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Breakfast with the Bunny

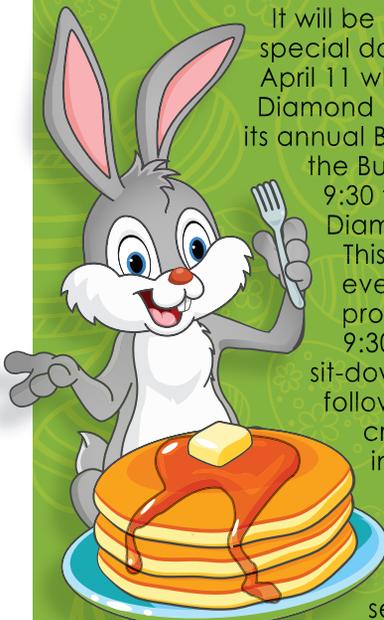
It will be an egg-s-tra special day on Saturday, April 11 when the Diamond Bar Center hosts its annual Breakfast with the Bunny event from 9:30 to 11 a.m. at the Diamond Bar Center.

This spring-themed event starts promptly at 9:30 a.m. with a sit-down breakfast followed by crafts, games, interactive dancing, and photo ops with the Bunny.

Limited seating is available and

pre-registration is required. Cost is \$10 per individual and seats can be reserved online at www.diamondbarca.gov/re-registration (type "breakfast" into the search bar) or in person at the Diamond Bar Center, located at 1600 Grand Ave.

For more information, call the Parks and Recreation Department at (909) 839-7070.



City Council Considering Local Funding Options

A recently released report by the California State Auditor found Diamond Bar's finances to be well-managed but noted that the city's declining revenue trends present long-term concerns.

The 2019 State Auditor report analyzed financial information for 471 California Cities and assessed their ability to remain financially solvent in the short and long term. Diamond Bar placed in top 13-percent of cities, and was identified as having low risk for fiscal distress overall. The City earned particularly high marks in the areas of liquidity, General Fund reserves, and responsible handling of public pension obligations.

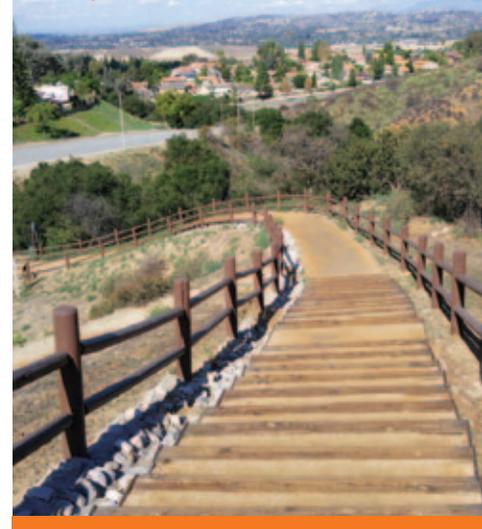
However, the State Auditor ranked Diamond Bar's declining revenue trends to be high risk, increasing the likelihood of future fiscal distress and/or reductions in service levels as costs increase. This finding is supported by a Long-Term Financial Forecast completed by the City last year which projects expenditures will outpace revenues in a couple of years, potentially resulting in structural deficits.

In response to these reports, the City is considering local funding options. Among these is the placement of a measure on the November 2020 ballot to ask voters to decide whether or not to approve a three-quarter cent sales tax increase. If approved, the measure would generate an estimated \$3.8 million in additional revenue to be used for improving public safety services, parks, roads, sidewalks and other infrastructure throughout the city.

In the coming months, the City will be sharing additional information about the potential sales tax increase measure through this newsletter, on the City website, and through informational presentations at various locations around town.

For more information, visit www.diamondbarca.gov/localmeasure.

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Census Survey Invitation in the Mail

Invitations from the U.S. Census Bureau to participate in its once-a-decade survey will start arriving in mailboxes sometime mid to late March, and households will have

three options to respond: online, by phone or by mail.

The survey, which takes less than 10 minutes to complete, is designed to collect basic information about your household.

The questions ask how many people are living

or staying in your home on April 1, 2020 as well as their age, race, sex and relationship to one another, and whether you own or rent.

Survey responses allow the Census Bureau to create estimates about families, households, and other groups. Beyond this, data collected helps determine how federal funding is distributed, how congressional seats are apportioned, and where new schools, hospitals, and other important public infrastructure are needed. The Census Bureau will never ask for Social Security numbers, bank or credit card account numbers, money or donations, or anything on behalf of a political party.

Results from all Census Bureau surveys and censuses are confidential, reported in statistical format only, and respondent's personal is never shared with any other agency such as police departments, FBI or ICE.

Learn more about the 2020 Census by visiting www.2020census.gov.

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Tips for Flu Prevention

Late December to mid-March is peak flu season according to the Centers for Disease Control, and with the recently discovered COVID-19 (coronavirus disease), it is extra-important to take precautions to prevent catching or spreading infection.

Flu prevention tips recommended by the CDC include regularly washing your hands with soap and water for at least 20 seconds, decontaminating frequently touched surfaces, such as doorknobs, faucets, countertops, and mobile devices; covering your nose and mouth with a tissue or the crook of your elbow when sneezing and coughing or a flexed elbow; and avoiding touching your eyes, nose or mouth.

COVID-19 was first identified on December 31, 2019, in Wuhan, China; the first case was confirmed in the United States on January 21, 2020. Symptoms include cough, fever, runny or stuffy nose, difficulty breathing, severe weakness and pneumonia.

For the latest information about COVID-19, visit www.cdc.gov/coronavirus.



2019 Arbor Day Poster Contest
Winning Entry by Avie Lin

Arbor Day Poster Contest

The City is once again looking for the community's young artists to enter a poster contest in celebration of Arbor Day, the nation's oldest environmental holiday.

Aimed at promoting awareness of the value of trees in the community, the Arbor Day Poster Contest is open to all

students enrolled in fifth grade, including those who are homeschooled or attending private or parochial schools.

Posters must be created by hand on standard "8 1/2 x 11" paper and illustrate a message that communicates this year's contest theme – "Celebrate Trees in Our Community." Art can be in color or black and white, and created with crayon, colored pencil, marker, watercolor or any other art medium. Glue, stickers, and glitter are not allowed.

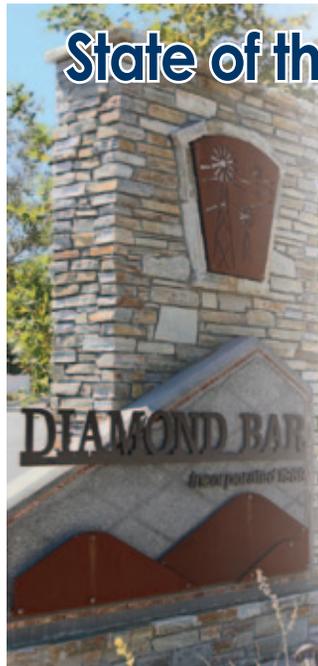
Entries will be judged on creativity, style, and how well they reflect the contest theme, and first, second and third place winners will be selected.

All three winning artworks will be showcased, and the artists will be awarded gift cards during the City's Earth Day and Arbor Day Celebration taking place Saturday, April 25 from 9 a.m. to 2 p.m. at the South Coast Air Quality Management District parking lot, 21865 Copley Drive.

Submissions are due no later than Friday, April 3, and may be dropped off at, or mailed to, Diamond Bar City Hall located at 21810 Copley Drive. A completed entry form must be taped to the back of the artwork.

Complete contest rules and the entry form are available at www.diamondbarca.gov/specialevents. For more information, contact the City's Environmental Services Division at greendb@diamondbarca.gov or (909) 839-7015.

State of the City Address 2020

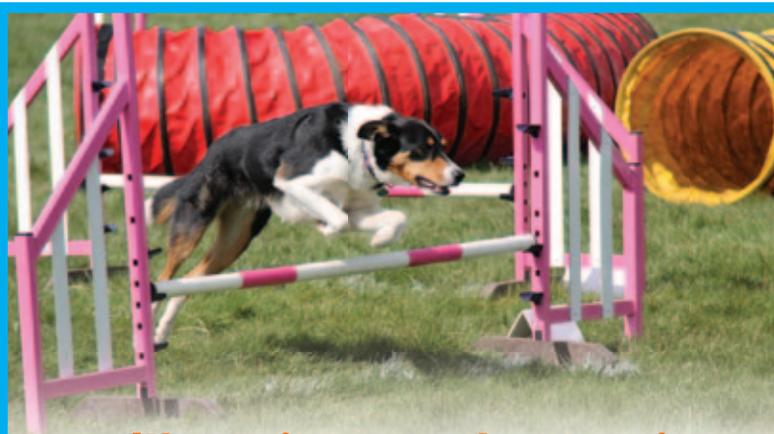


Planning for this year's Diamond Bar State of the City Address is now underway.

The Address, which will be delivered by the mayor, is an opportunity for local officials, business owners, and community members to learn about key projects and developments recently completed or in the works, as well as the City's plans to address challenges related to long-term financial sustainability, public safety, and traffic congestion. The Address takes place

Wednesday, April 29 at the Diamond Bar Center. Doors open at 6 p.m., and the presentation runs 6:30-7:15 p.m. Event admission is free, with seating available on a first-come, first-served basis.

Light appetizers and refreshments will be available.



Healthy Diamond Bar Brings Dog-Focused Activity

Inspired by the strong connection between people and their pets and the health benefits of being around animals, the City is centering this month's Healthy Diamond activity on canine companions!

Yappy Hour at the Dog Park takes place Thursday, March 12 from 4 to 7 p.m. at Pantera Park, located at 738 Pantera Drive. This free event will give dogs an opportunity to play fetch with their owners, practice on agility equipment, or just run around and play with other dogs.

Activities will take place in separate fenced enclosures, with small dogs (weighing less than 25 pounds) in one area, and large dogs (weighing 25 pounds or more) in another.

Healthy Diamond Bar is a community well-being initiative launched by the City in January 2019 and aimed at encouraging, facilitating and celebrating healthy habits, civic involvement, volunteerism and community unity. Membership is free and open to community members of all ages.

Participants receive a free T-shirt upon registration and earn points toward prizes each time they participate in Healthy Diamond Bar activities. Learn more by visiting www.diamondbarca.gov/healthydb or calling the Parks and Recreation Department at (909) 839-7070.



Declutter Your Home of Chemicals and Electronics

If you have chemicals or electronics that have been sitting unused in your garage, tool shed or around the house, Saturday, March 14 is your chance to reclaim the space. That is when the County of Los Angeles is bringing its drive-through collection event to Diamond Bar.

The event, which is open to all Los Angeles County residents, will take place from 9 a.m. to 3 p.m. on the 1300 block of Bridge Gate Drive, near Kaiser Medical Center. No appointment is needed.

Accepted items include fluorescent light bulbs, cell phones, computers and peripheral equipment, TVs, household batteries, weed killers, and automotive fluids.

To prepare for the event, empty your trunk and place the items you want collected. At the event, you will be asked to remain in the car and open your trunk so the items can be removed.

For more information or a complete list of what you can and cannot bring, call (800) 238-0172. For details about the event, call City Hall at (909) 839-7000.



Construction & Demolition (C&D) Recycling

If you are planning on renovating your home, the City reminds you, give careful consideration early in the project design stage to how you will manage the construction and demolition (C & D) materials – it is City law, it is good for the environment, and it can save you money.

City Law

On November 2, 2010, the Diamond Bar City Council passed an ordinance requiring any construction, remodeling, or demolition project of 1,000 square feet or more to include a plan on how at least 75 percent of the generated C&D waste will be recycled, reused or diverted from the landfill. This ordinance is in line with California law, Assembly Bill 9393, which mandates cities statewide divert at least 50 percent of waste from landfills.

It is Good for the Environment

Contrary to common belief, most C&D materials can and should be kept out of the landfill because they can be reused, recycled or salvaged. These materials include wood floors, windows, cabinets, lighting and plumbing fixtures, insulation, drywall, roofing, concrete, bricks.

Cost Savings

Considering how you will manage C&D waste before you begin your project can save you money from reduced disposal costs, get you tax deductions on materials donated, or even earn you money from the sale of salvaged materials.

For more information or help with identifying recyclable C&D materials, contact the City's Environmental Services Division at greendb@diamondbarca.gov or (909) 839-7015.



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This newsletter is published and mailed monthly to all residences and businesses in Diamond Bar. Please call (909) 839-7056 to report any typographical errors or inaccuracies.

Find it Fast Phone Directory

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

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| 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

3 Steps to Curbside Trash Collection

1. Set bins out no earlier than 6 p.m. the evening before, and no later than 6 a.m. on collection day.
2. Leave ample space between bins and other objects, and make sure the lid openings are facing the street.
3. Promptly after pickup, but no later than 10 p.m., remove bins from curbside and store them out of public view.



March

City Meetings & Events

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| 3, 17 | City Council Meeting |
| 10, 24 | Planning Commission Meeting |
| 10, 24 | Coffee with the Cop |
| 12 | Healthy Diamond Bar (Yappy Hour at the Dog Park) |
| 12 | Traffic & Transportation |
| 14 | HHW-E-Waste Collection |
| 26 | Parks & Recreation Meeting |
| 2-6, 16-20, 30 & 31 | Street Sweeping |

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