

RECREATION CLASSES & EVENTS

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Halloween Happenings

It's October, and the City is hosting two month-long, frightfully fun contests to get everyone in the Halloween spirit!

Take part in one or both, and either go solo or make it a family affair but be sure to capture the end result on your camera and submit it to the City for a chance to win a Target gift card!

Costume Contest

No one is left out of this fun contest that involves dressing up yourself, your children, and your pets in their Halloween finest. Costumes can be store-bought or homemade, cute, scary or funny, and either individual or coordinated.

The five contest categories are Best Kid's costume (12 years or younger), Best Teen's costume (13 to 17 years of age), Best Adult's costume (18 years or older), Best Family/Group costume (two or more participants, pets included), and Best Pet's costume (all pets welcome).

Pumpkin Decorating Contest

Pick a pumpkin and the decorating tools, supplies or materials of your choice to join in on this seasonal favorite activity! Carving is optional which makes it a fun and safe activity for family members of all ages. Examples of items you can use to decorate your pumpkin are carving tools, chalk paint and stencils, paint, glue and cutouts, and stickers.

The three contest categories are Best Kid's pumpkin (12 years or younger), Best Teen's pumpkin (13 to 17 years of age), Best Adult's pumpkin (18 years or older).

Both contests are open to only Diamond Bar residents, and only one entry per participant is allowed.

Photo entries for both the Costume Contest and the Pumpkin Decorating Contest will be accepted by email to recreation@diamondbarca.gov between October 1 and November 1 and must be accompanied by a completed entry form, which is available for download on the City website at www.diamondbarca.gov/specialevents.

One winner will be selected in each category, and the winners will each receive a \$25 Target gift card.

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

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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
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Human Resources	839-7018
Neighborhood Improvement	839-7030
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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
Senior Hotline	348-8320

*For emergencies, call 9-1-1

COVID-19 Update

City Hall and the Diamond Bar Center remain closed to the public until further notice, however many City services remain available online, by email, or over the phone. Additionally, essential City operations such as public safety services, trash and recycling collection, street sweeping, road repair and maintenance, park and trail upkeep, and tree trimming and landscaping continue as scheduled.

For the latest updates:

- Visit www.diamondbarca.gov/covid19
- Follow Facebook (@CityofDiamondBarCA) | Twitter (@DiamondBarCity)
- Sign up www.diamondbarca.gov/notifyme

Street Sweeping Citations Suspended

The City Council last month voted to extend a suspension on street sweeping citations in residential areas through the end of the year out of consideration for the large percentage of residents staying home because of the COVID-19 health order.

However, since citywide sweeping continues to operate as regularly scheduled, residents are asked to move their vehicles when possible in order to help keep streets clean and leaves and debris out of storm drains. Residents can refer to the street sign on their block to find their scheduled sweeping day and time or use the City's online interactive map at www.diamondbarca.gov/streetsweeping.

Questions or comments may be directed to the Public Works Department at (909) 839-7060 or publicworks@diamondbarca.gov.

October City Meetings & Events

6, 20	City Council Meeting
13, 27	Planning Commission Meeting
1-2, 12-16, 26-30	Street Sweeping

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



Diamond Bar CONNECTION

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Diamond Bar Restaurant Week is here!

Friday, October 2 to Sunday, October 18



This year, because of COVID-19, all Diamond Bar restaurants were automatically registered to participate, making it easy for residents to win prizes simply by choosing to turn to the many local eating establishments for their meals via outdoor dining, take-out, drive-through, curbside service, or delivery.

There are a couple of ways to win prizes that include gift cards to local businesses. One of them is the Dine and Win Contest. To participate, simply:

1. Purchase any menu item from any Diamond Bar restaurant between October 2-18 and save your receipt.
2. Email your receipt along with your name, address, and phone number to dbrw@diamondbarca.gov at your earliest opportunity but no later than October 20.

Complete contest rules and additional information about Diamond Bar Restaurant Week are available online at <http://dbrestaurantweek.com> or by contacting the City's Administration Department at (909) 839-7015 or dbrestaurantweekdbrw@diamondbarca.gov.

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Virtual How-To Series for Seniors

The City is expanding its free virtual recreation offerings to include a How-To video series for adults age 55 and older.

With the ongoing pandemic and physical distancing order in mind, this new series is aimed at helping participants develop or improve their technology skills in order to continue staying in touch, socializing, learning and exploring.

The first video provides an orientation on using Zoom, the popular video chat platform commonly used to stay in touch with family and friends, participate in workshops and talks, and attend social events.

Check out the How-To video series online at www.diamondbarca.gov/virtualrec or tune into DBtv, the City's government access channel (Channel 3 on Spectrum or Channel 47 on Frontier).

For help, contact the Parks and Recreation Department at (909) 839-7070 or recreation@diamondbarca.gov.



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B.E.S.T. Multi Sports at Ronald Reagan Park

Plentiful fresh air and an open field will provide the ideal conditions for young players to learn and enjoy soccer, baseball and track under the guidance of professional and experienced youth sports instructors.

Instruction will focus on sport fundamentals and fine tuning participants' motor and socialization skills.

For more details or to register, visit www.diamondbarca.gov/recregister and use keyword "multi sport".

Outdoor Sports, Fitness and Dance Classes

Take a break from the indoors and enjoy one of many outdoor classes available this fall for teens and adults.

Classes include Jazzercise, which combines cardio dance and strength training for weight loss and muscle tone, as well as two types of yoga, which is known to reduce stress, improve balance and flexibility, and build core strength.

All classes take place outdoors with proper distancing and other safety protocols in place.

For a list of classes or to register, visit www.diamondbarca.gov/recregister and select adult in the category section.



Information on Measure DB

As part of the Nov. 3 ballot, Diamond Bar voters will have the opportunity to decide on a three-quarters-of-a-cent transactions and use (sales) tax ballot measure to address immediate and long-term community needs and priorities. The following section is designed to provide factual information and answers to frequently asked questions ahead of the election.



Background on City Finances

- In 30 years as an incorporated city, Diamond Bar has maintained its status as a desirable community in which to live, work and visit. Contributing to this status are the safe neighborhoods, well-maintained roads, and clean and attractive parks, trails and recreation facilities. The City has been able to do its part to keep Diamond Bar looking and operating its best and provide the programs and services valued by the community by practicing responsible fiscal discipline and thoughtful budgeting.
- Although the City's current financial condition is stable, Diamond Bar faces financial challenges including the full economic impacts of the COVID-19 pandemic that will impact the City's ability to continue to meet the community's needs and priorities.
- In 2019, the City completed an extensive effort to assess its long-term financial outlook in light of growing costs and the absence of new revenue streams. This effort concluded that Diamond Bar is approaching a financial crossroads where measures will have to be taken to align expenditures with revenues. These measures may include deferring maintenance of roads and landscaped areas, delaying or abandoning plans for new construction or renovations of parks and public facilities, or paring down municipal services to bare necessities.

Why was Measure DB placed on the Ballot?

- The City prides itself on consistently meeting community needs despite operating with a lean staff (less than one city employee per 1,000 residents) and receiving a limited property tax return (just 5.19 cents per dollar of property tax generated, the lowest general levy share of property tax revenue return in the county). However, the cost of City services and operations continues to outpace revenues and without a new locally-controlled revenue stream, the City faces immediate and future fiscal challenges that will impact its ability to continue to provide and improve on existing service levels.
- As Diamond Bar facilities, parks and trails, streets and other public areas age, their maintenance and operation become more expensive. The City is now 30 years old and much of its infrastructure is even older. Funding to provide acceptable levels of maintenance will be needed to ensure the amenities and places valued by the community remain safe, reliable and of high quality.

5 Key Things to Know about Measure DB

Measure DB creates additional local funding by adding three-quarters of a cent to every dollar spent on taxable goods purchased in Diamond Bar. This equals an extra 8 cents on a \$10 purchase or 75 cents on a \$100 purchase. Also, food and groceries, prescription medications and utilities are not subject to sales tax.

Measure DB is not a tax on property owners. It is paid by all Diamond Bar shoppers and diners, including individuals who work or go to school in the area, those who drive through town on their way home or to work, or those who like to spend time enjoying city parks and trails.

Measure DB will potentially generate up to \$3.8 million in annual unrestricted general funds that could be used to pay for any community need or priority, including public safety, crime prevention, new park construction, road maintenance and improvements, small business support and assistance, and youth and senior programs.

Measure DB funding is required to remain local and be spent on local services, programs and projects that benefit Diamond Bar residents and businesses.

Measure DB will adhere to strict transparency and accountability standards such as annual independent audits and financial reporting, and public review and input.

To learn more facts about Measure DB, visit www.diamondbarca.gov/MeasureDB. Questions or comments may be directed to the City's Public Information Division at (909) 839-7056 or publicinfo@diamondbarca.gov.

Did You Know?

Sales Tax Breakdown

For every dollar spent in Diamond Bar, 9.5 cents are collected in sales tax. Of this amount, the State keeps 6 cents and gives the County 2.5 cent. The remaining 1 cent comes back to the City.

Unfunded Park Projects

Construction on two key park projects - Heritage Park, built in 1993, and vacant parkland at Sunset Crossing Road, acquired by the City from the YMCA several years ago - cannot proceed until funding is secured. Heritage Park is both outdated and in need of work to bring it into better compliance with accessibility and efficiency standards. The vacant lot at Sunset Crossing Road is destined to become Diamond Bar's first all-abilities park. Each of these projects will cost approximately \$3.8 million.

Public Safety

The annual cost of public safety services is nearly \$8 million. This includes crime prevention, specialized suppression patrols and undercover operations, neighborhood watch, animal control, fire brush clearance, and school crossing guards at every elementary and middle school in town.

Unfunded CIPs

Currently there are nearly \$60 million worth of capital improvement projects (CIPs) that have been identified as necessary in the next five years but for which no funding exists. These include critical repairs and necessary improvements to streets, parks and facilities.

Election Day is November 3

Diamond Bar voters are being asked to fill two city council seats (each for four-year terms), and to vote on a measure to implement a three-quarters-of-a-cent increase in sales tax to generate local funding for local needs and priorities.

Important Dates

October 5

Los Angeles County Registrar-Recorder's Office begins mailing of Vote-by-Mail ballots
First day Vote by Mail Drop Boxes open

October 19

Official voter registration deadline

October 24

Select Vote Centers will be available every day 10 a.m. to 7 p.m.

October 30

All Vote Centers will be available every day 10 a.m. to 7 p.m. On Election Day, Centers will be open 7 a.m. to 8 p.m.

Voting Options

There are a few options to return your ballot or vote in person.

Ballot Drop Boxes

Ballots can be deposited in secure drop boxes located outside both Diamond Bar Library or Pantera Park and hundreds of other locations in the county

Vote Centers

Vote-by-mail ballots can be returned at any Los Angeles County Vote Center, which will be available beginning Friday, October 30; with a few open a week earlier on Saturday, October 24. Vote centers will be open every day from 10 a.m. to 7 p.m. during the early voting period and from 7 a.m. to 8 p.m. on Election Day.

By Mail

All registered voters will be sent a vote-by-mail ballot. If returning by mail, ballots must be postmarked by Election Day. No postage is required.

For more information, visit <https://lavote.net/>.



ELECTION DAY IS NOVEMBER 3

Great Shake Out Earthquake Drills

The third Thursday of October is Great ShakeOut Day, a nationwide event aimed at getting everyone to practice earthquake safety in different situations.

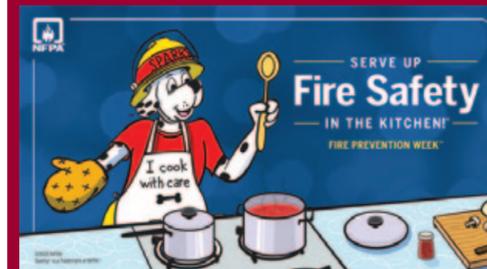
In its simplest form, this event calls on everyone to pause whatever they are doing at exactly 10:15 a.m. on Thursday, Oct. 15 and take part in a one-minute Drop, Cover, Hold On drill:

- DROP to your hands and knees.
- COVER your head and neck with your hands and arms under a table or desk. If neither table or desk is nearby, crawl next to an interior wall (away from windows).
- HOLD ON until the shaking stops.

This simple three-step action, according to experts, is the best way to protect oneself from falling furniture, objects and debris during ground shaking.

For more information on earthquake preparedness and safety or to sign up to receive updates on the drill, visit www.shakeout.org.

Fire Prevention Week



October 4-11

This year's campaign is "Serve Up Fire Safety in the Kitchen" and focuses on cooking fire safety.

According to the National Fire Protection Association (NFPA), cooking is the number one cause of house fires and injuries. To prevent kitchen fires and injuries, the NFPA reminds everyone to:

- Stay in the kitchen at all times while frying, grilling or broiling food.
 - If simmering, baking, roasting, or boiling food, use a timer to remember to check it regularly.
 - Always keep an oven mitt and pan lid nearby in order to be ready to extinguish a small grease fire.
- Additional fire prevention tips and printable resources are available online at <https://fpw.org/>.

On-Line, On-Demand and Virtual Live-Streaming

RECREATION NEWS AND CLASSES

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Esports Gaming: Rocket League



Calling all e-sports enthusiasts age 17 and younger! Here is your opportunity to be part of a fun online league where you will play competitive games and interact with fellow gamers.

Rocket League is a high-powered hybrid of arcade style soccer and vehicular mayhem with easy-to-understand controls and fluid, physics driven competition.

Games will be played on Saturday from November 7 through December 12 - 1vs1 at 1 p.m. and 3vs3 at 2 p.m. The top players will participate in playoff matches the last week.

Registration is \$20 for Diamond Bar residents and \$25 for non-residents. Sign up online at www.diamondbarca.gov/recregister using keyword "esports".

For more information or help, contact the Parks and Recreation Department at (909) 839-7070 or recreation@diamondbarca.gov.

Game Time - Zoom

Are you between the ages of 6-12 and looking for something fun to do after school? Sign up for Game Time which takes place 4-5 p.m. on November 4 and 18. Staff will lead participants through a fun online game such as Bingo, Kahoots Trivia, or Pictionary, and the winner each week will earn a special shout out! Registration is \$10 for Diamond Bar residents and \$15 for non-residents. Sign up online at www.diamondbarca.gov/recregister using keyword "game". For more information or help, contact the Parks and Recreation Department at (909) 839-7070 or recreation@diamondbarca.gov.

Children Art Classes in the Park

When children make art, they are doing more than exploring their creative side. Countless studies show art helps children develop patience and determination, self-confidence and problem-solving skills.

This fall, parents can enroll their children in outdoor art classes taught by Kathy Breaux, a long-time artist and teacher. The two classes being offered at Sycamore Canyon Park are Masterpieces with Pencils and Pastels and Fun Acrylic Painting for Kids.

Students will be physically distanced and have their own art supply materials.

For more information or to register, visit www.diamondbarca.gov/recregister and use keyword "art".

Fall Recreation Registration Now Open

Registration for fall programming is currently underway, and there are plenty of opportunities - both in person and online - to get fit, learn a skill or explore a hobby. View current offerings and register at www.diamondbarca.gov/recregister.

COVID-19 Health and Safety Protocols

In line with the latest guidance from the Los Angeles County Public Health Department, the following safeguards are in place for all in-person recreation classes and activities:

- Outdoor setting
- Small class sizes
- Use of face coverings
- Proper physical distancing
- Health and temperature screenings
- Frequent cleaning and disinfecting
- Hand washing and sanitizing stations

Questions regarding any of these protocols or in-person recreation classes and activities may be directed to the Parks and Recreation Department at (909) 839-7070 or recreation@diamondbarca.gov.

Festive Sweets with Geri Keller

Diamond Bar resident, Geri Keller, is well-versed in cake and pastry design. She has more than 20 years of experience and has taught at Michaels and several adult school programs and community centers.

And this fall, she is teaching a variety of online, follow-along classes for anyone who is interested in learning how to create sweet holiday treats perfect as a post-dinner dessert, as an edible centerpiece, or even for gift-giving.

The classes available include Parent and Me Cupcakes for the Holidays, Royal Icing Basics for the Holidays, and Fondant Fundamentals. A list of required materials will be provided by email upon registration.

For class descriptions or to register, visit www.diamondbarca.gov/recregister using keyword "sweets".

