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2025: A Year of Growth

Diamond Bar Mayor Chia Yu Teng



Happy New Year, Diamond Bar! Wishing you and your family a year filled with good health, happiness, growth, and positive transformation!

I am truly honored to share that my City Council colleagues have selected me to serve as your Mayor for 2025. I look forward to the endless opportunities to work

closely with residents, local businesses, and the City Council. Collectively, we can make Diamond Bar an even better place to live, work, and play.

As we enter 2025, I will continue to focus on a shared goal of the entire City Council - increasing community engagement. As your Mayor, I am committed to listening to your concerns and ideas, all while tackling the challenges ahead and building on past successes

to enhance our neighborhoods, improve local services, and foster a vibrant community spirit.

With that, I am excited to announce the third installment of the City Government Explained series that began earlier this month. Launched in 2023, this series was designed to help residents better understand how City government works and learn why cities, out of all levels of government, have the most direct impact on residents' day-to-day lives. The series consists of eight monthly presentations covering a different topic on the second Wednesday of every month, except for May, June, July, and December.

On Wednesday, Jan. 8, the series kicked off with the first presentation - The Workings of City Government. Attendees learned about Diamond Bar's organizational structure, services and programs, and how to make service requests. Registration to the series is free and open to Diamond Bar residents aged 13 and older. Register today for any of the upcoming presentations by calling or texting the City's Community Relations Division at 909-839-7019 or by email at publicinfo@diamondbarca.gov. To learn more, visit www.diamondbarca.gov/citygovexp.

Remember, you are the eyes of our community, and the City Council values your feedback, concerns, and questions. Please feel free to reach out to me or any other council member by calling 909-839-7010 or using the links to our email addresses available on the City Council Member web pages of the City's website. ■




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Being Prepared to Evacuate in an Emergency

Catastrophic fires have hit California hard this year. Hillside communities in Los Angeles County are under continuous threat of devastating wildfires. As this risk increases, it is important to protect yourself and your family by planning, preparing, and staying aware.

The "Ready, Set, Go!" program is designed to walk you through the steps to be prepared in the case of an approaching wildfire.

GET READY:

Being "Ready" for wildfire starts with maintaining an adequate defensible space around your home. By following the Fire Department's brush clearance requirements, you are creating an area around your home that is free of vegetation. This is what is called 'defensible space' and it allows the fire department to place firefighters between your home and the approaching flames. Without this space, the fire will quickly spread through the brush/vegetation to your home and there is little that can be done to defend it.

In addition to brush clearance, you can 'harden your home' by using fire-resistant building materials. Flying embers from a wildfire can destroy homes up to a mile away.

GET SET:

You need to prepare yourself and your home for the possibility of evacuation BEFORE the need arrives. The four elements to getting "Set" include:

1. Create a Wildfire Action Plan that includes evacuation planning for your home, family and pets.
2. Assemble an Emergency Supply Kit for each person in your household.
3. Fill out a Family Communication Plan that includes important evacuation and contact information.
4. Stay informed by following local media and alerts sent out via text and social media.

GO!

If there is an active wildfire in your area, you need to be prepared before it's time to Go!

If time allows, you should review your Wildfire Action Plan and complete the Pre-Evacuation Preparation Steps. Load your emer-

gency supply kit and your evacuation bags (including any pet kits) into your vehicle and park so it is facing the road for a quick exit.

It is not necessary to wait for the authorities to issue an evacuation order. If you feel threatened, then evacuate early. It is always the safest option.

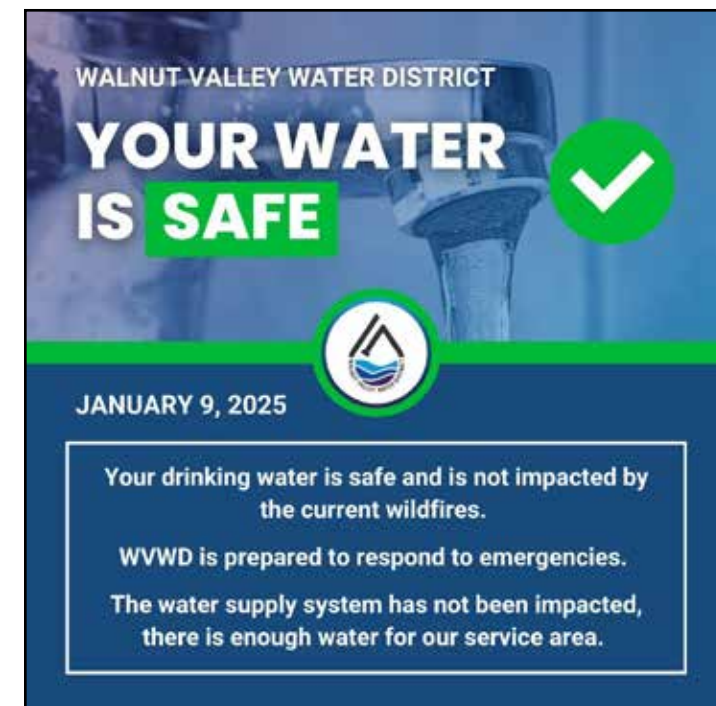
When an evacuation order is issued, there is no time to waste. Ensure your bags and kit are in your vehicle, locate and load your pets, wear clothing that will protect you against heat and flying embers and GO!

Think Clearly!

Leaving your home when a wildfire is approaching is a difficult and emotional decision. Many people believe that by staying behind, you have a better chance of saving your home. However, wildfire history makes it clear that while the "stay and defend" concept may sound reasonable on paper; in reality, it is extremely dangerous.

People decide to stay BEFORE the fire front arrives. When the full force of the wildfire is upon them, many people change their minds (or panic) and decide to leave. By this time, it's too late. Many wildland fatalities around the world are the result of people scrambling to leave their homes when it's already too late.

It's up to you to be prepared in the event of a wildfire. Learn, adopt, and practice "Ready, Set, Go!" ■



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JANUARY 9, 2025

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Diamond Bar Family Spotlight: The James Family

Diamond Bar, nestled amidst the mountains and wildlife, is home to over 50,000 residents, including my family, the James family of 4. I'm Lauren James, a proud community member, mother, wife, PTO President, and Board President-Elect of the Regional Chamber SGV. My family and I have called Diamond Bar home for over 13 years, and I'm grateful every day that we made the choice to settle here.

We are fortunate to live in a community with breathtaking views, scenic hiking trails, safe neighborhoods, and a rich variety of authentic restaurants, representing Asian, Hispanic, Indian, and Filipino cuisines. The schools here are among the best in the state and our home values continue to rise, reflecting the unique and pristine qualities that make Diamond Bar such a desirable place to raise a family.

Simply put, we're lucky.

Lucky to take family hikes and end the day with my seven-year-old son playing at the park. Lucky to have our daughter surrounded by talented, dedicated teachers—from Pantera Elementary to Lorbeer MS to DBHS—whose commitment has shaped her into the young woman she is today. She is now pursuing a degree at CSUF to become a Physician Assistant, and we are especially grateful to Mrs. Unger, 4th grade teacher at Pantera Elementary, who fostered her curiosity and encouraged exploration beyond the classroom. Your 25+ years of devotion to the Diamond Bar community are truly appreciated.

Lucky to know incredible neighbors and community leaders like Amanda Jahanvash of Red Dragon Karate. During the pandemic, I had the privilege of teaming up with Amanda to support her weekly food distributions, which fed over 150 people in need. She continues to give back, including organizing a Thanksgiving turkey and canned food giveaway. I'm thankful for Amanda and all the volunteers who make Diamond Bar such a strong and supportive community.

Lucky to have responsive and compassionate city representatives like Stan Liu and Andrew Chou. Stan, in particular, has been a tireless advocate for our community. From supporting food distributions with his family during COVID to fundraising for my pilot senior program, his commitment to Diamond Bar is evident. As Mayor, he also prioritized connecting with our youth, speaking at local schools, and engaging with parents at PTO meetings.

Lucky to have local businesses that keep our homes running smoothly. A special thank you to Bryan Heer (AC/Heating), Kenny Daley (plumbing), and Rudy with ElecTech (home electricity)—each of them has been indispensable to our family and our home.

Lucky to partner with community businesses that promote health and wellness. I work closely with Sri of Fill Good Landscaping to educate Diamond Bar's youth about different types of plants and how to grow their own food. Together, we're building a healthier future for our community.

Lucky to be part of organizations like the Diamond Bar Community Foundation (DBCF), which supports local initiatives and showcases the positive work happening here. A special shout-out to Jody Roberto, whose dedication to the community is ev-

ident in projects like the Maple Hill Park renovation, ensuring that future generations—like her granddaughter—can enjoy a safer, more welcoming space.

In conclusion, my family and I are incredibly lucky to call Diamond Bar home. I'll never take this privilege for granted. ■



James family at Miss Diamond Bar Scholarship Pageant 2024



James family DBHS photo

Diamond Bar Comes Together for Fire Victims

Diamond Bar's generosity and willingness to help others after the devastating fires that swept through Altadena and Pacific Palisades was a reflection once again of the great community in which we live. Several businesses, community groups and individuals held donation drives for the victims of these tragic fires.

Diamond Bar resident Jennifer Fu joined Asian Women in Business to start a donation drive and partnered with Simon at Fusion 2 Any 1 where residents dropped off donations. "The wildfires in Los Angeles have been surreal. Seeing people lose their homes and all they have worked so hard for in the blink of an eye. Life is unpredictable and these times remind us of what is truly important.

It's during these challenging times we see the good in people and the strength of our community." Jennifer recently shared.

Other businesses and community members who have stepped up during this time include Basil and Co, El Pirata, Margin Café, Re-born Coffee, Curl Fitness, Honest 1 Auto Care, Diamond Bar Fit Body Boot Camp, Diamond Bar Veterinary Clinic, Diamond Bar High School, Nikki Holquin, Heather Diaz and so many more generous community members. ■



HELP FIRE VICTIMS

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Chinese New Year 2025 – The Year of the Snake

By Guest Writer Diamond Bar Councilman Stan Liu

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Chinese
New Year



As we welcome the Year of the Snake in 2025, Diamond Bar's vibrant community comes together again to celebrate the Lunar New Year with joy and cultural pride. Our city's rich traditions shine through the numerous festivities our cherished community organizations plan. The Diamond Bar Evergreen Club, with its 2,500+ members, continues its wonderful tradition



of hosting grand celebrations that bring together residents of all backgrounds.

Their spring festival features traditional performances, including the mesmerizing lion dances, alongside displays of Chinese calligraphy, folk dance, and tai chi demonstrations. The Diamond Bar Chinese American Association (DBCAA) will host their annual Lunar New Year celebration, transforming our community spaces into festive grounds filled with cultural performances, traditional crafts, and delicious food offerings.

These celebrations have become a cornerstone of our community's cultural calendar, drawing hundreds of residents together. Our local schools join in the festivities, creating opportunities for young students to experience and share in the rich cultural traditions.

These school-based celebrations feature student performances, cultural exhibitions, and community gatherings that help pass our traditions to the next generation. As we enter the Year of the Snake, symbolizing wisdom, intuition, and transformation, may our Diamond Bar community continue to grow stronger through our shared celebrations. The Snake's characteristics of intelligence, elegance, and introspection remind us of our community's depth and adaptability. Here's to a year filled with personal growth, renewed perspectives, and prosperity for all Diamond Bar residents! ■



Greetings From The Diamond Bar Community Foundation



DBCF President John Forbing joined DB Mayor and council members for Holiday Windmill Lighting

Winter Gala - February 23

Please join us for The Diamond Bar Community Foundation's Winter Gala on Sunday, February 23 from 5-10pm at the beautiful Diamond Bar Center.

After many years of hosting our Holiday Gala in November, we moved our annual event to February to avoid the busy holiday season. The Winter Gala will be a fun and festive event right here in our own city.

Tickets are \$125 per person and will include delicious plated food, drinks, dinner music provided by Diamond Bar High School Orchestra and dancing to the very popular Soto Band. The Gala is our biggest fundraiser of the year and raises money for

Art, Culture and Recreation for the City of Diamond Bar. Sponsorships are available. Hope to see you at the Gala!

Golf Tournament - May 12

The DBCF annual golf tournament Golfing 'fore' the Kids will take place on Monday, May 12 with a shotgun start at 9am. This is another great way to support the DBCF's mission to support Art, Culture and Recreation in Diamond Bar and have a fun day of golf with friends and neighbors.

Email Tricia.dbcf@gmail.com for more information about the Gala or Golf tournament. ■

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Walking 2-Minutes After Meals Can Help Lower Type 2 Diabetes Risk

A light 2-minute walk after eating can help lower blood sugar and reduce your risk of developing type 2 diabetes. That's according to a new meta-analysis of seven studies from researchers at the University of Limerick in Ireland. The study suggests the best time to walk is within 60 to 90 minutes after eating. This is the window when blood sugar levels typically peak. Researchers said even just a few minutes of light-intensity slow walking was enough to create a noteworthy drop in blood sugar levels for study participants.

Significantly, walking after eating was associated with a more gradual rise and fall in blood sugar levels than sitting or even standing. People with obesity in the study experienced significant results in blood sugar reduction from standing after eating as compared to sitting.

The researchers also suggested that walking for a longer period of time after a meal can provide additional benefits.

With the active engagement of muscles in walking, your muscles will soak up the excess glucose found in the bloodstream. Better blood flow is vital for your muscles,

limbs, and organs, resulting in a healthier vascular system.

The after-dinner walk also releases serotonin, which aids in better sleep, a more regulated appetite, boosts a positive mindset, and increases memory, according to experts.

Additional benefits of walking after eating

Whether you have high blood pressure, diabetes, or you are healthy and athletic, enjoying a short, light-intensity walk post meal promotes an overall improvement in health. These include gut regulation, lymphatic system optimization, circulation flow increase, "happy hormones" release, including dopamine, oxytocin, serotonin, and natural endorphins/pain killers, which lowers stress hormones in the body, increased fat metabolism keeping the heart rate lower, and reduced inflammation.

How to make walking after eating a routine habit

Make the experience more enjoyable with your favorite entertainment. Listen to an audiobook as you walk, watch your favorite

TV series while you are on the treadmill or turn on some upbeat music and walk to the pace of the music - all it takes is 2 or 3 songs. Add meditation. Meditation is a powerful way to engage your parasympathetic nervous system and lower cortisol and stress hormones to maximize sleep. Consider exercise as part of your nightly routine.

Alternatives to walking

You don't always have to walk to meet your activity goals.

There are other ways to exercise at home or at work that will provide benefits, as well. Examples include: dancing during commercials or ads, marching in place while doing the dishes, jumping jacks while you're waiting for water to boil or food to cook, pacing while you're on the phone, setting a reminder to stand up from your desk and stretch for five minutes every hour. When traveling in a car, train, plane, or bus, try shoulder shrugs, bicep curls, squeezing a ball for grip strength, seated marching, ankle circles, and gentle neck/trunk twisting in your seat.

The New Year is a great time to focus on our health and well-being. ■

Healthy Diamond Bar

Each month a new event will feature a variety of physical challenges for all ages, including hiking trails, walking points of interest, or healthy living tips and recipes.

How to Sign Up for Monthly Challenges

Sign up for these upcoming activities using the provided Activity Code (AC) and register at the City's Recreation registration website.

Not yet a member? Sign up at no cost at and get a free T-shirt by calling (909) 839-7070.

Healthy DB Background

Created by the City in 2019, Healthy Diamond Bar is a community well-being initiative aimed at encouraging, facilitating and celebrating healthy habits, civic involvement, volunteerism and unity within the community. Membership in Healthy Diamond Bar is open to all community members, and includes a free t-shirt upon enrollment. To get updates via email messages about new and upcoming activities, contact the Parks and Recreation Department or email recreation@diamondbarca.gov. ■

Black History Month

Black History Month honors and recognizes the contributions of black people in the United States and throughout the world. Below are some historical facts that aren't as well known.

BLACK WALL STREET IN TULSA

Tulsa, Oklahoma, was the home of one of the most affluent African American communities in the early 1900's. The area was dubbed Black Wall Street because it was filled with African American doctors, lawyers, and entrepreneurs, even though Jim Crow was still the law of the land.

THE FIRST BLACK WOMAN RAN FOR PRESIDENT IN 1972

Shirley Chisholm was the first black woman elected to the U.S. Congress. She was the first Black woman member of the Congressional Rules Committee, founding member of the Congressional Black Caucus and the Congressional Women's Caucus. She was also the first Black woman to run for president.

She survived three assassination attempts during her presidential run.

AFRICAN AMERICANS CREATED BRIDGE

One of the few things that survived slavery was card games. Though most of their culture, songs and language were stripped from them, card games of Bid Whist, Bridge, and Spades were born.

THE FIRST SELF-MADE FEMALE MILLIONAIRE WAS A BLACK WOMAN

Madame C.J. Walker developed her hair care business out of her own needs as well as those around her. She opened a manu-

facturing company to develop many of the hair care products that are used today.

HATTIE MCDANIEL WAS FIRST AFRICAN AMERICAN TO WIN AN OSCAR

Gone with the Wind was a hit movie in 1939, thanks in part to the acting skills of Hattie McDaniel. She received an Academy Award for Best Supporting Actress, becoming the first African American to be nominated and win an Oscar.

AFRICAN-AMERICAN PUBLISHED FIRST BOOK OF POETRY IN 1773

Captured and sold into slavery as just a girl, Phillis Wheatley rose above her station to become the first published African American female author.

Despite living most of her life as a slave, she learned to read and write and studied the classic works. She was recognized as a gifted writer and published her first poem when she was only 12 years old.

AFRICAN AMERICAN HELPED MAKE GAMING SYSTEM X-BOX POSSIBLE

Jerry Lawson was a Black man and an engineer during the 1970's. His creativity and technology skills helped him invent the interchangeable video game cartridge. Prior to this, games were hard-wired into the gaming console and could not be changed.

MAE C. JEMISON BECAME THE FIRST AFRICAN-AMERICAN WOMAN IN SPACE

In 1992 Mae C. Jemison was an astronaut, medical doctor and an accomplished dancer who was the first black woman in Space. She brought West African artifacts with

her symbolizing the idea that space belongs to all nations.

JOSEPHINE BAKER SMUGGLED MILITARY SECRETS TO FRENCH OFFICERS DURING WWII

The famed African-American singer expatriated to France after refusing to continue dealing with racism in the United States. During WWII, she risked her life to help her adopted country and the Allied countries by working with the French resistance. She smuggled intelligence to French allies by hiding them in her sheet music and pinning them to the inside of her dresses.

ALL BLACK ARMY REGIMENTS FOUGHT FOR THE US

The term Buffalo Soldiers was given to the all-black regiments in the United States Army as early as 1866. More than 20 of these "Buffalo Soldiers" were awarded the coveted Medal of Honor for their service.

A BLACK MAN INVENTED THE THREE-WAY TRAFFIC SIGNAL

Garrett Morgan was granted a patent in 1923 for a traffic control device which included a third warning signal ("yellow"). Prior devices had only stop and go signals. He invented this device after witnessing a serious accident at an intersection near his home.

THE FIRST AFRICAN AMERICAN WON AN OLYMPIC GOLD MEDAL IN 1908

John Baxter Taylor, the son of former slaves, was the gold medal in the 4×400 meters relay at the 1908 Summer Olympics in London and was first African American man to win an Olympic medal. ■



Pomona Unified School District High School Students Receive Prestigious QuestBridge Scholarship

Diamond Ranch High School and Garey High School are proud to announce that six outstanding students have been selected as recipients of the highly competitive QuestBridge Scholarship. The QuestBridge Scholarship is a prestigious award that supports academically talented, low-income students from all backgrounds across the United States, enabling them to attend top colleges and universities.

This year's recipients from Diamond Ranch High School include Allison Jimenez-Olmedo, Karen Munoz, Khalel Cardona, and Christopher Suryadi. From Garey High School, Isaac Rosas and Aldo Michel-Vergara have also earned this incredible honor. These six students have demonstrated exceptional academic achievement, resilience, and leadership—qualities that have set them apart in this highly competitive scholarship process.

The students will be attending some of the nation's most prestigious institutions, including Boston University, Vanderbilt University, Brown University, Stanford University, and the University of Chicago. "I'm incredibly grateful for this opportunity, and I can't wait to start my college journey," said Allison Jimenez-Olmedo of Diamond Ranch High School. "This scholarship opens doors to a future I never thought possible." Allison, who plans to study Neuroscience at Brown University, also shared advice: "Start early with the college process, knowing what you want to do and your

path. This is important for thinking about majors as well. Talk to your parents and ask about their story. In the QuestBridge and college application process, you have to know your context and your story. It's important to know your parents' story because it helps you understand your own."

Karen Munoz of Diamond Ranch High School, who will attend Stanford University to study Human Biology, offered her advice: "Plan extracurriculars very early, make sure quantities are small but impact is big. Always choose classes you're passionate about. Start college applications early and find a college counselor and good support system."

The QuestBridge Scholarship partners with over 40 of the nation's leading colleges and universities to offer full four-year scholarships, which cover tuition, room and board, and other associated costs. Additionally, the scholarship program includes summer enrichment opportunities, internships, and a network of mentors to ensure students

have the necessary resources to thrive throughout their college experience.

As part of the celebration of their success, students from Garey High School shared additional advice for future students: "Don't be afraid," said Isaac Rosas. "Don't wait for something to happen; go make it happen. Don't be afraid to do something that hasn't been done before." Aldo Michel-Vergara added, "To fu-

ture PUSD students, my advice is to take responsibility for joining programs. Don't wait for others to push you; take the initiative to get involved and take full advantage of the opportunities offered."

"Congratulations to these remarkable students for earning the prestigious QuestBridge Scholarship," said Darren Knowles, Superintendent of Pomona Unified School District. "This is a momentous achievement that reflects their hard work, perseverance, and commitment to academic excellence. We are incredibly proud of all these students and look forward to supporting them every step of the way."

The QuestBridge Scholarship is known for its rigorous selection process and serves as an invaluable resource for students from low-income backgrounds to access higher education opportunities they may not have otherwise had. These six students are now poised to take the next step in their academic journeys, with full support from the QuestBridge network of schools and mentors. ■



STUDENT SUCCESS

CELEBRATING THE SUCCESS OF OVER 443 RECLASSIFIED STUDENTS IN PUSD

This year, over 443 students—from Kindergarten to 12th grade, including 31 dually identified as English Learners and students with disabilities—have achieved English proficiency and been reclassified. Their hard work, perseverance, and commitment to excellence have been key to this monumental milestone in their educational journey.

Each of these students has faced challenges, overcome obstacles, and stayed dedicated to their goals. And today, we celebrate their success. Across all our Pomona Unified School District campuses, we honor the incredible progress they've made.












This achievement is not just a milestone for them—it's a reflection of the core values of our Master Plan for English Learners/Multilingual students. At Pomona Unified, we believe every student deserves the chance to succeed.

We ensure that all students, no matter their background, have equitable opportunities to reach their full potential and excel academically. To all of our students: you've shown the true meaning of dedication. Congratulations on your outstanding achievements!



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Walnut Valley Unified School District Ranks in 2024 Best Schools

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U.S. News & World Report, the global authority in education rankings, has rated WVUSD schools in its 2025 Best Schools Rankings. The report includes more than 79,000 schools that are ranked at the state and district level. This impressive honor included the following:

- Diamond Bar and Walnut High Schools were in the top 5%.
- Chaparral, South Pointe, and Suzanne Middle Schools were in the top 3%.
- All nine elementary schools were among the top 9%.

"We owe this recognition to our students, parents, teachers, community, and staff. Together, we will continue to deliver the type of academic excellence that challenges and empowers our students." Walnut Valley USD stated in a recent posting. ■



Join the Diamond Bar Woman's Club

Over the last several months, members of the Diamond Bar Woman's Club have been refocusing and consolidating our work to concentrate on our local community. By participating in Concerts in the Park, Winter Snow Fest, Regional Chamber of Commerce, BEERFEST, Wine Soiree, Senior Health Day and Veterans Recognition events, we have supported our community and attracted new members to join in our work.

Our successful Casino Night, Bingo and Winter Tea Party have generated funds to provide scholarships, recognize our First Responders, support our Veterans, assist House of Ruth and Heal Women Heal. The positive impact of our work has been recognized by Assemblymember Lisa Calderon and County Supervisor Hilda



Solis who honored the Diamond Bar Woman's Club for leadership in the community and provided funding to support our work.

As we move into the New Year, the Diamond Bar Woman's Club will begin our scholarship application process. We will also be partnering with the Miss Diamond Bar Scholarship Pageant for a pancake breakfast scholarship fundraising event and planning for a spring dinner/dance.

Do you want to be a part of a great organization that gives back to the community? We meet the third Wednesday of each month at 9:30 a.m. at Vita's in the Double Tree Hotel on Temple. You can email us at dbwc.volunteers.com or check out our Club website at www.diamondbarwomensclub.com. It is a great organization to join and we want you! ■





SR 57/60 Confluence Chokepoint Relief Project

CONSTRUCTION UPDATES

As work proceeds on the SR 57/60 Interchange Improvement Project, the San Gabriel Valley Council of Governments is excited to share that there has been significant progress, bringing us closer to fixing the state's worst truck bottleneck, improving safety and reducing traffic congestion. Your continued support fuels our efforts, and we're committed to minimizing impacts during this transformative phase. Stay tuned for more updates from the SGVCOG via this publication, and feel the change as we pave the way to a smoother journey by 2028.



ONGOING CLOSURES



Eastbound SR-60 Diamond Bar Blvd Ramps: Intermittent closures on eastbound SR-60 Diamond Bar Blvd on and off ramps



Eastbound SR-60 Grand Ave Ramps: Intermittent closures on eastbound SR-60 Grand Ave on and off ramps



SR-57/SR-60 Confluence: Intermittent closures on eastbound SR-60 to northbound SR-57 and northbound SR-57 to eastbound SR-60



Golden Springs Drive: One lane is open in each direction. There will be Intermittent full night closures from Adel Avenue to Gateway Center Drive.



UPCOMING! SPRING 2025

**Grand Ave Bridge
55 Hour Closure**



Grand Ave Bridge: Southbound traffic on Grand Ave Bridge will be closed for 55 hours



Eastbound SR-60 Grand Ave off-ramp: EB SR-60 Grand Ave off-ramp will be closed for 55 hours

Regional Chamber of Commerce – San Gabriel Valley Leads Reecoverry Efforts in the Wake of Wildfires

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In response to the devastating wildfires that have ravaged communities in the San Gabriel Valley, the Regional Chamber of Commerce (RCCSGV) has stepped forward with a comprehensive recovery strategy to aid affected residents and businesses. While many organizations focus on invaluable immediate relief, the Chamber is dedicated to long-term redevelopment and resilience, ensuring a sustainable recovery for the region. We appreciate the valiant efforts by our first responders, fire fighters and law enforcement agencies and leadership demonstrated by our officials.

Community Collaboration - Under the leadership of RCCSGV, members of the Emergency Valley Area Chamber Executives (VACE) met to address the wildfire crisis. From this meeting, the Community Benefits Alliance was formed; a coalition of local chambers, government agencies, and nonprofits working together to provide relief and drive redevelopment.

The Alliance's mission is to deliver short-term aid, advocate for equitable resource distribution, and implement sustainable redevelopment strategies. By pooling resources and expertise, the Alliance aims to strengthen the region's ability to recover and thrive in the face of adversity.

Short-Term Emergency Response - In the immediate aftermath of the wildfires, the RCCSGV prioritized delivering essential support to businesses and residents. Key measures include:

- **Financial Support:** Rapid access to grants, loans, and relief programs for affected communities.
- **Operational Aid:** Temporary relocation assistance, business continuity support, and mutual aid networks to share resources such as workspace and staffing.
- **Coordination with Authorities:** Close collaboration with local, state, and federal agencies to streamline relief efforts.

Long-Term Redevelopment Efforts - The Chamber recognizes that rebuilding goes beyond physical structures. Its redevelopment initiatives focus on creating equitable solutions and fostering community resilience. Key objectives include:

- **Infrastructure and Housing:** Advocacy for affordable housing and mixed-use community developments, streamlined permitting and rezoning.
- **Economic Revitalization:** Investment in green rebuilding initiatives, utility restoration, and transportation upgrades to stimulate economic growth.

- **Equity in Resources:** Ensuring smaller cities and underserved communities receive fair assistance.

Building Resilience and Community Spirit - One of the Alliance's main goals is fostering resilience among residents and businesses; Creating a robust disaster preparedness framework and establishing partnerships with nonprofits, educational institutions, and private sector stakeholders. Additionally, a marketing campaign highlighting the region's recovery and cultural richness will attract visitors, boost local businesses, and renew community spirit.

Upcoming sports and community events will serve as milestones in the recovery process, emphasizing the Valley's resilience and renewal.

The Path to Recovery - The RCCSGV's comprehensive recovery plan incorporates six key tactics to address the wildfire crisis:

1. **Listen:** Gathering insights from first responders, authorities, and impacted individuals to shape response strategies.
2. **Respond:** Immediate action to ensure safety, provide shelter, and deliver medical assistance.
3. **Relief:** Addressing basic needs, including housing, clothing, and mental health support.
4. **Restore:** Rebuilding infrastructure, homes, and businesses, while restoring essential services.
5. **Revive:** Long-term efforts to enhance economic resilience and environmental restoration.
6. **Improve:** Empowering citizens with tools and knowledge for community self-sufficiency and sustainability.

A Commitment to Sustainable Recovery - The RCCSGV's leadership during this challenging time has been a beacon of hope for affected communities. Through collaboration, advocacy, and innovative planning, the Chamber is addressing immediate needs while laying the foundation for a brighter, more resilient future.

The formation of the Community Benefits Alliance is a testament to the power of unity in times of crisis. As the region moves forward, the RCCSGV remains steadfast in its mission to rebuild, restore, and revive the San Gabriel Valley.

For more information on how to support the recovery efforts or access available resources, visit the RCCSGV's official website. www.rccsgv.com. ■

Diamond Bar Friends of the Library

Introducing Diamond Bar Friends of the Library 2025/2026 Board and Volunteer and Business of the Year Recognition

An exciting new board was installed on Monday, December 9 at Heritage Park for 2025/2026. The new president is Susan Pantages, Vice President Betty Martinez, Treasurer Ruth Low, Secretary Dana Cox and Parliamentarian Rosette Clipping.

Members were honored as Volunteers of the Year: Dennis Giardina for 2023 and Rosette Clipping for 2024; honored as Business of the Year: Encore Teppan for 2023 and LCM Home Fashions/Lee Moa for 2024. President's Award honorees are Kathleen Newe and Tony Torng for 2023 and Susan Pantages for 2024. The Friends of the Library bookstore volunteers are Sam Moon for 2023 and Yin Ru for 2024. Congratulations to all.

Read Together Diamond Bar 2025 - Four Seasons Quarterly Book Group

Four Seasons Book Group is Diamond Bar Friends of the Library's quarterly book discussion group. It is part of our annual Read Together Diamond Bar program that will be held in the month of April 2025.

Please join us in the Library Windmill Room for our lively discussion of these books. Refreshments will be served. You do not need to have read the book before joining us.

Saturday, January 11, 11am: we will discuss James by Percival Everett.

Saturday, March 8, 2pm: the authors of Women of Walt Disney Imagineering, Kathy Rogers and a few other of the authors of this



book will reflect on their trailblazing theme park careers.

Please join us to hear the lively stories about one of our favorite theme parks.

There are many exciting events planned for April as RTDB 2025 will be in full swing. Here are the books chosen for April 2025:

- Harry's Trees by Jon Cohen (Adult Fiction)
- Fault Lines by Nora Shalaway Carpenter (Young Adult)
- One Day This Tree Will Fall by Leslie Barnard Booth (K thru second grade)
- The Strange Wonder of Roots by Evan Giffith. (Middle Readers)

Author Evan Giffith will be our featured speaker for the close of RTDB 2025 on Saturday, April 26 at 2 pm and will also conduct a Writer's Workshop that morning also in the Windmill Room.

Look soon for more information on Read Together Diamond Bar and the annual Teen Essay contest coming in April.

Happy Reading with the Friends. Please check our website www.dblibraryfriends.org.

SAVE THE DATE

Walnut Valley Rotary Golf Tournament
March 3, 2025 at Western Hills Country Club
9:00am Shotgun Start
\$175 per person
Contact Mack Moore at 909.301.2839 or Walnutvalleyrc@gmail.com ■



Making Spirits Bright Provides Holiday Cheer to Military Families

Making Spirits Bright brought Holiday Joy to Military Families at Camp Pendleton and 29 Palms Marine Base. The Making Spirits Bright team along with Diamond Bar Mayor Dr. Teng handed out Christmas presents to enlisted military families at the ASYMCA 39 Palms. Every year the volunteers spend time with the families who are very appreciative of the gifts the group provides. Some of these families would not have gifts without these generous donations. Holiday Joy was provided through

several donations and Lee Mao's toy drive. Families were very pleased with the great selection of gifts. This year, generous donors also gave bikes and tricycles which went very fast. If anyone would like to participate or learn more about Making Spirits Bright, please contact them on Facebook under Making Spirits Bright supporting military families. ■



Check Out Diamond Bar Events in 2025!

Please send community events you would like to add to jodymroberto@gmail.com

January

29	Happy Chinese New Year 
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March Cont.

17	Happy St. Patricks Day 
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Februrary

14	Happy Valentines Day 
17	Presidents Day 
23	The Diamond Bar Community Foundation Presents A Winter Gala. 5:00pm - 10:00pm at Diamond Bar Center. See page 2 for details and ticket information.

April

1-30	Windmill Hunt! Celebrate Diamond Bar's 36 years of cityhood with a fun month-long scavenger hunt. Visit www.diamondbarca.gov/specialevents for more details.
1	April Fools Day 
12	Happy Passover 
12	Breakfast with Bunny. 9:00am - 11:00am at Diamond Bar Center. Register at www.diamondbarca.gov/recregister
19	Earth Day Celerbation. 9:00am - 2:00pm at AQMD Parking Lot. Visit www.diamondbarca.gov/1137/Earth-Day-Celebration for more info.
20	Happy Easter 
22	Earth Day 
26	Read Together Diamond Bar Book Group meeting. Author Evan Griffith at 2:00pm. See page 19 for details.

March

1	1st Night of Ramadan 
3	Walnut Valley Rotary Golf Tournament at Western Hills Country Club. 9:00am start. See page 19 for details.
5	Ash Wednesday 
8	Read Together Diamond Bar Book Group meeting. Authors of Women of Disney Imagineering. See page 19 for details.
9	Daylight Savings. Spring Forward and don't forget to set your clocks 1 hour ahead.



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Closed 1.7.24 @ \$1,305,000  Phillips Ranch, 31 Los Felis Dr. 4 bedrooms, bonus room, 2.5 baths, 2647 sf., built in 1984, 16338 sf lot. Remodeled kitchen and interior. City lights view, gated RV parking, award winning schools. \$1,350,000	View, Pool/Spa, Half Acre!  Phillips Ranch, 23 Rancho Jurupa Pl. 4 bedrooms, 2.5 baths, bonus room, 2647 sf., built in 1984, 19760 sf cul de sac lot. Newer floors, pool/spa, view, gated RV parking. Award winning schools. \$1,299,800	Pending  Phillips Ranch, 15 Los Coyotes Dr. 4 bedrooms, 3 baths, 2781 sf., blt 1988, 16077 sf cds lot, pool/spa, potential RV parking, view! Nicely maintained, original owner. \$1,224,800	Closed 11.19.24 @ \$1,200,000  W. Chino, 3460 Chino Ave. 4 beds, 3.5 baths, Appx 2750 sf., built 1951, 25600 sf lot. Remodeled throughout, gated driveway, newer pool and spa, room to expand! \$1,199,800
Closed 11.27.24 @ \$1,059,000  Eastvale, 7526 Morning Mist Dr. 4 beds, 3 baths, 2969 sf., Built 2006, 6969 sf lot. Loft, Covered patio, integrated sound, custom upgrades, tandem 3 car grg. Close to schools. \$1,049,800	Walk to Castle Rock Elementary  Diamond Bar, 21339 Hipass Rd. 4 bed 2 bath, 1893 sf., built in 1962, 7493 sf corner lot. Spacious family room, separate living room, remodeling underway, Walnut School District! \$1,100,000	5.1 Acres of Land  Phillips Ranch, 25 Franciscan Pl. Zoned residential. Build one large dream home or 4 homes on a private cul de sac. Stunning Mt. Baldy and city lights views! \$999,000	Closed 1.3.25 @ \$925,000  Phillips Ranch, 3 Westbrook Lane 3 bedrooms, 2.5 baths, 1785 sf., blt 1985, 6399 sf lot. New paint, flooring, kitchen, bathroom updates. Private yard. Walk to schools and the greenbelt. \$925,000
Closed 1.10.25 @ \$890,000  Phillips Ranch, 46 Stagecoach Dr. 3 beds 2 baths, 1558 sf., built in 1980, 9974 sf corner lot. Inground spa, vaulted ceilings, 3 car garage. Possible RV parking, new paint and flooring \$910,000	Closed 1.14.25 @ \$910,000  S. Diamond Bar, 1805 Kiowa Crest Dr. 3 bedrooms, 2 baths, Appx 1990 sf., built 1971, 6869 sf lot. An additional 300 sf appx enclosed patio. Home needs remodeling, Walnut School District! \$939,800	Closed 11.26.24 @ \$868,000  S. Diamond Bar, 20471 Flintgate Dr. 3 bedrooms, 2 bathrooms, 1330 sf., built in 1966, 6516 sf lot. An additional 300 sf appx enclosed patio. Central Air, new paint, vinyl wood look floors. \$882,000	Closed 12.11.24 @ \$955,000  S. Diamond Bar, 2504 Harmony Hill Dr. 3 bed 2 baths, 1300 sf., built 1962, 7808 sf lot. Covered patio, flat lot, large lawn. Walk to Evergreen Elementary. \$880,000
Closed 12.30.24 @ \$800,000  S. Chino Hills, 17655 Hummingbird Lane 3 bedrooms, 2 baths, 1258 sf., built in 1988, 4620 sf lot. Paved driveway and covered patio, inground spa, new windows, former model home. \$799,800	Closed 1.7.25 @ \$810,000  S. Ontario, 1437 E. Merion Ct. 4 beds, 2 baths, 1692 sf., built in 1983, 6070 sf cds lot. New baths and kitchen, central air/heat. Pristine condition. Covered brick patio. Chino Unified School District. \$799,800	Pending Over Full Price  Chino, 12357 Maxon Pl. 3 bedrooms, 2 baths, Appx 1380 sf., built 1952, appx 9439 sf lot. Private setting, gated RV parking, covered patio, koi pond, 3 car garage. \$699,995	Closed 12.27.24 @ \$210,000  Walnut, 3745 Valley Blvd., Space 60 2 beds, 2 baths, 1585 sf., built in 1975, Walnut Hills Community. New floors and paint, space rent appx. \$1400/mo. Award winning schools. Walnut Valley School. \$219,800

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