

Quarte City News



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Santa's Mailbox

November 24 through December 11
Boys and girls, Ages 10 and 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 am–6:00 pm 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!

Duarte Rotary Club's Breakfast With Santa & Santa's Workshop

Saturday, December 6
8:00–11:00 am

Duarte Senior Center,
1610 Huntington Drive

\$4 for adults, \$2 for children
Ages 10 and under

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



Holiday Tree Lighting and Fiesta



Tuesday, December 2
6:30–8:00 pm
(Tree lighting at 8:00 pm)
Duarte Senior Center
1610 Huntington Drive
\$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 then kick off the holidays with the tree lighting!

Santa's Visits to Beardslee & Royal Oaks Parks!

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





Santa's Holiday Party **Wednesday, December 10**

4:00–5:30 pm
5-12 years

Duarte Senior Center, 1610 Huntington Drive

Get into the holiday spirit with this enchanting special event, featuring 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!**

Free Holiday Light Exchange – At Santa's Party, SCE customers can exchange one incandescent holiday light string for one longer lasting, energy saving LED string at no-cost. Stop by December 10 from 4:00-5:30 pm at Santa's Party. Sponsored by the SGV Council of Governments.

Santa's Hotline **Wednesday, December 17** **3:00–5:00 pm**

Children can call 358-5425 and have a fun conversation with Santa Claus!

CITYWIDE SPECIAL EVENTS

NEW! Winter Break Special Event **Winter Performing Arts Camp**

Monday, Tuesday, Wednesday and Friday
(No Thursdays)

Week 1: December 22, 23, 24, & 26
Week 2: December 29, 30, 31, & 2

9:00 am–3:30 pm
Royal Oaks Park, 2627 Royal Oaks Drive
Boys and girls, ages 5-16
\$120 per child



Don't miss out on winter's Performing Arts Camp! This camp will keep your child occupied during winter break and will introduce them to various aspects of the performing arts. Participants will focus on dance, vocals and drama during this 2-week camp. Students will be showcasing what they learned at a special performance on Saturday, January 3. Early drop off (8:00 am) is available for an additional fee of \$40. Camp conducted by Neisha Tucker of DYBO Jazz.

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 1**
Duarte City Hall, 1600 Huntington Drive, Monday through Thursday, 7:30 am–6:00 pm

By Phone

Begins **Tuesday, December 2**
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 1 will be returned.)

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.

Class Locations

- BDS** Beardslee School
- DHS** Duarte High School
- DP** Duarte Park
- DSP** Duarte Skate Park
- DGC** Duarte Golf Course
- ROP** Royal Oaks Park



Youth Classes

Class	Age	Time	Day	Site	Date	Fee
AMAZING ARTS 8-week session. Students will use gentle discards and recycled items to paint, sculpt, and make Amazing Art treasures. \$10 supply fee payable to instructor at first class.						
Beg.	7-10	4:00-5:00 pm	Mon	DP	1/5	\$30

"NEW" ARCHITECTURE 101 4-week session. This custom class will have students studying various styles of architecture. They will learn the free downloadable drafting program called "Sketch Up" from an experienced, credentialed teacher. Instructor is Coach Dustin.

Beg.	12-18	6:30-8:00 pm	Tue	DP	1/6	\$120*
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*Fees being paid through charter schools will be charged a \$15 processing fee.

BALLET 8-week session. Children will learn pliés, improve flexibility and balance, all while enjoying classical and current music. Instructor is Jovana Tavera.

Tiny Tots	3-4	9:30-10:00 am	Sat	ROP	1/10	\$28
Tiny Tots	3-4	10:00-10:30 am	Sat	ROP	1/10	\$28
Juniors	5+	10:30-11:15 am	Sat	ROP	1/10	\$32



CRITICAL READING AND WRITTEN EXPRESSION 5-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.	8-13	4:30-5:30 pm	Fri	DP	1/16-2/13	\$59
Beg.	8-13	4:30-5:30 pm	Fri	DP	2/20-3/20	\$59

Class	Age	Time	Day	Site	Date	Fee
"NEW" DRAMA 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 in rhythm, coordination, and gain great confidence while dancing the latest genre of jazz dance. This class is for the intermediate dancer. Instructor is Niesha Tucker.

Int.	5-11	4:00-5:00 pm	Wed	ROP	1/7	\$35
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HIP-HOP DANCE 8-week session. Children will learn the exciting and energetic techniques of hip-hop that will allow them to dance to any type of music. Instructor is Neisha Tucker.

All	5-16	5:00-5:50 pm	Mon	ROP	1/5	\$35
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HOMEWORK HELPER 4, one-hour classes (\$55). Private tutoring for students grades K-12, all subjects, by appointment.

INTRO TO TYPING 5-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.	6-14	4:30-5:30 pm	Fri	DP	1/16-2/13	\$59
Beg.	6-14	4:30-5:30 pm	Fri	DP	2/20-3/27	\$59

KARATE FOR TOTS 10-week session. Class is designed to develop eye-hand coordination, greater motor skills, self-discipline and respect for others. Children will work on tumbling, coordination, and basic techniques through playful games associated with karate. Instructor is Sean Gilliland.

Beg.	4-5	3:45-4:30 pm	Tue/Fri	ROP	1/6	\$76
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MATH WORKSHOP 5-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.	8-14	5:30-6:30 pm	Fri	DP	1/16-2/13	\$59
Beg.	8-14	5:30-6:30 pm	Fri	DP	2/20-3/20	\$59

MINI-PICASSOS 8-week session. Course will explore different materials, methods, and ideas that will encourage individual expression and self-esteem. \$10 supply fee payable to instructor at first class. Instructor is Mayra Ramos.

Beg.	3-6	3:00-3:45 pm	Wed	DP	1/7	\$35
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Youth Classes Continued

Class	Age	Time	Day	Site	Date	Fee
SKATEBOARDING LESSONS 8-week session. Balance, stance, safety techniques, park etiquette, and ramp tricks will be taught. Full protective gear consisting of helmet, elbow and kneepads is required. Wrist guards are highly recommended. Intermediate class is for skaters who are capable of "dropping in" and "rolling" throughout all parts of the park. Instructor is Skyler Maroste.						
Beg.	6-10	9:00-10:00 am	Sat	DSP	1/10	\$40
Beg.	11-14	10:00-11:00 am	Sat	DSP	1/10	\$40
Int.	6-14	11:00-12:00 pm	Sat	DSP	1/10	\$40

TAP 8-week session. Course will teach your child basic tap steps and combinations. Student required to wear tap shoes. Instructor is Niesha Tucker.

Beg.	2-4	2:30-3:00 pm	Wed	DP	1/7	\$30
Beg.	5-16	3:00-3:30 pm	Wed	DP	1/7	\$30

TUMBLING 8-week session. This fun program helps develop motor skills and self-confidence while emphasizing safety. Instructor is Niesha Tucker.

TT	3-4	3:30-4:00 pm	Thu	ROP	1/8	\$28
TT	3-4	4:00-4:30 pm	Thu	ROP	1/8	\$28
Jrs.	5-6	4:30-5:00 pm	Thu	ROP	1/8	\$28
Beg.	7-13	5:00-5:45 pm	Thu	ROP	1/8	\$30

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.	5-8	5:15-6:00 pm	Mon	DP	1/5	\$40
Beg.	5-8	5:15-6:00 pm	Mon	DP	2/6	\$40
Beg.	9-12	6:00-6:45 pm	Mon	DP	1/5	\$40
Beg.	9-12	6:00-6:45 pm	Mon	DP	2/6	\$40

Adult Classes

Class	Age	Time	Day	Site	Date	Fee
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	1/5	\$35

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	1/6	\$35
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TAI CHI KUNG 8-week session. 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	1/5	\$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	1/8	\$50
All	18+	8:00-9:00 am	Sat	ROP	1/10	\$50



Family, Youth, & Adult Classes

Class	Age	Time	Day	Site	Date	Fee
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.	5+	11:30-12:30 pm	Sat	ROP	1/10	\$56
Int.	5+	4:00-5:00 pm	Mon	ROP	1/5	\$56
Int.	2-4	6:45-7:15 pm	Fri	ROP	1/9	\$30
Int.	18+	7:30-8:30 pm	Fri	ROP	1/9	\$56

COMPUTER SKILLS CHALLENGE - MICROSOFT WORD & POWERPOINT 5-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+	5:30-6:30 pm	Fri	DP	1/16-2/13	\$59
All	10+	5:30-6:30 pm	Fri	DP	2/20-3/20	\$59

FOLKLORICO - 10-week session. Participants will be introduced to the beautiful dances from Mexico. Get a good workout while learning the basic steps and techniques. This is a fun cultural class for boys, girls, and parents. Hard soled shoes required. Instructor is Georgina Orozco.

Beg.	5-7	5:00-6:00 pm	Wed	ROP	1/7	\$30
Beg.	8-10	6:15-7:15 pm	Wed	ROP	1/7	\$30
Beg.	8+	7:30-8:30 pm	Wed	ROP	1/7	\$30

GOLF 4-week session. Group classes offered at Rancho Duarte Golf Course. 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	DGC	1/7	\$65
Int.	18+	7:00-8:00 pm	Wed	DGC	1/7	\$65
Family	All	9:00-10:00 am	Sat	DGC	1/10	\$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 10-week session. Karate offers an excellent workout, increasing flexibility and coordination. Universal Karate-do Association Shosei-kai.

Beg.	6-10	4:30-5:30 pm	Tu/Fri	ROP	1/6	\$76
Beg./Adv.	11+	5:30-6:30 pm	Tu/Fri	ROP	1/6	\$76

NEEDLE ART 10-week session. Class will teach you the fine art of crochet, knitting, and needlepoint. 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	1/8	\$35
Beg./Adv.	11+	5:30-6:30 pm	Thu	DP	1/8	\$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	1/8	\$40
Beg.	15+	4:40-5:40 pm	Wed	DP	1/7	\$40

SEWING 8-week session. Learn how to install zippers, buttonholes and buttons. You will learn different stitching techniques, how to hem pants and skirts, how to make tote bags, pillows and more! \$15 supply fee payable to instructor at first class. Instructor is Regina Johnson.

Beg./Int.	8+	9:00-11:30 am	Tue	DP	1/6	\$65
Beg./Int.	8+	3:30-6:00 pm	Tue	DP	1/6	\$65
Beg./Int.	18+	11:30-2:00 pm	Sat	DP	1/10	\$65

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

Jrs.	5-8	9:30-10:30 am	Sat	DHS	1/10	\$48
Youth Beg.	9-15	10:30-11:30 am	Sat	DHS	1/10	\$48
Youth Int.	9-15	11:30-12:30 pm	Sat	DHS	1/10	\$48
Adult	18+	8:15-9:15 am	Sat	DHS	1/10	\$48

Youth Sports

Sign-ups begin Monday, December 1 at City Hall and supervised park sites

Basketball for Boys and Girls

Division A Born in 2001-2002
 Division B Born in 2003-2004
 Division C Born in 2005-2006
 Sign Up: Monday–Thursday at City Hall and all park sites beginning December 1.
 Fee: \$30 (includes a jersey)

Separate boys and girl's leagues provide children with a fun and exciting experience. Practices begin January 5, 2015.



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, 1401 Highland Avenue
 Ages: Group 1 – ages 4 & 5
 Group 2 – ages 6 & 7
 Sign Up: Begins, Monday, December 1 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

Futsal Court Soccer, Coming Soon!

Call (626) 357-7931 for more information.



Supervised Park Schedule

Open Monday through Friday, 3:00-5:00 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. Additionally, picnic gazebos can now be rented.

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 beautiful 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.

The facility includes two racquetball/wallyball courts, aerobic area with a 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. For more information call 357-6118.

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/Handicapped	\$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

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

Holiday Hours of Operation

Closed: December 25 and January 1
Open: December 24 and 31 from 6:00 am-12:00 pm

Club Membership Sale 20% Off The entire month of December

	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



Corporate Membership rates available

We accept Visa, MasterCard and Discover for purchases over \$25.

Adult Excursions

Registration for all excursions will be held at Duarte City Hall, beginning December 1st at 7:30 am.



The Discovery of King Tut at the San Diego Natural History Museum

Tuesday, January 27
8:00 am–6:30 pm
Fee: \$60 (Lunch included)

Our day will begin with a drive to San Diego's Little Italy for lunch at Po Pazzo with a little time for shopping at one of the lovely bakeries. Then we're off to the San Diego Natural History Museum.

The Discovery of King Tutankhamun's tomb is considered the most famous discovery in the history of archaeology. After a wildly successful European tour that included Paris, Prague, Munich, Zurich, Barcelona, Madrid and more, The Discovery of King Tut has made its way to the United States. You will learn about Howard Carter's discovery, the boy king, and see up close over 1,000 breathtaking re-creations of Tutankhamun's treasures exactly as they were discovered. Using state-of-the-art technology, the exhibition recreates a piece of the fascinating, bygone exotic empire of the Nile. You'll also be treated to a 3D screening of "Mummies: Secrets of the Pharaohs" in the Giant Screen Theater.

Fantasy Springs Casino

(Must be 21 years of age or older.)
Wednesday, February 25
8:00 am–6:00 pm
\$20 (Receive \$20 in free play upon arrival. Lunch on your own.)



Walk through the doors of Fantasy Springs and enter into one of the most elegant casinos in the Palm Springs area. Enjoy the Las Vegas-like action of progressive slot machines in smoking and non-smoking areas of the casino. 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.

Mackinac Island

May 16 – 23, 2015
8 days, 10 meals (6 breakfasts and 4 dinners)
Fee: \$2,799 per person



Includes: Michigan, Mackinac Island, MI, Wisconsin and Chicago.
Highlights: The Edsel and Eleanor Ford House, Greenfield Village & Henry Ford Museum, The Grand Hotel, and Millennium Park. Pick up a flyer at Duarte City Hall Parks and Recreation Department or at the Duarte Senior Center.

LA Conservancy Walking Tour of Historic Downtown L.A.

Tuesday, March 24
8:30 am–3:00 pm
Fee: \$26 (Lunch on your own.)



Our day begins with a drive to Los Angeles. The Historic Downtown L.A. tour provides an overview of the historical and cultural landmarks of downtown. Covering a wide range of architectural styles, and including anecdotes about the people behind the buildings, this tour is a great way to become acquainted (or re-acquainted) with the unique character of Historic Downtown L.A.

Some of the most beloved Los Angeles landmarks are in this area, and the history goes back to the founding of the City in 1781. Its architecture tells the story of the growth of the City from the 1890s to the present.

Please remember this is a 2 to 2 1/2 hour walking tour in which we will cover almost 8 blocks. We will learn about the Bradbury Building, Million Dollar Theatre, U.S. Bank Tower, Bunker Hill Steps, One Bunker Hill, Pac Mutual, The Millennium Biltmore Hotel and more. The tour ends at the Grand Central Market, which has been in operation since 1917 and there are about 7 different eateries for you to choose from.

Tropical Costa Rica

September 19–27, 2015
9 days, 14 meals (8 breakfasts, 1 lunch, & 5 dinners)
Fee: \$ 2,499 per person based on double occupancy



Highlights: San Jose, a coffee plantation, Guanacaste, Monteverde Cloud Forest, Hanging Bridges, Arenal Volcano Lake Arenal Cruise, a cooking demonstration, Cano Negro Refuge, Zarcero, and the National Theatre.

Special Travel Presentation

On Thursday, February 19 at 1:00 pm there will be a preview of the sights and attractions participants will enjoy on the trip at the Duarte Senior Center, 1610 Huntington Drive. There will also be photos available from a local resident who actually attended the Tropical Costa Rica tour two years ago. For a reservation, please call 357-3513.

We accept VISA and 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.

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 \$2.

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 HealthCare 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 January, and all equipment and training materials will be provided at no charge. If interested, please apply online through A.A.R.P.: <http://www.aarp.org/tavolunteer>

Income Tax Preparation

Volunteer tax aides will prepare 2014 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, call the Senior Center at 626-357-3513.

Activities

- Bingo** Tuesday, 12:45–2:00 pm 25 cents per card
- Bunco** First Wednesday of the month, 12:45–2:45 pm. Sponsored by the Duarte Woman's Club. Win prizes and meet new people. RSVP to 357-3513. \$1/person
- Cribbage** Third Tuesday of the month, 12:30–2:00 pm. Have fun and meet new people.

AARP Smart Driver Course

(8-hour course)

Dates: Tuesday and Thursday, January 13 and 15
Time: 1:00 – 5:00 pm
Fee: \$15 for members; \$20 for non-members

(4-hour refresher course)

Date: Thursday, March 19
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 357-3513.



Ongoing Free Classes

Cardio Dance	Tuesday	9:00 – 10:00 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.		
Spanish (Adv. Beg.)	Wednesday	1:00 – 3:00 pm
Spanish (Intermediate)	Thursday	10:00 – 11:30 am
Tai Chi/Qigong	Mon/Fri	9:00 – 10:00 am
Watercolor	Monday	12:30 – 3:30 pm

Fee Classes (8-Weeks)

Yoga	Monday	12:30 – 1:30 pm	\$24
How To Write Your Own Life's Story	Monday	9:00 – 11:15 am	\$48
Introduction To Computers	Friday	1:45 – 2:30 pm	\$65
\$10 lab and supply fee			
Living the French Revolution	Friday	9:00 – 10:15 am	\$40
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
Tue/Thu 1:00 – 2:00 pm \$70
Held at the Duarte Fitness Center
Western Line Dance Thu 10:15 – 11:45 am \$35

Teen 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

Free use to all teens registered at the Teen Center. Take advantage of the 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 school work, and play various games.

Youth@Work 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 23. Space is limited and interviews will be held on January 29.



Activities

Boys Night Out!

Dates: Wednesdays, January 7 & 21, February 18 and March 11 & 25

Time: 4:00–5:30 pm

Come join our new club just for guys! Fun trips, group discussions, sports and much more!

Drama Club

The Drama Club meets once a week on Fridays from 3:30–5:00 pm. Club members will participate in poetry jams, oratory, skits, and improvisation. Membership Fee - \$5 every 6 months.

Girls Night Out!

Dates: Fridays, January 9 & 23, February 6 & 20 and March 6 & 20

Time: 3:30–5:00 pm

This program is for girls in 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! Class meets once a week.

Work it Out!

Come join the Teen Center staff on Thursdays from 4:00 pm – 5:00 pm for “Work it Out” a fitness program for teens. Video workouts, walking excursions, circuit training and nutrition tips. Come and get fit with friends!



Youth Boxing Program

Our expert instructors will teach youth ages 8–18 the fundamentals of boxing and help develop footwork, speed, upper body strength, flexibility, stamina and coordination. Classes are scheduled Monday through Friday. Resident fee is \$10 per month. Non-resident fee is \$20 per month. Register at the Duarte Teen Center.

Special Events

Winter Holiday Festival

Date: Wednesday, December 17

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!



CITY FACILITY HOLIDAY HOURS

All 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 can be contacted if needed:

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 Office.

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 Wednesday, January 7 at 7:00 pm.

Hot Topics

Each month the Teen Center Staff will feature a Hot Topic for teens and present information on the history and interesting facts about the topic. Come learn the inside scoop that you may not have been aware of in many interesting topics!

January 13 – Social Networking

February 10 – Baseball

March 10 – Tattoos

April 14 – Photography

May 12 – Etiquette

June 9 – The Apple Corporation

Battle of the Sexes! Valentines Day Trivia Challenge

Date: Thursday, February 12

Time: 3:30 pm – 5:00 pm

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

Teen Excursions

Knott's Berry Farm

Date: Tuesday, December 30

Time: 8:30 am–7:00 pm

Fee: \$30

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

Movie and Mall Trip

Date: Thursday, March 5

Time: 2:00–6:00 pm

Fee: \$10

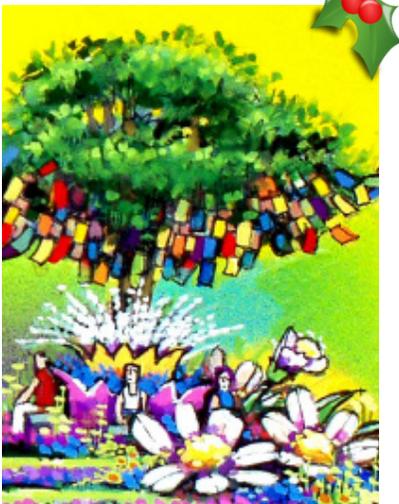
Grab a friend and come enjoy one of the current movies! Title TBA!

Duarte Volunteers Invited to Decorate City of Hope's 2015 Rose Parade Float

City of Hope and City of Duarte have designated Saturday, Dec. 27 "Duarte Day," an opportunity for local volunteers to work on the City of Hope's 2015 Tournament of Roses Parade float.

"Inspiring Stories," the theme of the 2015 Tournament of Roses Parade, sets the stage for the City of Hope's entry "Made Possible by Hope" depicting a spray of colorful hot air balloons rising from a strand of DNA. The float is being built by Phoenix Decorating Co.

The decoration site for City of Hope's float is Rosemont Pavilion, 700 Seco St., 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 8 am to 4 pm The second shift from 4 pm to 11 pm For details about volunteering and to register go to <http://www.eventbrite.com/e/city-of-hope-volunteer-rose-float-decorating-tickets-13181998713> and select a shift during Duarte Decorating Day.



AV Upgrades at City Facilities

Digital Networks Group, Inc. was awarded a contract in October to install new, state of the art audio-visual systems throughout a variety of City facilities including the Community Center. The system will support live sound video recording, and video displays. Additionally, the Community Center Lounge will also be outfitted as an overflow room in the case of a larger than normal Council meetings. New large video screens will also be installed.



Construction will commence during November and the project will be completed by the end of the year. During construction, City Boards, Commissions and Council meetings will be held at the Duarte Senior Center. For additional information on the project, call City Hall at 626-357-7931, ext. 221.

14th 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 14th 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 will include guest speakers, performances and the announcement of the annual MLK Essay contest. For more information please contact Duarte's Promise at (626) 357-7931 ext. 260.



Duarte Enacts Mandatory Water Conservation Measures

On September 9th, the City Council passed a resolution making it a code violation for residents and businesses to fail to comply with recently passed State Emergency Water Regulations addressing severe statewide drought conditions. Regulations include: (1) using potable water on outdoor landscapes causing runoff into adjacent



properties, roadways, parking lots, or private/public walkways; (2) using a hose to wash a vehicle except when the hose is fitted with a shut-off nozzle; (3) using water on driveways and sidewalks; and (4) using potable water in a fountain or other decorative water feature except where water is part of a recirculating system. The City is treating violations as an infraction utilizing written warnings combined with sufficient time for the violation to be corrected. If warnings fail, the City can then issue citations with penalties ranging from a fine of \$75 for the first offense, \$150 for the second and \$300 for the third. Water violations may be reported to the Duarte Public Safety Office by calling (626) 357-7938.

Groundhog Job Shadow Day 2015

Hundreds of Duarte students and businesspersons will have the opportunity to spend a day learning and sharing about a variety of jobs and careers during the 13th annual Groundhog Job Shadow Day scheduled for February 5, 2015 from 7:30 am - 2:00 pm. The program, sponsored by the Duarte Unified School District, Duarte's Promise: The Alliance for Youth and the City of Hope, is designed to allow students to shadow adult professional mentors as they go about a normal work day in numerous careers including banking, healthcare, education, politics, journalism, among others. For more information, call Lupe Valerio at (626) 357-7931 ext. 260.



Duarte Establishes "Adopt-a-Unit" Partnership with National Guard

In the spirit of showing appreciation for the unwavering service provided by our local National Guard, the Duarte City Council has entered into a community partnership entitled the "Adopt-a-Unit" program with the California Army National Guard's Headquarters and Headquarters Troop (HHT), 1st Squadron, 18th Cavalry, located in Azusa. The City Council adopted a resolution memorializing the partnership at a September Council meeting.

The partnership presents many great benefits for the community at large including access to the local Commander; annual mission updates by the HHT soldiers; informational briefs for local service clubs and community organizations; community participation in the annual Armory Open House; providing displays and color guards for schools and community events; and educating the greater community about both the military and disaster preparedness planning. For additional information about the Adopt-a-Unit program contact CPT Robert Parry, HHT Commander, at 310-651-0231.



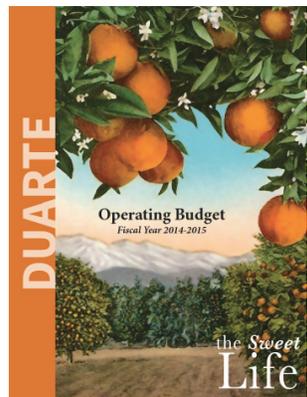
Holiday Giving in Duarte

Duarte residents and businesses are invited to partake in one of the City's two ways of ensuring a joyous holiday season for all Duarte families. For over 14 years, Duarte's Promise: The Alliance for Youth has successfully organized its successful Holiday of Promise Project. Together, Duarte's Promise, the Duarte Church and Clergy Association, the Duarte Community Service Council, the Foothill Unity Center, the City of Duarte and local businesses collect food, toys, personal care, clothing and household items at over 40 locations throughout the City. Participating facilities including all Duarte Unified School District school sites, City facilities, and the City of Hope will collect goods from November 19th through December 10th.

The Neighborhood Watch Toy Drive, another City effort, encourages residents to host neighborhood toy collection parties. This effort creates a perfect opportunity to have a gathering, become acquainted with neighbors and collect toys for those in need. Deputies can also attend your neighborhood watch party and provide important information about the Citywide Neighborhood Watch program. All collected toys need to be delivered no later than December 11th to the Duarte Public Safety Office located at 1042 Huntington Drive.

Suggested gifts for children, teens and adults include clothes, colorful ankle socks, canvas belts, athletic socks; toys for infants for 2 years old, 2 to 5 years old and 6 to pre-teen electronics: mp3's-kids/teens, \$5 phone cards, digital camera, all battery types and headphones. Personal items include barrettes, bows, scrunchies/headbands, bracelets, earrings, lotion, perfume, aftershave, hand creams, hair gel/spray, toothpaste, soaps, bubble bath, hairbrushes, shampoo and conditioner. All canned and dry food goods are also welcome.

Mid-Year Budget Hearing February 24

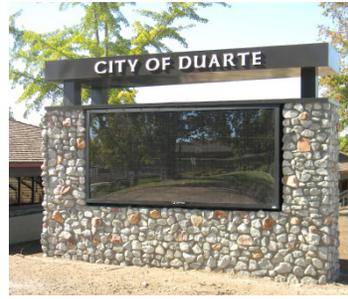


The 2014-2015 mid-year budget presentation is scheduled for the February 24, 2015 City Council meeting at 7:00pm. The presentation will be part of the regularly scheduled meeting and will take place in the Community Center located at 1600 Huntington Drive.

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



State of the Art Electronic Sign Unveiled



The Duarte City Council "cut the ribbon" on its new, state-of-the-art electronic message board. Working with Architectural Design & Signs Inc. (ADS), the 14 x 10 display LED board features numerous graphic capabilities, a native river rock façade with "City of Duarte" proudly illuminated on top. The message board will be utilized for a variety of City

announcements including meetings and special events and is located in front of the City's Fitness Center. The cost of the board was approximately \$96,000 including demolition of the old clock tower which was removed for safety reasons due to significant structural problems. The area surrounding the will also be re-landscaped with drought tolerant, California native landscaping.

City Employee "Rock Solid" Award



The Employee "Rock Solid" Award recognizes employees who maintain consistency in their day-to-day work with the City of Duarte. The award recognizes employees on a monthly basis and is peer nominated. An employee's consistency, dependability, and reliability are all taken into account to identify the award recipient. This award recognizes employees who maintain excellence in their everyday work product.

Citywide Award Recipients

Michelle Brown, Human Resources Specialist
Gerard Batista, Field Services Supervisor
Teesha Tarr, Recreation Supervisor

Department Award Recipients

Administrative Services
Kristine Swart, Accounting Specialist

City Manager's Office
Luz Yesenia Serna, Clerk/Typist Receptionist
Marla Akana, City Clerk
Karen Herrera, Deputy City Manager

Community Development
Jason Golding, Senior Planner
Manny Perez, Sr. Maintenance/Irrigation Tech.
Nohemi Hernandez, Adm. Secretary

Parks and Recreation
Lupe Valerio, Recreation Supervisor
Peggy Diamond, Recreation Supervisor
Marilyn Mays, Recreation Supervisor

Public Safety
Merari Aquino, AmeriCorp VIP Fellow/College Intern
Susie Ledesma, Adm. Secretary



PUBLIC SAFETY



Love Yourself Be Drug Free!

The City of Duarte celebrated its annual Red Ribbon Week event during October 25th-31st. Youth from volunteer programs, including D.A.R.T. and C.H.Y.L.L., marched down Huntington Drive and tied a red ribbon on each tree to remind residents about the importance of a Drug Free Life.

After their hard work, the kids enjoyed arts and crafts and a dance contest. Parents and teachers also participated in a Gang & Drug Awareness Workshop.

Special recognition goes out to the following contests winners:
 Andres Duarte Elementary - Mrs. Lewis' Classroom
 Beardslee Elementary - Mr. Ellison's Classroom
 Maxwell Elementary - Mrs. Mattern's Classroom
 Royal Oaks - Ms. Ogden's Classroom
 Northview Intermediate Art Contest- Emily Lopez & Samantha Ung
 Northview Intermediate Essay Winners- Brooke Novao & Rosa Camacho

High School Essay Contest Winners: First Place: Abryanna Howard, Second Place: Chevron Jackson, Third Place: Maria Delgadillo

The event was made possible by the Public Safety CAL G.R.I.P. grant and special partner, T.H.I.N.K. Together. Special thanks also goes out to "The Slaw Dogs", all participants, and volunteers.

Local Harvest

Too much fruit growing in your yard? Don't let it go to waste! Call Local Harvest to have your homegrown fruit harvested by a team of supervised Duarte youth. Local Harvest can also stop by your home to collect fresh fruit.

The harvest will be distributed to those in need at both the Duarte Senior Center and Foothill Unity Center. To request harvesters, call (626) 359-5671, ext. 316 or email A2Torres@lasd.org.



New Helmets for Only \$5

The Duarte Public Safety Office, in partnership with the Duarte Elks lodge, has affordable helmets for sale to keep local youth safe. Duarte youth between 3 to 18 years of age qualify to purchase helmets for just \$5 at the Public Safety Office, located in the Target Shopping Center, every Wednesday from 5 pm to 6 pm. All helmets will be properly fitted. A parent or guardian must accompany the child.

State law requires all persons under 18 MUST wear a properly fitted helmet while operating a bicycle, a non-motorized scooter, skateboard or skates on a street, public bicycle path or trail. Stay safe and avoid a traffic citation! For more information, call (626) 359-5671, ext. 316 or email A2Torres@lasd.org.

Hook'd and Book'd

Thanks to a call from an alert neighbor, an identity thief and credit card fraud suspect was taken off the streets by Duarte Deputies.

On Wednesday, October 22 at 3:45 am an alert resident provided deputies with helpful information which led them to approach suspicious male and a female suspects walking in the neighborhood near the 2600 Block of San Pablo Way.



The male suspect was on probation for drug related charges and upon further investigation, Deputies determined the suspect was profiling residents in the neighborhood. Profiling is a means used by criminals to gather personal information by stealing mail, social security numbers and dates of birth. This information is used to apply for credit cards and purchase merchandise fraudulently via the internet and/or retail stores.

The male suspect was arrested and booked for being in possession of stolen credit cards and receiving stolen property. His vehicle was also impounded and an overwhelming amount of evidence. As a result, over a dozen credit cards and personal information of nearly 50 people from all over Los Angeles County was recovered.

Great job caller! Thanks to the call into Temple Station this suspect was hook'd 'n book'd. All Neighborhood Watch members are encouraged to remain vigilant in calling in suspicious people. In addition, all should do their part in collecting their mail daily to make it harder for any criminal trying to steal your identity.

For more information on starting the Neighborhood Watch Program on your street, call the Public Safety Office at (626) 359-5671 ext. 316.



holiday tips

Holiday Safety Tips

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

WHILE HOLIDAY SHOPPING:

- Park your vehicle in a highly visible well-lit space.
- Lock your vehicle when driving and when parked.
- Ensure you 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 the car door immediately.

- Look inside your car before entering.
- Avoid carrying large amounts of cash – use a check or credit card.
- Don't overburden yourself with packages, never store your purchases in your trunk.

WHILE OUT FOR THE EVENING:

- Turn on lights, a television or radio so it appears someone is home.
- Secure all doors and windows, if you have one always set your alarm system.
- Holiday gifts should not be displayed where they can be seen from the outside.

HOLIDAY TRAVELING:

- Ask a neighbor to watch your house and collect your mail while out of town.
- Use automatic timers for your lights.
- Stop your mail and newspaper deliveries.
- Notify the Duarte Public Safety Office (626) 357-7938 for vacation checks.

ATMs and ATM CARDS:

- Be aware of your surroundings when you use an ATM, especially at night. It's best to park in a well-lit area and have someone accompany you.
- Report suspicious people. If you notice anything unusual, cancel your transaction, secure your card and leave immediately.
- Be ready for ATM transactions and have your card out before arriving at the ATM. Watch for suspicious people. Upon completing your transaction, pocket your card and cash immediately. Count the cash later.
- Guard your ATM card as carefully as you do cash, checks and credit cards.

ONLINE SHOPPING

- If you shop online be sure you do business with reputable businesses.
- If you can, have packages shipped to a location where someone will be available, like a relative's home or at work.
- You can also leave special instructions for the carrier to leave the package with a neighbor or in another secure location.

Deputy Probation Officer Ray Abernathy

We are thrilled to welcome Deputy Abernathy to the City of Duarte!

Deputy Abernathy oversees the Prevention and Intervention Program, a Los Angeles County Probation office effort, at Duarte elementary and intermediate schools. He works with students to provide counseling on issues including: behavior, attendance and academics.

Deputy Abernathy has a Bachelors degree in Psychology and a Masters in Education from California State University, Los Angeles. He joined the Probation Department in 2001. In 2012, he began work with early prison release AB-109 participants in the Watts area and most recently took on Adult Probation for the entire state of California. Abernathy is happy to return to work with juveniles and feels that he can do the most service using his skills in a prevention capacity for a small community.



Become a Volunteer on Patrol

The Temple Sheriff Station is always looking for community members to volunteer. Volunteers assist the Sheriff's Department with a variety of duties including: assisting the public at the front counter, assisting detectives and secretaries and working in the community as a Volunteer on Patrol (VOP).

Additionally, VOP's perform a variety of non-hazardous duties including residential vacation checks, traffic control, and issuing parking citations. To become a VOP, you need to be selected as a station volunteer, possess a valid California driver's license and attend training provided by the Sheriff's Department. All volunteers are required to work a minimum of 16 hours per month.

To schedule an appointment for an interview or for more information, please contact Deputy William Harrington at (626) 292-3377.



Third Quarter Property Crime Rates Down By 29%

Property crimes in Duarte fell over 29 % in the third quarter of 2014 compared to the past two years. As the year comes to a close, we would like to ask all residents to remain vigilant and continue to partner with law enforcement. We thank you for your hard work and for being our eyes and ears.

Stay Connected

Residents are encouraged to stay informed about important public safety and city news through a variety of mediums.

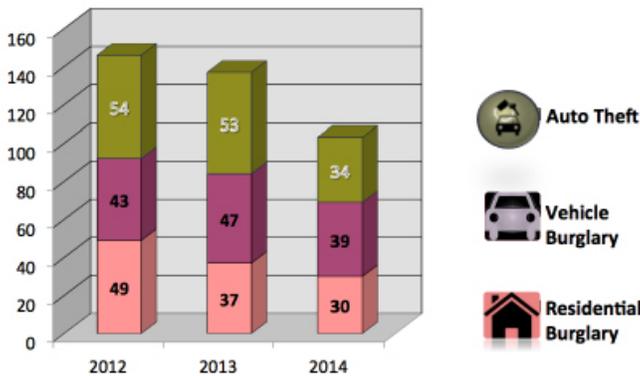
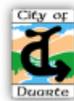
- 1) Sign up for our free e-mail alerts just e-mail us your name, address, phone number at A2Torres@lasd.org (all personal information is confidential)
- 2) Stay connected with neighbors and other residents in Duarte by visiting www.nextdoor.com and joining this free social network which now features an app for IPAD, Iphone and Android devices.
- 3) Visit our website at www.accessduarte.com and sign up for Enews.
- 4) Via Twitter, add the City of Duarte at @cityofduarte and Temple Sheriff Station @temlasd
- 5) Visit www.CrimeMapping.com and join this nationwide free service that allows you to click on icons to get detailed information on crimes in your area, such as vandalism, theft, assaults or burglary.

If you would like to leave an anonymous tip that can assist us in an investigation or help mitigate an ongoing problem, you may do so by calling the Sheriff's Satellite Station Crime Tip Hotline at (626) 357-7938, ext. 462. Messages checked daily but for immediate assistance please call Temple Station.

If you see suspicious persons or vehicles in your neighborhood, please make a note of the make/model/color of the car or description of the person(s) and Always call in ANY and ALL suspicious activity to Temple Sheriff's Station at (626) 448-9861 or (626) 285-7171.

Tips can also be e-mailed duartecrimetips@lasd.org

PROPERTY CRIME
MID YEAR REVIEW
Jan - September



Crime Chart: Statiscian Sonja Tanner



Foothill Gold Line Update – City of Duarte

Exciting times are ahead as the Foothill Gold Line from Pasadena to Azusa nears construction completion less than one year from now.

In 2014, many critical components of the 11.5-mile light rail extension were completed, including all 14 grade crossings, all 24 bridge structures and installation of the track and Overhead Catenary Systems (which will provide power to the trains). Some intersections near the train corridor also underwent required changes for safety purposes. New traffic signals were installed at Central Avenue and Highland Avenue and Business Center Drive and Highland Avenue, medians were installed near the crossings, retaining and sound walls were all installed, and much more.

The Duarte/City of Hope Station is now close to being complete. The station would not be complete without its unique art features. The photos to the left depict progress on the hand-sculpted limestone sculptures that will sit atop large columns on the station platform. Each represents a different aspect of Duarte's history. The city-selected artist team of Andrea Myklebust and Stanton Gray Sears are truly capturing the tooled leather designs of the nineteenth-century California-style saddle, the traditional basket weaving patterns of the Tongva/Gabrieleno people and the beauty of Duarte's Oak trees and acorns in these three art elements for the station.

Work will continue within the railroad corridor, at the future stations and parking facilities, and at the 24-acre Operations Campus throughout 2014 and most of 2015. The project is on time and on budget and will be turned over to Metro in late September 2015 for testing and pre-revenue service. Metro will determine when the line opens for passenger service. Stay Informed: Sign-up to receive construction notifications to your cell phone by texting **GOLDLINENEWS** to 888777, or start receiving email updates by signing up at www.foothillextension.org.

For more information:

Visit www.foothillextension.org | Call the Hotline at (626) 324-7098
Public Information Office at 406 E. Huntington Dr., Suite 202, Monrovia

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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COMMUNITY CALENDAR

DECEMBER

City Officials

Liz Reilly, *Mayor*
Tzeitel Paras-Caracci, *Mayor Pro Tem*
John Fasana, *Councilmember*
Margaret Finlay, *Councilmember*
Samuel Kang, *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

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Michelle Brown
Karen Herrera
Cesar Monsalve
Pam Romero
Jackie Ruiz
Yesenia Serna
Kristine Swart
Aida Torres
Brian Villalobos

Santa's Mailbox

November 24-December 11
Boy's & Girl's 10 & younger
Parks & Recreation Office
7:30 am-6:00 pm
or
Mail to: 1600 Huntington Dr.
Duarte, CA 91010

Holiday of Promise & Neighborhood Watch Toy Drive

November 19-December 10
Various Locations

Holiday Tree Lighting & Fiesta

Tuesday, December 2
6:30-8:00 pm
Duarte Senior Center

Duarte Rotary Club's Breakfast with Santa

Saturday, December 6
8:00-11:00 am
Duarte Senior Center

Olympia Youth Orchestra

Saturday, December 6
7:30 pm
Duarte Performing Arts Center

Santa's Visit to Beardslee & Royal Oaks Park

Wednesday, December 10
Beardslee Park
2:45-3:15 pm
Royal Oaks Park
3:30-4:00 pm

Santa's Holiday Party/ LED Light Exchange

Wednesday, December 10
4:00-5:30 pm
Ages 5 - 12
Duarte Senior Center
RSVP (626) 357-7931

Santa's Hotline

Wednesday, December 17
3:00-5:00 pm
call (626) 358-5425

Duarte Day at City of Hope's 2015 Rose Parade Float

Saturday, December 27
First Shift
8:00 am-4:00 pm
Second Shift
4:00-11:00 pm
Rosemont Pavillion,
700 Secco St. Pasadena
<http://www.eventbrite.com/e/city-of-hope-volunteer-rose-float-decorating-ticket-13181998713>

FEBRUARY

Groundhog Job Shadow Day

Thursday, February 5
7:30 am-2:00 pm
Duarte Community Center



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