



# Diamond Bar CONNECTION

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## Highway Roadside Litter Cleanup

An extraordinary amount of litter is generated on a daily basis by thousands of passenger and commercial cargo vehicles traveling on the State Highway System.

This litter, which is both unsightly and hazardous, ranges from accident

debris to fast food wrappers and cigarette butts tossed out a window to various types of furniture and household goods that come loose and fall during moving trips.

Because maintenance and cleanup of State Highway System falls within the jurisdiction of the California Department of Transportation (Caltrans), these littered objects collect and accumulate on the roads and roadsides until they are removed by Caltrans work crews or volunteer groups.

At the moment, Caltrans' highway roadside cleanup efforts are stymied because many of the programs it uses for litter and weed removal have been temporarily discontinued or severely reduced because of the COVID-19 pandemic. These include the Court Referral and Parolee programs, as well as volunteer-dependent programs such as the Adopt-A-Highway program.

Started in 1989, the Adopt-A-Highway program provides an opportunity for individuals, organizations, and businesses to help maintain sections of the state highways. Program participants have the option of doing the roadside cleanup or enhancement work themselves or hiring a service provider to perform the work on their behalf.

Highway adoptions typically cover a two-mile stretch of roadside, and permits are issued for five-year periods. Groups in good standing may renew their permits indefinitely. More information on the Adopt-a-Highway program is available at <http://adopt-a-highway.dot.ca.gov>.

Individuals who just want to report highway litter to Caltrans should complete a customer service request online at <https://dot.ca.gov/programs/maintenance>.

## Virtual Diamond Bar Center Corporate Showcase

February 17, 2021  
10 a.m. - 12 noon



Gather online with your fellow business owners via Zoom for a morning of education, networking and business promotion. Presentations and guest speakers will cover a wide range of topics related to building and sustaining a profitable business, and accessing financial resources to weather the COVID-19 pandemic. Additionally, local special event vendors will share tips and strategies for planning and hosting successful team building and staff training events.

### REGISTRATION/PARTICIPATION

Free online registration at <https://diamondbarca.eventbrite.com>

For more information contact the Diamond Bar Center at (909) 839-7065.

In keeping with State and LA County Public Health directives, facility rentals remain suspended until further notice, however, the City continues to process rental requests for years 2021 and 2022. Although in-person tours are suspended for the time being, you can request a staff-guided tour via Zoom. A staff member will take you for a Google 360-video tour of the facility, point out various features and amenities, and answer any questions you may have related to renting a space at the Diamond Bar Center.



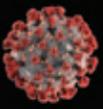
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1600 Grand Avenue, Diamond Bar

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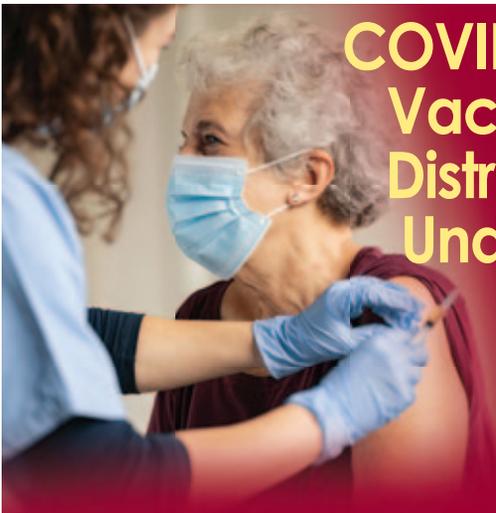
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## COVID-19 Business Resources Web Page

Diamond Bar business owners and managers looking for help to address challenges created by the COVID-19 health crisis are encouraged to visit [www.diamondbarca.gov/covid19](http://www.diamondbarca.gov/covid19). Created and maintained by the City, this web page includes a section with information and links to resources to help businesses quickly find financial relief options and become acquainted with the latest guidelines for reopening and operating safely and responsibly.

## COVID-19 Vaccine Distribution Underway



A phased rollout of the COVID-19 vaccine is currently underway in Los Angeles County with the first doses being offered to healthcare workers and residents of skilled nursing facilities and other long-term care facilities.

It is anticipated that starting mid-February, vaccination distribution will be expanded to include individuals age 75 and older and those at risk of exposure at work in the education, childcare, emergency services and food and agriculture sectors. These groups will be followed by adults between the ages of 65 and 74 and those at risk of work exposure in the areas of transportation, shelter facilities and congregate settings.

In March and until early May, vaccinations will be offered to individuals 50-64 years old and those age 16-49 with an underlying health condition that puts them at higher risk of severe COVID-19 illness.

The last phase of vaccine distribution for individuals age 16-49 without high-risk medical conditions will begin by mid-May or early June.

For more information or to sign up for email updates on the COVID-19 vaccine, including when and where it will be distributed, visit <https://covid19.lacounty.gov/>. Up-to-date and accurate information about the vaccine is available at <https://vaccinatelacounty.com>.

## Bunny Box Drive-Thru



The Easter Bunny is making a special stop at the Diamond Bar Center next month to take part in the City's annual springtime event!

Bunny Box Drive-Thru, as this year's event is called, takes place Saturday, March 27 from 9 a.m. to noon and is open to everyone but geared toward children ages 3 to 10.

As its name denotes, this event will be a drive-through experience with families remaining in their cars at all times. The Bunny will make the rounds to visit

with every attending family, pose for keepsake photos, and give every registered child a fun Bunny Box filled with spring-themed treats, crafts and activities.

All photos with the Bunny will be taken for free by City staff and emailed to each respective family after the event.

Bunny Boxes are \$10 each for residents and \$15 each for non-residents and must be reserved ahead of time by visiting [www.diamondbarca.gov/](http://www.diamondbarca.gov/) register and typing Bunny Box in the search bar. Reservations opens February 1 for Diamond Bar residents and February 15 for the general public.

The deadline to reserve Bunny Boxes is March 18.

## Goal Setting Talk for Teens



Goal setting (and achieving) is the topic of the next chat in the monthly virtual Teen Talk series organized by the City.

Attendees will hear a presentation from a guest speaker on how to turn goals into doable tasks and how to stay on course in order to achieve what they want in terms of academics, extracurriculars or self-care. The presentation will be followed by an informal group discussion and optional sharing of personal challenges or ideas having to do with setting and achieving goals.

The chat, which will be held at 6 p.m. on Thursday, February 18 via Zoom, is open to Diamond Bar teens in grades 8 through 12. Participation is free but registration is required at least 72 hours in advance in order to receive the Zoom meeting link in an email.

To register, visit [www.diamondbarca.gov/recregister](http://www.diamondbarca.gov/recregister) and use activity code AC 1762 1. For more information, call (909) 839-7062.

# Drive-Through Valentine's Event for Seniors

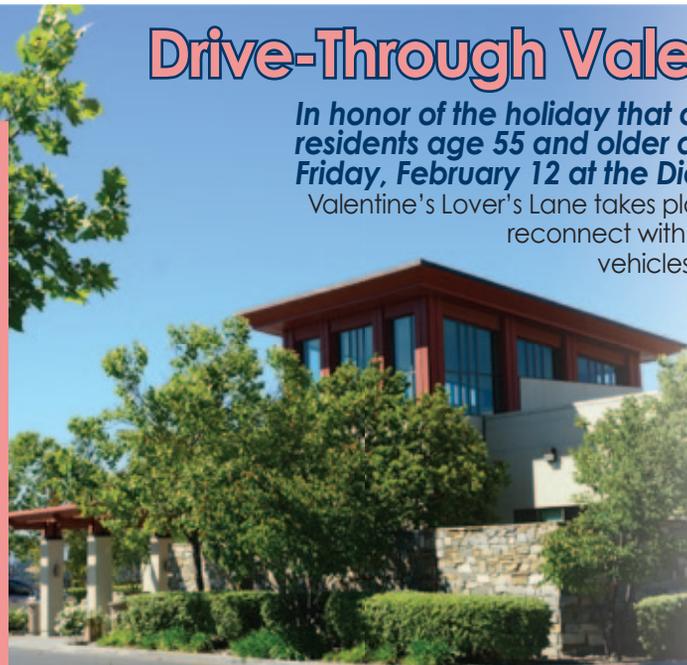
**In honor of the holiday that celebrates love, friendship and kindness, Diamond Bar residents age 55 and older are invited to a special drive-through event taking place Friday, February 12 at the Diamond Bar Center.**

Valentine's Lover's Lane takes place from 9 a.m. to noon and gives seniors an opportunity to meet or reconnect with Diamond Bar Center staff for a few minutes while remaining in their vehicles. Before leaving, every qualified registered attendee will receive a gift and catered boxed lunch to take home or enjoy in their cars while taking in the lush scenery of Summitridge Park.

Throughout the event, City staff will be wearing face coverings and practicing proper distancing and disinfecting measures.

Valentine's Lover's Lane is the first in a new series of monthly themed events for seniors the City will be hosting in a drive-through format because of ongoing COVID-19 concerns and restrictions.

There are a limited number of boxed lunches and gifts available so registering early is strongly encouraged by visiting [www.diamondbarca.gov/recregister](http://www.diamondbarca.gov/recregister) and using activity code 1650 1. Individuals without internet access may register by telephone by calling (909) 839-7070.



## Free Smartphone Training

The California Telephone Access Program (CTAP) is offering a free two-part online training to help adults age 55 and older set up

their smartphone so that it works better for them.

As part of the training, participants will learn how to find and use the built-in features on their Android device or iPhone to do such things as enlarging the text and icons, and enhancing the volume. Other topics will include texting, photo sharing, video chatting, and streaming.

Since the training is being offered online, participants will need a computer or laptop, internet service and an email account. For more information or to sign up for this training, call (866) 271-1540 or email [smartphonetraining@ddtp.org](mailto:smartphonetraining@ddtp.org).

## Free Online Bingo

Looking for a fun social experience and the chance to win prizes without leaving home? Check out the City's monthly Virtual Bingo program.

Created with older adults in mind but available to ages 18 and older, Virtual Bingo is free and offered every third Friday of the month at 10 a.m. using Zoom. A total of four rounds are played with various prizes awarded after each round.

To join Virtual Bingo, you will need to register online at [www.diamondbarca.gov/recregister](http://www.diamondbarca.gov/recregister) using activity code 1612 prior to the next game day, download the free Zoom app on your internet-connected device, and have access to a printer. Soon after registering, you will receive a printable Bingo card and Zoom link to join live on game day.

Upcoming game days are February 19, March 19, April 16, May 21 and June 18.

If you have any questions or need help with registration, call the Parks and Recreation Department at (909) 839-7068.

## Library Offers Laptop and Hotspot Loans, Printing Pickup

If lack of internet access, and a working laptop and printer is making it difficult to complete your school work, find a job, or keep in touch with friends and loved ones, the Los Angeles County Library can help.

As of September 2020, it is offering three-week loans of laptop and mobile hotspot kits, as well as printing pickup service.

The laptop and mobile hotspot kits are available to library cardholders age 18 and older for three weeks, with the opportunity to renew up to three times if there are no holds.

With the printing pickup service, cardholders of all ages can upload a print job of up to 10 pages daily to the Library's wireless printing app and arrange for pickup during the Diamond Bar Library's Sidewalk Service hours of Monday 9 a.m.-6 p.m., Tuesday 11 a.m.-8 p.m., and Wednesday-Friday 9 a.m.-6 p.m.

For more information or to take advantage of one or both of these new services, visit <https://lacountylibrary.org/express-service>.



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## Find it Fast Phone Directory

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

<b>City Services:</b>	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 Services Available Online, By Phone

City offices remain closed for in-person visits but staff continues to provide services by phone, email and online during regular business hours of Monday-Thursday 7:30 a.m. to 5:30 p.m. and Friday 7:30 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. For a list of all City services available and contact information, visit <https://www.diamondbarca.gov/covid19>.



## Free Bulky Trash Pickup

If you need to discard items that are too large or numerous to fit in your regular trash bin, the most convenient option is to schedule a free pickup by contacting your waste hauler – Waste Management if you live in a single-family home or Valley Vista Services if you live in a multi-family complex. Both Waste Management and Valley Vista Services offer every customer up to four free bulky item pickups. Acceptable items include sofas, mattresses, washers, dryers and large tree branches. Pickups must be scheduled at least 24 hours in advance of the next regularly scheduled trash collection day. To schedule a pickup with Waste Management, call (800) 774-0222 or visit [www.diamondbarwm.com](http://www.diamondbarwm.com). Requests for pickups by Valley Vista Services can be made by calling (800) 442-6454 or filling out a form online at <https://www.valleyvistaservices.com/bulky-item/>.

### February

### City Meetings & Events

- 2, 16** City Council Meeting via teleconference
- 9, 23** Planning Commission Meeting via teleconference
- 1-5, 15-19** Street Sweeping
- 15** Presidents Day Holiday  
City Offices Closed

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