

# Diamond Bar CONNECTION

March 2021

Published Monthly by City of Diamond Bar ■ [DiamondBarCA.gov](http://DiamondBarCA.gov)

## Bunny Box Drive-Thru Event is March 27



*Parents, surprise your children with a fun and memorable drive-through meet-and-greet with the Easter Bunny!*

The event, known as Bunny Box Drive-Thru, will be held Saturday, March 27 from 9 a.m. to noon at the Diamond Bar City Hall parking lot, 21810 Copley Drive. It is open to everyone but recommended for ages 3 to 10.

Families will remain in their vehicles where the Easter Bunny will stop by to say hello, pose for a photograph that will be taken by City staff, and deliver pre-reserved Bunny Boxes packed with spring-themed treats, crafts and activities.

Bunny Boxes are \$10 each for residents and \$15 each for non-residents and must be reserved no later than Monday, March 22 by visiting [www.diamondbarca.gov/recregister](http://www.diamondbarca.gov/recregister) and typing Bunny Box in the search bar. Photos with the Bunny are free and will be emailed to each respective family after the event.

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

## Sign up for the Citizens Academy



Diamond Bar residents interested in gaining a better understanding of local government are encouraged to sign up to participate in the City's inaugural Citizens Academy taking place virtually in May.

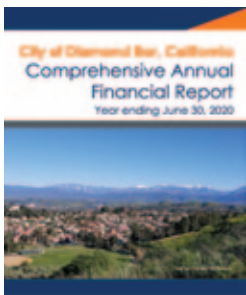
This free, four-part program, open to residents age 16 and older, will be held online through the GoToWebinar platform. It will:

- Cover Diamond Bar's early years and how the City was formed.
- Explain how the City is governed including the roles and responsibilities of the City Council.
- Provide an overview of the various City departments, services and functions.
- Detail how the annual budget is developed, funded and managed.

Participants will meet over four consecutive weeks on Wednesday evenings from 6 to 7 p.m. starting May 5 and continuing May 12, 19 and 26. Time will be allotted for questions and answers.

More details and the registration links are available on the City website at [www.diamondbarca.gov/citizensacademy](http://www.diamondbarca.gov/citizensacademy). Space is limited so early registration is encouraged to reserve a spot.

Questions may be directed to the Public Information Division at (909) 839-7056 or [publicinfo@diamondbarca.gov](mailto:publicinfo@diamondbarca.gov).



## Annual Financial Report

The City's latest Comprehensive Annual Financial Report (CAFR) for the fiscal year that ended June 30, 2020 is available for viewing or downloading on the City website.

Prepared annually by the City's Finance Department and audited by an independent auditor, the CAFR provides comprehensive information about the City's

financial operations for each fiscal year, as well as statistical information that shows the City's overall financial health for the past 10-year period.

The Government Finance Officers Association of the United States and Canada has recognized the City's Finance Department with the Certificate of Achievement for Excellence in Financial Reporting for twenty-five consecutive years.

To learn more and view current and prior copies of the City's CAFR, visit [www.diamondbarca.gov/CAFR](http://www.diamondbarca.gov/CAFR).

## WHAT'S INSIDE

**2** City Birthday Windmill Scavenger Hunt

**3** Hazardous Waste Collection Event

**4** COVID-19 Update

# Strategic Plan Update

The latest quarterly update of the 2021-2024 Diamond Bar Strategic Plan was posted to the City website last month.

Updated every three years, the Plan defines a set of goals, strategies and key initiatives the City will pursue in support of responsible stewardship of public resources; an open, engaged and responsive government, and a safe, sustainable and healthy community. Both the City's annual operating budgets and Capital Improvement Plans are in alignment with this Plan.

To view the latest Plan and quarterly updates, visit [www.diamondbarca.gov/strategicplan](http://www.diamondbarca.gov/strategicplan).



2021-2024  
STRATEGIC PLAN



DiamondBarCa.gov

# Housing Element Update Underway

The City has started the process of updating the Diamond Bar Housing Element for the eight-year planning period that runs from 2021 to 2029.

A component of the General Plan, the Housing Element includes analyses of the community's housing needs, opportunities and constraints, as well as policies and programs to facilitate the construction, rehabilitation, and preservation of housing for current and future Diamond Bar residents of all income levels.

Regular Housing Element Updates are required by State law to ensure local governments comply with

any changes in State housing laws, consider changes in demographics, and demonstrate an ability to meet future housing needs. Having an updated and State-approved Housing Element also allows the City to remain eligible to compete for state grants and other funding programs.

To learn more about the Housing Element and to sign up for email or text notifications of upcoming meetings, workshops and other opportunities to provide input, visit [www.diamondbarca.gov/housingelement](http://www.diamondbarca.gov/housingelement).



# 32<sup>ND</sup> BIRTHDAY

SPRIT OF DIAMOND BAR 2021

## Windmill Scavenger Hunt

**April 18, 2021 marks 32 years of cityhood for Diamond Bar, and the City is celebrating with a fun month-long scavenger hunt that the whole family can participate in!**

The hunt for "windmill decals" will take place at various city parks, trails and facilities. There is no cost to participate but registration is required in order to receive a prize for completing the scavenger hunt.

For more information, visit [www.diamondbarca.gov/specialevents](http://www.diamondbarca.gov/specialevents) or call (909) 839-7070. To register, visit [www.diamondbarca.gov/recregister](http://www.diamondbarca.gov/recregister) and use Activity Code 1803 1.

## Tres Hermanos Conservation Authority Meeting Location Change

As part of the Tres Hermanos Conservation Authority's biannual rotation of its administrative duties, the City has taken over responsibility for hosting the monthly regular meetings of the Board of Directors meetings for the entirety of 2021 and 2022.

The Tres Hermanos Conservation Authority is a joint powers authority formed in 2019 by the Cities of Chino Hills, Diamond Bar, and Industry to work cooperatively to protect, conserve, and maintain the 2,445 acres of undeveloped open space located along the eastern edge of the city between Diamond Bar and Chino Hills.

There are seven seats on the Authority Board that are filled by two Diamond Bar Council Members, two Chino Hills Council Members and three City of Industry Council Members. Administrative duties are shared and rotated among member agencies every two years.

All regular Authority Board meetings are open to the public, and held the third Wednesday of each month at 6 p.m. at Diamond Bar City Hall. However, in accordance with the Governor's Executive Order, meetings are currently being held virtually with remote participation available online or by phone.

For more information on the Tres Hermanos Ranchos or to sign up to be notified by email or text when meeting agendas are posted online, visit <https://www.diamondbarca.gov/treshermanos>.

# Drive-Through Household Hazardous Waste Collection Event

**If you have any unwanted leftover hazardous household products, you can dispose of them properly by taking them to the next L.A. HHW/E-Waste Collection Event.**

The event is scheduled to take place Saturday, March 13, from 9 a.m. to 3 p.m. at the 1300 block of Bridge Gate Drive in Diamond Bar (near the entrance to the Kaiser Permanente Medical Offices).

Products categorized as "household hazardous waste (HHW)" contain corrosive, toxic, flammable, or reactive ingredients. These include products for cleaning, painting, beautifying, lubricating and disinfecting the house, yard, workshop and garage.

To prepare for the event, place all HHW in boxes or containers you no longer want or need in your car trunk or truck bed away from passengers. At the event, remain in your vehicle with the windows up and your face covering on at all times. Event personnel will remove the HHW from your trunk. Participants will be served on a first-come, first-served basis.

Because of the constantly evolving COVID-19 pandemic and the regularly changing guidance from state and county health officials, collection events may be canceled or rescheduled. If you are planning on attending, be sure to confirm the day before that the event is still being held by visiting [www.CleanLA.com](http://www.CleanLA.com) or calling 888-CleanLA (888) 253-2652.

# Free Leak Detection Workshop



**Ten percent of homes have leaks that waste 90 gallons of water or more per day and add approximately 10 percent to a household's water bill, according to the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency.**

To help residents find and fix leaks, the Walnut Valley Water District is holding a live leak detection workshop virtually over Zoom on Tuesday, March 16 at 6 p.m. Workshop participants will learn how to investigate, isolate, and fix leaks in and around the home, and how to read the water meter.

It is free to participate, but pre-registration is required by visiting [www.leakdetection.eventbrite.com](http://www.leakdetection.eventbrite.com). Also, first time Zoom users are encouraged log on to the webinar a few minutes early to make complete first-time setup and test video and audio.

Any questions may be directed to the Water District by calling (909) 595-7554 or emailing [cservice@wwwd.com](mailto:cservice@wwwd.com).

## Free Tax Return Preparation

Because of the COVID-19 pandemic, in-person tax preparation assistance is not being offered this tax season at the Diamond Bar Center. However, qualifying individuals can still get free help preparing and filing their basic federal and state tax returns through one of two Internal Revenue Service (IRS) programs.

The Volunteer Income Tax Assistance (VITA) is for individuals who earn \$5,000 or less, people with disabilities and limited English-speaking taxpayers while the Tax Counseling for the Elderly (TCE) program, which specializes in pension and retirement-related matters, is designed for individuals age 60 or older. Both programs are available through early to mid-April.

In keeping with health and safety guidelines, most VITA and TCE programs are using a virtual tax preparation model where taxpayers either drop off or upload their tax documents to a secure web portal.

Appointments are required for both tax preparation programs, and allocated on a first-call, first-served basis. For more information, visit [www.irs.gov/vita](http://www.irs.gov/vita) or call (800) 906-9887.

## Change Your Clocks, Change Your Batteries



Daylight Saving Time begins at 2 a.m. on Sunday, March 14. In addition to setting clocks forward one hour the night before, it is good practice to also check all smoke alarms and carbon monoxide detectors and change any batteries that need replacing.

**According to the National Fire Protection Association (NFPA), working smoke alarms decrease the risk of dying in reported home fires by nearly half.** In half of reported home fires in which smoke alarms were present but did not operate, the batteries had been removed or the alarm was disconnected due to dead battery alerts or nuisance alarms.

For more information on smoke alarms and carbon monoxide safety, visit the <http://www.nfpa.org/smokealarms>.

## Great Read Away Program for Library Fines

Children and youth who have an L.A. County Library card with fines are encouraged to participate in the Great Read Away program.

Created and run by the County Library system, the program allows cardholders age 21 and younger to eliminate library overdue fees, lost and damaged material replacement fees, and library card replacement fees by reading. Every hour of reading forgives \$5 in fines.

For more information or to sign up, visit <http://lacountylibrary.org/readaway/>.





City of Diamond Bar  
 21810 Copley Drive ■ Diamond Bar, CA 91765-4178  
 (909) 839-7000 ■ (909) 861-3117 Fax  
[www.DiamondBarCA.gov](http://www.DiamondBarCA.gov) ■ [PublicInfo@DiamondBarCA.gov](mailto:PublicInfo@DiamondBarCA.gov)

Presorted Standard  
 U.S. Postage  
**PAID**  
 Permit #3339  
 Chino, CA

Elected Officials

Mayor .....Nancy A. Lyons  
 Mayor Pro Tem..... Ruth M. Low  
 Council Member ..... Andrew Chou  
 Council Member ..... Stan Liu  
 Council Member ..... Steve Tye  
 City Manager ..... Dan Fox

\*\*\*\*\*ECRWSEDDM\*\*\*\*\*

Postal Customer

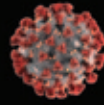
This newsletter is published and mailed monthly to all residences and businesses in Diamond Bar. Please call (909) 839-7056 to report any typographical errors or inaccuracies.

## Find it Fast Phone Directory

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

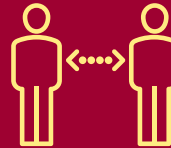
<b>City Services:</b>	839-7000
City Council	839-7010
Building & Safety	839-7020
Business Licenses	839-7030
City Clerk's Office	839-7010
City Manager's Office	839-7010
Community Development	839-7030
Facility Reservations	839-7070
Finance	839-7050
Human Resources	839-7018
Neighborhood Improvement	839-7030
Planning	839-7030
Public Works/Engineering	839-7040
Public Works/Maintenance	839-7060
Recreation	839-7070
Senior Services	839-7068
Transit Information	839-7045
<b>Public Safety:</b>	
Fire (LA County)*	629-9671
Police (LA Co. Sheriff)*	595-2264
<b>24-Hour Hotlines:</b>	
Building Inspection	839-7027
Employment Opportunities	348-8300
Field/Weather	348-8310
Graffiti Removal	800-794-7384

\*For emergencies, call 9-1-1



## COVID-19 Update

As a safety precaution and to help slow the potential spread of the COVID-19 virus, all City facilities including City Hall, the Diamond Bar Center and Heritage Park Community Center remain closed to the public. However, City operations continue, and staff remain available to provide assistance and fulfill requests for service by phone, email and online. Visit [www.diamondbarca.gov/COVID19](http://www.diamondbarca.gov/COVID19) for the latest information on the City's response to the pandemic, including how to connect with City departments, which City facilities are open or closed, and how to access help for seniors and businesses.



### March

### City Meetings & Events

- 2, 18** City Council Meeting starting at 6:30 p.m.
- 9, 23** Planning Commission Meeting starting at 6:30 p.m.
- 11** Traffic and Transportation Commission Meeting, starting at 6:30 p.m.
- 26** Parks and Recreation Commission Meeting, starting at 6:30 p.m.
- 1-5, 15-19, 29-31** Street Sweeping

All meetings will be held virtually unless otherwise indicated. For details, visit the City website at [diamondbarca.gov/calendar](http://diamondbarca.gov/calendar) or call (909) 839-7000