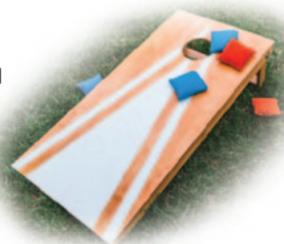


RECREATION CLASSES & EVENTS

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Round Robin Cornhole

If you like playing cornhole and are up for some friendly competition, then you should register to take part in the City's newest recreation offering – Round Robin Cornhole. You can sign up to compete solo or invite a family member or friend to join you and compete together.



This single-event competition follows a round-robin style format and takes place from 9 a.m. to noon in the grass area of Larkstone Park, located at 20668 Larkstone Drive. There are sessions for specific age groups on different days: youth ages 6 to 12 play on July 10, teens ages 13 to 17 play on July 24, and adults age 18 and older play on August 14.

The registration fee of \$20 for residents and \$25 for non-residents includes a personal set of bean bags. Masking, physical distancing and other safety protocols will be in place in accordance with the latest public health order.

Space is limited. To register, visit www.diamondbarca.gov/recregister and search for "cornhole".

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

Summer Day Camp Returns

Exciting activities and fun experiences await children participating in the City's 2021 Summer Day Camp!

The popular program for children ages 6-12 will operate on a weekly basis from June 7 through August 13 in a modified, in-person format with health and safety guidelines in place. Campers will meet from 8 a.m. to 5 p.m. Monday through Friday at the Diamond Bar Center and take part in fun activities, games, and sports.

Children can be signed up for any number of weekly camps. The cost is \$175 per week, per camper with the exception of the fifth week, July 6-9, which is only four days because of the Fourth of July holiday. An additional \$5 fee per weekly camp is added for non-residents.

Camp spaces are limited and filled on a first-come, first-serve basis. Early registration is encouraged to secure a spot in the preferred weekly camp(s). Registering for additional camp weeks can be done at any time as long as spaces are available.

For more information including a copy of the Summer Day Camp packet, visit www.diamondbarca.gov/daycamp or call the City's Parks and Recreation Department at (909) 839-7070. To register, visit www.diamondbarca.gov/recregister and search for "day camp".

SENIORS

Monthly Drive-Thru Events for Seniors

Every month, residents age 55 and older have the opportunity to meet or reconnect with City staff during themed events that adhere to physical distancing requirements and other public health guidelines. The following three events take place from noon to 2 p.m. at the Diamond Bar Center parking lot, located at 1600 Grand Avenue. Registration is required.

For more information or to register, visit www.diamondbarca.gov/recregister and search for the events using the provided Activity Numbers (AC). Individuals without internet access may register by calling (909) 839-7070.

Picnic Lunch on the Go

Includes a healthy catered boxed lunch and activity to do in the park or in your own backyard!

Cost: \$10
AC 1651 1 4/9 F Pick-up Only

¡Olé! Older Americans Appreciation & Cinco de Mayo Giveaway

Get a bag filled with items to stay healthy and entertained.

Cost: Free
AC 1655 1 5/5 W Pick-up Only
AC 1656 1 5/5 W Delivery

Summer Ice Cream Social Distancing

Includes a catered boxed lunch and ice cream treat.

Cost: \$10
AC 1652 1 6/11 F Pick-up Only

Chair-Based Exercise Video available

Three minutes, a chair, water bottle and resistance band are all you need to follow along to the latest senior exercise video available as part of the City's Virtual Recreation Center. The video, Senior Exercises at Home, is available at www.diamondbarca.gov/virtualrec under the section titled "Resources for Older Adults". In this video, Recreation Specialist Cloris Vargas demonstrates a series of simple yet effective exercises that can help with building strength, improving mobility and combating aches and pains.

AARP Smart Driver Course

The popular driving refresher course offered by AARP is now available online.

Designed specifically for drivers age 50 and older, the AARP Smart Driver online course covers current rules of the road and provides tips on how to make driving adjustments for common age-related changes in vision, hearing and reaction time. In addition to improving their driving skills and gaining awareness of defensive driving techniques, drivers who complete the course may be eligible for a multi-year discount on their auto insurance. AARP membership is not required to take the course. For more details or to register, visit <https://www.aarp.org/auto/driver-safety/>. Use the discount code DRIVE for 25 percent off the registration fee.

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Find it Fast Phone Directory

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 Rentals	839-7065
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
Senior Hotline	348-8320

*For emergencies, call 9-1-1

Virtual Recreation Center

From fun and easy crafts that can be made from objects found at home to quick and healthy snacks that only require a few ingredients, the City's Virtual Recreation Center is packed with pre-recorded "how to" videos that are great activities that you can do alone or with family. Additional programming available through the online recreation center includes follow-along exercise routines, class previews, and storytimes for preschoolers and school-age children. Take a moment to check out all the available programming at www.diamondbarca.gov/virtualrec.

Diamond Bar Center Reservations

In keeping with the latest public health order, the Diamond Bar Center remains closed to the public. However, City staff is currently accepting tentative reservations for events scheduled to take place this summer through April 2023.

Events at the Center will resume once the County moves to a less restrictive tier under the state's COVID-19 Blueprint for a Safer Economy reopening plan.

Individuals interested in touring the Center or looking for additional reservation-related information, including dates available and price quotes should send an email to rentals@diamondbarca.gov or call (909) 839-7065.

April City Meetings & Events

- 6, 20** City Council Meeting via teleconference starting at 6:30 p.m.
- 13, 27** Planning Commission Meeting via teleconference starting at 6:30 p.m.
- 26, 27** Thanksgiving Holiday – City Offices Closed
- 1-2, 12-16, 26-30** Street Sweeping

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

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



Diamond Bar CONNECTION

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Paper Shredding Event

Residents looking to safely and securely dispose of confidential or sensitive documents are encouraged to take advantage of a free drive-through, on-site paper-shredding event the City is hosting next month.

The event is scheduled to take place from 9 a.m. to 1 p.m. on Saturday, May 8 in the South Coast Air Quality Management District parking lot located at 21865 Copley Drive.

Online pre-registration is required by visiting www.diamondbarca.gov/recregister. Use keyword "shredding" to quickly locate the event. Residents have access to early registration April 1-15, after which it will open to everyone and close after 200 signups are received.

To prepare for the event, make sure documents are not in binders or sheet protectors, or fastened with rubber bands or binder clips. Staples and paperclips are OK. Place documents in banker-size boxes or bags (maximum two per household) in the trunk or rear of vehicle.

When arriving on site, remain in the vehicle and make sure everyone is wearing a face mask. Follow staff directions to proceed to the designated paper shredding location where the boxed or bagged documents will be retrieved and shredded while you wait.

For questions or help with registration, contact the City's Environmental Services Division at green@diamondbarca.gov or (909) 839-7015.



32ND BIRTHDAY Windmill Hunt

In celebration of Diamond Bar's 32nd birthday, the City is hosting a fun scavenger hunt that residents can complete at their own pace, any time between April 1 and April 30. Registration is required.

This do-at-your-own-pace activity, which can be done alone or with household members, is the perfect opportunity to discover (or rediscover) some of the top amenities, special aspects, and points of interest found at several community parks and trails. To successfully complete the scavenger hunt, participants must find at least four of the 10 windmill signs that will be placed at various locations, including trailheads, playgrounds, picnic areas, fields and courts.

Everyone who registers and completes the activity will win a prize pack that includes a commemorative birthday pin and City logo-branded reusable face mask.

More details, including the registration link, list of hunt sign locations, and instructions on how to participate, are available on the City website at www.diamondbarca.gov/specialevents.

City Hall Services Available Online, By Phone

City Hall offices remain closed to the public until further notice in accordance with the latest public health order. However, maintenance, upkeep, and improvement of city streets, roads, parks and facilities, and public safety services continue to be provided. Also, residents can conduct most City business online, by phone or email during the regular business hours of 7:30 a.m. to 5:30 p.m. Monday through Thursday and 7:30 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. Friday. For detailed information on the City's response to the pandemic and the temporary changes to City operations and service delivery, as well as contact information for each City department, visit www.diamondbarca.gov/covid19.



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Catalytic Converter Theft and Prevention

Theft of catalytic converters from vehicles is not a new crime but it has been on the rise since the end of 2019.

Catalytic converters, which have been installed on new cars since 1975 as required

by law in an effort to reduce vehicle emissions and improve air quality, are targeted by thieves because they contain precious metals, such as platinum, palladium and rhodium.

Because the part is underneath the vehicle, it can take as little as a couple of minutes for a thief to remove the catalytic converter from the exhaust system using

a wrench or battery-powered saw.

A sign of a missing catalytic converter is a loud sound when the engine is started and an even louder sound when it is accelerated. It can cost between a few hundred and several thousand dollars to replace a catalytic converter, depending on the make and year of the vehicle.

To prevent catalytic converter theft, the Walnut/Diamond Bar Sheriff's Station recommends taking the following measures:

- At home, park your car preferably inside the garage. If you park in your driveway, install lights with motion sensors.
- In parking lots, park in well-lit areas and close to building entrances where it is visible to passersby.
- Calibrate your car's alarm to set off when it detects vibration.

Additionally, the Sheriff's Station reminds everyone to always be observant of their surroundings and to immediately report any suspicious activity by calling (909) 595-2264 or 9-1-1 if a crime is in progress.

For more information and tips to reduce your chances of becoming a victim of catalytic converter theft, check out a brief video available on the City's YouTube channel at www.youtube.com/cityofdiamondbar.

Online Graywater Workshop

Walnut Valley Water District is hosting a free online two-part workshop on April 10 and 17 at 11 a.m. for residents interested in learning how to design and install a graywater reuse system.

Graywater systems capture and divert water from washing machines, showers, bathtubs and sinks (excluding the kitchen sink) for use in garden irrigation. They vary in complexity from the "laundry to landscape" version which only involves the washing machine to the "branched drain" which expands to tubs, showers and sinks.

Washing machine systems do not require a permit as long as California Plumbing Code requirements are met. However, branched drain systems usually alter the existing plumbing and therefore require permits and inspections.

Separate registration is required for each part of the workshop. The first part of the workshop, taking place April 10, will provide an overview of graywater systems – register at www.greywater101.eventbrite.com. The second part will focus on the permit-free laundry-to-landscape option – register at www.laundry2landscape.eventbrite.com.

For more information or help with registration, contact the Water District at (909) 595-7554.

Annual Brush Inspections Start May 1

Los Angeles County Fire Department is set to begin its annual brush clearance inspections in wildfire-prone areas in Diamond Bar on or around May 1.

The purpose of these inspections is to identify properties with overgrown weeds or other hazardous vegetation which may pose a fire hazard.

Owners of properties where potential fire hazards exist will receive a notice with information on the type and amount of clearance required. Individuals will have 30 days to bring their properties into compliance. They can do the work themselves or hire a private contractor.

California law requires 100 feet of defensible space around homes and structures, which involves removing all flammable brush, grass and weeds within 30 feet of any structure on a property and reducing all flammable vegetation an additional 70 feet for a total of 100 feet (200 feet in high hazard areas).

Failure to get a property in a fire-safe condition will result in the County Agricultural Commissioner/Weights & Measures Department (ACWM) performing the necessary weed and brush abatement and charging the property owner for the cost.

Information on creating defensible space, retrofitting properties with fire-resistant materials, and preparing to safely evacuate ahead of a wildfire is part of a Ready! Set! Go! brochure prepared by the County Fire Department and available online at <http://fire.lacounty.gov/rsg/>. Also on this web page in the resources section is a link to information on Brush Clearance Inspections that includes a list of private vendors that provide brush clearance services in the area.

Intersection Improvement Project Underway

Construction activity is currently underway at the intersection of Golden Springs Drive and Grand Avenue.

The work, which is part of the second phase of the major, multi-million dollar SR-57/SR-60 Confluence Project, is aimed at making the intersection more efficient, accessible and attractive to all travelers, particularly pedestrians.

Once complete, the upgraded intersection will feature several pedestrian safety elements and amenities such as widened sidewalks, crosswalk signals with audible push buttons as well as decorative streetlight poles, colored pavers, trees and other streetscape features.

The construction period is expected to run through mid to late 2023, and will require intermittent lane closures and shifts. However, the plan is to ensure at least one lane of traffic in each direction remains open for the duration of the project. Digital signs are located near the project zone to alert traffic to upcoming lane closures and shifts.

Project progress and updates are available on the City website at www.diamondbarca.gov/constructionprojects, and important construction notifications will be shared on Facebook CityofDiamondBarCA and on Twitter @diamondbarcity.

Free Gardening Webinars

Looking to try your hand at composting or growing organic herbs and vegetables? The County of Los Angeles offers four different webinars designed for both beginner and experienced gardeners.

The webinars, which take place on Zoom on different days of the week and times of the day, teach participants how to create rich soil amendment with backyard and worm composting, how to convert water-thirsty front or backyards into a colorful drought-tolerant garden, how to grow herbs and vegetables and keep them pest- and-disease free without using chemicals, and how to use containers and small spaces to plant an assortment of ornamental plants, vegetables and fruits.

Each webinar is approximately 45 minutes of presentation followed by 15 minutes of questions and answers. For more information or to register, visit www.smartgardening.com.

COVID-19 Vaccine Distribution

The State is currently allowing COVID-19 vaccinations for anyone 65 years and older, individuals age 16 to 64 with severe health conditions, as well as those at risk of exposure at work in the education, childcare, emergency services, and food and agriculture sectors.

For the next rounds of vaccine allocations, the State announced in February that it will shift to age-based eligibility rather than workers in sectors considered high-risk.

However, vaccination deployment is handled at the local level by public health jurisdictions and remains dependent on the vaccine supply. This means that in the county of Los Angeles, the most populous county in the nation, many aspects of the vaccination procedure from processing appointments to administering the vaccine has proved challenging.

It is anticipated that over the next couple of months, the COVID-19 vaccine supply will increase and become more predictable and reliable that will enable a much smoother vaccination process.

The County encourages residents to visit www.vaccinateLACounty.com to learn more about the vaccine rollout, and sign up for its COVID-19 vaccine email newsletter. Vaccine eligible residents can also make an appointment through this website, or they can call (833) 540-0473 between 8 a.m. and 8:30 p.m.

Sign Up for Vaccine Notifications

The State expects that there will be enough supplies to vaccinate most Californians by this summer, and has an online platform – MyTurn (<http://myturn.ca.gov>) that allows individuals to register to receive a notification via email or text when they are eligible for the COVID-19 vaccine.

Once eligible to receive the vaccine, the website will also allow people to schedule their appointment. Individuals without internet access can call the State's COVID-19 Information Line at (833) 422-4255 for help with scheduling their appointments.

Residents Invited to Enter Photo Contest

After a one-year hiatus, the City's popular Through My Lens Photo Contest is back for its 13th year! This is your chance to share one or two of your favorite photographs depicting candid moments with family or pets or showcasing wildlife, landscapes or other nature aspects within Diamond Bar.

Entries will be accepted starting April 18 and must be received by August 31.

First held in 2008, Through My Lens is co-sponsored by the Diamond Bar Community Foundation, and open to Diamond Bar residents of all ages and skill levels. It is aimed at celebrating the places and things that make Diamond Bar a great place to live and the talented photographers who capture them so skillfully.

Participation is free and open to Diamond Bar residents of all ages. There are two divisions – youth (age 17 and younger) and adult (age 18 and older) and five categories – people, pets, places, nature and digitally-altered. Each photographer may enter a maximum of two photos.

Entries, which must be high-resolution digital photos, can be emailed to photocontest@diamondbarca.gov or mailed on a CD or DVD to Diamond Bar City Hall, Attn: Public Information Division – Photo Contest, 21810 Copley Drive, Diamond Bar, CA 91765.

Winners will be chosen before the end of the year, with certificates of recognition and cash prizes awarded to first (winner) and second place (honorable mention) images in each category. Also, an overall grand-prize winner will be chosen from the five category winners.

For additional details, official contest rules and the entry form, visit www.diamondbarca.gov/photocontest.

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

RECREATION

NEWS AND CLASSES

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Recreation Classes Available Online & In-Person

The City offers year-round recreational programming for all ages and interests, and currently classes are being offered in both online and in-person formats.

Online classes include Young Rembrandts Art, Cooking Round the World, Cookie Art with Royal Icing, Kidz Love Soccer, and Game Development, while in-person options include Family Fit Time, Kajukenbo Karate, Multi-Sport, and small-group tennis lessons.

There are health and safety protocols in place for all in-person activities, including an outdoor setting, limited class sizes, physical distancing, use of face coverings, and cleaning and disinfecting of high-touch surfaces.

To view the full listing of recreation offerings and to register, visit www.diamondbarca.gov/recregister. For help with registration or more information about protocols in place, contact the City's Parks and Recreation Department at (909) 839-7070 or recreation@diamondbarca.gov.

New Family Fitness Class

If you want to learn how to live a healthier lifestyle and either start (or restart) a habit of exercising regularly while strengthening family bonds, a new class is available through the City's Parks and Recreation Department could be just what you need.

Family Fit Time is a four-week movement-based class where families learn and practice fun and simple agility and strengthening exercises and explore healthier food choices and activities that support heart health.

Led by long-time instructor, dancer, and choreographer Sheri Liebe, Family Fit Time takes place every Wednesday from April 14 to May 5 in the Pantera Park ball field, and is available during three different time slots: 4-5 p.m., 5-6 p.m., and 6-7 p.m.

The registration cost of \$85 for residents and \$90 for non-residents is good for groups of up to four individuals, ages 2 and older. Spaces are limited.

For more details or to register, visit www.diamondbarca.gov/recregister and enter "fit time" into the search bar.

Kinder Skills Workshop

Registration is now open for the summer 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 such as the alphabet, colors, shapes, numbers, and basic math. Beyond academic skills, participants will also take part in a variety of art projects and story time. A link to the online classroom as well as activity sheets will be emailed to parents in advance.

The upcoming six-week session will be held online from May 17 to June 24 with participants meeting for an hour twice a week, either Monday and Wednesday or Tuesday and Thursday. The participation fee is \$55-60 for residents and \$60-65 for non-residents.

For more details or to register, visit www.diamondbarca.gov/recregister and type Kinder Skills Workshop in the search bar. For help, call the Parks and Recreation Department at (909) 839-7062.

STAR WARS DAY CHALLENGE

Whether you side with the Jedi or the Sith, you are invited to show off your Star Wars pride by joining the City's May the 4th Star Wars Day Challenge!

To join in the challenge, simply snap a photo of how you celebrate May the Fourth and send it, along with a completed entry form, to recreation@diamondbarca.gov between May 1 and May 4.

The photo can be of yourself in costume, or taking part in anything with a Star Wars theme – making a craft, cooking a dish or preparing a snack, building a Lego scene, or any number of activities. The top entry will be featured on the City's social media pages, and the entrant will receive a Star Wars-themed prize.

Full details and the entry form are available at www.diamondbarca.gov/specialevents or by contacting the Parks and Recreation Department at recreation@diamondbarca.gov or calling (909) 839-7070.