



Diamond Bar CONNECTION

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Meet the Mayor



On Saturday, June 8, Diamond Bar Mayor Carol Herrera will be outside of Albertsons from 10 a.m. to noon as part of the Meet the Mayor program.

Launched in April, this program creates informal chat opportunities for residents to get to know the Diamond Bar Mayor and ask questions, provide suggestions or share concerns related to City services and projects or neighborhood issues.

Chats are on a drop-in, first-come, first-served basis, and are no longer than five minutes. Comment cards are available for individuals who prefer to provide their ideas or questions in writing.

Albertsons is located at 1235 S Diamond Bar Blvd. For more information and additional Meet the Mayor dates and locations, refer to the event calendar on the City website at www.diamondbarca.gov/calendar.

State of the City Address is June 27

Join neighbors, elected officials and City staff at this year's State of the City Address taking place Thursday, June 27 at the Diamond Bar Center, located at 1600 Grand Avenue.

The Address will be delivered by Mayor Carol Herrera and provide an overview of recent accomplishments, current challenges, and projects underway or in the planning stages.

Admission is free and open to the public. Doors open at 5:45 p.m. for light refreshments and appetizers, and the presentation begins promptly at 6:30 p.m. For more information, contact the City's Public Information Division at (909) 839-7055 or info@diamondbarca.gov.

Outdoor Concerts & Movies Start June 12

If you enjoy concerts and movies alfresco, Wednesday will be your new favorite day of the week this summer.

Every Wednesday from June 12 through July 31, (except July 3), Sycamore Canyon Park will be the site of the City's Concerts in the Park and Movies under the Stars combo series.

All concerts begin at 6:30 p.m. and are followed by a family-friendly movie that starts at dusk. In addition to live music, every event features free activities for children, concession goods and dinner meals for purchase, and information and giveaway booths.

This month's bands and movies are:

June 12 – The Answer (classic rock) and Small Foot,

June 19 – Pickleback Shine (country) and Teen Tintans Go! The Movie

June 26 – The Fenians (Celtic rock band) and Goosebumps 2: Haunted Halloween.

Blankets or low-back lawn chairs blanket are encouraged for grass-seating, and event-goers may either bring food or beverages or purchase them from an onsite food vendor or truck that will be available during concert hours.

Limited parking is available on the street adjacent to the park, however free parking and continuous shuttle service to and from the event is available at the Diamond Bar Golf Course starting at 5:30 pm and until the end of the event.

For safety reasons, personal barbecue grills and pets (excluding registered assistance dogs) are not allowed.

Sycamore Canyon Park is located at 22930 Golden Springs Drive, and Diamond Bar Golf Course is located at 22751 Golden Springs Drive. For more information, call the Parks & Recreation Department at (909) 839-7070 or visit www.diamondbarca.gov/specialevents.

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BUSINESS OF THE MONTH

New! PL Bakery Café

2767 S Diamond Bar Blvd.
(909) 468-0736
Mon - Sun | 9 a.m. - 7 p.m.



The start of the year brought the opening of this new café to the H-Mart Plaza. Soon after opening, this café became a local favorite because of its cozy atmosphere and cheerful décor and furnishings to go along with its menu featuring traditional and specialty teas and coffees and fresh-baked pastries, goods and snacks. *Have a moment? Check out a two-minute video clip at www.youtube.com/DiamondBarCA.*

Fourth of July Celebration

Live entertainment and fun activities with a patriotic flair will part of this year's Fourth of July celebration taking place Wednesday, July 3 from 6 to 8:30 p.m. at Sycamore Canyon Park, located at 22930 Golden Springs Road.

Back-to-back concerts by Americana bluegrass band The Darden Sisters and classic rock and roll band The Hodads will contribute to the festive atmosphere where families will take part in games and crafts, face painting, crazy hair styling, and photo opportunities with strolling historical figures.

Event-goers are welcome to bring food or beverages or purchase them from onsite food vendors. Parking areas will be marked, and free shuttle transportation to and from the park will be available starting at 5:30 p.m.

This event will be held in lieu of 4th of July Blast, which the City has held in previous years at Diamond Bar High School. The event change and omission of fireworks was necessary because of construction underway at the high school through 2023 and the lack of another suitable venue that meet firework launch safety requirements and other logistic needs such as parking and restroom facilities.

For more information about the City's 2019 Fourth of July celebration, visit www.diamondbarca.gov/specialevents or call the City's Parks and Recreation Department at (909) 839-7070.

Free Composting, Gardening Workshops

From selecting plants that add color and interest to gardens without requiring a lot of water or maintenance to turning yard waste and food scraps into a rich soil amendment, home gardeners will benefit from the Smart Gardening and Composting workshops the City is offering this summer in partnership with Los Angeles County.

These workshops take place 9:30 to 11:30 a.m. at the Diamond Bar Center, 1600 Grand Avenue. The June 22, August 10, and September 28 workshops are tailored for beginners looking to learn the basics of backyard composting, water-wise gardening,

FREE Family Day of Play

Spending quality family time together while enjoying fun wellness games and activities is the aim of this month's Connect with Rec event.

Family Day of Play, as the event is known, takes place Saturday, June 8 from 9 to 11 a.m. at Larkstone Park located at 20668 Larkstone Drive, across from South Pointe Middle School.

Activities will include picnic and lawn games and arts and crafts, and free water and light snacks will be provided.

Connect with Rec is a component of the City's Healthy Diamond Bar initiative launched at the start of this year and designed to encourage, facilitate and celebrate healthy habits, community spirit and public service.

Membership in Healthy Diamond Bar is open to all community members, and includes a free T-Shirt and an opportunity to earn prizes based on participation in program activities. Learn more about Healthy Diamond Bar and sign up for event reminders by email or text by visiting www.diamondbarca.gov/healthydiamondbar.



Diamond Bar Community Garden



If you would like to grow your own fruits or vegetables but lack the space at home, the Diamond Bar Community Garden may be the solution.

The Garden is operated and maintained by volunteers, and located at the corner of Morning Canyon Road and Diamond Bar Boulevard. It has several dozen plots and raised beds as well as a communal plot and orchard

maintained and enjoyed by all plot renters, and free gardening classes and lectures take place every Friday from September through May.

Space rental fees, which are valid for one year from the date of registration, start at \$50 for 4' x 8' x 1' raised beds. For more information, visit www.diamondbarcommunitygarden.com, call (909) 861-4735 or send an email to office2@dbucc.org.

grasscycling, worm composting, and edible gardening, while the July 20 workshop will teach advanced gardening topics such as organic gardening, drought-tolerant landscaping, and integrated pest management.

At the conclusion of every workshop, participants will have the option of purchasing a regular backyard compost bin for \$40 (valued at \$100) or a worm compost bin (includes worms) for \$65 (valued at \$140). For more information, contact the City's Environmental Services Division at (909) 839-7015 or greenDB@diamondbarca.gov.

Slope Repair Project at Sycamore Canyon Park



Project involves repairing the erosion damage on the slope, reconstruction of the terrace drains and concrete staircases.

The first phase of work to repair significant storm-related slope damage within Sycamore Canyon Park is now underway. The damage, which occurred during a strong winter storm in January 2017, compromised the stability of a stretch of slope that extends alongside a portion of the parks' recreational trail and beneath an access stairway connected to the Diamond Bar Boulevard trailhead.

Pre-construction activity began mid-April and to date has included clearing, grubbing, dirt and debris hauling as well as the demolition of concrete drains and relocation of the irrigation line in advance of grading work.

The \$1 million project is anticipated to continue into the fall, and will involve repairing the erosion damage on the slope as well as reconstruction of the terrace drains and two sets of concrete staircases.

Since the damage was extensive, costly, and the result of a strong winter storm in January 2017, the City opted to follow the Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA) Public Assistance approval process to seek reimbursement for repair expenses, and as a result the City will be getting reimbursed for 93 percent of the total project cost.

Construction project progress can also be followed on the City's Facebook page at <https://www.facebook.com/CityofDiamondBarCA/>.

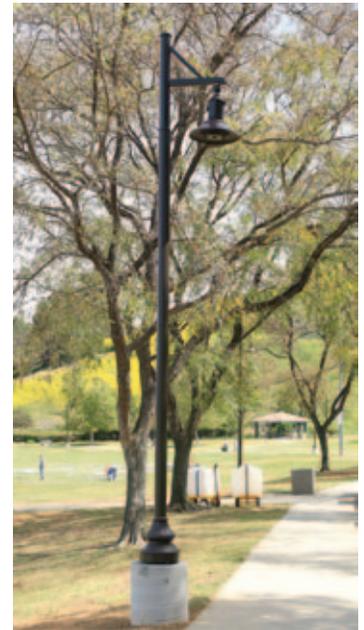
Lighting Upgraded at Pantera Park

Evening walks and basketball and tennis play at Pantera Park now have a lighter footprint on the environment thanks to a City project that upgraded the park's lighting system.

The project was completed last month and involved the replacement of lights and light poles along the .47-mile loop walkway and the retrofit of the lighting units within the tennis and basketball courts.

All the park's lighting fixtures now use light-emitting diode (LED) bulbs that are known to provide a longer-lasting and more uniform distribution of light while reducing energy-consumption and overall maintenance costs.

The nearly half a million dollar project is being funded with a combination of General Fund dollars, and Proposition A Exchange, Park Development Act and Measure A funds.



Hardening Your Home Prior to Summer Travel



While burglaries can occur at any time of year, they tend to spike during summer months when individuals traditionally go on vacation, with criminals arbitrarily seeking out homes that appear to be soft targets.

A soft target is a home that provides concealment from public view, and easy entry and escape routes. Taking a few simple measures to harden your home and give it an occupied look before leaving for vacation will go a long way toward making your property less attractive to a burglar. These measures include trimming back shrubs and bushes near windows, setting exterior and interior lights on timers, locking

your doors and windows, stopping newspaper and mail deliveries, and leaving a vehicle in your driveway.

For an extra layer of protection, ask a family member, friend or neighbor to keep an eye on your home, and request free property vacation checks from the Diamond Bar-Walnut Sheriff's Station. These checks are conducted by a Sheriff's deputy or trained Volunteer on Patrol, and include a visual inspection of doors and windows for signs of forced entry, and the collection and disposal of unsolicited commercial flyers lying on driveways and porches.

Additional burglary prevention safety tips can be obtained by visiting the Let's Talk Public Safety web page on the City website at www.diamondbarva.gov/LTPS. Vacation Check requests may be made online at www.walnut.diamondbar.lasd.org or in person at the Sheriff's Station, located at 21695 Valley Boulevard in Walnut.

FREE Technology Help for Seniors

Seniors looking to build or improve their skills and confidence in using mobile devices, social media or applications are encouraged to take advantage of the Tech Time program created by DB4Youth, the City sponsored teen program for students in grades 8th through 12th.

Launched in December 2018, Tech Time is free program where seniors can get answers to technology-related questions or get help with setting up and using their digital devices such as smartphones, tablets or e-readers.

Tech Time was created as monthly program but will be offered weekly starting June and until mid-August. Upcoming sessions will be held 10:30 a.m. to 12 p.m. on Mondays, June 3, 10, 17 and 24, and July 1, 8, 15, 22, and 29.

Sessions are offered on a one-on-one basis and require pre-registration by calling the City's Parks and Recreation Department at (909) 839-7070 or visiting the Diamond Bar Center at 1600 Grand Avenue.



Elected Officials

Mayor Carol Herrera
 Mayor Pro Tem..... Steve Tye
 Council Member Andrew Chou
 Council Member Nancy A. Lyons
 Council Member Ruth M. Low
 City Manager Dan Fox

Postal Customer

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Find it Fast Phone Directory

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

City Services:	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
Public Safety:	
Fire (LA County)*	629-9671
Police (LA Co. Sheriff)*	595-2264
24-Hour Hotlines:	
Building Inspection	839-7027
Employment Opportunities	348-8300
Field/Weather	348-8310
Graffiti Removal	800-794-7384

*For emergencies, call 9-1-1

Reporting Abandoned Shopping Carts

Abandoned shopping carts are unsightly and pose a safety hazard.

Help keep them off public right-of-ways and private property within Diamond Bar. Take note of the store or market name on the cart, and cart location – address or nearest cross streets and report them:

By Phone: (888) 992-4778

Online: <https://retailsolutionsus.com/pickuprequest>



June

City Meetings & Events

- 4, 18** City Council Meeting
- 6** Hands-Only CPR
(Details online www.diamondbarca.gov/eventcalendar)
- 8** Meet the Mayor (Details - Page 1)
- 18** Family Day of Play - Connect with Rec
(Details - Page 2)
- 11, 25** Planning Commission Meeting
- 12, 19, 26** Concerts in the Park & Movies Under the Stars
(Details - Page 1)
- 13** Traffic & Transportation Commission Meeting
- 14** FREE Smart Gardening Workshop (Details - Page 2)
- 27** Parks & Recreation Commission Meeting
- 3-7, 17-21** 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.