



Diamond Bar CONNECTION

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Support Local Businesses this Holiday



Whether shopping for gifts or buying groceries for meals, consider giving Diamond Bar businesses the first chance at your holiday dollars.

When you shop locally, the impact of your dollar is multiplied because much of the money earned by Diamond Bar business is circulated back into the community. How?

Jobs Diamond Bar businesses create jobs, many which are filled by local residents.

Community Diamond Bar businesses support community groups, sports teams, and nonprofits through year-round donations and fundraising opportunities.

Sales Tax Revenue Diamond Bar businesses generate sales tax revenue, which is a significant source of revenue that pays for public safety, parks and trail maintenance, recreation programs, and road improvements.

Also, as part of the City's annual Holiday Diamond Ride program, residents age 18 and older can request free cab rides to and from any Diamond Bar shopping center by calling (800) 578-6555.

For an interactive web-based map of all Diamond Bar shopping centers, visit www.diamondbarca.gov/gis.

New Holiday Contest and Activity

If you are looking to add to your family holiday traditions, the City has a contest and activity that are sure to get everyone in a festive mood!

Both the Gingerbread House Contest and Holiday Movie at Home are free, open only to Diamond Bar residents, and available December 1 to January 4.

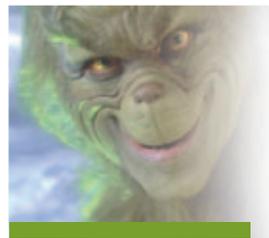
Gingerbread House Contest

Regardless if you make it completely from scratch or get a head start with a pre-made kit, this Gingerbread House Contest is an opportunity to showcase your family's team spirit, talent and creativity!

Design and decorations are up to you. The only requirement is that structures be primarily made of gingerbread and icing. Only one entry per household is allowed.

To enter the contest, take a photo of your creation and complete the entry form available at www.diamondbarca.gov/specialevents. Email both the photo and the form to recreation@diamondbarca.gov any time between December 1 and January 4.

One winner will be selected from the Pre-Made and Home-Made categories and they will each be awarded a \$50 Target gift card.



Holiday Movie and Activity

Watching the holiday classic "The Grinch Who Stole Christmas" (2000) as a family will be extra memorable this year when you use a free movie kit provided by the City. The kit is available for download on the City website at www.diamondbarca.gov/specialevents and comes with printable

activities and quick snack recipes inspired by the Grinch himself!

2020 Home Holiday Decorating Contest

Decking out your home's exterior with colorful lights and festive décor? Enter a free contest for a chance to win a prize!

Contest guidelines and entry form available online at www.diamondbarca.gov/specialevents or by calling (909) 839-7070.



City Launches Virtual Bingo



The City's popular Bingo program returns this month, albeit in a virtual format!

Created with seniors in mind but open to everyone age 18 and older, Virtual Bingo will be offered at 10 a.m. every third Friday of the month beginning December 18. Four rounds will be played with various prizes awarded after each round.

There is no fee to participate, but registration is required to receive a printable Bingo card and the Zoom link to join the live, online Bingo game.

Sign up online at www.diamondbarca.gov/recregister no later than Wednesday, December 16. Quickly locate the activity by typing Bingo in the search bar or using activity code 3640.

Resource and Support Groups for Older Adults and Caregivers

If you or someone you know is an older adult or a family caregiver looking to connect with peers or services, there is a resource or support group that can help. These groups include:

Aging Next A nonprofit that focuses on providing free or low-cost programs, services and resources to older adults looking to age in place, as well as the family members who serve as caregivers. **(909) 621-9900**

Golden Talk A free 24-hour chat and crisis line for adults age 60 or older dealing with social isolation or looking for referrals to essential resources. Family members can also use this service to request wellness calls for older relatives. **(888) 604-6533**

Friendship Line An accredited free 24-hour, volunteer-staffed support and crisis intervention line for older adults and adults with disabilities or chronic conditions. In addition to receiving incoming calls, this service also offers information and referrals, well-being checks, and grief support. **(800) 971-0016**

VITAS Specializing in groups designed to help caregivers manage stress and family members cope with the terminal illness or loss of a loved one. Groups meet by phone and Zoom video sessions. **(855) 203-7976**

Extended Expiration Date for Diamond Ride ID Cards

With City Hall currently closed to the public because of the ongoing COVID-19 pandemic, expiration dates for Diamond Ride identification cards that have expired or are expiring between mid-March and December 31, 2020 are now extended to June 30, 2021.

Cardholders will not receive a new ID card. However, the new expiration date will be reflected on their accounts to allow them to schedule transportation service.

At this time, new applications and renewals for Diamond Ride

are being processed online, by email or mail. All requests must include copies of required documentation, including driver's license or government-issued ID and proof of disability.

Diamond Ride is a subsidized curb-to-curb cab service program designed to supplement travel means for Diamond Bar residents with disabilities or age 60 and older. For complete program guidelines and a copy of the application, visit www.diamondbarca.gov/diamondride. To request an application by mail, call (909) 839-7045.

New Drop Box for Recreation Registration

The City's website makes it possible to register online for recreation programs and activities 24 hours a day, 7 days a week at www.diamondbarca.gov/recregister.

However, for those who prefer to pay with check or money order, there is now a drop box available near the front entrance of the Diamond Bar Center located at 1600 Grand Avenue.

Individuals can use the box to drop off their completed registration form, payment (personal check, cashier's check or money order made payable to City of Diamond Bar) and release of liability waiver any time between 8 a.m. to noon Monday through Friday. The box is checked by staff every weekday and registrations are processed promptly.

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

Contract Instructors Wanted

If you have a special skill or passion and a knack for teaching, consider partnering with the City to offer a recreation class – online or in person, and for any age group or interest.

To be considered for a contract instructor role, individuals must submit to the City's Parks and Recreation Department a class proposal as well as other required documentation.

Proposals for the summer are due no later than 4 p.m. on January 27, and proposals for the fall must be turned in by 4 p.m. on May 19.

For more details on how to apply and to obtain the necessary forms and documents, visit www.diamondbarca.gov/contractinstructor or call (909) 839-7070.

Kinder Skills Workshop



Registration is now open for the winter session of the City's popular Kinder Skills Workshop.

Designed for children ages 3-5, the program offers structured educational, recreational and social activities that reinforce concepts and skills young learners will need when they begin school.

The upcoming session will be held online from 10 to 11 a.m. every Tuesday and Thursday from January 12 to February 11 with participants taking part in a variety of lessons, activities, and games centered on early learning fundamentals, emotional development, and social skills. A link to the online classroom as well as activity sheets will be emailed to parents in advance.

The participation fee is \$50 for residents and \$55 for non-residents. To register, visit www.diamondbarca.gov/register and type Kinder Skills in the search bar. For more information, call the Parks and Recreation Department at (909) 839-7062.

End-of-the-Year Extra Trash Pickup



If you are a Waste Management customer and find yourself with extra trash that does not fit in your regular black bin, you can take advantage of its free End-of-the-Year Trash Collection Service.

For two weeks beginning December 26, Waste

Management will be fulfilling requests from customers who have up to three large bags, boxes or barrels of extra trash to throw out. Requests should be made at least 24 hours before a regular trash collection day by calling (800) 266-7551.

Trash is limited to general household waste that belongs but does not fit inside the black bin. Other waste such as bulky items, hazardous materials and electronics are not eligible for pickup as part of this service. For information on how to dispose of bulky, hazardous or electronic waste, visit home.wm.com/diamond-bar.

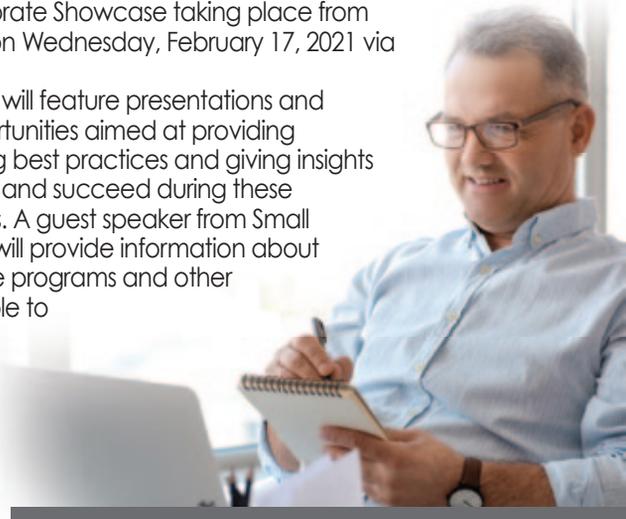
Annual Corporate Showcase

Planning is now underway for the City's annual Diamond Bar Center Corporate Showcase taking place from 10 a.m. to noon on Wednesday, February 17, 2021 via Zoom.

This virtual event will feature presentations and networking opportunities aimed at providing guidance, sharing best practices and giving insights on how to adapt and succeed during these challenging times. A guest speaker from Small Business Majority will provide information about federal assistance programs and other resources available to small businesses.

Business owners or managers interested in attending the event or participating

as a vendor are encouraged to visit www.diamondbarca.gov/specialevents or call the Diamond Bar Center at (909) 839-7065.



Pet Licensing Campaign Continues



In an effort to ensure all Diamond Bar dogs and cats are properly licensed, Inland Valley Humane Society (IVHS) canvassers have started making their way through neighborhoods and dropping off door hangers with information about pet licensing requirements.

In addition to being required by state law and local ordinance, pet licenses help ensure pets are up to date on their rabies vaccinations, and can be more easily reunited with their owners in the event they are lost. Licensing fees also help offset the cost of IVHS services, which include sheltering and caring for lost or abandoned pets, investigating animal cruelty and neglect cases, enforcing animal control laws, and responding to calls of nuisance or dangerous animals.

Diamond Bar pet licenses are valid for one year and must be renewed annually. A dog license costs \$20 for spayed or neutered dogs and \$100 for unaltered dogs. The fee for a cat license is \$5 if spayed or neutered and \$10 if not.

The IVHS door-to-door canvassing effort started mid-October and will continue into January 2021. IVHS canvassers carry identification and wear clothing bearing the IVHS logo.

For more information or to purchase a new or renew an existing pet license online, visit www.ivhsspc.org/what-we-do/licensing/. In-person pet licensing is also available by appointment by calling IVHS at (909) 623-9777 during its open hours of 8 a.m. to 5 p.m. Monday through Saturday.





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Postal Customer

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.

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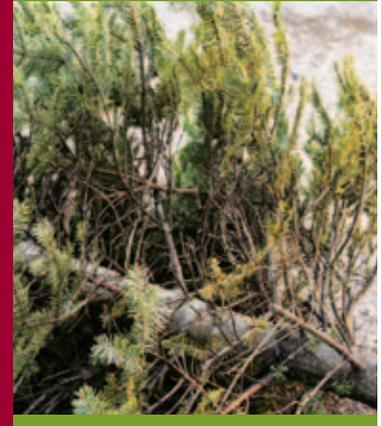
Unless otherwise specified, all telephone numbers listed below are in area code 909.

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
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

Holiday Tree Collection

On regularly scheduled collection days between December 26 and January 9, the City's two contract waste haulers will be collecting natural holiday trees from single-family residences and multi-family complexes, at no additional cost to customers. All tree stands, decorations, lights and tinsel must be removed. Also, trees longer than seven feet in length must be cut in half. For more information, call Waste Management at (800) 266-7551 or Valley Vista at (800) 442-6454.



Winter Street Sweeping



Residents are reminded that street sweeping in December and January happens weekly instead of biweekly to handle the increase in fallen leaves and wind-blown debris. To find out the day of the week and the window of time when your street is scheduled for sweeping, check the No Parking sign in the public right of way of your street or use the City's online mapping tool available at www.diamondbarca.gov/streetsweeping.

December City Meetings & Events

- 1, 15** City Council Meeting via teleconference
- 8, 22** Planning Commission Meeting via teleconference
- 1-31** Street Sweeping
- 24 & 25** Christmas Holiday
City Offices Closed

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