun and educational activities centered on everyday practices and programs that can save money while preserving resources.

Among the various event features are free paper shredding, textile and e-waste recycling, a smart gardening workshop, an Aquarium on Wheels, mulch giveaway, and electric vehicle display.

## Arbor Day Poster Contest

Also, as a lead-up to this event, the City is making a special call to fourth- and fifth-graders that enjoy drawing, coloring or painting to create a poster on standard letter-size, 8.5" x 11" paper that depicts the City's 2019 Arbor Day Poster theme: "Planting Trees Helps Me". Three winners will be selected and awarded a gift card, and their artwork will be displayed at the Earth Day and Arbor Day Celebration.

Event admission and participation in activities are free and open to the public, however, the smart gardening workshop requires pre-registration and the poster contest requires an entry form.

AQMD is located at 21865 Copley Drive. For more information, visit [www.diamondbarca.gov/greenDB](http://www.diamondbarca.gov/greenDB) or call (909) 839-7015.

## City Birthday Party

Next month will mark 30 years of cityhood for Diamond Bar, and a fun, family-friendly celebration slated for Saturday, April 13 will mark the occasion.

The City Birthday Party will take place 11 a.m. to 5 p.m. at Pantera Park, 738 Pantera Drive, and feature local community entertainment, rides and games, concession stand goods, an array of displays and information booths, and free birthday cake.

A limited number of commemorative T-Shirts emblazoned with the City's 30th anniversary logo will be available for purchase during the event, but can also be obtained through pre-sale. More information is available by visiting [www.diamondbarca.gov/bday](http://www.diamondbarca.gov/bday) or calling (909) 839-7070.



## Breakfast with the Bunny



Children and their families are invited to hop on over to the Diamond Bar Center on Saturday, April 20 to take part in the City's inaugural Breakfast with the Bunny event.

In addition to breakfast, participants will enjoy posing for a photo with the Bunny and taking part in a variety of spring-themed crafts and games. There are two sessions available – 8:30 a.m. and 10:30 a.m. Admission is \$10 per participant.

Pre-registration is strongly recommended as seating is limited. Diamond Bar Center is located at 1600 Grand Avenue. For more details or to register, visit [www.diamondbarca.gov/specialevents](http://www.diamondbarca.gov/specialevents) or call (909) 839-7070.

Early priority registration for Diamond Bar starts February 4, and registration for the general public opens February 18.

## Slope Repair Work to Begin at Sycamore Canyon Park

A nearly \$1 million project to restore public access to a popular trailhead is scheduled to get underway at the end of this month.

Sycamore Canyon Park trailhead on Diamond Bar Boulevard was closed more than two years ago as a safety measure following the back-to-back heavy rains in January 2017 that triggered severe debris flows on a slope adjacent to part of the upper trail and alongside and underneath the middle section of stairs that grant access to the storm drainage easement maintained by the LA County Flood Control District but is also used by the public to access the trail.

Because the storm-related damage was extensive and costly, the City went through the Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA) Public Assistance approval process to seek reimbursement for repair expenses. The process, which began in January 2017 and involved a series of meetings, site visits, negotiations and appeals, concluded in December 2018 with FEMA approving the repair project and committing to reimbursing the City 93 percent of the total cost.

Weather permitting, work to repair the erosion damage and reconstruct two sets of concrete staircases with new handrails on both sides is set to start late March and be completed sometime in fall. To learn more about the project, visit [www.diamondbarca.gov/projects](http://www.diamondbarca.gov/projects).



As a temporary control erosion measure, sandbags and plastic sheeting have been in place since January 2017, with City staff monitoring and making adjustments as needed to prevent the damage from expanding.



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## Find it Fast Phone Directory

Unless otherwise specified, all telephone numbers listed below are in area code 909.

<b>City Services:</b>	839-7000
City Council	839-7010
Building & Safety	839-7020
Business Licenses	839-7030
City Clerk's Office	839-7010
City Manager's Office	839-7010
Community Development	839-7030
Facility Reservations	839-7070
Finance	839-7050
Human Resources	839-7018
Neighborhood Improvement	839-7030
Planning	839-7030
Public Works/Engineering	839-7040
Public Works/Maintenance	839-7060
Recreation	839-7070
Senior Services	839-7068
Transit Information	839-7045
<b>Public Safety:</b>	
Fire (LA County)*	629-9671
Police (LA Co. Sheriff)*	595-2264
<b>24-Hour Hotlines:</b>	
Building Inspection	839-7027
Employment Opportunities	348-8300
Field/Weather	348-8310
Graffiti Removal	800-794-7384

\*For emergencies, call 9-1-1

## Free Hike at Pantera Park March 16



Get ready to take in fresh air, rack up steps, and enjoy panoramic views at the next Connect with Rec activity taking place 9 to 11 a.m. March 16 at Pantera Park. City staff will be guiding a hike at a leisurely pace with stops along the 1.8 mile-roundtrip trail to allow time for photos. Pre-registration is not required; just arrive a few minutes early and meet in the upper section of the parking, nearest to the dog park and basketball courts.

Connect with Rec is a component of the Healthy Diamond Bar initiative that rewards participants for participating in free, fun monthly wellness activities organized by the City. Membership is free and open to Diamond Bar youth, adults and seniors.

Pantera Park is located at 738 Pantera Drive. To learn more, visit [www.diamondbarca.gov/healthydb](http://www.diamondbarca.gov/healthydb).

## March City Meetings & Events

- 2** HHW/E-Waste Collection  
details [www.diamondbarca.gov](http://www.diamondbarca.gov)
- 5, 19** City Council Meeting
- 12, 26** Planning Commission Meeting
- 14** Traffic & Transportation
- 16** Healthy Diamond Bar Trail Hike
- 28** Parks & Recreation Meeting
- 1, 11-15, 25-29** Street Sweeping

City Council meetings are held at the AQMD/Government Center (21865 Copley Drive), and City Commission meetings are held at Diamond Bar City Hall (21810 Copley Drive). All meetings start at 6:30 p.m. Agendas and minutes available at [www.diamondbarca.gov/agendas](http://www.diamondbarca.gov/agendas).