

Quarte City News

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Holiday Tree Lighting

Tuesday, December 1
6:30 - 8:00 pm (Tree lighting at 8:00 pm)
Duarte Senior Center, 1610 Huntington Dr.
\$6 per person



Join the fun as we light the City's official living Christmas tree. Enjoy musical entertainment, crafts, games, and a visit from Santa! Dine on a delicious traditional tamale dinner and kick off the holidays with the tree lighting!

Duarte Rotary Club's Breakfast with Santa and Santa's Workshop

Saturday, December 5
8:00 - 11:00 am
Duarte Community Center, 1600 Huntington Dr.
\$4 for adults, \$2 for children ages 10 & under

Santa will be there for photos and fun with a delicious breakfast presented by the Duarte Rotary Club. After breakfast, make decorations for your Christmas tree and the holidays. Tickets available at the door.

Santa's Mailbox

November 23 through December 10
Boys and Girls, Ages 10 & younger



Santa's Mailbox will be located in front of the Recreation Department counter in City Hall. Letters may be deposited there Monday – Thursday, 7:30 a.m. – 6:00 p.m. or mailed to 1600 Huntington Drive, Duarte, CA 91010-2592, Attention: Santa Claus.

Please include your address and phone number. All letters will be forwarded to the North Pole and Santa will write back! Call Duarte Recreation Department at 357-7931.

Santa's Hotline

Tuesday, December 15

3:00 - 5:00 pm

Duarte has a direct line to the North Pole! Children can call 626-386-6804 and have a fun conversation with Santa Claus!





Santa at Beardslee and Royal Oaks Parks!

On Thursday, December 10, Santa will visit and hand out candy canes to all children at Beardslee Park from 2:45 – 3:15 pm and at Royal Oaks Park from 3:30 – 4:00 pm

Santa's Holiday Party

**Thursday, December 10
4:00 - 5:30 pm**

**5-12 years, Children under 5 must be accompanied by an adult
Duarte Senior Center, 1610 Huntington Dr.**

Get into the holiday spirit with this enchanting special event. There will be holiday games, special crafts, music, prizes, refreshments, and a visit from Santa Claus himself! RSVP by calling the Parks and Recreation Department at 357-7931. Limited to the first 90 participants. FREE!

Holiday Lights Free Exchange – At Santa's Party, SCE customers can exchange two incandescent holiday light strings for two LED strings at no cost. Longer lasting, energy saving LED holiday lights! Stop by December 10 from 4:00-5:30 pm at Santa's Party to participate. Presented by the SGV Council of Governments.



Recreation Classes

3 Easy Ways to Register

Registration is on a first-come, first-serve basis, and will not be accepted after the second week of class. All fees must be paid in full at the time of registration. **Make Checks payable to:** City of Duarte.

Walk In Begins at 7:30 am on **Monday, December 7.**
Duarte City Hall, 1600 Huntington Drive, Monday through Thursday, 7:30 am–6:00 pm

By Phone Begins **Tuesday, December 8.**
Register by phone with Visa, MasterCard or Discover Cards for purchases over \$25. Call (626) 357-7931.

Mail In Mail registrations to: Duarte Parks and Recreation Department, 1600 Huntington Drive, Duarte, CA 91010-2592. Please include the participant's name, address, daytime telephone number, age, class, time, and class fee.

DO NOT forget to send a self-addressed, stamped envelope if you would like confirmation of your registration. (Registrations received prior to December 7 will be returned.)



Class Locations

BDS	Beardslee School
DHS	Duarte High School
DP	Duarte Park
DGC	Duarte Golf Course
ROP	Royal Oaks Park

Refund Policy: No refunds or transfer of fees unless the class is cancelled by the Department. **Note:** Small children may not remain in adult classes during instruction periods. Parents of children in classes will be allowed to observe the first and last class of the session only. Classes are subject to change.

Youth Classes

Class	Age	Time	Day	Site	Date	Fee
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BALLET: 8-week session. Children will learn pliés, improve flexibility and balance, all while enjoying classical and current music. Instructor is Jovana Tavera.

TT	3-4	9:30-10:00 am	Sat	ROP	1/9	\$30
TT	3-4	10:00-10:30 am	Sat	ROP	1/9	\$30
Jrs.	5+	10:30-11:15 am	Sat	ROP	1/9	\$34

NEW! CIRCUS GYMNASTICS: 8-week session. This class will train kids in a fitness fun environment. Participants will develop techniques in stretching, balancing, handstands, cartwheels, front and back hand springs, and more! Instructor is Alex Fuentes, Trained Acrobat.

Beg.	8-14	11:30-12:30 pm	Sat	ROP	1/9	\$45
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CRAFT TIME: 10-week session. Using a variety of materials, class participants will create festive piñatas, handmade puppets and paper craft projects. Creations can be used to decorate or play with! \$10 supply fee payable to instructor at first class. Instructor is Connie Storey.

Beg.	7-17	4:15-5:15 pm	Mon	DP	1/4	\$40
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CRITICAL READING AND WRITTEN EXPRESSION: 6-week session. This course helps students strengthen their critical reading and writing skills, both of which are essential analytical skills for academic success. Students will bring outside knowledge, biases and values in order to properly analyze a given text. Strategies and tools will be used to improve written expression. \$10 supply fee payable to instructor at first class. Instructor provided by AGI Academy.

Beg.	8-14	4:45-5:30 pm	Fri	DP	1/8	\$69
Beg.	8-14	4:45-5:30 pm	Fri	DP	2/19	\$69

DRAMA FOR KIDS: 8-week session. Children will learn how to act and perform dramatic plays, skits, musicals and will be taught vital performance communication and stage techniques. Instructor is Niesha Tucker.

All	3-5	3:00-3:30 pm	Tue	BDS	1/5	\$30
All	6-13	3:30-4:15 pm	Tue	BDS	1/5	\$34

DYBO/JAZZ: 8-week session. Children will discover how to express themselves with rhythm, coordination, while gaining great confidence dancing the latest genre of jazz. This class is for the intermediate dancer. Instructor is Niesha Tucker.

Int.	5-11	4:00-5:00 pm	Wed	ROP	1/6	\$35
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Class	Age	Time	Day	Site	Date	Fee
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HIP-HOP DANCE: 8-week session. Children will learn the exciting and energetic techniques of hip-hop allowing them to dance to any type of music. Instructor is Niesha Tucker.

All	5-16	5:00-5:50 pm	Mon	ROP	1/4	\$35
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HOMEWORK HELPER: 4, one-hour classes (\$60). Private tutoring for students grades K-12, all subjects, by appointment.

INTRO TO TYPING: 6-week session. Develop your child's basic typing skills and prepare them for many years of future computer usage. Explore how computers can help your child and give them a jump-start in school. \$10 supply fee payable to instructor at first class. Instructor provided by AGI Academy.

Beg.	6-13	4:45-5:30 pm	Fri	DP	1/8	\$69
Beg.	6-13	4:45-5:30 pm	Fri	DP	2/19	\$69

LET'S RUN DUARTE: 5-week session. Course will inspire students who enjoy running and keepin g active by helping to nurture a future track and field athlete. Proper running techniques and the importance of good nutrition will be taught. Instructor is Professional Athlete, Mohamed Trafah.

All	6-12	6:00-7:00 pm	Mon/Wed	ROP	1/4	\$60
All	6-12	6:00-7:00 pm	Mon/Wed	ROP	2/8	\$60

KARATE FOR KIDS: 10-week session. Help your child develop better coordination and motor skills, self-discipline, and respect for others, while engaging in brain boosting activities, which provide a great foundation for a healthy life. Children have fun with basic techniques, exercise, and games associated with karate. Instructor is Shihan Sean Gilliland & staff

Beg.	4-6	3:45-4:30 pm	Tue/Fri	ROP	1/5	\$83
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KARATE FOR KIDS: 10-week session. Karate provides an excellent physical and mental workout, increasing coordination and flexibility. Our well-rounded curriculum incorporates kickboxing, grappling, katas, and weaponry. Come experience strength and confidence-boosting fun classes with something for every member of the family. Instructor is Shihan Sean Gilliland & staff

Beg.	7-10	4:30-5:30 pm	Tue/Fri	ROP	1/5	\$83
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MATH WORKSHOP: 6-week session. Experience a new approach to Math problem solving and hands-on practice for 4th–9th graders. Whether students need review with homework assistance, brushing up on skills, preparation for tests, this class is here to help. Mathematical concepts and applications will be taught. \$10 supply fee payable to instructor at first class. Instructor provided by AGI Academy.

Beg.	8-13	5:30-6:15 pm	Fri	DP	1/8	\$69
Beg.	8-13	5:30-6:15 pm	Fri	DP	2/19	\$69

Recreation Classes

Youth Classes Continued

Class	Age	Time	Day	Site	Date	Fee
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PARENT & ME SUPER(HERO) STRETCH: 6-week session. Your little superhero is full of energy and power. Your child will build his/her strength by learning stretches and increasing balancing skills through various activities. Instructor is Niesha Tucker.

All	1.5-2.5	10:00-10:30 am	Tue	ROP	1/5	\$40
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TAP: 8-week session. This course will teach your child basic tap steps and combinations. Student is required to wear tap shoes. Instructor is Niesha Tucker.

Beg.	2-4	2:30-3:00 pm	Wed	ROP	1/6	\$30
Beg.	5-16	3:00-3:30 pm	Wed	ROP	1/6	\$30

TODDLER GYM: 8-week session. This class offers your child a chance to exercise by stretching, jumping, reaching, climbing, and crawling through obstacle courses. This is a great intro to tumbling class. Instructor is Niesha Tucker.

ALL	2.5-3.5	3:00-3:30 pm	Thu	ROP	1/7	\$35
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TUMBLING: 8-week session. This fun program helps develop motor skills and self-confidence while emphasizing safety. Intro class will include play-time and tumbling safety instruction. Instructor is Niesha Tucker.

Int.	3-4	3:30-4:00 pm	Thu	ROP	1/7	\$30
TT	3-4	4:00-4:30 pm	Thu	ROP	1/7	\$30
Jrs.	5-6	4:30-5:00 pm	Thu	ROP	1/7	\$30
Beg.	7-13	5:00-5:45 pm	Thu	ROP	1/7	\$34

VOCAL CLASSES: 4-week session. The instructor will teach you the foundation of singing, breathing, range, rhythm and more through the use of popular contemporary music. \$10 supply fee payable to instructor at first class. Instructor is Josephine Chu.

Beg.	5-12	5:30-6:15 pm	Mon	DP	1/4	\$40
Beg.	5-12	5:30-6:15 pm	Mon	DP	2/1	\$40

Family, Youth, & Adult Classes

Class	Age	Time	Day	Site	Date	Fee
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ADVANCED BALLET: 8-week session. This class is for the advanced ballet student who has grasped basic ballet moves and has participated in ballet classes with this instructor. Class will utilize classical music and current hits. Instructor is Niesha Tucker.

Int.	2-4	5:00-5:30 pm	Fri	ROP	1/8	\$30
Int.	5+	4:00-5:00 pm	Mon	ROP	1/4	\$56
Int.	5+	11:30-12:30 pm	Sat	ROP	1/9	\$56

CAKE DECORATING: 8-week session. This class will help you make beautiful cakes every time. Learn proper icing techniques. Learn how to work with various tips to design gorgeous flowers and detailed patterns. Supply list will be provided. Instructor is Rosa Farley.

Beg.	17+	6:40-7:40 pm	Thu	DP	1/7	\$40
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COMPUTER SKILLS CHALLENGE - MICROSOFT WORD & POWERPOINT: 6-week session. This class will take you inside Microsoft Word and Power Point. You will explore the functions of each program and sharpen your computer skills in writing reports and creating presentations. 10 supply fee payable to instructor at first class. Instructor provided by AGI Academy.

All	10+	5:30-6:15 pm	Fri	DP	1/8	\$69
All	10+	5:30-6:15 pm	Fri	DP	2/19	\$69

Family, Youth, & Adult Classes

Class	Age	Time	Day	Site	Date	Fee
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FOLKLORICO: 10-week session. Participants will be introduced to the beautiful dances from Mexico. Learning the basic steps and techniques of various dances from different regions of Mexico. This is a fun cultural class for boys and girls. Hard soled shoes required. Instructor is Georgina Orozco.

Beg.	5-10	5:45-6:45 pm	Wed	ROP	1/6	\$30
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GOLF: 4-week session. Group classes. Learn the fundamentals of golf including golf etiquette. Need to improve your game? Sign-up for the intermediate class. Unlimited range balls and club rental included.

Beg.	18+	6:00-7:00 pm	Wed	RDGC	1/6	\$65
Int.	18+	7:00-8:00 pm	Wed	RDGC	1/6	\$65
Family	All	9:00-10:00 am	Sat	RDGC	1/9	\$65 ea.

GUITAR: 8-week session. Class will introduce students to finger exercises, chords, chord progression, and strums. Students provide their own guitar. \$5 supply fee due to instructor at first class. Instructor is Juan Carlos Arias.

Beg.	9-13	6:00-7:00 pm	Wed	DP	1/6	\$55
Beg.	14+	7:00-8:00 pm	Wed	DP	1/6	\$55

KARATE FOR TEENS & ADULTS: 10-week session. Karate provides an excellent physical and mental workout, increasing coordination and flexibility. Our well-rounded curriculum incorporates kickboxing, grappling, katas, and weaponry. Come experience strength and confidence boosting fun classes with something for every member of the family. Instructor is Shihan Sean Gilliland & staff.

Beg.	11+	5:30-6:30 pm	Tu/Fri	ROP	1/5	\$83
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NEW! MIXED MARTIAL ARTS: 10-week session. Experience the exciting world of MMA in a class that will prepare you for all situations in sport and self-defense. Our MMA classes offer effective training that melds together the best in stand up and ground fighting, with expert instructors in judo, jujitsu, kickboxing, and karate. Come try it out! Instructor is Shihan Sean Gilliland & staff.

Beg.	8+	6:30-7:30 pm	Fri	ROP	1/8	\$50
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NEEDLE ART: 10-week session. Class will teach you the fine art of crochet and knitting. You will create timeless wearable and home decor treasures. Materials required. Instructor is Rosa Farley.

Beg.	6-17	4:30-5:30 pm	Thu	DP	1/7	\$35
Beg./Adv.	11+	5:30-6:30 pm	Thu	DP	1/7	\$35

PIANO: 8-week session. Students will learn to read notes and proper finger technique with the use of classical and traditional pieces arranged for their level. Instructor is Setsu Nagatoshi. Student must provide keyboard.

Beg.	8-14	3:15-4:15 pm	Thu	DP	1/7	\$40
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SEWING: 8-week session. Learn how to install zippers, buttonholes and buttons. You will also learn different stitching techniques, how to hem pants and skirts, how to make tote bags, pillows and more! \$15 supply fee. Instructor is Regina Johnson.

Beg./Int.	8+	3:30-6:00 pm	Tue	DP	1/5	\$70
Beg./Int.	18+	11:30-2:30 pm	Sat	DP	1/9	\$70

TENNIS: 8-week session. This course teaches a variety of tennis skills including drills, volleys, overheads, ball control, and stroke production. Students must provide a can of new tennis balls and racquet. Instructor is Victor Champion.

Jrs.	5-8	9:30-10:30 am	Sat	DHS	1/9	\$58
Youth Beg.	9-15	10:30-11:30 am	Sat	DHS	1/9	\$58
Youth Int.	9-15	11:30-12:30 pm	Sat	DHS	1/9	\$58
Adult	18+	8:15-9:15 am	Sat	DHS	1/9	\$58

Adult Classes

Class	Age	Time	Day	Site	Date	Fee
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NEW! BACHATA DANCE: 8-week session. Bachata is a style of social dance from the Dominican Republic, which is now danced all over the world. This dance consists of side steps, hip movements and some dips, and is associated with bachata (Latin) music. A partner is suggested, but not required. Instructor is Oscar Penalzoza.

Beg.	18+	8:30-9:30 pm	Wed	ROP	1/6	\$40
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BELLY DANCING: 8-week session. Strengthen your back and stomach muscles, improve your flexibility, stamina, and reduce tension by learning this ancient art of dancing. Instructor is Tavanna.

Beg.	18+	7:10-8:10 pm	Mon	ROP	1/4	\$35
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LINCE DANCE FOR BEGINNERS: 8-week session. If you are new to line dancing or enjoy learning at a relaxed pace, then this is the class for you! Dances taught will include beginning level dances done at the local country western clubs. Instructor is Cindy McMichael.

Beg.	18+	9:00-10:00 am	Sun	ROP	1/10	\$40
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LINCE DANCE FOR INTERMEDIATE: 8-week session. If you've got some line dance experience under your belt, then this is the class for you! Dances taught will include intermediate and advanced level line dances. No partner required. Instructor is Cindy McMichael.

Beg.	18+	7:15-8:15 pm	Thu	ROP	1/7	\$40
Beg.	18+	10:15-11:15 am	Sun	ROP	1/10	\$40

POLYNESIAN DANCE: 8-week session. Participants will learn the dances of Hawaii including the exciting hip action dance of Tahiti and the twirling of the poi balls of New Zealand. Sign up with family or friends for added fun. Instructor is Tavanna.

Beg.	18+	6:50-7:50 pm	Tue	ROP	1/5	\$35
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SALSA DANCE & MORE: 8-week session. This class introduces the distinctive Latin dance rhythm of Salsa. Basic steps and variations will be taught and other dances like Rhumba and Merengue will be introduced. A partner is suggested, but not required. Instructor is Oscar Penalzoza.

Beg.	18+	7:15-8:15 pm	Wed	ROP	1/6	\$40
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TAI CHI KUNG: 8-week session. This class will cover a combination of isolated exercises that may help with joint problems. Participants will learn basic breathing techniques for stress relief through the use of yoga and incorporate CHI HULA, which adds an island twist. All movements are slow and easy on the body. Bring a mat and water. Instructor is Tavanna.

Beg.	18+	6:00-7:00 pm	Mon	ROP	1/4	\$40
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YOGA: 8-week session. Class focuses on stretching, breathing and learning the names and fundamental poses of yoga. This is a perfect class for reducing stress and gaining mobility. Bring your own mat. Instructor is Dianne Cahir.

All	18+	6:00-7:00 pm	Thu	ROP	1/7	\$50
All	18+	8:00-9:00 am	Sat	ROP	1/9	\$50

Duarte City News*

The Duarte City News is published on a quarterly basis. The City of Duarte believes that communication is one of the most vital aspects of an effective community. Please contact the City of Duarte with your thoughts! We look forward in seeing you at our upcoming City events.

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**Participants involved in any departmental programs or special events are subject to the use of photographs depicting them or dependents in City printed materials and/or website. The City of Duarte may use photographs without an obligation to provide compensation to those photographed.*



Basketball for Boys and Girls

Division A Born in 2002 - 2003
Division B Born in 2004 - 2005
Division C Born in 2006 - 2007
Sign Up: Monday – Thursday at City Hall and all park sites beginning December 7.
Fee: \$30 (Includes a Jersey top)

Practice Sites:

Andres Duarte School – 1433 Crestfield Drive
 Beardslee Park – 2000 Buena Vista Street
 Northview Park – 1433 Highland Avenue
 Royal Oaks Park – 2627 Royal Oaks Drive
 Valley View School – 237 Melcanyon Road

Little All-Stars Basketball for Boys and Girls

Little All-Stars is an exciting non-competitive variation of basketball especially suited for young players.

Dates: TBA
Location: Northview Gym, 1433 Highland Avenue
Ages: Group 1 – ages 4 & 5
 Group 2 – ages 6 & 7
Sign ups: Begin Monday, December 7 at Duarte City Hall.
Fee: \$30 (includes a jersey)



Adult Sports "Major League Softball"



This sports league organization will provide men's, women's and coed leagues at Otis Gordon Sports Park. For further information, contact Major League Softball at (818) 559-8787, ext. 3 or online at www.mlsoftball.com

ONLINE REGISTRATION COMING SOON!

For more information on this upcoming new convenient way to register, please call Duarte Parks & Recreation at 626-357-7931.

Park Schedule & Facility Rentals

Supervised Park Schedule

Open Monday through Friday, 3:00 to 5:00 pm
Beardslee Park - 2000 Buena Vista Street
Royal Oaks Park - 2627 Royal Oaks Drive

- Each park site will be staffed with trained recreation leaders.
- Activities will include sports, arts and crafts, games, tournaments, and much more!
- Each park is an information and sign up center for youth sports, excursions and special events.
- Children age 5 and under must be accompanied by an adult.

Duarte Parks

1. **Aloysia Moore Park** 1100 Duarte Road
2. **Beardslee Park** 2000 Buena Vista Street
3. **Duarte Park** 1344 Bloomdale Street
4. **Duarte Skate Park** 1401 Central Avenue
5. **Duarte Sports Park** 1401 Central Avenue
6. **Encanto Park** 751 Encanto Parkway
7. **Glenn Miller Park** 205 Melcanyon Drive
8. **Hacienda Park** 2695 Hacienda Drive
9. **Lena Valenzuela Park** 2120 Mountain Avenue
10. **Northview Park** 1433 Highland Avenue
11. **Otis Gordon Sports Park** 2351 Central Avenue
12. **Royal Oaks Park** 2627 Royal Oaks Drive
13. **Royal Oaks Park Ext.** 2701 Royal Oaks Drive
14. **Third Street Park** 1626 Third Street

Duarte Recreation Facilities

1. **Community Center** 1600 Huntington Drive
2. **Fitness Center** 1600 Huntington Drive
3. **Senior Center** 1610 Huntington Drive
4. **Teen Center** 1400 Buena Vista Street

Rental Opportunities

The City of Duarte has various size buildings, including the Community Center, Royal Oaks Park Building and the Duarte Teen Center that are available for rent for private or non-profit functions. Picnic gazebos can now be rented as well.

Duarte Teen Center, 1400 Buena Vista Street

The Teen Center is available to rent for parties, events and activities on Saturdays and Sundays. This is the perfect setting for a birthday party or a fun meeting! Renters will be able to enjoy a game room with pool tables, foosball, Ping-Pong, arcade games, a wide screen TV and a large outdoor patio with gas barbecue grill. Also included is a large 60-person capacity multi-purpose meeting room, perfect for retreats, meetings, or parties. Take your event to another level!

Community Center, 1600 Huntington Drive

The Duarte Community Center at City Hall is available to rent for receptions, parties and more. This 150 -person capacity facility includes a stage, kitchen, dance floor, ice machine, and portable mini bar.

Royal Oaks Park Building, 2627 Royal Oaks Drive

This recently restored beautiful facility has an 80-person capacity and includes AC/ Heating, a private restroom, and is located within the beautiful, tree shaded Royal Oaks Park that includes tennis and basketball courts and a large playground. This facility is perfect for birthdays, showers, meetings, and more.

Encanto Park and Royal Oaks Park Picnic Gazebos

Gazebos at Royal Oaks and Encanto Parks are available for rent. Small gazebos include a small barbecue grill, gazebo shelter and picnic table. One larger gazebo is located at the Royal Oaks Park Extension and includes a large gazebo shelter, two picnic tables and a dual picnic barbecue grill. These are perfect settings for a birthday party or picnic. Don't get left without a spot for your event!

Also available on a rental basis are lighted softball and baseball fields, lighted tennis courts, multi-purpose fields, and the Duarte Fitness Center pools. For information on rental policies and fees, call 357-7931.



Adult and Extended Excursions

New Discounted Prices!!!

Registration for all excursions will be held at Duarte City Hall, beginning December 7 at 7:30 am.

Sunnylands Center & Gardens

Wednesday, January 6

9:30 am – 6:30 pm

FEE: \$ 67

The day begins with a lovely drive to Palm Springs where our first stop will be lunch at Sherman's Deli and Bakery. For lunch we will have a 1/2 sandwich with a choice of soup or garden salad and beverage. Sherman's has amazing desserts as well, which you may want to purchase for your ride home. Following lunch we're off to Sunnylands, a west coast "Camp David" where global leaders seek to advance international agreements. Many political leaders have visited and continue to visit Sunnylands as a place for reflection, thought, and work.



Please note we can only take 34 passengers on this trip, so don't hesitate and sign up early.

Pala Casino (Must be 21 years of age or older)

Thursday, February 18

9:00 am – 5:00 pm

FEE: \$ 10



Walk through the doors of Pala Casino and enter into one of the most elegant casinos in the Temecula area. Enjoy the Las Vegas-like action of progressive slot machines. The casino has over 2,000 video machines, lots of gaming tables, and a matinee bingo session. A valid California driver's license or ID is required. Expired licenses or IDs will not be accepted.

Irish Eyes Are Smiling Luncheon and Show

Thursday, March 17

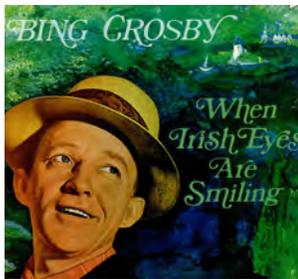
11:00 am - 4:30 pm

FEE: \$ 72

RESIDENT DISCOUNT PRICE: \$ 64

NON RESIDENT DISCOUNT PRICE: \$ 68

The day begins with a drive to Alhambra to Almansor Court for an Irish party as we celebrate St. Patrick's Day with a show full of popular Irish songs & sing-alongs from this magical part of the world. The cast will entertain you with Irish music and dances with tunes like Danny Boy, McNamara's Band, When Irish Eyes are Smiling, Molly Malone, and a scene from Finian's Rainbow, the most popular Irish Broadway musical ever! Enjoy a delicious Irish feast of corned beef and cabbage (or choose Chicken Parmesan or veggie pasta) all the trimmings, and a glass of wine. Be sure to wear something green or you may be visited by a leprechaun.



"A Really Big Shooo" Ed Sullivan Show

Wednesday, April 13

9:30 am - 6:00 pm

FEE: \$86

RESIDENT DISCOUNT PRICE: \$ 78

NON RESIDENT DISCOUNT PRICE: \$ 82

The day begins with a drive to beautiful Palm Springs with our first stop for lunch at Sherman's Deli and Bakery. For lunch, enjoy a 1/2 sandwich with a choice of soup or salad.



Then, we're off to "A Really Big Shooo!" The Ed Sullivan Show was the longest running variety show in television history. While it showcased comedians, circus performers, a little mouse, actors and more, the show became famous for its cutting-edge musical performance. Join us in fabulous Palm Springs for a walk down memory lane. A Really Big Shooo will take place at the magnificent Annenberg Theater in downtown Palm Springs. Host Bill Johnson as Ed Sullivan, will be joined by tribute artists including the Beatles, Elvis, Marilyn, Diana Ross, Tina Turner and performances by some special guests who used to dance with Palm Springs Follies!

Extended Excursions

Spotlight on Washington D.C.

October 20-25, 2016

6 days, 8 meals (5 breakfasts, 3 dinners)

\$2,399 per person double occupancy

\$2,899 per person single occupancy

\$2,369 per person triple occupancy



Included in price: Round trip air from Los Angeles International Airport, air taxes and fees, and surcharges

Not included in price: Cancellation waiver and insurance of \$240 per person

This trip offers "Single Hotel Stay" every night at the same hotel, so you only unpack once!

Highlights: U.S. Capitol Building tour, World War II Memorial, White House Visitor Center, Mount Vernon, Arlington National Cemetery, Smithsonian Institution, Washington National Cathedral, Ford's Theatre

Special Travel Presentation: Please join us for a special travel presentation on Tuesday, March 22 at 1:00 pm at the Duarte Senior Center, 1610 Huntington Drive. To RSVP for presentation, please call 357-3513.

We Accept VISA & MASTERCARD for purchases over \$25.

NO REFUND POLICY: In the event of a participant cancellation, an attempt will be made to fill the spot from the waiting list. If successful, the participant will receive a gift certificate equal to the amount of the trip minus a \$10 service charge. Resident discount requires proof of residency.

Senior Classes

Duarte Senior Center

Open to all Residents 55 years and older
1610 Huntington Drive, (626) 357-3513
Monday-Friday, 9:00 am to 2:00 pm

Hot Lunches

The Senior Center serves hot lunches Monday through Friday to individuals over 60 years, or the spouse of someone over age 60. Reservations are requested by calling (626) 357-3513. The suggested donation is \$3.

Access Transportation

A transportation alternative for individuals with disabilities. For eligibility or further information, call 1 (800) 827-0829.

Meals on Wheels

Eligible seniors can receive a hot lunch and cold dinner plate delivered each weekday, or seven frozen meals delivered once a week by YWCA Intervale Senior Services. For more information, please contact the Senior Center at (626) 357-3513 or Intervale at (626) 214-9465.

How To Make Medicare Work For You

Every 1st and 3rd Monday of the month by appointment. FREE!

FREE! Blood Pressure Checks

The 2nd Tuesday of every month a medical assistant from Health-Care Partners will check your blood pressure.

Income Tax Preparers Needed

Would you like to be an A.A.R.P. volunteer in preparing income tax returns for seniors of low to middle income? Training classes will be held in December, and all equipment and training materials will be provided at no charge. If interested, please contact www.aarp.org/volunteertaxaide to submit application.

Income Tax Preparation

Volunteer tax aides will prepare 2015 income tax returns for people 55 years and older. Appointments are required and will take place beginning in February. Call the Senior Center for an appointment.

Trail Trekkers Hiking Group

The Trail Trekkers meet once a month to go on local hikes. For more information, please call the Senior Center at (626) 357-3513.

Registration begins December 7 at 9:00 am. Classes begin week of January 4.

Activities

AARP Smart Driver Course

(8-hour course)

Dates: Tuesday & Thursday, January 19 and 21

Time: 1:00 – 5:00 pm

Fee: \$15 for members; \$20 for non-members

(4-hour refresher course)

Date: Thursday, March 10

Time: 1:00 – 5:00 pm

Fee: \$15 for members; \$20 for non-members

Classes are conducted by A.A.R.P. at the Duarte Senior Center. Auto insurance companies are required by law to offer discounts to course graduates age 55 and older. Payment required at registration. For any questions, please call (626) 357-3513.

Bingo Tuesdays, 12:45–2:30 pm, 25 cents per card.

Bunco First Wednesday of the month, 12:30–3:00 pm. Sponsored by the Duarte Woman's Club. Win prizes and meet new people. RSVP to 357-3513. \$1/person

Cribbage First and third Tuesday of the month, 12:30 – 2:00 pm. Have fun and meet new people.



Ongoing Free Classes

Cardio Dance	Tuesday	9:00 – 10:00 am
Celebrate Your Life in Writing	Monday	9:00 – 11:00 am
Ceramics	Tuesday	9:00 – 11:30 am
(Students must purchase their own supplies.)		
English as a Second Language	Tuesday	9:00 – 10:00 am
Guitar	Tuesday	12:30 – 2:30 pm
Knitting	Monday	9:00 – 10:00 am
Spanish (Beg.)	Monday	1:00 – 3:00 pm
(Only students with some basic knowledge of Spanish will be accepted)		
\$10 disk fee		
Spanish (Adv. Beg.)	Wednesday	1:00 – 3:00 pm
\$10 disk fee		
Spanish (Intermediate)	Thursday	10:00 – 11:30 am
\$10 book fee		
Tai Chi/Qigong	Mon/Fri	9:00 – 10:00 am

Fee Classes (8-Weeks unless otherwise noted)

Belly Dancing	Monday	12:30 - 1:30 pm	\$24
Introduction To Computers	Friday	1:45 - 2:30 pm	\$65
\$10 lab and supply fee Begins July 14			
Living the French	Friday	9:00 - 10:15 am	\$40
Watercolor (Beg.)	Wednesday	12:30 - 3:30 pm	\$35
Watercolor (Int.)	Monday	12:30 - 3:30 pm	\$35
Yoga	Thursday	9:00 - 10:00 am	\$24

Fee Classes (10-Weeks)

Cross Fit	Wed	10:15 - 11:15 am	\$12
Exercise With Shelly	Mon/Fri	10:15 - 11:15 am	\$20
Get Fit	M/W/F	10:15 - 11:15 am	\$27
Piano/Keyboard	Thu	10:00 - 11:00 am	\$50
Sewing	Mon	10:30 - 12:00 pm	\$2/Class
Limited to the first 6 people to arrive.			
Strength Training	Mon/Thu	1:00 - 2:00 pm	\$70
Held at the Duarte Fitness Center			
Strength Training	Tue/Thu	1:00 - 2:00 pm	\$70
Held at the Duarte Fitness Center			
Western Line Dance	Thu	10:15 - 11:45 am	\$35

City of Hope Presents Cancer Urban Legends: Fact vs. Fiction

Tuesday, January 12th, from 10:00 – 11:30 am. Reservations requested, please call the Center at (626) 357-3513.

Fitness Center

Fitness Center

The facility includes two racquetball/wallyball courts, aerobic area, and fully equipped exercise room, a 25-yard competition pool, training pool, shower and locker facilities. Gift certificates are available for memberships and merchandise. All sales are final. There are no refunds unless class/activity is cancelled by the Duarte Parks and Recreation Department. Pools will open in the spring. For more information call 357-6118.

Days and Times

Regular Hours of Operation

Weekdays 6:00 am to 9:00 pm
 Saturday 7:00 am to 5:00 pm
 Sunday 11:00 am to 5:00 pm

Club Memberships

Memberships are on sale December 1-31. Why pay per visit? Purchase a membership and enjoy all the fitness center has to offer.

20% off Discount Price

	Resident	Sale	Non Resident	Sale
Exercise/Aerobics and Aquatics or Racquetball	\$160	\$128	\$220	\$176
Total Facility/Individual	\$220	\$176	\$295	\$236
Total Facility/Family	\$320	\$256	\$420	\$336

Non-Member/Individual Fees

Racquetball/Wallyball

Court Fee \$6/hr.
 Court Maximum Fee \$24/hr.
 No Show Penalty* \$10/hr.
 *(Members also)

Exercise Room/Aerobics

Adults, 16 years and older \$5
 Senior/Disabled \$4
 Personal Trainer \$30/hr.

Aerobics

Monday – Thursday 9:00-10:00 am
 5:15-6:15 pm
 6:15-7:15 pm
 Friday 9:00-10:00 am
 5:15-6:15 pm
 Saturday 8:00-9:00 am



Holiday Hours of Operation

CLOSED

December 25 and January 1

OPEN

December 24 and 31

from, 6:00 am - 12:00 pm

Teen Center Activities

Duarte Teen Center

1400 Buena Vista Street
(626) 303-0863
Monday-Friday, 3:00 to 7:00 pm

The Teen Center is available for all high school students with a school ID card. Holiday and special event hours are subject to change.

Computer Lab

Monday through Friday, 3:00–6:30 pm

Take advantage of the free computer lab at the Teen Center. The lab is a great place to enhance your computer skills, learn new programs, chat on the Internet, do homework, and play various games.



Youth@Works Intern Program

Want work experience, on the job training, networking and relationship building with future employers? Positions available with the City of Duarte. Contact the Teen Center for more information. Application Deadline is Friday, January 22. Space is limited and interviews will be held on January 27.

Activities

Art Programs

The Duarte Teen Center in partnership with the Duarte Public Safety Department is now offering free creative art programs for youth grades 6th to 12th. These programs come funded through the CAL G.R.I.P. grant that the City secured for the next three years. The dance program features advance and beginning hip hop dance and the arts program will focus on the creative exploration of art materials through painting, sculpture, and more. Please call the Teen Center for more information at (626) 303-0863.

Boys Night Out!

Dates: Tuesday, January 12 & 26, February 16, and March 8 & 22

Time: 4:00–5:30 pm

This program is for boys grades 9-12. Fun trips, group discussions, sports and much more!

Drama Club

Dates: Fridays

Time: 3:30 pm – 5:00 pm

Fee: Free

Club members will participate in poetry jams, oratory, skits, and improvisations.

Girls Night Out!

Dates: Fridays, January 8 & 22, February 12 & 26 and March 11 & 25.

Time: 5:00 – 6:00 pm

This program is for girls grades 9-12. Participants discuss various topics ranging from peer pressure, goals, self-esteem, relationships and much more.

Nutrition/Cooking Class

Days: Wednesdays

Time: 3:30–5:00 pm

Fee: \$2 per class

Learn to make quick and easy nutritious meals, while having fun with friends!

www.accessduarte.com

Work it Out!

Dates: Thursdays

Time: 4:00 pm – 5:00 pm

Come join Teen Center staff for “Work it Out”, a fitness program for teens! Video workouts, walking excursions, circuit training, and nutrition tips! Come get fit with friends!

Special Events

Winter Holiday Festival

Date: Wednesday, December 16

Time: 5:30- 7:30 pm

Fee: \$2

Come join the Teen Center for a celebration of the winter holidays: Hanukkah, Christmas and Kwanzaa! There will be musical choirs, food, cultural presentations, a holiday play, and much more!

Martin Luther King Jr. Essay Contest

Student's grades 9 – 12 can compete in an essay-writing contest on why they are inspired by the life of Dr. Martin Luther King Jr. 200 word minimum – 500 words maximum. Prizes will be awarded to 1st, 2nd and 3rd place. Entry deadline is Monday, January 11 at 7:00 pm.

Club Duarte

Dates: Friday, January 22 and March 18

Time: 7:30 – 10:00 pm

Fee: \$5.00 admission with middle school ID

The Duarte Teen Center will be transformed into the rocking hot spot for middle school youth. Live DJ, dancing, food and game room activities.

Battle of the Sexes! Valentines Day Trivia Challenge

Date: Thursday, February 11

Time: 3:30 – 5:00 pm

The guys and gals will battle it out in pop culture trivia for team prizes!

Tournament Tuesdays!

For the entire month of February the Teen Center will host tournaments every Tuesday at 3:30 pm! Come and show off your skills in various tournaments for prizes! Free!

Ping Pong Tournament - Tuesday, February 2

Pool Tournament - Tuesday, February 9

XBOX One - Tuesday, February 16

Karaoke Sign Off - Tuesday, February 23



Youth Boxing Program

This is an excellent program to help boys and girls ages 8-17, develop their self-esteem and self-discipline. Our knowledgeable coaches are here to teach the fundamentals of boxing, while developing footwork, speed, and upper body strength.

The training program will also help children gain physical flexibility, stamina, and coordination. The Duarte Teen Center gym is open Monday through Friday. There is a \$10 monthly fee for each student. Non-resident fee is \$20 per month. Register at the Duarte Teen Center.

Teen Excursion

Knott's Berry Farm

Tuesday, December 29
8:30 am - 7:00 pm; \$45

Come join us for the holiday season at Knott's Berry Farm Theme Park! Rollercoasters, and more!

Duarte Volunteers Invited to Decorate 2016 City of Hope Rose Parade Float

City of Hope and City of Duarte have designated Sunday, December 27th as "Duarte Day," an opportunity for local volunteers to work on City of Hope's 2016 Tournament of Roses Parade float.

"Find Your Adventure" the theme of the 2016 Tournament of Roses Parade, sets the stage for City of Hope's entry "The Miracle of Science with Soul," showcasing the patient adventures made possible through City of Hope's

groundbreaking research and uniquely patient-focused care.



The decoration site for City of Hope's float is Rosemont Pavilion, 700 Seco Street, in

Pasadena. Volunteers must be at least 13 years of age or over.

Opportunities are available for 80 volunteers who will be split into two work shifts of 40 persons each. The first shift will work from 8am-4pm. The second shift will work from 4pm-11pm.

For additional details and to register, go to <https://www.eventbrite.com/e/city-of-hope-volunteer-rose-float-decorating-tickets-19308044882>

15th Annual Martin Luther King Jr. Community Remembrance



The late Reverend Martin Luther King, Jr. urged people to join hands and work together for positive change. In this spirit, for the 15th year, Duarte youth, members of the City Council and School Boards, along with community members will come together to honor King's legacy during a special assembly at the Duarte Performing Arts Center.

This event on January 14th will include guest speakers, performances and the announcement of the annual MLK essay contest winners. For additional information, please contact Duarte's Promise (626) 357-7931 ext. 260.

Groundhog Job Shadow Day 2016

Hundreds of Duarte students and business community members will have the opportunity to spend the day learning about a variety of careers during the 14th annual Groundhog Job Shadow Day scheduled for February 4th.

The program, sponsored by Duarte Unified School District, Duarte's Promise: The Alliance for Youth and City of Hope,

is designed to allow students to shadow adult professional mentors as they go about a regular work day. For additional information, please contact Lupe Valerio at (626) 357-7931 ext.260.



Mid Year Budget Hearing February 9

The 2015-2016 mid-year budget presentation is scheduled for the February 9, 2016 City Council meeting at 7p.m. The presentation will be part of the regularly scheduled meeting and will take place in the Community Center, 1600 Huntington Drive.

The public is encouraged to attend. For additional information, please contact Administrative Services Department at (626) 357-7931 ext. 211.



More Parking Now at Duarte Civic Center



A new parking lot at the southwest corner of Huntington drive and Pops Road has been constructed to help with overflow Civic Center parking. The lot has 27 parking spaces and also provides access from the Civic Center to the signalized Pops Road intersection.

The parking lot was constructed as part of an arrangement between the City of Duarte and Ellias Construction, the contractor who built the Andres Duarte II senior housing development across the street. The lot will primarily be used for special event and pool overflow parking especially during the summer months.

New Smart & Final Extra! and Grocery Outlet Markets to OPEN



The Duarte community has reason to celebrate! New Smart & Final Extra! and Grocery Outlet Markets will open in 2016. The stores will provide the community with two new shopping options; especially in light of the recent Fresh & Easy store closures throughout California. "The City is sorry about the timing of the Fresh & Easy store closures as the Community awaits new grocery shopping options," said Darrell George, Duarte City Manager.

Weingarten Realty Investors, owner of the Buena Vista shopping center, announced that Smart & Final; one of the longest continuously-operating food retailers in the U.S., will open a new Smart & Final Extra! Store at the site of the former Ralphs location in Duarte on Huntington Drive. This new entity creates approximately 50 new jobs for the area. Smart & Final Extra! Stores are generally

larger than the company's traditional "core" store and carry more than 15,000 different items; about 8,000 more than its usual warehouse store. The new Smart & Final Extra! in Duarte will occupy approximately 30,000 square feet.

The former Mike's Food location, 1322 Huntington Dr., will be the new home for Grocery Outlet Market. The retail space is 18,000 square feet and each store is a local, independently run, family business.



Grocery Outlet is the nation's largest extreme value grocery retailer offering brand name, quality products at up to 60% off conventional retail prices.

The property owner is also in the process of a major façade enhancement for 1/3 of the shopping center, including the former Mike's Foods, Young's Gourmet restaurant, the barbershop and Little Cesar's pizza.



SAVE THE DATE! Gold Line Opens March 5

On March 5, 2016, the Duarte community will celebrate the long awaited opening of the Foothill Gold Line in Duarte. Join the Duarte City Council members, other elected officials from all levels of government in a great event for the whole family. The Duarte/ City of Hope station is located at 1777 Duarte Road and free parking is available. Look for more information at www.accessduarte.com

City Facilities Holiday Hours



City facilities will be closed in observance of the following holidays:

- Christmas Eve, December 24th
- Christmas Day, December 25th
- New Year's Eve, December 31st
- New Year's Day, January 1st

The following agencies may be contacted during closures:

- Public Safety-Temple Sheriff Station (626) 448-9861
- Animal Control-Baldwin Park Animal Shelter (626) 962-3577
- Parking permits-Duarte Public Safety (626) 357-7938

City facilities include: Duarte city Hall, Fitness Center, Teen Center, Senior Center and Public Safety sub station.

Duarte Trains Record 100 Emergency Volunteers

In 2015, over 100 Duarte residents received emergency preparedness training. The Duarte Public Safety office partnered with Los Angeles County Fire and delivered the Community Emergency Response Team (CERT) training. Also, in collaboration with CAL Tech, the Map your Neighborhood program training was delivered to over 40 residents.

Lastly, hundreds of local residents and agencies participated in the Great California ShakeOut on October 15th. Get involved in 2016! For questions or additional information, call Diego Renteria at (626) 386-6848.



New Look for www.accessduarte.com

A redesigned www.accessduarte.com will be launched in February 2016! As part of the new look, Duarte residents will now be able to easily access many City services with one or two clicks. New features will include the ability to register and pay for recreation classes online, purchase temporary parking permits, download free garage sale permits and much more!

Homeless Shelter Resources

Services are available for families currently experiencing homelessness in the San Gabriel Valley. Homeless families are encouraged to call 211, the Los Angeles County Information and Referral line to schedule an appointment at a Regional Family Solution Center. Services are also available for homeless adults. Adults can access the San Gabriel Valley Coordinated Entry System or CES. For additional information, please visit www.unionstationhs.org



HOUSING + EMPLOYMENT + LIFE SKILLS

SHOP DUARTE

Shop in any retail establishment or business in Duarte from November 27 through December 13th and bring your receipt of \$10 or more to the Duarte Chamber of Commerce to be eligible for prizes.

On December 13th, from 2-4pm, shoppers may return receipts to 3 locations: Anytime Fitness, 2217 Huntington Drive; Cabbies Pizza, 1740 Huntington Drive and SCE Federal Credit Union, 1175 Huntington Drive. At 4pm, each location will have a drawing, winners need not be present. Info: www.ShopDuarte.biz

City Employee "Rock Solid" Awards



The Employee "Rock Solid" Award recognizes employees who maintain consistency in their day-to-day work with the City of Duarte.

Department Award Recipients

Administrative Services

Erwin Mendez, Lead Driver
Alvaro Guzman, Duarte Transit Driver

Parks and Recreation

Pam Romero, Administrative Secretary
Lupe Valerio, Recreation Supervisor



Holiday Safety Tips

The Duarte Public Safety and Los Angeles County Sheriff's Departments would like to wish everyone a Happy Holiday season and remind us all to take extra safety precautions during the festive holiday season.



WHILE SHOPPING:

- Park your vehicle in a highly visible, well-lit space.
- Lock your vehicle both when driving and when parked. Leave bags and valuables out of sight.
- Always know where you are parked, so you can find your vehicle quickly.
- Have your car keys in hand and be ready to open your car door immediately.
- Look inside your car before entering.
- Avoid carrying large amounts of cash – use a debit or credit card.
- Don't overburden yourself with packages. Never store your purchases in your trunk.

WHILE AT ATMs:

- Be aware of your surroundings when you use an ATM. It's best to park in a well-lit area and have someone accompany you.
- Watch for any suspicious people. Upon completing your transaction, pocket your card and cash immediately and count the cash later.

WHILE ONLINE SHOPPING:

- Shop with reputable businesses.
- Have packages shipped to a location where someone will be available, like a relative's home or at work.

DUI/Driver License checkpoints will help to keep us all safe during the holidays. When we work together as PARTNERS great things happen!

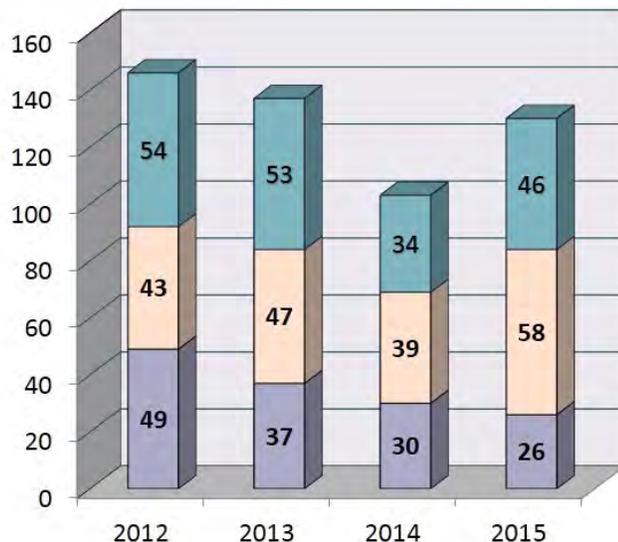
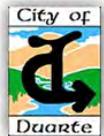
WHILE OUT:

- Secure all doors and windows. If you have an alarm, always set it.
- Holiday gifts should not be displayed or be able to be seen.

WHILE TRAVELING:

- Ask a neighbor to watch your house and collect your mail while you are traveling.
- Use automatic timers for your lights and televisions.
- Stop your mail and newspaper deliveries or make sure someone collects them.
- Notify the Duarte Public Safety Office (626) 357-7938 to schedule vacation checks.

PROPERTY CRIME MID YEAR REVIEW Jan - September



Auto Theft



Vehicle Burglary



Residential Burglary

Statistician Sonja Tanner

Duarte, like surrounding cities, has experienced a significant increase in graffiti incidents. Vandals who engage in graffiti are referred to as taggers. Arresting taggers is not a common occurrence for they tag in a very stealthy manner.

On Tuesday, September 8, 2015, a concerned citizen reported a suspicious person tagging in the area of Central and Highland Avenues. Deputies spotted an adult male matching the suspect's description. The suspect also had paint on his hands that matched the color used in the tagging. After further investigation, the suspect was detained for three different tagging incidents that had occurred that day. Had it not been for a concerned citizen intervening, this tagger would still be out vandalizing our City.

As with any crime in your neighborhood, IF YOU SEE SOMETHING, SAY SOMETHING! Never take action yourself, always call dispatch at Temple Sheriff's Station at (626) 448-9861.

Duarte Holiday Toy Drives

The Duarte community is invited to participate in two citywide Holiday Toy Drives to help ensure a joyous holiday season for all Duarte families. Duarte's Promise; the Alliance for Youth has conducted the Holiday of Promise Project for over 13 years. Duarte's Promise supports both the Duarte Community Service Council, and the Foothill Unity Center by collecting food, toys, clothes, and personal care items as well as household items at over 50 locations throughout the City. The Collection takes place from Wednesday, November 18 through Wednesday, December 9.

The Neighborhood Watch Toy Drive, sponsored by Duarte Public Safety, has helped families for over 30 years by creating the perfect opportunity to have a gathering, and collect for those in need. Last

year, the Department partnered with the Community Service Council, the Duarte Emblem and Elks Clubs to help over 500 youth.



All new and unwrapped toys can be delivered no later than Monday, December 7th to the Duarte Public Safety Office. For more information and to find out the locations of participating sites accepting Holiday of Promise donations, contact: Duarte's Promise at City Hall, (626) 357-7931 ext. 267. For more information on how to organize your own Neighborhood Watch Party, please contact Aida Torres at (626) 359-5671 or at a2torres@lasd.org.

Respect Yourself, Be Drug Free

The City of Duarte celebrated its annual Red Ribbon Week from October 23 to the 30th. Volunteers marched down Huntington Drive and tied a red ribbon on each tree to remind all residents about the importance of a Drug Free Lifestyle. Over 80 volunteers from both the San Gabriel Valley Volunteer Center and city youth programs, D.A.R.T. and C.H.Y.L.L., came out to assist. Duarte Unified School District's newest program, "Parent University" offered three, free, parent workshops featuring experts from D'Veal Family and Youth Services, Los Angeles County Probation, and the Flintridge Center. The event was made possible through the Public Safety Department's CAL G.R.I.P. grant.



Special recognition goes out to the following contest winners:

- **Andres Duarte:** Mrs. Gutierrez-Huerta's T-K class
- **Beardslee:** Mr. Green's 4th & 5th grade class
- **Maxwell:** Mrs. Ramirez's Kindergarten class, Ms. Stienstra's 5th & 6th & Mrs. Bughman's 4th grade classes
- **Royal Oaks:** Ms. Mittman's 5th grade class
- **Northview Intermediate School:** Mrs. Martinez's 7th grade class
- **Art Contest:** Samantha Ung & Gabrielle Cordero
- **Essay Contest:** Jaelyn Varela & Hannah Macias

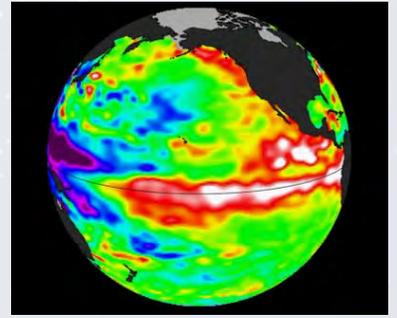




El Nino Preparation Information

As Southern California prepares for the predicted El Niño event, the City of Duarte has initiated regular planning meetings with both City Departments and our contract Agency Partners. In the near future, more detailed information will be provided to Duarte residents and business owners to assist them in protecting their properties. To receive the latest El Nino information, please sign up for our City enews or email alerts.

What are some critical steps that residents can take now to prepare for this potential sudden influx of rain, high water, moving debris and possibly mud? Here are some helpful tips to get you started for the season:



1. Yard Clean-Up: Make a general inspection of your entire yard area for dead trees or limbs, yard debris, outdoor furniture, or other objects that could be blown by storm winds. It is important not to over-trim trees as improper pruning actually leaves trees more vulnerable.

2. Drains and Gutters: Make sure all drains and gutters are cleared of debris and functioning properly before the storm season hits. Storm water runoff from impermeable surfaces (e.g., roofs, driveways, and patios) should be directed into a collection system to avoid soil saturation.

3. Roofs: Inspect your roof, or hire a roofing contractor, to check for loose tiles, holes, or other signs of trouble to avoid leaks.

4. Retaining Walls: Visually inspect all retaining wall drains, surface drains, culverts, ditches, etc. for obstructions or other malfunctions, before the storm.

5. Slopes: Visually inspect all sloped areas for signs of gullyng, surface cracks, slumping etc. Also inspect patios, retaining walls, garden walls, etc. for signs of cracking or rotation.

6. Bare Ground: Make sure your yard does not have large bare areas which could be sources for mudflow during a storm event. The fall/winter is a good time to put down mulch and establish many native plants.

7. Sandbags: Residents may pick up 25 free, unfilled sandbags at Fire Station 44 at 1105 Highland Ave. Self-service, free sand will be available intermittently at the adjoining Third Street Park, located at 1626 Third Street. Bags are filled at your own risk and residents are asked to bring their own shovels to fill bags.

8. Emergency Supply Kits: Prepare supplies for home, work and vehicles. A kit should contain food, water and supplies ie: Flashlight, Batteries, Hand crank radio, First aid kit, Sunscreen, Pocket knife, Watch/Clock, Personal hygiene items, Medication, Glasses, Can opener, Fire extinguisher, Paper & pencil, Work gloves, Comfort items, tent, etc. designed to keep your family sufficient for a period of 7 to 10 days. Keep this kit in a designated place and make sure all family members know where it is kept.

9. Evacuation Plan: Establish an evacuation meeting place ie: an open space to meet immediately after the event, free of electrical wire. Also designate an out of state contact person that all family member know to call after an event to check in.

10. Important Documents: Make copies of important documents (birth certificate, passport, etc)

11. Flooding: Be aware of the possibility of flooding to make sure you and your family have adequate time to evacuate.

12. Outdoor Concerns: Avoid areas subject to sudden flooding. If you are caught outdoors during a heavy rain and flood, climb to high ground and stay there. Stay back from rushing water. If you come upon a flowing stream and water is above your ankles, STOP! Turn around, and go another way.

13. Pets and Animals: It is important to consider the needs of our animals. An ideal shelter would provide protection from falling rain, both with a roof and sides to prevent wind-driven rain from entering the shelter. Other concerns should include proper food storage. Also, remember to have current ID tags on your pet at all times.

14. Temporary Sheltering: Comparable to all cities, the City of Duarte falls under the jurisdiction of the American Red Cross when it comes to establishing a shelter for a wide scale emergency. However, when it comes to short-term sheltering, as in the instance of a long-term power outage, the City will open the Senior Center to the Public for extended hours to accommodate displaced residents.

Emergency Communication & Updates

There are a variety of ways in which the City of Duarte and first responders will communicate to the public during emergencies and disasters.

1. Nixle: Register for important Los Angeles County Sheriff, Station notifications during large emergencies. It's easy! Visit www.accessduarte.com, click on the Nixle logo which takes you directly to Temple Station's homepage where you can sign up.

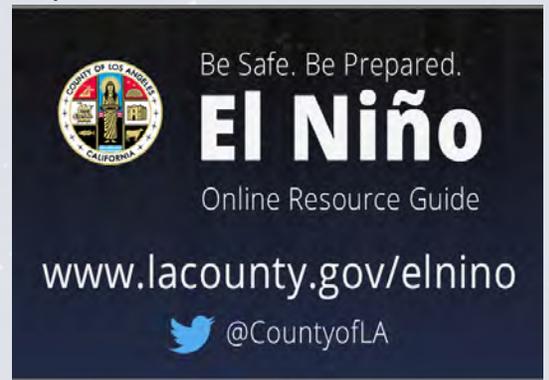
2. Twitter: Follow the Los Angeles County Fire Department on twitter at LACounty Fire PIO @LACoFDPIO and the City of Duarte at @CityofDuarte to get up to the minute incident updates.

3. Facebook: Follow the City on facebook at City of Duarte, City Hall, <https://www.facebook.com/duartecommunity/>

4. Websites: Visit any city website during a disaster and it that provide all important information about the current incident. The Los Angeles County Fire website is <http://www.fire.lacounty.gov> and the city of Duarte's is www.accessduarte.com

5. Emergency Operations Center: This center is only open during large scale emergencies and provides residents with an opportunity to speak with a city employee to get incident specific information. Call 626-357-7931.

6. Duarte enews & email alerts: Sign up for the City's enews & email alerts for ongoing updates.



El Niño Preparedness Workshop December 17

The community is invited to attend a Community Preparedness Workshop; El Niño Storm 2015 on December 17th from 7:00-8:30 p.m. at the Duarte Community Center located at 1600 Huntington Drive. Free refreshments and drinks will be provided at this event.

This year's El Niño, predicted to be among one of the strongest on record, is expected to dramatically influence weather and climate patterns this winter and potentially impact residences and other structures throughout the State. Let's all do our part in preparation. To RSVP please contact Diego Renteria at (626) 386-6848 by Thursday, December 10, 2015.



Deputy Spotlight - Anthony Santillo

For Deputy Anthony Santillo, there is no such thing as a typical day on the job. Explaining, "In the City of Duarte, you never know what to expect from a call that can range from a traffic collision to a family dispute."

Santillo began his law enforcement career after attending Citrus College when he decided to join the Los Angeles County Sheriff's Academy. Since then, he has worked for the department for over eight years serving at the Duarte Satellite Station since October of 2014. General responsibilities include crime investigations, responding to service calls, maintaining visibility within the Duarte community, and helping prevent crime.

In closing, Deputy Santillo urges Duarte residents not to leave any visible items in vehicles, and secure cars and homes. Also, if you see suspicious persons or vehicles, please call Temple Sheriff's Station.

City Officials

John Fasana, *Councilmember*
Margaret Finlay, *Councilmember*
Samuel Kang, *Councilmember*
Tzeitel Paras-Caracci, *Councilmember*
Liz Reilly, *Councilmember*
Darrell George, *City Manager*
Kristen Petersen, *Assistant City Manager*
Craig Hensley, *Community Development*
Cesar Monsalve, *Parks and Recreation*
Brian Villalobos, *Public Safety*
Karen Herrera, *Deputy City Manager*

Official Public Meetings

Council Meetings held the second and fourth Tuesday of the month at 7:00 pm.

Economic Development Commission Meetings held the first Wednesday of the month at 6:30 pm.

Public Safety Commission Meetings held the third Tuesday of the month at 7:00 pm.

Planning Commission Meetings held the third Monday of the month at 7:00 pm.

Traffic Safety Meetings held the first Tuesday of the month at 7:00 pm.

Public Services Meetings held the second Wednesday of the month at 7:00 pm.

Parks and Recreation Commission Meetings held the second Monday of the month at 7:00 pm.

Mayor's Youth Council Meetings held the first Monday of the month at 6:00 pm.

Youth and Family Committee Meetings held the fourth Monday of the month at 6:30 pm.

Monrovia Arcadia Duarte Town Council Meetings held the second Wednesday of the month at 7:00 pm.

Community Mediation Team Meetings held the third Monday of the Month at 5:30 pm.

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Community Calendar

December

Holiday Tree Lighting
Tuesday, December 1
8:00 pm
Senior Center Parking Lot

Winter Recreation Class
Registration begins
Monday, December 7
7:30 am
Duarte City Hall

Santa's Mailbox
Monday, November 23-
Thursday, December 10
7:30 am - 6:00 pm
Duarte City Hall
Ages 10 & younger

**Santa at Beardslee &
Royal Oaks Parks**
Thursday, December 10
Beardslee: 2:45-3:15 pm
Royal Oaks: 3:30-4:00 pm

Santa's Holiday Party
Thursday, December 10
4:00- 5:30 pm
Duarte Senior Center

Holiday Lights Free Exchange
Thursday, December 10
4:00-5:30 pm
Senior Center

Santa's Hotline
Tuesday, December 15
3:00 - 5:00 pm
(626) 386-6804

**El Nino Preparation &
Response Workshop**
Thursday, December 17
7:00-8:30 pm
Duarte Community Center

**Coffee & Conversation with
Council**
Saturday, December 26
10:00-11:00 am
Duarte Public Library

January

**15th Annual MLK Jr. Commu-
nity Remembrance**
Thursday, January 14
Duarte Performing Art Center
Info: (626)357-7931 ext.260

**Coffee & Conversation with
Council**
Saturday, January 23
10:00-11:00 am
Duarte Public Library

February

Groundhog Job Shadow Day
Thursday, February 4
7:30 am - 2:00 pm
Duarte Community Center

Mid-year Budget Review
Tuesday, February 9
7:00 pm
Duarte Community Center

**Coffee & Conversation with
Council**
Saturday, February 27
10:00-11:00 am
Duarte Public Library



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