

RECREATION CLASSES & EVENTS

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Holiday Stocking Giveaway for Seniors

City staff will be spreading holiday cheer to hundreds of Diamond Bar residents age 55 and older when it holds its second Senior Resource Bag Giveaway from 9 to 11 a.m. on Wednesday, December 9.

In keeping with the season, the giveaway will be a stocking stuffed with holiday goodies as well as personal protective items such as a disposable mask and gloves, and helpful resources.

Because of limited quantities, age-eligible residents are encouraged to secure their free holiday stocking by calling or going online as soon as pre-registration opens Monday, November 16.

This is primarily intended to be a drive-through event, however, in cases where residents do not have transportation available to them the City will hand-deliver the stockings to their porch or front door.

For more information or to register, visit www.diamondbarca.gov/recregister - use code 3610 to attend the event or code 3611 to request home delivery. Individuals without internet access may register over the phone by calling (909) 839-7070.

Anyone wishing to donate new personal protective equipment supplies is asked to call (909) 839-7068.

Virtual Teen Talks



Diamond Bar teens in grades 8-12 looking to connect with other teens while being informed and entertained are invited to check out the City's free virtual Teen Talk series!

Hosted once a month on Zoom, this free series gives participants a safe place to hear from a guest speaker, ask questions, and share their thoughts on a variety of current topics and events, particularly as they pertain to teens.

This month's talk takes place at 6 p.m. on Thursday, November 19 and the topic is Safety Tips for Staying Home Alone. Topics of previous talks have included Health Effects of Tobacco and Vaping, and Care & Stress Management.

For more details and to register, visit www.diamondbarca.gov/recregister and use keyword "teen talk". Any questions regarding this series may be directed to the City's Parks and Recreation Department at (909) 839-7062.

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

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City Council	839-7010
Building & Safety	839-7020
Business Licenses	839-7030
City Clerk's Office	839-7010
City Manager's Office	839-7010
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Fire (LA County)*	629-9671
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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

Free Cab Rides to Shopping Centers



Starting Friday, November 27 and continuing through Saturday, January 2, residents may request free cab rides from their home to a Diamond Bar shopping center and back home, as part of the City's annual Holiday Diamond Ride program.

Holiday Diamond Ride is aimed at making shopping a little easier for residents while supporting local businesses and boosting local sales tax revenue. To participate, residents must be at least 18 years of age, and have proof of city residency, e.g. photo identification or utility bill. For more information, call Diamond Bar City Hall at (909) 839-7000. To set up a ride, call (800) 578-6555.

November City Meetings & Events

3	Election Day, www.lavote.net
3, 17	City Council Meeting via teleconference
10, 24	Planning Commission Meeting via teleconference
11	Veterans Day – City Offices Closed
12	Traffic and Transportation Commission Meeting via teleconference
26, 27	Thanksgiving Holiday – City Offices Closed
9-13, 23-25, 27, 28	Street Sweeping

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



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Election Reminders

Return Your Ballot

If you have completed your ballot but have not turned it in, you have three options:

- Drop it off at a mailbox or at any post office. Ballots must be postmarked by November 3.
- Deposit into a secure vote-by-mail dropbox. There are 400 dropboxes countywide, and two are in Diamond Bar – one outside the Diamond Bar Library and one at Pantera Park.
- Bring it to a vote center. There are more than 750 vote centers countywide, and six are in Diamond Bar.

Vote in Person

If you prefer to vote in person or need a new ballot, vote centers are open every day 10 a.m.-7 p.m. during the early voting period. On Election Day (November 3), the centers will open 7 a.m.-8 p.m.

In keeping with state and county public health guidelines, election workers and voters are required to wear face coverings and gloves, and maintain a six-foot distance from others, and election workers will be cleaning and sanitizing ballot marking devices after each use.

Track your Ballot

To track when your ballot is mailed, received and counted, you can use the State's ballot tracker online tool at <https://california.ballottrax.net/voter/>.

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



Month-Long Tribute to Veterans

In honor of Veterans Day, the City will be saluting and paying tribute to Diamond Bar veterans through a variety of activities for the entire month of November. Everyone is encouraged to take a moment to observe Veterans Day by:

- Checking out the patriotic display of street light pole flags and signs along Grand Avenue.
- Watching a video compilation of past interviews with some of the community's veterans and a Veterans Day video message from the Diamond Bar City Council – available on the City's YouTube Channel (<http://youtube.com/CityofDiamondBar>) and airing on DBtv (Charter Spectrum channel 3 and Frontier FIOS channel 47)
- Following the City's social media accounts - Facebook (CityofDiamondBarCA), Twitter (@DiamondBarCity), and Instagram (@cityofdiamondbar) - for posts featuring Diamond Bar veterans.

New City App

The City is retiring its previous mobile app and replacing it with a new one called "Diamond Bar Connected". This new app provides quicker access to some of the most accessed parts of the City website – Latest News, Meeting and Event Calendar, FAQ, Report a Concern, and the Alert Center for traffic advisories or emergency alerts. Additionally, the app offers an option to subscribe to receive notifications any time the calendar or news sections are updated. To download the app, go to iTunes or the Google Play store and search for "Diamond Bar Connected".



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Nov. 13 Drive-Through Food Drive



Individuals looking to give back are encouraged to contribute to a food drive the City is hosting Friday, November 13 from 8:30 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. outside the Diamond Bar Center.

In keeping with public health mandates, the food drive will be organized as a drive-through event and face coverings will be required of both staff and participants.

The day-long food drive, which coincides with World Kindness Day, is called Focus on the Cans not the Can'ts and is aimed at helping restock local food banks. All non-perishable goods are welcome such as pasta, beans, rice, canned soups, oatmeal, cereal, tuna, and peanut butter.

To participate in the food drive, bring your canned and dry goods in a bag or box either in the trunk or back seat and follow the directional signage to the collection point. Staff will retrieve your donation and give you a small thank-you prize.

Diamond Bar Center is located at 1600 Grand Avenue. For more information, call the Parks and Recreation Department at (909) 839-7070.



All City Intersections Now Equipped with Battery Backup Units

A local traffic safety milestone was realized last month when the City completed the installation of battery backup units at all 66 of the city's intersections.

Battery backup units are part of the City's overall traffic management system, and are designed to improve traffic safety and operations within Diamond Bar.

Following a power outage, these units kick in to keep traffic signals operating normally up to five hours before transitioning to red flash for an additional four hours. This ensures flow of traffic continues uninterrupted until utility power has been restored or the City identifies and fixes the traffic signal malfunction.

The City completed its first traffic signal battery backup unit installation project in 2009, with subsequent projects following every two to three years.

Virtual Gardening Workshops

When it comes to gardening, your ultimate goal can be anything from reducing water usage or attracting beneficial pollinators such as bees, butterflies and hummingbirds to throwing away less food waste or growing nutritious food at home.

Regardless of your garden goal, chances are you will benefit from participating in one or more of the free virtual gardening workshops offered by the County of Los Angeles.

These workshops are free, open to individuals age 13 and older, and consist of a 45-minute presentation followed by a 15-minute period for questions and answers, and compost bin orders.

The topics of the workshops offered are Intro to Composting, Water-wise Gardening, Organic Gardening and Small-space Gardening. The discounted backyard compost bins available for purchase after each workshop are \$40 for the standard system or \$65 for the one that uses worms.

For a schedule of upcoming workshops and links to register, visit www.smartgardening.com.



Earthquake Warning California

With thousands of known faults in California, of which more than 500 are considered active, earthquakes are a relatively common occurrence.

And although earthquakes cannot be predicted, they can be detected seconds in advance thanks to a statewide earthquake early warning system launched by the State in October 2019.

Known as Earthquake Warning California, this system uses sensors that detect seismic activity, as well as new and existing alerting methods to deliver warnings to people via cell phones before the strongest shaking arrives for magnitude 4.5 or greater earthquakes.

Alerts of an earthquake before the shaking begins are sent using one of three tools: Wireless Emergency Alerts, Android Earthquake Alerts, and MyShake App.

To learn more about how each of these tools works, the current earthquake alerting thresholds, and how to make sure your phone is set up to receive alerts, visit <https://earthquake.ca.gov/get-alerts/>.



Skatepark and Playgrounds Now Open



The skatepark at Peterson Park and all outdoor playgrounds are the latest city recreation amenities to reopen for use, albeit with health and safety precautions in place as well as time limits.

In order to use the skatepark or playgrounds, individuals must not be exhibiting any signs or symptoms of COVID-19 (fever, cough, shortness of breath or difficulty breathing) and must comply with the following Los Angeles Department of Public Health mandates:

- Wear a face covering over the nose and mouth at all times. This is required for everyone age 2 and older.
- Keep a close watch on your children to ensure they maintain at least six feet of distance from non-household members.
- Wash or sanitize your hands and that of your children before and after using any playground equipment.
- Refrain from eating or drinking to ensure face masks are worn at all times.
- Limit your playtime to 30 minutes when others are present.
- Additionally, it is advised that older adults and individuals with underlying medical conditions avoid playground areas when others are present.

Status of Other Recreation Amenities

At this moment, other recreation amenities available for use are trails, the dog park, tennis and pickleball courts, and athletic fields to sports groups with permits. Basketball and volleyball courts, and picnic shelters remain closed.

The latest information on City facility and park openings, closings, and restrictions is available on the City's COVID-19 web page at www.DiamondBarCA.gov/COVID19.



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

RECREATION NEWS AND CLASSES

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Recreation Classes Available Online, In-Person

Registration is now underway for fall recreation programming with start dates in November and December!

Options include a mix of online and in-person classes that include soccer, tennis, art, Minecraft programming and cupcake decorating for youth, and holiday cookie icing, line dancing, and yoga for adults. For all in-person classes, the following health and safety protocols will be in place for:

- Classes will be held outdoors.
- Size of classes will be limited to ensure adequate distancing between all participants.
- All staff and participants will be required to take a health questionnaire and temperature screening upon arrival.
- Face coverings will be required for all staff and participants.
- Areas of regular use and high touch surfaces will be frequently disinfected during and between each class.
- When hand washing is not an option or not convenient, hand sanitizer will be made available.
- Signage will be visibly posted to remind everyone to follow all state and county health mandates.

Questions regarding any of the class protocols may be directed to the Parks and Recreation Department at (909) 839-7070 or Recreation@DiamondBarCA.gov. To view the fall recreation guide, visit www.diamondbarca.gov/recreationguide.

Math and Reading Classes



Critical reading and math problem solving are key to academic success, and both these areas can be improved with practice. If your elementary or middle school child can benefit from tutoring or supplemental instruction in one or both of these subjects, the City is offering two online, six-week classes that may help.

Critical Reading Skills for grades 3-6 and Math Workshop for grades 3-8 are taught by local expert academic tutors, and have start dates of November 10 and November 9.

For more information or to register, visit www.diamondbarca.gov/reregister and type the class name in the search bar. For registration-related questions or help, call the Parks and Recreation Department at (909) 839-7070.

Holiday-Themed Kinder Skills Workshop

If you are looking for a way to keep your preschooler educated and entertained, the City's Kinder Skills Workshop is just the ticket!



Offered various times throughout the year, Kinder Skills Workshop offers children ages 3-5 structured educational, recreational and social activities that reinforce concepts and skills they will need when they begin school.

The upcoming session will be held online December 1-17 with participants taking part in holiday-themed lessons, activities, and games from 10 to 11 a.m. every Tuesday and Thursday. A link to the online classroom as well as activity sheets will be emailed to parents in advance.

Only 30 spaces are available so early registration is encouraged. The cost is \$30 for residents and \$35 for non-residents.

To register, visit www.diamondbarca.gov/reregister and type 3728 in the search bar. For more information, call the Parks and Recreation Department at (909) 839-7062.

Online System for Bid and Contract Opportunities

Contractors, consultants, vendors and service providers interested in learning about and bidding for City contracts or projects are encouraged to visit the City website at www.diamondbarca.gov/bids. The City uses PlanetBids, an online vendor registration system, which allows interested individuals to register and create an online profile in order to receive email notifications anytime the City posts a request for a proposal or quote to provide goods, equipment or services.

Check Your Citrus Tree for HLB

Citrus greening disease, also known as Huanglongbing or HLB, was first detected in Southern California in 2012 and rapidly spread in residential areas.

The disease which affects all types of citrus, including oranges, grapefruit, lemons and mandarins, is spread by a tiny aphid-like pest called the Asian citrus psyllid. When a tree is infected, its growth is stunted, it produces green misshapen bitter fruit, and eventually it dies.

According to the California Department of Food and Agriculture (CDFA), HLB does not pose a threat to humans or animals and the fruit of diseased trees is safe to eat. However, since there is currently no cure for HLB, the CDFA urges residents growing or interested in growing citrus trees on their properties to follow a few best practices that include:

- Always purchasing their citrus trees from a reputable, licensed and local nursery.
- Regularly inspecting their trees for the Asian citrus psyllid and HLB, and immediately calling the CDFA hotline at (800) 491-1899 if they spot the disease.

Learn more about how to detect the pest and disease by visiting <https://californiacitrusthreat.org/>.



This blotchy yellowing of citrus tree leaves is an early sign of HLB and will worsen as the disease develops in the tree.

Flu Shot Reminder

With flu season upon us, everyone is reminded of the importance of getting their annual flu vaccine.

This is especially true for adults age 65 and older as they have a higher risk of developing health complications from the flu as a result of weakened immune systems. With most health insurance plans or Medicare Part B, the flu vaccine is available at no cost from your primary care physician or various local pharmacies including CVS, Albertsons and Walmart. Those without health insurance can expect to pay approximately \$40 for the seasonal vaccine or \$70 for the high-dose vaccine developed for individuals over age 65. For more information or to locate a flu shot provider nearest you, visit <https://vaccinefinder.org/>