



Diamond Bar CONNECTION

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General Plan & Climate Action Plan 2040

The City has completed the first comprehensive update to the Diamond Bar General Plan since its original adoption in 1995, six years following the City's incorporation. As part of this update, the City also prepared its first Climate Action Plan.

A culmination of a three-and-a-half-year process, the new Diamond Bar General Plan 2040 involved a lot of research, community input, and dedication by everyone involved – City staff, consultants, and the 15 volunteer community members who made up the General Plan Advisory Committee.

The Climate Action Plan is designed to reinforce the City's commitment to reduce greenhouse gas (GHG) emissions, and demonstrates how the City will comply with State of California's GHG emission reduction standards.

Both Plans were adopted by the Diamond Bar City Council during its regular meeting of December 17, 2019.

California state law requires all counties and cities to adopt and update a comprehensive, long-range general plan for future growth and development. The intent is not to call out specific development projects but rather to establish a set of guiding principles to be used by the City Council as the basis for all future land-use related decisions.

Among the aspirational principles in the Diamond Bar General Plan 2040 is the creation of four new mixed-use Focus Areas that will create a walkable downtown, establish a vibrant transit-oriented village and revive North Diamond Bar Boulevard, as well as the transformation of city streets and roadways to accommodate all travelers regardless of age, ability or choice of travel mode.

Copies of the Diamond Bar General Plan and Climate Action Plan 2040 are available for viewing online at www.diamondbarca.gov/generalplan.

Trail Hike at Sycamore Canyon Park

If a great cardio workout while taking in nature and scenic vistas appeals to you, plan on taking part in this month's Healthy Diamond Bar activity.

A guided two-mile hike takes place 9-11 a.m. Saturday, February 8 at Sycamore Canyon Park. It is free and open to all ages and fitness levels. Activity-goers should plan on arriving 10-15 minutes early and meet at the start of the trail nearest to the park entrance at 22930 Golden Springs Drive.

Individuals new to the Healthy Diamond Bar program will register and get a free T-shirt; existing members will check in to earn points for rewards. Dress for the weather and bring a reusable water bottle. Snacks and a water bottle filling station will be available.



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AARP Tax Preparation Assistance

From February 5 until April 8, AARP representatives will be available at the Diamond Bar Center every Wednesday from 8 a.m. to 1 p.m. to assist Diamond Bar taxpayers age 55 and older with the preparation and filing of their 2019 income tax returns.

Appointments are required, and filers should bring with them copies of their previous year's tax returns as well as all other documents reflecting 2019 revenues and expenses.

Diamond Bar Center is located at 1600 Grand Avenue. For more information or to make an appointment, call (909) 839-7070.

Device Advice Available for Seniors

Adults age 55 or older with questions on how to set up or use a new electronic device, app or social media account are encouraged to take advantage of a free program created by DB4Youth, the City sponsored teen group.

Tech Time, as the program is called, is available from 3:30 to 5 p.m. on the following Wednesdays: February 19, March 18, April 22 and May 20. Help is provided through one-on-one sessions on an appointment basis.

For more information or to secure an appointment, call the City's Parks and Recreation Department at (909) 839-7070 or visit the Diamond Bar Center at 1600 Grand Avenue.

Senior Co-Ed Softball Team Recruiting New Players



The Diamond Bar Softball Team is actively recruiting new players age 50 and older for its 2020 playing season.

This team is part of the Inter-City Senior Co-ed Softball League, which is made up of men and women mostly in their 60s and 70s. League rules mandate at least three of the 15 players on every team be women. New players will either join an existing group or form a new one.

The playing season runs April through November, with practices beginning in February. Games are played weekday mornings at 9 a.m. or 10:15 a.m. and run approximately an hour and 15 minutes.

For more information or to join the team, visit <http://intercitysoftball.org> or call (909) 839-7068.

City Offers Online Courses



If your New Year's resolutions included learning a new skill, changing or advancing your career, or picking up a new hobby, Ed2Go may be a good place to start.

Available in partnership with the City, Ed2Go is an online education program that offers more than 300 course choices in a variety of professional development and personal enrichment areas that include business, computer science, health and fitness, law, information technology, and writing.

Most instructor-led courses are six weeks long and students receive a certificate upon completion. The option to take courses at a self-pace is also available with three-month access granted. New sessions start every month; the first sessions start January 15.

To browse the Ed2Go catalog and register for a course, visit www.ed2go.com/diamondbar. For information, call the Parks and Recreation Department at (909) 839-7070.

Free Business Mentoring

Thanks to a special partnership between the City and the East San Gabriel Valley chapter of SCORE (Service Corps of Retired Executives), Diamond Bar residents can get free advice on any aspect of successfully starting or operating a small business.

Areas of expertise by SCORE volunteer mentors include business and sales plan development, social media marketing, operations and profit improvement, and employee recruitment and retention.

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For more information to schedule a free mentoring session with a SCORE volunteer, visit <https://eastsgabrielvalley.score.org>.

Teen Volunteer Program Opens for Applications

This summer, the City is again offering teens ages 13-17 the chance to get acquainted with local government operations while gaining valuable leadership training and work experience in parks and recreation as part of its annual Volunteers Program.

In addition to assisting with summer camp, youth sports, senior events and programs, Tiny Tots, or Concerts in the Park, Volunteers participate in workshops and talks on a variety of leadership and professional development topics.

Applicants must be available to work a minimum of five hours per week starting early May (during non-school hours) until mid-August.

Additional details, requirements, and the online application will be available starting Monday, February 3 on the City website at www.diamondbarca.gov/volunteers.



Free Home Gardening Workshop

Individuals looking to create a healthier, more sustainable home garden are encouraged to attend a free workshop taking place Wednesday, March 4 from 6 to 7:30 p.m. at the Diamond Bar Center.

Sponsored by the County of Los Angeles, this smart gardening workshop is ideal for beginner gardeners interested in learning how to select plants that thrive in low-water conditions, use backyard composting techniques to turn food waste into mulch, and grow an edible garden that will produce fruits and vegetables year-round.

There is no cost to attend the workshop, however, regular and worm compost bins will be available for purchase at the end of the workshop for a reduced price of \$40 and \$65, respectively.

Diamond Bar Center is located at 1600 Grand Avenue. For more information, call (909) 839-7015.

Free Hazardous Waste Collection

Residents needing to dispose of any unwanted hazardous products around the house will want to take note of a free Household Hazardous Waste collection event taking place Saturday, March 14 in Diamond Bar. The event, hosted by the County of Los Angeles, will be held 9 a.m. to 3 p.m. on the 1300 block of Bridge Gate Drive. This is a drive-through only event so items for drop off must be placed in a sturdy open box in the car trunk or truck bed where personnel can easily identify and remove. For more information, visit www.CleanLA.com or call 1 (888) - CLEAN LA.

Preventing Stormwater Pollution



Everyday outdoor activities can potentially have a detrimental effect on both environmental and public health. These activities include such things as washing cars and changing the engine oil at home, walking pets, and maintaining the lawn.

When proper care is not taken to prevent soap, car fluids, pet waste, fertilizers and other pollutants from ending up on the ground, these are picked up by rainwater, carried into nearby storm drains, and released untreated into waterways that include beaches and rivers.

By remaining conscientious and taking simple steps when carrying out outdoor activities, everyone can do their part to prevent stormwater pollution. These simple steps include:

- Washing your car at a commercial car wash where the dirty soapy water is drained into a wastewater treatment plant.
- Using a drip pan when changing your car's motor oil at home, and recycling the used oil at a local certified collection center.
- Always taking a bag with you when walking your pet to pick up after them and discard it in a trash bin.
- Limiting the use of fertilizers and pesticides, and holding off on applying them on a windy day or before heavy rainfall.

Concerns about possible pollutants being discharged into a street gutter or storm drain anywhere in the county of Los Angeles can be reported by calling 1 (888) - CLEAN LA.



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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

City Council Meetings Live and On Demand



Diamond Bar City Council meets the first and third Tuesday of each month at 6:30 p.m. in the AQMD Auditorium, 21865 Copley Drive. Can't attend in person? Watch on any internet-connected device.

Visit www.diamondbarca.gov/meetings for live-streamed broadcasts on meeting nights or video archives any time.

February City Meetings & Events

- 4, 18** City Council Meeting
- 8** Healthy Diamond Bar (Trail Hike Day)
- 11, 25** Planning Commission Meeting
- 17** President's Day – City Offices Closed
- 3-7, 18-22** Street Sweeping

Time and Venue Details: www.diamondbarca.gov/calendar ■ (909) 839-7000